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2025, November 1

Lucknow:

- ➔ The UNESCO has officially recognised Lucknow as part of its Creative Cities Network (UCCN) under the “City of Gastronomy” category. This prestigious title celebrates the city’s centuries-old culinary legacy, deeply rooted in Awadhi cuisine and the region’s Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb — a unique cultural blend of Hindu and Muslim traditions.
- ➔ Lucknow’s inclusion is rooted in its rich Awadhi cuisine, known for its royal origins and timeless recipes. Lucknow now joins Hyderabad as India’s second City of Gastronomy, reaffirming India’s culinary richness.



World Vegan Day:

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- ➔ World Vegan Day 2025 will be observed on November 1, marking the start of World Vegan Month. On this day, people around the world take part in awareness campaigns, cooking workshops, vegan fairs, and sustainability events.
- ➔ Cafés and restaurants introduce special vegan menus, while organizations host programs promoting eco-friendly and cruelty-free lifestyles.



November 1:

- ➔ Every year on November 1, five Indian states — Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh — celebrate their State Formation Day. This day marks their creation and progress as individual states.
- ➔ Karnataka celebrates Kannada Rajyotsava every year on November 1, marking the formation of the state in 1956. In Kerala, November 1 is celebrated as Kerala Piravi Dinam, which means “Birth of Kerala.”
- ➔ Chhattisgarh is one of India’s most resource-rich and culturally diverse states. It was officially formed on November 1, 2000, after being separated from Madhya Pradesh.

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Haryana, often called 'Jatland', was formed on November 1, 1966, after being separated from Punjab based on linguistic differences.

- ➔ Madhya Pradesh (MP) was formed on November 1, 1956, and is known as the "Heart of India" because of its central location. It is India's second-largest state by area and the sixth-largest by population, with 51 districts and 10 divisions.



World Thrift Day:

- ➔ World Thrift Day, also called World Savings Day, is celebrated every year to remind people about the importance of saving money and managing their finances wisely. World Thrift Day, also known as World Savings Day, is observed globally on October 31, but in India, it is celebrated on October 30.
- ➔ The change in date is a tribute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, whose death anniversary falls on October 31. This day highlights the importance of saving for future goals and financial security.

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Ilamparathi AR:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu once again proves its dominance in Indian chess as 16-year-old Ilamparathi AR from Chennai becomes India's 90th Grandmaster. He achieved this remarkable feat by securing his final GM norm at the Bijeljina Open held in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- ➔ Ilamparathi's rise has been consistent and determined. He earned his first GM norm at the Ha Noi Tournament in Vietnam in December 2023, followed by his second GM norm at the Singapore International Open in 2024.

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VEER EV:

- ➔ India is taking a major stride toward self-reliance in defence technology with the Pravaig VEER EV, an all-electric military vehicle developed by Pravaig Dynamics, a Bengaluru-based company.
- ➔ Designed for the Indian Armed Forces, the VEER EV combines stealth capabilities, high terrain mobility, and quick field-repair readiness, making it a powerful asset for modern military operations.

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China:

- ➔ China has successfully launched the Shenzhou-21 spacecraft from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gobi Desert, marking another achievement in its expanding space programme.
- ➔ The mission lifted off at 11:44 pm local time (1544 GMT) aboard a Long March-2F rocket and is set to dock with the Tiangong Space Station within a few hours.
- ➔ The crew includes Commander Zhang Lu, Engineer Wu Fei, and Specialist Zhang Hongzhang, who will stay in orbit for six months conducting research and maintenance work.

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Four districts:

- ➔ Four districts (Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Thoothukudi, and Virudhunagar) in Tamil Nadu have been included under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana. 36 government schemes are being integrated under this project to provide combined benefits to farmers.
- ➔ A review meeting was held with the heads of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (Farm Science Centres) from the participating districts.

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52 villages:

- ➔ For 2025, 52 villages from around the world have been officially recognised as "Best Tourism Villages". These come from a wide range of geographies: Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas and the Middle East.
- ➔ In the 2025 list, no villages from India were included. In the past, Pochampalli in Telangana and Dhordo in Gujarat were recognised by the UN.
- ➔ The initiative by UN Tourism (formerly the UN World Tourism Organisation) was launched in 2021 under its "Tourism for Rural Development" programme.

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Kerala Chief Minister:

- ➔ Kerala Chief Minister released the Vision 2031 document. The state aims to achieve an economic output of \$50 billion and create 500,000 high-value jobs.
- ➔ The state plans to train 1,000,000 citizens in artificial intelligence and introduce a Kerala AI Bill of Rights by 2030.
- ➔ Kerala aims to establish 250 companies in the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics (AVGC) sector and achieve 100% digital delivery of all government services.

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Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana:

- ➔ India's flagship health insurance scheme — Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) — has officially become the world's largest public healthcare programme.
- ➔ Launched on 23 September 2018, AB-PMJAY now provides cashless health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per year for over 12 crore low-income families, reshaping India's approach to universal health coverage.
- ➔ As of October 28, 2025, the scheme has issued over 42 crore Ayushman cards, with 86 lakh senior citizens enrolled, making it a landmark in public health administration.



India Women:

- ➔ In a historic finale at Dr. DY Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai, India Women clinched the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 by defeating South Africa Women by 52 runs, marking a proud moment for Indian cricket fans.
- ➔ Chasing 299, South Africa started confidently but faltered under pressure.

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Madurai:

- ➔ The Swachh Survekshan 2025 report, released under the Swachh Bharat Mission, has once again exposed the deep divide in India's urban cleanliness efforts.
- ➔ While some smaller cities have made impressive strides in maintaining hygiene, several of India's major metropolitan areas have failed to keep up.
- ➔ This year, Madurai has topped the list as the dirtiest city in India 2025, followed closely by Ludhiana, Chennai, Ranchi, and Bengaluru.

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CMS-03:

- ➔ In a landmark achievement for Indian space ambitions, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 2 November 2025 launched the communications satellite CMS-03, the heaviest such satellite to be launched from Indian soil, aboard the heavy-lift rocket LVM3-M5 (also referred to as GSLV-Mk3).
- ➔ The launch took place from the Second Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) Sriharikota, marking the fifth operational flight of the LVM3 vehicle.
- ➔ This launch underscores India's increasing self-reliance in placing heavy satellites into the geo-synchronous transfer orbit (GTO). CMS-03 is a multiband communication satellite designed to boost India's capabilities in secure, high-capacity communications across civilian and strategic sectors.

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President Droupadi Murmu:

- ➔ President Droupadi Murmu made history by becoming the first President of India to fly in two different fighter jets, taking a Rafale sortie from the Indian Air Force Station, Ambala, on October 29, 2025.
- ➔ She had earlier flown in a Sukhoi-30 MKI from Tezpur, Assam, in April 2023. The 30-minute sortie, piloted by Group Captain Amit Gehani, covered around 200 km, reaching an altitude of 15,000 feet and a speed of 700 km/h.

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UNODC:

- ➔ The United Nations Convention against Cybercrime was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in October 2025, co-hosted by Vietnam and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), marking a major global effort to combat cybercrime.
- ➔ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is a specialized agency of the United Nations, established in 1997, headquartered in Vienna, Austria.
- ➔ It was formed by merging two earlier UN bodies — the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and the Centre for International Crime Prevention (CICP).

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Association of Southeast Asian Nations:

- ➔ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Chairmanship was formally handed over by Anwar Ibrahim of Malaysia to Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. of Philippines, who will assume the chairmanship in 2026.
- ➔ The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional intergovernmental organisation established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, to promote political, economic, and socio-cultural cooperation among its member countries.
- ➔ The founding members of ASEAN are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Over time, the organisation expanded to include Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Cambodia, bringing the total membership to 10 nations.
- ➔ The ASEAN Secretariat is headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the organisation operates under the ASEAN Charter, which provides the legal and institutional framework for its functioning.

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UIDAI:

- ➔ UIDAI has initiated a comprehensive technological and strategic review to frame 'Aadhaar Vision 2032', a roadmap to guide Aadhaar's evolution over the next decade and strengthen India's digital identity ecosystem.
- ➔ The vision aims to upgrade Aadhaar's technology stack, integrate emerging digital innovations, and ensure that the platform remains secure, inclusive, and future-ready in alignment with India's digital economy.
- ➔ The upcoming Aadhaar Vision 2032 framework will align with the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act and emerging global standards, ensuring privacy, interoperability, and technological excellence in digital ID systems.

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Chin-Kuki-Mizo:

- ➔ The Chin-Kuki-Mizo communities of Manipur celebrated the post-harvest festival Chavang Kut on November 1, marking the end of the harvest season and expressing gratitude to the Almighty for a bountiful yield.
- ➔ Cultural dances, folk songs, indigenous games, and other traditional performances highlight the celebration, which reflects the rich cultural heritage of the communities; Chavang Kut was declared a State Holiday in 1982 due to its widespread popularity.

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Wind energy sector:

- ➔ Since 2021, Tamil Nadu's wind energy sector has attracted over ₹5,700 crore and added 816 megawatts of capacity. An additional ₹4,200 crore is planned for 600 megawatts of new wind projects.
- ➔ The State's solar energy sector has received over ₹23,500 crore for 6,736 megawatts of projects. Solar projects worth ₹39,000 crore (5,700 megawatts) are under advanced approval stages. Tamil Nadu ranks fourth nationally in total installed renewable capacity with more than 25,500 megawatts.
- ➔ Tamil Nadu's coastline has over 35 gigawatts of offshore wind potential with excellent wind speeds and high-capacity factors. The National Institute of Wind Energy and the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership are preparing for India's first offshore wind project off the Tamil Nadu coast.

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Soil Security Law:

- ➔ The IUCN has adopted Motion 007 on Soil Security Law, creating the world's first model legal framework for soil protection.
- ➔ The resolution will guide over 90 countries in developing national laws focused on soil conservation, regenerative agriculture, and legal accountability for soil health. The motion was co-sponsored by international soil conservation organizations and think tanks.
- ➔ This marks the first formal recognition by a global conservation body that soil security is essential for food, water, biodiversity, and climate resilience. Following adoption, the IUCN will form a working group to develop concepts for an international convention or global legal instrument on soil security.
- ➔ The proposed Model Soil Security Law will help countries integrate soil protection into agriculture, climate policies, and ecosystem restoration programs. Since January 2025, consultations have been held with multiple countries to promote awareness and comprehensive soil protection measures.

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International Day for Biosphere Reserves:

- ➔ 3rd November: International Day for Biosphere Reserves. This day was proclaimed by UNESCO's General Conference in 2021 and first celebrated in 2022. It highlights the importance of biosphere reserves in conserving biodiversity.
- ➔ Biosphere reserves are areas designated under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme. There are 738 biosphere reserves in 134 countries, including 22 transboundary sites, as per UNESCO.

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Gurpurab:

- ➔ Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurpurab, is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism. It commemorates the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first Sikh Guru and the founder of Sikhism.
- ➔ In 2025, the auspicious occasion will be celebrated globally with immense devotion, prayers, and community service, symbolizing the core Sikh principles of humility, equality, and compassion.
- ➔ Guru Nanak Jayanti in 2025 will be observed on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. The celebrations coincide with Kartik Purnima, the full moon day in the Hindu month of Kartik, which holds special spiritual importance for Sikhs and Hindus alike.



World Tsunami Awareness Day:

- ➔ Every year on 5 November, the world observes World Tsunami Awareness Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the risk of tsunamis and the importance of readiness, safety planning and early-warning systems.
- ➔ Established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2015, this day encourages nations, communities and individuals to turn awareness into action.

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India and Israel:

- ➔ The governments of India and Israel have taken a significant step in strengthening their defence cooperation by signing a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the 17th meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Cooperation, held in Tel Aviv.
- ➔ This move not only underlines the deepening strategic partnership between the two countries but also signals a shift towards greater technology sharing, co-production, and counter-terrorism collaboration.



Telangana:

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- ➔ In a decisive move to position itself at the forefront of emerging technologies, the Government of Telangana has announced the creation of the Telangana Artificial Intelligence Innovation Hub (TAIH) in Hyderabad.
- ➔ Spearheaded by the IT & Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, the hub is envisaged as the central platform for AI-based innovation, research and partnerships across academia, industry and startups. The goal: to secure a place among the top 20 AI hubs globally by 2035.



Maharashtra government:

- ➔ The Maharashtra government on Wednesday announced it has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Starlink, the satellite internet company led by Elon Musk, to deploy satellite-based internet services across the state.
- ➔ This move makes Maharashtra the first state in India to officially collaborate with the US-based internet provider. Under this agreement, the state will work with Starlink to deliver reliable internet connectivity to government institutions, rural communities, and key public infrastructure.
- ➔ The project particularly targets remote and underserved districts like Gadchiroli, Nandurbar, Washim, and Dharashiv — areas often left behind in traditional network coverage.

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National Beekeeping and Honey Mission:

- ➔ The National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) is a Central Sector Scheme launched to promote scientific beekeeping and achieve the vision of a “Sweet Revolution” in India, ensuring the holistic growth of the beekeeping sector.
- ➔ The mission has a budget outlay of ₹500 crore and is being implemented by the National Bee Board (NBB) for the period FY 2020-21 to FY 2025-26, covering all major aspects of honey production and marketing.



Raja Raja Chola I:

- ➔ The two-day festival marking the 1,040th Sathaya Vizha or birth anniversary of emperor Raja Raja Chola I (947 CE-1014 CE) was held at Peruvudayar temple in Thanjavur. The

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birth anniversary of Raja Raja I falls on the Sathayam star of 'Aippasi' month which is celebrated as Sathaya Vizha.

- ➔ He ruled from 985 to 1014 CE and was marked by military prowess. He ruled over a sizable portion of northern Sri Lanka, the Chera country, and the Pandya country.
- ➔ Also, he bought Lakshadweep, the Thiladhunmadulu atoll, and a portion of the Maldives' northernmost islands in the Indian Ocean. In 1010 CE, Rajaraja Chola I built the grand Brihadeshwara temple (Rajarajeshwaram temple) at Thanjavur.



Supreme Court:

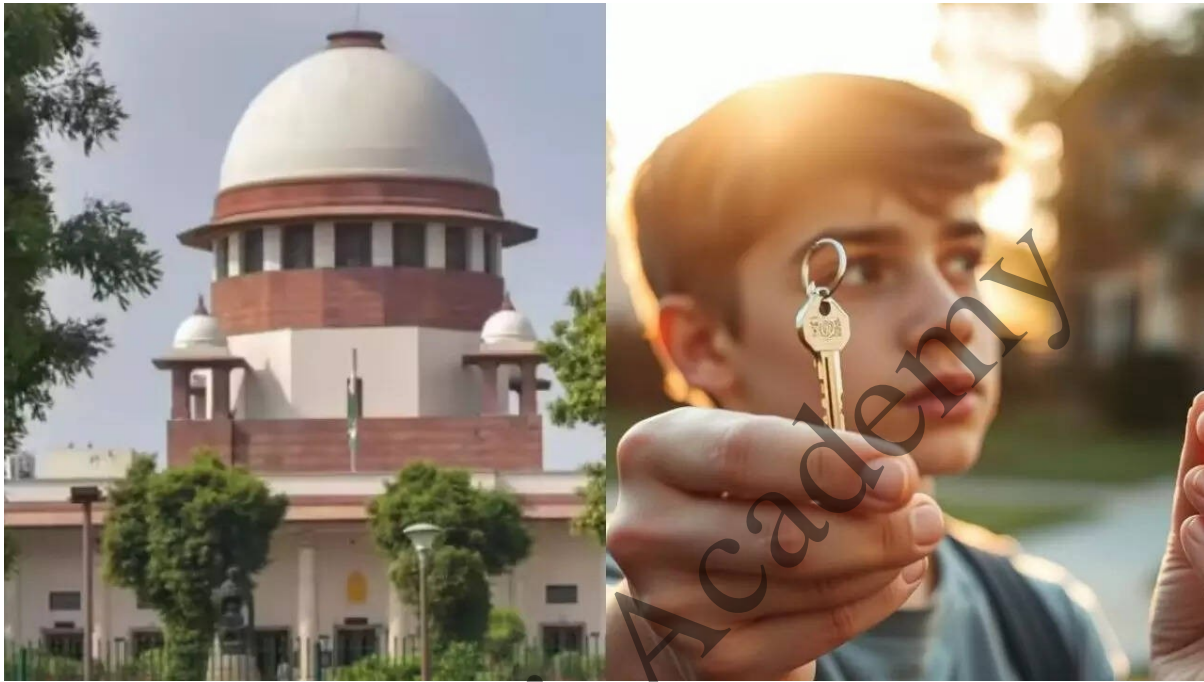
- ➔ Supreme Court has ruled that minors can challenge any property sale or transfer done by their parents or guardians without a lawsuit, after turning 18. The court also said adults can cancel such transfers by taking clear actions, like selling or transferring the property themselves.
- ➔ The verdict came in K S Shivappa vs Smt K Neelamma case. As per the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956, Natural guardians must act for the minor's benefit. Guardians cannot sell, mortgage, or lease a minor's immovable property without court permission.

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- ➔ Limitation Act, 1963 also grants a person 3 years after attaining majority to challenge or set aside such a property transfer. The ruling reaffirming the precedent set in Abdul Rahman v. Sukhdyal Singh Case, 1905.



Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary:

- ➔ Madhya Pradesh's Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary will become the third home for cheetahs in the state after Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary. Nauradehi's selection follows functional populations and ongoing management at Kuno and Gandhi Sagar.
- ➔ This move will diversify habitats, reduce pressure on Kuno, and build a metapopulation across the Chambal-Vindhyan landscape.
- ➔ Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary is one of India's largest sanctuaries, spread over 1,197 sq. km. The sanctuary situated between the Yamuna and Narmada River basins and major rivers like Bamner, Kopra, and Bearma flow through it.

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Sunflower oil supplier:

- ➔ Russia has overtaken Ukraine as India's largest sunflower oil supplier. India's imports of sunflower oil from Russia rose twelvefold in four years, from about 175,000 tonnes in 2021 to 2.09 million tonnes in 2024.
- ➔ The share of Russian sunflower oil in India's total imports increased from around 10% in 2021 to 56% in 2024.
- ➔ Sunflower oil is the third most consumed edible oil in India, and less than 5% of it is produced locally. Although overall sunflower oil imports may decline by 13% in 2025 due to price increases, Russia's share is expected to remain around 55-60%.

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Gogabeel Lake:

- ➔ Gogabeel Lake in Katihar district, Bihar, has been designated a site of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. This bringing India's total number of Ramsar sites to 94.
- ➔ The lake lies between the Ganga River and the Mahananda River and functions as an oxbow wetland, formed by river meandering. Gogabeel was earlier notified as Bihar's first community reserve in 2019.
- ➔ More than 90 bird species have been recorded at the site, including about 30 migratory species and several near-threatened or vulnerable birds. With Gogabeel's inclusion, Bihar now has six Ramsar sites. India remains first in Asia and third globally in the count of Ramsar wetlands after the United Kingdom and Mexico.

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2025, November 6

International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict:

- ➔ Each year on November 6, the world observes the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict, a United Nations-designated occasion that emphasizes the devastating impact of warfare on the environment.
- ➔ As wars continue to wreak havoc globally, the environment often becomes the silent victim — degraded, polluted, and irreversibly damaged. This day reminds us that peace and sustainability go hand in hand, and that environmental protection must remain a priority even in times of conflict.



Indian Navy:

- ➔ The Indian Navy is set to commission SVL Ikshak on 6 November 2025 at Naval Base Kochi, a major leap forward in the nation's maritime and hydrographic capabilities.
- ➔ As the third vessel of the Survey Vessel (Large) class, and the first to be based at the Southern Naval Command, Ikshak represents India's growing emphasis on maritime domain awareness and indigenous defence production.

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- ➔ Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in Kolkata, Ikshak boasts over 80% indigenous content, exemplifying the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Its commissioning reflects not only strategic self-reliance but also India's push for technological excellence in the maritime sector.



G20 inequality report:

- ➔ A landmark G20 inequality report, commissioned by the South African Presidency, reveals that the top 1% in India increased their share of national wealth by 62% between 2000 and 2023. This puts India among the countries with the sharpest rise in wealth concentration, reflecting a global trend of widening inequality.
- ➔ The report, which analyses wealth dynamics across G20 economies, argues that extreme inequality is not inevitable, but a policy choice, and calls for coordinated global action to address the growing disparity.

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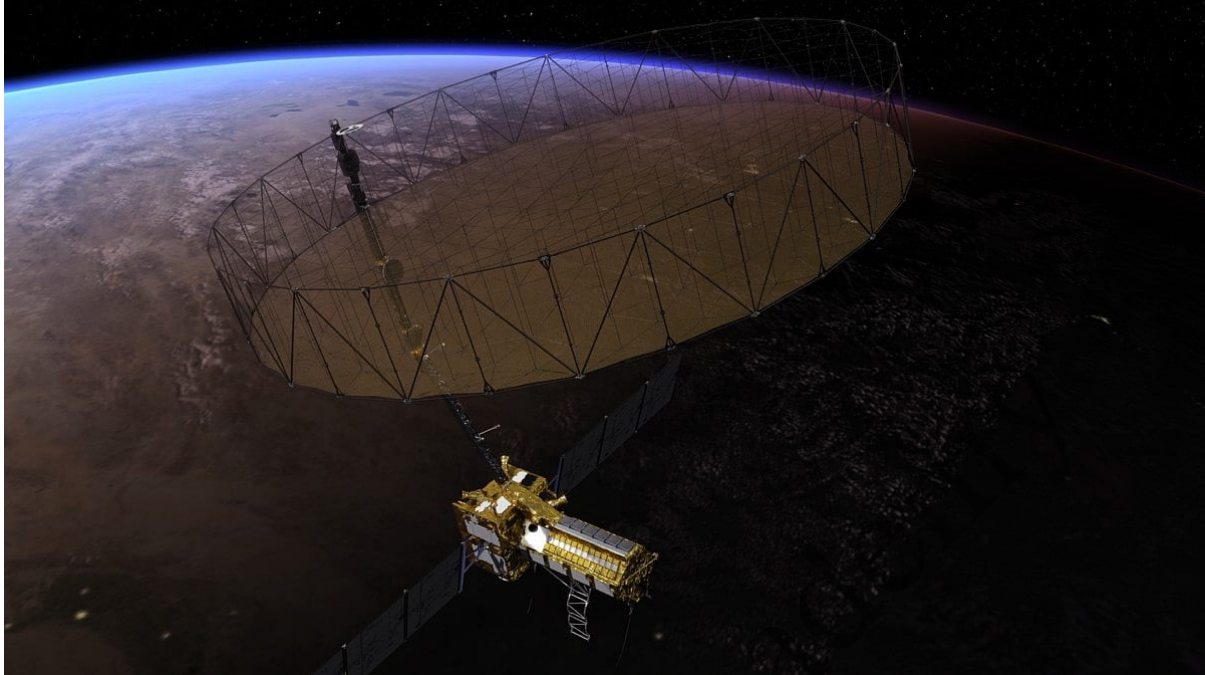
NISAR:

- ➔ In a milestone for global Earth observation and Indo-US space cooperation, NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) is set to be declared fully operational on November 7, 2025.
- ➔ This high-precision radar satellite, jointly developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and NASA, will revolutionise environmental, agricultural and climate monitoring.
- ➔ With this, India will become a central player in global radar-based Earth observation, contributing critical data every 12 days from space. NISAR is the world's first satellite to operate with dual synthetic aperture radar systems, integrating both the L-band (from NASA) and S-band (from ISRO). It was launched on 30 July 2025 aboard the GSLV rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

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State Bank of India:

- ➔ State Bank of India executed its inaugural gold trade as a Special Category Client(SCC) on the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX).
- ➔ SBI was the first bank to become a Trading-cum-Clearing (TCM) Member at IIBX in 2024. As a Special Category Client, SBI facilitates bullion transactions for jewellers, bullion dealers, and other stakeholders.
- ➔ The move aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accessibility in India's bullion import system. SBI's participation supports GIFT City as a global financial hub and aligns with government initiatives to modernize the bullion trade.

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Russia:

- ➔ Russia has launched its newest nuclear submarine 'Khabarovsk'. It is designed to carry the underwater nuclear drone 'Poseidon', also known as 'doomsday missile'.
- ➔ This missile is capable of intercontinental travel and can "wipe out" coastal nations immense destruction.



Uttarakhand:

- ➔ The President of India addressed the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly on the Silver Jubilee of the formation of the Uttarakhand state. Uttarakhand was formed on November 9, 2000, as the 27th state of India.

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- ➔ It was separated from the northern hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh. The state was initially named Uttaranchal and was officially renamed Uttarakhand in January 2007.



Silicon carbide:

- ➔ Odisha Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for India's first silicon carbide(SiC) semiconductor plant in Bhubaneswar. The facility, approved under the India Semiconductor Mission, involves an investment of ₹2,067 crore and will be operational by 2027-28.
- ➔ The plant will support critical sectors such as electric vehicles, railways, data centres, renewable energy, and industrial automotive systems.

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Clean industrial:

- ➔ India has become the third-largest country in the world for clean industrial projects, after China and the United States.
- ➔ The country has a pipeline of 65 commercial-scale low-emission projects, but only six have reached the final investment decision (FID) stage. These projects aim to decarbonise high-emission sectors like chemicals, steel, cement, and aviation.

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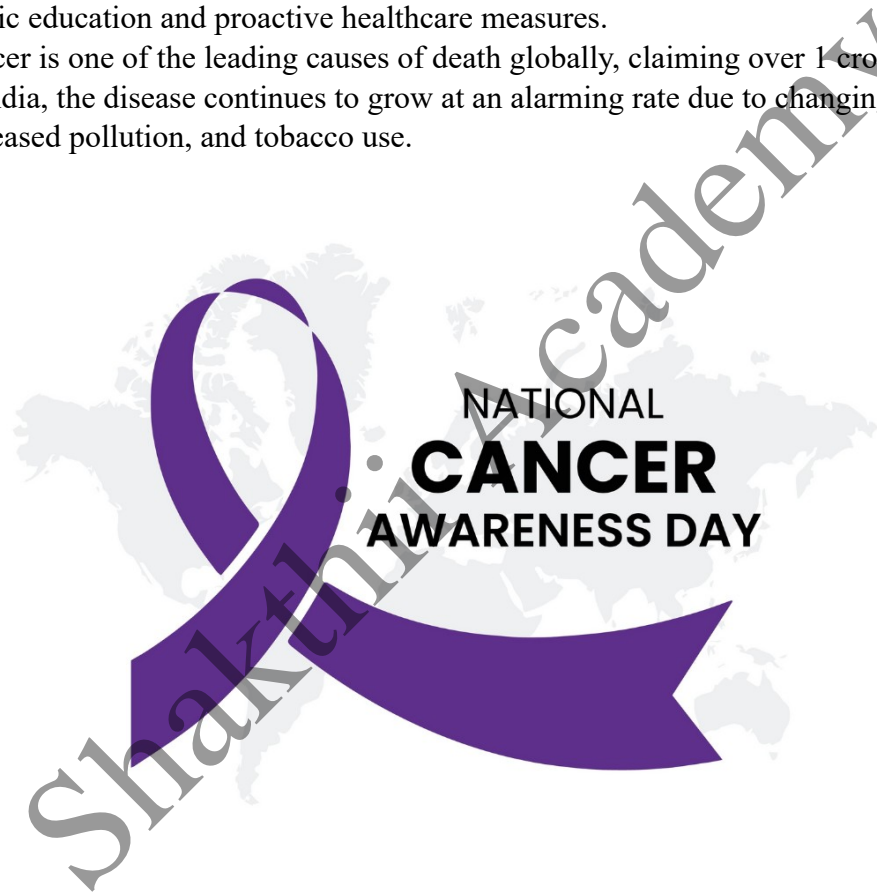
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2025, November 7-8

National Cancer Awareness Day:

- ➔ Every year on November 7, India observes National Cancer Awareness Day to spread awareness about the importance of early detection, lifestyle modification, and timely treatment of cancer.
- ➔ Initiated in 2014 by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, then Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, this observance aims to reduce the growing burden of cancer in India through public education and proactive healthcare measures.
- ➔ Cancer is one of the leading causes of death globally, claiming over 1 crore lives in 2020. In India, the disease continues to grow at an alarming rate due to changing lifestyles, increased pollution, and tobacco use.



World Radiography Day:

- ➔ World Radiography Day 2025, observed on November 8, celebrates the revolutionary discovery of X-rays and honors the contributions of radiographers and radiologists to modern medicine.
- ➔ The day highlights how medical imaging—from X-rays to AI-driven diagnostics—has transformed healthcare by enabling early detection, accurate diagnosis, and advanced treatment planning for millions of patients worldwide.

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- ➔ This global observance not only commemorates Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery in 1895 but also showcases how technological innovation continues to enhance patient safety, clinical efficiency, and the overall quality of healthcare delivery.



Raahul VS:

- ➔ Indian chess continues its remarkable rise on the global stage as Raahul VS officially becomes India's 91st Grandmaster (GM).
- ➔ Clinching the title at the 6th ASEAN Individual Championship 2025, Raahul secured the GM norm with a round to spare, highlighting his dominance and composure in international competition. This achievement reinforces India's growing prominence in world chess and its consistent production of top-tier talent.

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Sheetal Devi:

- ➔ In a powerful moment for Indian sports, Sheetal Devi, an 18-year-old para archer from Jammu and Kashmir, has shattered barriers by becoming the first para-athlete from India to be selected for an able-bodied national archery team.
- ➔ She will represent India in the Asia Cup 2025, scheduled to be held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, this December, competing in the compound women's team category. This historic selection underscores the growing focus on merit-based inclusivity and the exceptional talent emerging from the para-sports ecosystem in India.

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NexCAR19:

- ➔ In a historic stride for Indian healthcare and biotechnology, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched NexCAR19, India's first indigenous CAR T-cell therapy, aimed at revolutionizing cancer treatment.
- ➔ NexCAR19 is a form of CAR T-cell therapy—a cutting-edge treatment where a patient's own T-cells (a type of white blood cell) are genetically modified to express Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs). These modified cells can specifically identify and attack cancer cells, offering targeted and highly effective treatment.

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Fortified Rice Kernel:

- ➔ India exported its first Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) consignment from Chhattisgarh to Costa Rica, marking a significant step in linking the country's nutrition programme with global markets.
- ➔ This initiative aligns with the 'Kuposhan Mukht Bharat' programme under Poshan Abhiyan, connecting domestic nutrition improvement efforts with international trade and creating new opportunities for Chhattisgarh's farmers and exporters.
- ➔ Fortified Rice Kernel is enriched with essential micronutrients like iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12, highlighting India's technical capabilities in food fortification and its contribution to global food security.

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Ayni airbase:

- ➔ India has fully withdrawn from the Ayni airbase in Tajikistan, ending its only overseas military presence after the lapse of a bilateral agreement for joint operation with Tajikistan around four years ago.
- ➔ The Congress termed the withdrawal a “setback” to India’s strategic diplomacy, with Jairam Ramesh noting that Ayni, established in the early 2000s, was crucial to New Delhi’s regional influence and strategic outreach in Central Asia.
- ➔ The Ayni base, located 10 km from Dushanbe, had been upgraded by India with enhanced runways, fuel depots, and air traffic control systems, and was last used in 2021 to evacuate Indians from Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover.

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Maldives:

- ➔ The Maldives became the first country to ban tobacco for anyone born after January 1, 2007. The law prohibits the sale and use of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, for the affected generation.
- ➔ Vaping and electronic cigarettes are banned for all ages in the country. Retailers selling tobacco to underage buyers face fines of 50,000 Maldivian rufiyaa (about Rs 2.9 lakh). Individuals using vaping devices can be fined 5,000 rufiyaa (about Rs 29,000).
- ➔ The policy is part of the Tobacco-Free Generation approach under the global Tobacco Endgame movement.

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Menar:

- ➔ Menar is a village in Rajasthan known for hosting over 100 rare bird species. The village has been officially recognized as a Ramsar Site for wetland conservation. Local residents, called Pakshi Mitras (friends of birds), actively protect and monitor bird populations.
- ➔ Menar's ponds, including Brahm Talab, Dhand Talab, and Kheroda Talab, serve as key habitats for migratory and resident birds.
- ➔ The village was honored as India's Best Tourism Village in 2023. Indigenous conservation practices in Menar have helped safeguard endangered species such as the Indian skimmer and Egyptian vulture.

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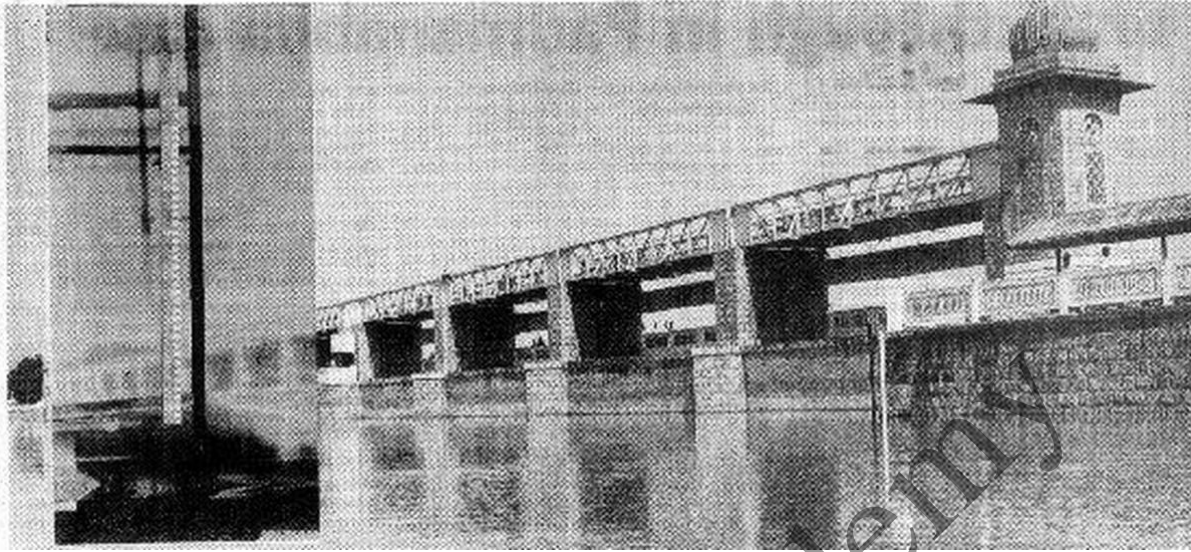
India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the State government:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu began exploring artificial rain-making (cloud seeding) in 1970 under discussions between the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the State government.
- ➔ The first trials were held in 1973 around Tiruvallur by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), but no conclusive results were achieved. In 1975, a Canadian firm conducted cloud-seeding operations over Chennai and the Nilgiris at a cost of ₹12 lakh, reporting around a 20% increase in rainfall.
- ➔ In 1983, another series of operations was carried out by an American team led by Thomas Henderson, costing ₹26 lakh, followed by more trials in 1984. The State government purchased an aircraft in 1983 for cloud-seeding. In 1993, new trials were conducted, but scientists concluded that the rainfall increase did not exceed 20% above normal levels.

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China and Turkey:

- ➔ India has excluded China and Turkey from the International Fleet Review in 2026.
- ➔ The decision follows their support for Pakistan during the India-Pakistan conflict earlier in 2025. 55 other countries, including the United States and Russia, will participate in the exercises in Visakhapatnam from February 17 to 25, 2026.



Uttar Pradesh:

- ➔ Uttar Pradesh is making preparations for the Navy Shaurya Museum in Lucknow. The museum is planned near Ekana Stadium in CG City as North India's first maritime heritage complex. The project was launched in 2022.
- ➔ It features INS Gomati Shaurya Smarak with the F-21 Godavari-class frigate and Nausena Shaurya Vatika with TU-142 aircraft and Sea King SK-42B helicopter.

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Vande Bharat:

- ➔ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated four new Vande Bharat Express trains from Varanasi.
- ➔ The four new routes include: Banaras-Khajuraho; Lucknow-Saharan pur; Firozpur-Delhi; Ernakulam-Bengaluru. Since the first launch on 15 February 2019 (New Delhi-Varanasi), Indian Railways has planned over 50 routes.

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Karnataka:

- ➔ Karnataka has become the first state in India to approve 12 days of paid menstrual leave per year for women employees across both the government and private sectors, marking a milestone in gender-sensitive labour policy.
- ➔ The policy grants one paid day off each month to address menstrual discomfort, supporting women's health, dignity, and workplace productivity.

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Kazakhstan:

- ➔ U.S. President confirmed that Kazakhstan has officially joined the Abraham Accords, becoming the latest nation to normalise relations with Israel.
- ➔ The Abraham Accords, brokered by the United States in 2020 under the Trump administration, began a new era of Arab-Israeli diplomacy. The framework now includes six countries Israel, UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, Morocco, and Kazakhstan.

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2025, November 9-10

National Legal Services Day:

- ➔ India, the world's largest democracy, guarantees equality before the law and equal protection of laws under its Constitution. However, due to economic and social barriers, many citizens struggle to access justice.
- ➔ To bridge this gap, the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, was enacted, leading to the establishment of Legal Services Authorities at national, state, and district levels. Since its implementation on November 9, 1995, the day is celebrated as National Legal Services Day, promoting legal awareness and access to justice for all.



World Science Day for Peace and Development:

- ➔ Every year on 10 November, the world comes together to celebrate the World Science Day for Peace and Development. Established by UNESCO in 2001, this global observance promotes the crucial role science plays in fostering peace, solving pressing global challenges, and improving human life.
- ➔ The 2025 theme, "Trust, transformation, and tomorrow: The science we need for 2050." calls on students and young minds to actively explore how scientific thinking and creativity can shape a more peaceful and sustainable world.

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Tropical Forests Forever Facility:

- ➔ At the COP30 Leaders' Summit in Belém, Brazil, India officially joined the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) as an observer, marking a strategic move in international climate diplomacy.
- ➔ This comes as the world observes a decade since the Paris Agreement (2015) and questions grow over the adequacy of global climate ambition.
- ➔ The Tropical Forests Forever Facility, launched by Brazil, is a global forest finance initiative aiming to mobilise \$125 billion through public and private funding.
- ➔ Its goal is to reward countries that conserve or expand their tropical forests by providing results-based payments—a shift from promises to performance-driven support.

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Uttarakhand:

- ➔ Every year, 9 November holds a special place in the hearts of Uttarakhand residents. The day marks the birth of India's 27th state, carved out of Uttar Pradesh in the year 2000. In 2025, the state proudly celebrates its Silver Jubilee, completing 25 years since its formation.
- ➔ Known as Devbhoomi—the Land of the Gods—Uttarakhand's journey from a regional demand to a well-recognised state is a story of determination, culture, and development.
- ➔ The celebration of Uttarakhand Foundation Day honours the creation of a new Himalayan state that came into existence on 9 November 2000 after years of public movements and demands.
- ➔ The formation recognised the region's distinct geographical challenges, cultural identity, and developmental needs that were often overlooked under Uttar Pradesh's larger administration.

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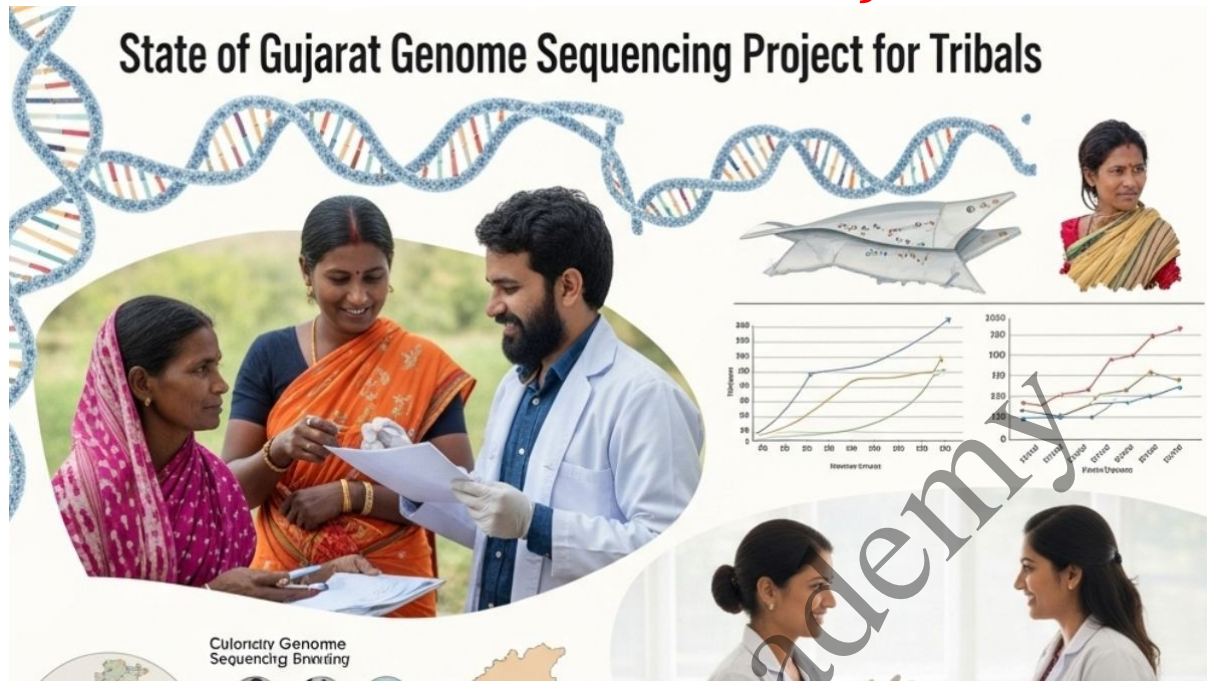
Gujarat:

- ➔ Gujarat has become the first Indian state to roll out a dedicated genome sequencing initiative for its tribal communities, marking a major step in applying biotechnology to public health.
- ➔ The program, part of the broader Genome India Project, aims to create a genetic reference database that can help diagnose, treat and prevent inherited disorders like sickle cell anaemia and thalassemia, which are disproportionately high in tribal populations.

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Vande Mataram:

- ➔ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the year-long commemoration of 150 years of India's national song, "Vande Mataram," in New Delhi and released a commemorative stamp and coin to mark the historic occasion.
- ➔ The celebrations will include mass singing of the full version of "Vande Mataram" across the country with public participation, honoring the song written by Bankimchandra Chatterji in 1875 as part of his novel Anandamath.



Khasi community:

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- ➔ The Khasi community of Meghalaya celebrated the five-day Shad Nongkrem Festival at Smit, expressing gratitude for a bountiful harvest and prosperity. This annual religious and cultural event, one of India's most distinctive tribal celebrations, attracts both locals and visitors.
- ➔ The festival honours Ka Blei Synshar, the goddess of fertility and prosperity, and is held in Smit, the traditional capital of Hima Khyrim, about 20 km from Shillong. Dr. Balajied Syiem, the Syiem (King) of Hima Khyrim, presided over the Pomblang ceremony, performing rituals and prayers to Lei Shyllong, the deity of Shillong Peak.



Varanasi:

- ➔ Varanasi will host the fourth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS 4.0) from December 2 to 15, 2025, envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, celebrating the deep-rooted cultural bond between Tamil Nadu and Kashi under the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- ➔ The theme “Let us Learn Tamil – Karpom Tamil” highlights India's linguistic unity, with over 1,400 delegates from Tamil Nadu across seven categories including students, teachers, writers, professionals, women, and spiritual scholars participating in cultural exchange and learning sessions.

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Tamil Nadu:

- ➔ The 19th edition of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) Vyaar and the 2nd edition of Vyapar Tamil Nadu was held recently.
- ➔ Theme of the event is 'From India's Detroit to Its Digital Destiny'. Tamil Nadu accounts for 42 percent of India's auto component production.



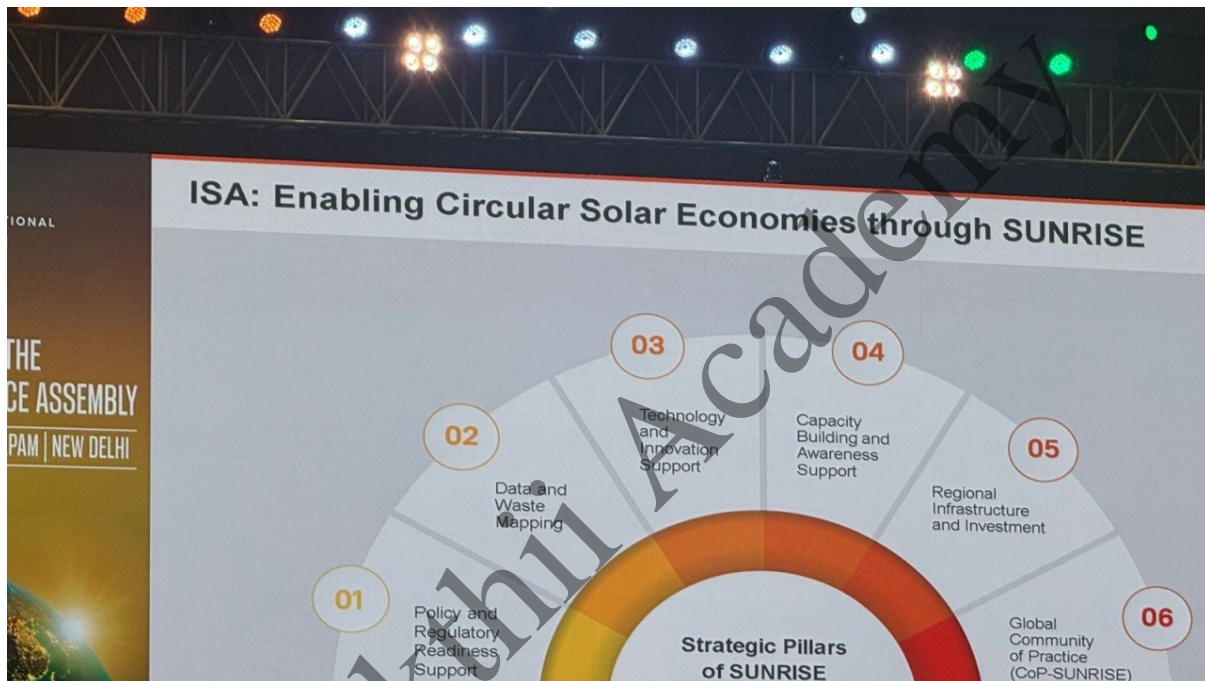
SUNRISE:

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- ➔ India launched SUNRISE initiative to recycle and upcycle solar waste into green industry opportunities. SUNRISE stands for Solar Upcycling Network for Recycling, Innovation and Stakeholder Engagement.
- ➔ India unveiled OSOWOG (One Sun One World One Grid) to promote cross-border solar grid connections across Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.
- ➔ The Global Capability Centre (GCC) was launched as a hub for solar research, innovation, and training in India. ISA Academy, an AI-driven platform, will provide personalized learning in solar technology worldwide.



Pampadum Shola National Park:

- ➔ Pampadum Shola National Park in Kerala is restoring its native grasslands by removing invasive Australian wattle trees. The Park lies in the Western Ghats at elevations between 1,900 and 2,300 metres and covers over 1,300 hectares.
- ➔ Kerala's 2021 Eco-Restoration Policy prioritises the removal of invasive species, with plans to restore another 600 hectares. The project is being studied as a model for tropical montane ecosystem restoration in other regions of the Western Ghats and beyond.

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North 24 Parganas:

- ➔ North 24 Parganas in West Bengal is now the most populated district in India. It has an estimated population of about 10.9 million as of 2025. The district covers an area of around 4,094 square kilometres with a population density of 2,469 people per square kilometre.
- ➔ It is part of the Kolkata Metropolitan Area and includes cities such as Barrackpore and Bidhan Nagar. Rapid urbanisation, industrial growth, and refugee settlements after the Partition of 1947 contributed to the rise in population. As per the 2011 census, the district recorded a literacy rate of about 84 percent.

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Tamil Nadu government:

- ➔ The Tamil Nadu government has formed two committees to revamp the State's school curriculum. A high-level expert committee will be headed by School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi.
- ➔ A curriculum design committee will be led by the State Planning Commission member Sultan Ahmed Ismail. The committees will redesign the curriculum in line with the Tamil Nadu State Education Policy 2025.



Kazakhstan:

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- ➔ Kazakhstan is going to join the Abraham Accords. It will be the first nation to join since the accords were signed in 2020 by the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco.
- ➔ The Abraham Accords aim to normalize relations between Israel and mainly Muslim nations.



Khangchendzonga National Park:

- ➔ Khangchendzonga National Park(Sikkim) is the only Indian site rated as “good” by the IUCN. It is also called Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve and was recognised as India’s first “mixed” UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.
- ➔ The park covers 1,784 square kilometres, from subtropical forests to Mount Khangchendzonga at 8,586 metres, the world’s third-highest peak. It contains 280 glaciers, over 70 glacial lakes, snow leopards, red pandas, Himalayan tahr, and more than 550 bird species.
- ➔ The park is culturally significant for the Lepcha people and Tibetan Buddhists, with ancient monasteries like Tholung preserving spiritual traditions.

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Bar Council of India:

- ➔ The Bar Council of India (BCI) has approved Kerala's proposal to reserve two supernumerary seats for transgender students in all state law colleges. The decision followed a Kerala High Court directive issued on October 24, 2025.
- ➔ The Kerala government had proposed this measure on August 6, 2025, for both three-year and five-year LLB programmes.
- ➔ The case originated from a transgender candidate who qualified in the Kerala Law Entrance Examination (KLEE) 2025 but was denied admission. The approval aligns with the Supreme Court's NALSA judgment (2014) and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

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Pakistan's government:

- ➔ Pakistan's government has introduced the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill in the Senate.
- ➔ The amendment creates a powerful new post the Field Marshal or Chief of Defence Forces granting five-year tenure, control over all security agencies, and immunity from legal or political challenge, effectively placing the army above all institutions.

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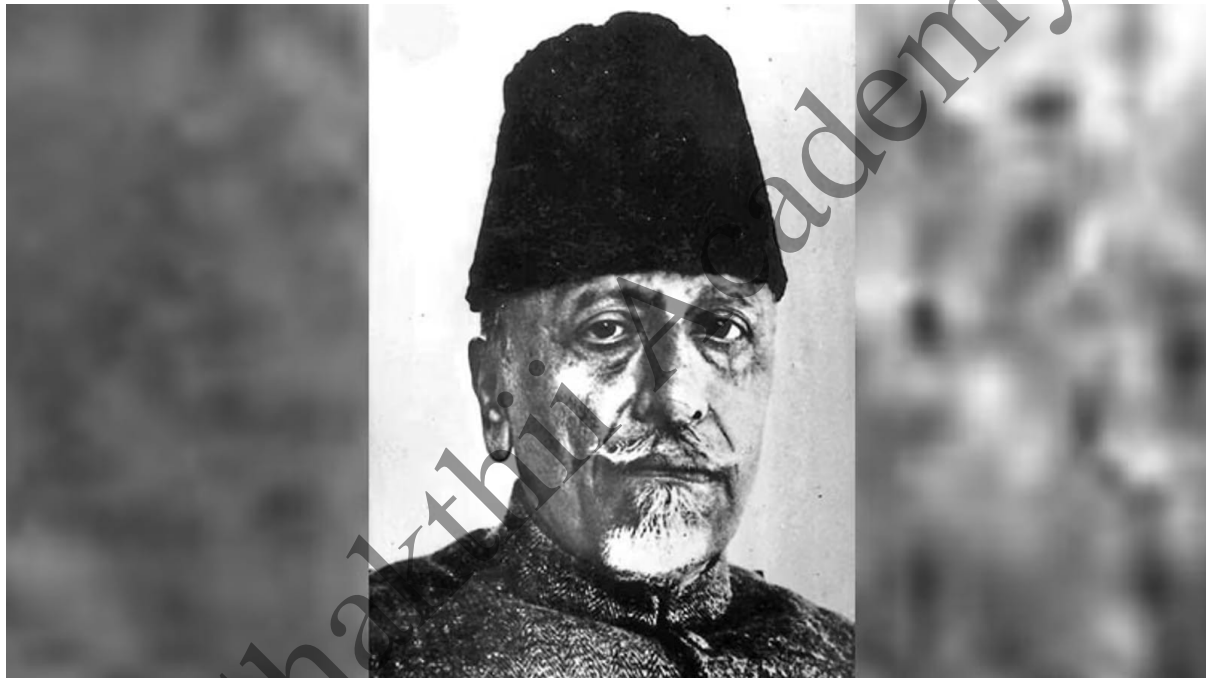
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2025, November 11-12

National Education Day:

- ➔ Every year, November 11 is observed as National Education Day in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the nation's first Education Minister and a key architect of modern India's education system. The day celebrates his lifelong dedication to education, knowledge, and nation-building.
- ➔ The observance was first announced in September 2008 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now the Ministry of Education) to honor Azad's contribution to the field of education and learning.



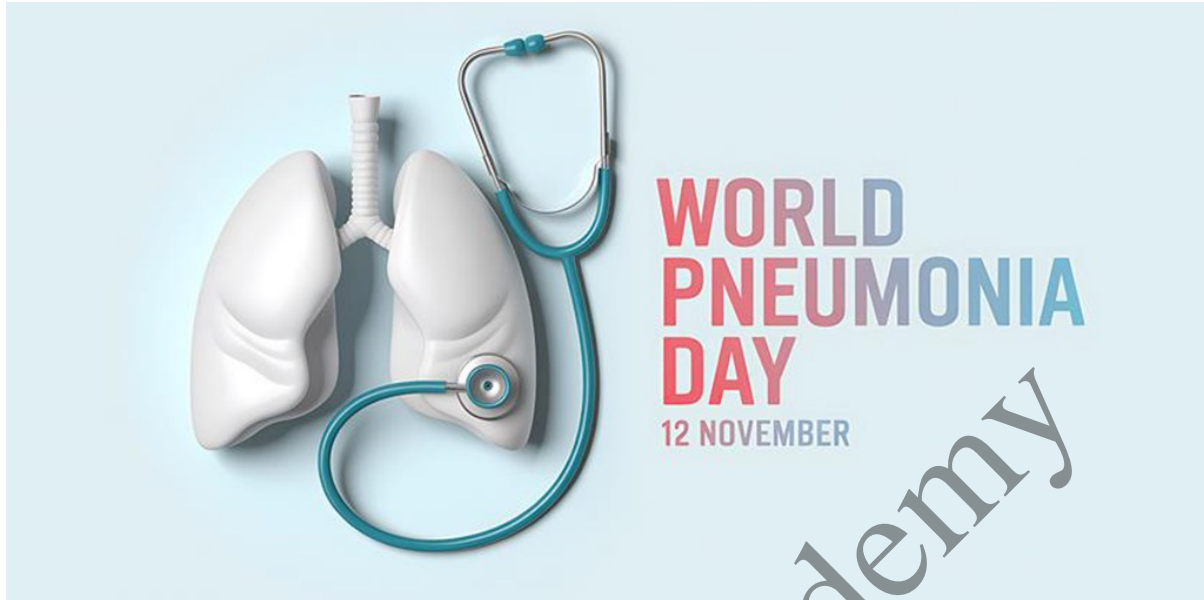
World Pneumonia Day:

- ➔ World Pneumonia Day, observed annually on 12 November, is a global initiative to raise awareness about pneumonia — a preventable yet deadly disease.
- ➔ In 2025, the focus remains sharply on strengthening health systems, ensuring equitable vaccine access, and scaling up lifesaving resources like antibiotics and medical oxygen.
- ➔ Pneumonia continues to be the leading infectious killer of children under five, claiming more young lives than any other disease.
- ➔ It also severely impacts older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions, especially in low- and middle-income countries, including India.

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Mitra Shakti:

- ➔ On 10 November 2025, India and Sri Lanka launched the 11th edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti at the Foreign Training Node in Belagavi, Karnataka.
- ➔ This joint military exercise, scheduled till 23 November, is a major step in enhancing bilateral military cooperation and operational coordination between the two countries.
- ➔ Focused on counter-terrorism, sub-conventional warfare, and UN peacekeeping scenarios, the drill showcases a growing commitment to regional security and tactical synergy.

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VINBAX:

- ➔ The 6th India-Vietnam Army Exercise VINBAX commenced in Hanoi, Vietnam, with the aim of strengthening defence cooperation between the two countries.
- ➔ Presided over by India's Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Vietnam's Deputy Chief of General Staff Senior Lieutenant General Phung Si Tan, the exercise focuses on interoperability and UN peacekeeping operations.
- ➔ This exercise highlights the deepening strategic and military partnership between India and Vietnam.

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Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium:

- ➔ In a major boost to India's sporting infrastructure, the iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (JLN) in New Delhi is set to undergo a complete transformation into a modern Sports City.
- ➔ As announced by the Sports Ministry, the ambitious project proposes converting the existing stadium complex into a state-of-the-art facility that caters to multiple sports disciplines and includes dedicated lodging facilities for athletes.
- ➔ This marks a pivotal move in India's journey toward creating world-class training environments and supporting long-term athletic development.

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Sweden:

- ➔ Sweden has become the world's first cashless country, replacing physical money with digital payments through phones and cards. Travellers can easily pay anywhere — from shops to northern lights tours — using digital transactions.
- ➔ The transformation began with the launch of Swish, a mobile payment app introduced in 2012.
- ➔ Swish enables real-time money transfers between individuals, businesses, and organizations using just a phone number. Its fast adoption made digital payments common across shops, cafés, museums, and even churches.



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Wildlife (Protection) Act:

- ➔ The standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife has recommended reinstating the Rhesus Macaque under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Reinstating Schedule II will restore statutory protection and regulate scientific management of the species.
- ➔ The move aims to prevent illegal capture, cruelty, and exploitation of the macaques. Six states, including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh, support the recommendation. Other states opposed the proposal, citing that the species is not threatened, and for conflict management reasons.



Chennai Metro Rail:

- ➔ For the first time in Tamil Nadu, the Chennai Metro Rail (CMRL) served as a green corridor to transport a pair of donor lungs. On November 8, 2025, the organs were moved from Meenambakkam Metro to AG-DMS Metro, covering 10.82 kilometres in 21 minutes.
- ➔ This marks Tamil Nadu's first metro-based organ transport, coordinated smoothly by CMRL officials.

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Wildlife Institute of India:

- ➔ The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) released its first nationwide assessment and monitoring of endangered vulture species. The study covered 216 sites across 17 states and found no nesting in nearly 70% of historical sites.
- ➔ The Protected Areas hold 54% of all documented nests, showing their vital conservation role.
- ➔ Four critically endangered species were assessed — white-rumped, Indian, slender-billed, and red-headed vultures. Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, together harbor about 63% of India's known vulture nests.

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2025, November 13-14

Saalumarada Thimmakka:

- ➔ Saalumarada Thimmakka's life story stands as one of India's most inspiring examples of environmental stewardship. Passing away at the age of 114, she left behind a legacy rooted in love, resilience, and a deep connection to nature.
- ➔ Known globally for planting and nurturing hundreds of banyan trees along a Karnataka highway, Thimmakka proved that dedicated individuals can transform landscapes and inspire generations. Her work has made her a symbol of sustainability and human-nature harmony.



Children's Day:

- ➔ Children's Day is a special occasion celebrated every year in India to honor the innocence, happiness, and bright future of children.
- ➔ In 2025, Children's Day will be celebrated on November 14, which also marks the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister.
- ➔ The day reminds us of his deep love for children and his strong belief that they are the real builders of the nation's future.

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World Diabetes Day:

- ➔ World Diabetes Day, observed every year on 14 November, is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about diabetes.
- ➔ The theme for 2025—"Diabetes Across Life Stages"—highlights how this chronic condition impacts individuals at every point in life, from early childhood to old age.
- ➔ It also calls for integrated, age-specific healthcare policies that support prevention, treatment, and quality of life.

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Samhyun:

- ➔ In a major development for India's electric mobility landscape, Korean tech company Samhyun has announced plans to establish a state-of-the-art electric vehicle (EV) motor component plant in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.
- ➔ This marks a significant boost to the region's fast-emerging status as a leading EV and automotive manufacturing hub. With strong government support, skilled workforce availability, and robust infrastructure,
- ➔ Tamil Nadu continues to attract global players in the e-mobility space, with Samhyun's entry further validating its strategic appeal.

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Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy:

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- ➔ A 17-year-old girl from Andhra Pradesh, Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy, has achieved a remarkable milestone by being selected for a prestigious astronaut training programme in the United States.
- ➔ Her journey, starting from the town of Nidadavole in East Godavari district, now leads her to a four-year elite training that could put her into orbit by 2029.
- ➔ This development showcases India's growing participation in international space collaborations and puts a spotlight on the aspirations and talents emerging from small-town India.



Godrej Aerospace:

- ➔ India's aspirations for human spaceflight received a major push as Godrej Aerospace delivered the first human-rated Vikas engine to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This engine will power the L110 stage of the LVM-3 rocket, which is the designated launch vehicle for Gaganyaan, India's first manned space mission.
- ➔ This delivery is not only a technological milestone but also a symbol of India's growing self-reliance in space capabilities, paving the way for crewed space missions in the coming years.

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Kovalam Beach:

- ➔ Kovalam Beach in Chengalpattu district, Tamil Nadu has been awarded the prestigious International Blue Flag certification for the fifth consecutive year, meeting the global standards set by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark.
- ➔ The beach first earned the Blue Flag recognition on September 21, 2021, becoming Tamil Nadu's first Blue Flag-certified beach. During 2024–25, it recorded a footfall of over 5.5 lakh visitors, reflecting its growing appeal as a sustainable eco-tourism destination.
- ➔ Encouraged by this achievement, the Tamil Nadu government has launched initiatives to obtain Blue Flag certification for 10 more beaches, including Palavakkam, Thiruvanmiyur, and Uthandi beaches.

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National Quantum Mission:

- ➔ India has developed its first indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope (QDM) at IIT Bombay under the National Quantum Mission (NQM), marking a significant advancement in quantum sensing technology.
- ➔ The QDM, led by Prof. Kasturi Saha's team, utilizes nitrogen-vacancy (NV) centers in diamond to perform three-dimensional nanoscale magnetic field imaging, useful in neuroscience, material research, and semiconductor testing.
- ➔ The innovation, which earned India's first patent in quantum diamond microscopy, was unveiled at ESTIC 2025, and will be enhanced with AI and machine learning for applications in chip diagnostics, biological imaging, and geological studies.

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BIMSTEC:

- ➔ The first biennial conference of the BIMSTEC–India Marine Research Network (BIMReN) was held in Kochi, aiming to strengthen India's Blue Economy cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region.
- ➔ BIMReN, launched by the Ministry of External Affairs in 2024, facilitates institutional collaboration by linking India's leading marine research institutions with those from BIMSTEC member countries.
- ➔ About Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC). Founded – 6 June 1997. Headquarters – Dhaka, Bangladesh.



World Kindness Day:

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- ➔ World Kindness Day is observed every year on 13th November to promote the importance of being kind to one another, to yourself, and to the world. The day was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement (WKM), a coalition of nations formed to inspire individuals towards greater kindness and humanity.
- ➔ It encourages individuals and communities to perform acts of kindness, promote empathy, and create a more compassionate world through small but meaningful gestures.



A scintillometer:

- ➔ A scintillometer is an optical instrument that measures heat and moisture exchange between the land and the air. It was installed at the Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute (TRRI), Aduthurai.
- ➔ The instrument is part of the Critical Zone Observatory (CZO) under the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) with support from the National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS).
- ➔ The observatory has been fully operational since 2022 and is the only one of its kind in Tamil Nadu. The data helps improve irrigation planning, climate forecasting, and research on water cycles and climate-smart farming in the Cauvery delta.

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Bharat Net:

- ➔ Punjab achieved a national first by implementing the amended Bharat Net Scheme statewide, enabling live monitoring of border areas. Broadband connectivity extended to 43 shadow zones, with full village coverage targeted by end of November 2025.
- ➔ The scheme supports e-health, e-governance, and digital inclusion across Gram Panchayats and rural households.



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2025, November 15

November 15:

- ➔ India observes Janjatiya Gaurav Divas every year on November 15 to honour the contributions of tribal freedom fighters, especially Bhagwan Birsa Munda, whose legacy continues to inspire generations.
- ➔ The 2025 celebration is part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, who led a powerful tribal uprising against British colonialism and feudal oppression.
- ➔ Birsa Munda (1875–1900), revered as “Dharti Aaba” (Father of the Land), was a legendary tribal leader, social reformer, and freedom fighter from the Munda tribe of Jharkhand.



Defence Research and Development Organisation:

- ➔ In a major advancement for underwater defence capabilities, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully developed a new generation of Man-Portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (MP-AUVs).

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- ➔ Designed by the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam, these AUVs are built for mine countermeasure (MCM) operations, enabling rapid and autonomous detection of underwater threats.



Garuda-2025:

- ➔ A major milestone in the Indo-French defence partnership begins as the Indian Air Force contingent lands at the Mont-de-Marsan Air Base in France for the biennial bilateral air exercise Garuda-2025, scheduled from 16 to 27 November 2025.
- ➔ This exercise reflects deepening ties between India and France across military, technological and strategic domains.



Underwater research:

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- ➔ In a bold stride towards advancing deep-sea science, India has announced plans to construct the world's deepest underwater research laboratory at a depth of 6,000 metres beneath the Indian Ocean.
- ➔ This cutting-edge facility will form a key part of India's Vision 2047, marking the nation's 100th year of independence with a global scientific milestone. The deep-sea habitat is envisioned as an oceanic version of the International Space Station (ISS). Initially, the mission will begin with a demonstrator module at 500 metres, designed to host three scientists underwater for over 24 hours.
- ➔ This will test life-support systems, pressure resistance, and logistical support mechanisms. Once proven viable, this demonstrator will pave the way for the 6,000-metre full-scale habitat, which will be the deepest ever human-occupied research structure in marine history.



GI:

- ➔ In a landmark move aimed at preserving India's rich cultural heritage, the Government of India has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags to two traditional Lepcha musical instruments — Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulit.
- ➔ This official recognition places these folk instruments among the distinguished products that enjoy legal protection and cultural prestige under India's GI registry.

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Henley Passport Index 2025:

- ➔ The Henley Passport Index 2025 has been released, and it reveals shifting dynamics in global mobility and international travel freedom. The ranking, based on exclusive IATA (International Air Transport Association) data, evaluates 199 passports by the number of destinations accessible without a prior visa.
- ➔ While Asian countries like Singapore, South Korea, and Japan dominate the top ranks, India has experienced a notable dip. This year, India's passport slipped five places to 85th, offering visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to just 57 countries.

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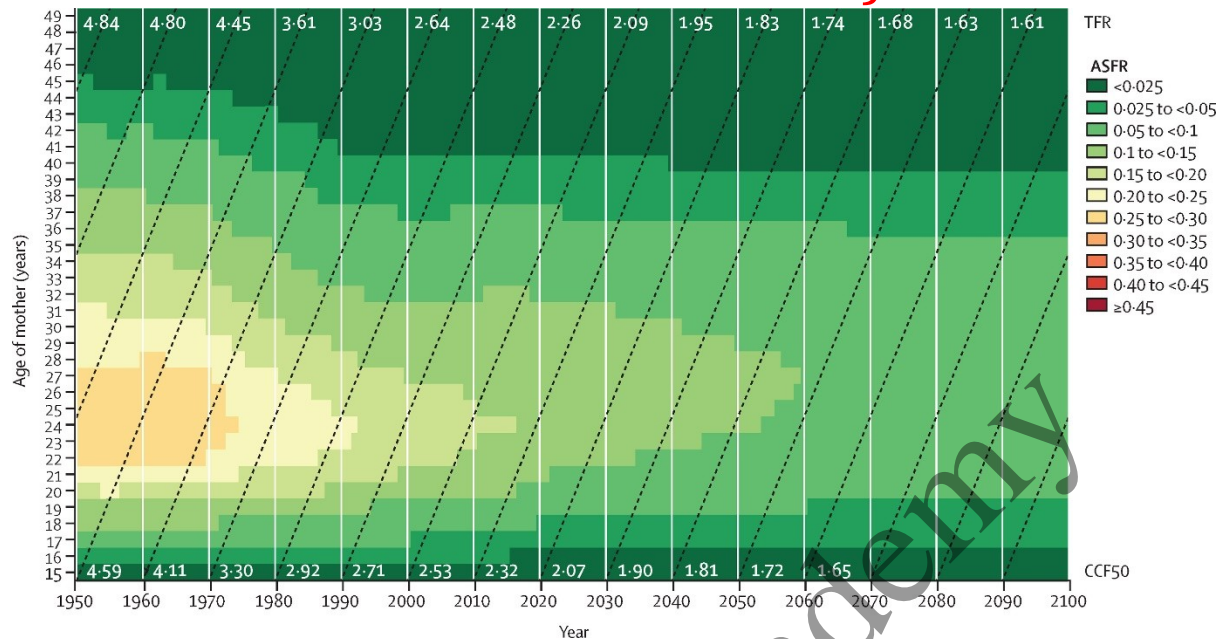
Fertility:

- ➔ A new study has revealed that the world will soon witness a very low fertility rate. By 2050, 155 of 204 (76%) countries will be below the replacement level of fertility. By 2100 over 97% of countries will have fertility rates below the required percentage.
- ➔ The global TFR has reduced to less than half over the past 70 years, from five children per female in 1950 to 2.2 children in 2021.
- ➔ While almost half of the world, 110 of 204 countries are below the population replacement level of 2.1 births per female in 2021. This is adverse for countries like South Korea and Serbia where the rate is less than 1.1 child for each female.

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Maharashtra:

- ➔ Maharashtra has topped the 6th National Water Awards 2024 in the Best State category. Gujarat and Haryana secured second and third positions, respectively. This year, 46 winners were selected across ten categories, including Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, and Best Institution.
- ➔ The awards will be presented by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi on 18 November 2025. The award, instituted in 2018, the National Water Awards promote sustainable water management under the 'Jal Samridh Bharat' vision.

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Supreme Court:

- ➔ The Supreme Court directed the Jharkhand government to declare the ecologically rich Saranda forest as a wildlife sanctuary.
- ➔ Saranda Forest in Jharkhand is Asia's largest Sal (*Shorea robusta*) forest, spanning approximately 820-900 square kilometers. It is famously called the "land of seven hundred hills," reflecting its hilly terrain.

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Birsa Munda:

- ➔ Jharkhand celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, coinciding with the 25th (Silver Jubilee) State Foundation Day; the state was formed on 15 November 2000 as India's 28th state.
- ➔ The state government has declared the Birsa Festival in Ulihatu as an official Tourism Festival to promote cultural tourism and tribal heritage.



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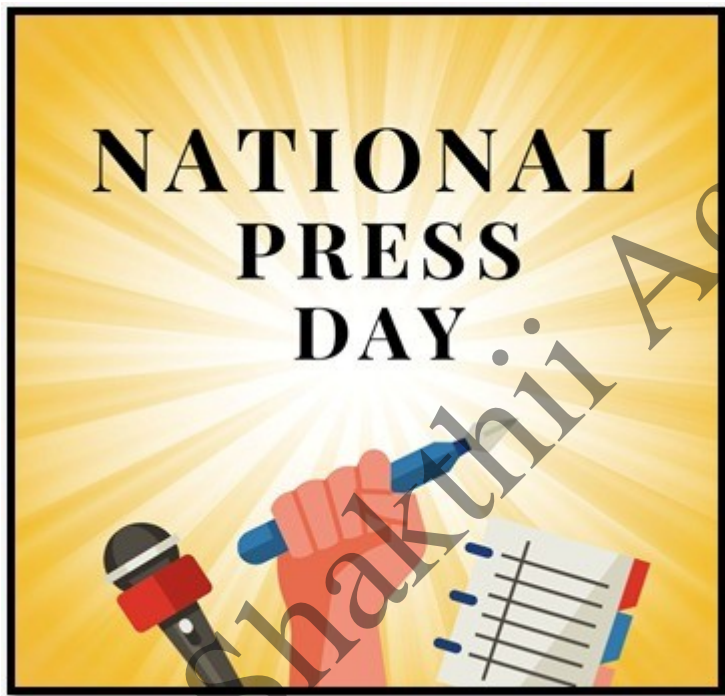
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2025, November 16-17

National Press Day:

- ➔ National Press Day, observed every year on 16 November, celebrates the foundational role of the press as the fourth pillar of democracy. It highlights the enduring values of freedom of expression, ethical journalism, and public accountability. National Press Day commemorates the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) on 16 November 1966.
- ➔ Originally formed under the Indian Press Council Act, 1965, and reconstituted in 1979 under the current Press Council Act, PCI serves as an autonomous statutory body to protect press freedom and uphold journalistic standards.



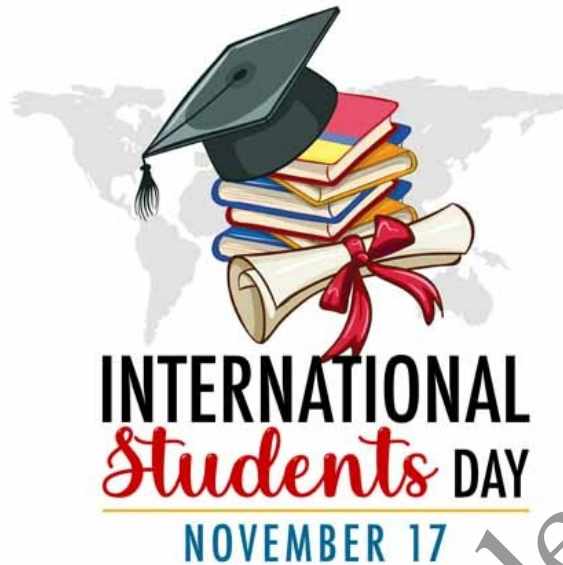
International Students' Day:

- ➔ International Students' Day, observed on November 17, might seem like a day of cultural programs, seminars, or campus celebrations. But its true origin is far more powerful and poignant.
- ➔ This day is rooted in the tragic yet courageous uprising of Czech students in 1939 Prague, who stood against Nazi oppression during World War II — an act that cost many their lives and freedom but sparked a global symbol of resistance and student solidarity.

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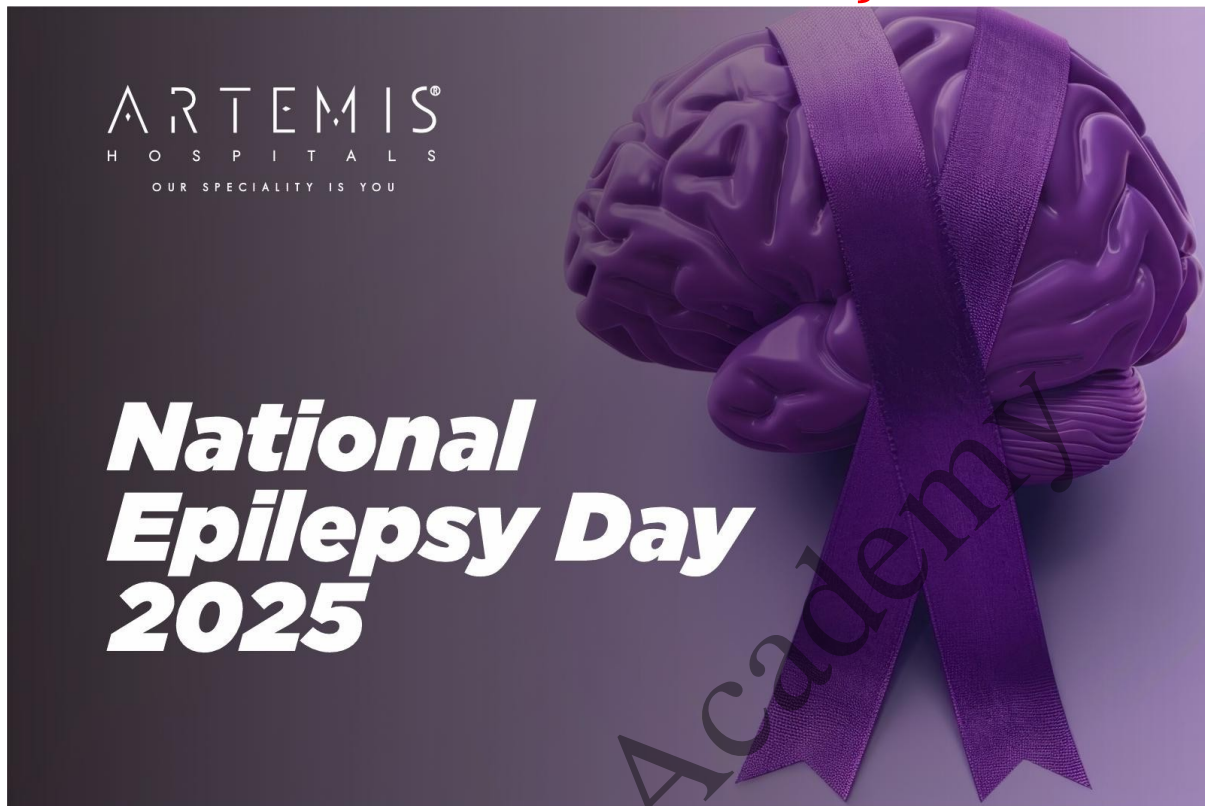
National Epilepsy Day:

- ➔ On 17 November 2025, India will observe National Epilepsy Day, a dedicated day to shed light on epilepsy—a neurological disorder that affects millions yet remains shrouded in misunderstanding.
- ➔ This observance encourages early diagnosis, treatment adherence, dispelling of myths and creating a more inclusive, supportive environment for people living with epilepsy.

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Raulane Festival:

- ➔ In the snow-kissed valleys of Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh, where each mountain peak seems to echo ancient tales, the locals honour a magical winter tradition known as the Raulane Festival. Rooted in folklore, spirituality, and communal bonding, this festival is a symbolic farewell to the Sauni fairies—mystical beings believed to protect villagers during the harsh winter season.
- ➔ Celebrated with masked dances, ritual performances, and deep reverence at the Nagin Narayan temple, the Raulane Festival remains one of Himachal's oldest surviving winter traditions, kept alive through oral history and vibrant community participation.

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Ambaji Marble:

- ➔ In a major recognition of India's rich heritage and natural resources, Ambaji Marble, renowned for its stunning milky white colour and historical significance, has been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The certificate was issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ➔ This recognition marks an important step in safeguarding the cultural, commercial, and geographical identity of this rare marble, sourced from the Banaskantha district in north Gujarat.

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Indian Space Research Organisation:

- ➔ India's space program is entering a new era of growth and innovation. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has unveiled a robust expansion plan, setting ambitious goals for the next decade.
- ➔ With a focus on lunar exploration, human spaceflight, and building a space station, ISRO is working to significantly enhance its global standing and domestic capabilities. These developments not only strengthen India's scientific and strategic presence in space but also open up vast economic and technological opportunities.

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Climate Risk Index:

- ➔ India ranked 9th among countries worst affected by climate-related disasters over the last 30 years in the Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2025 by Germanwatch; it was ranked 8th in the previous 2023 edition. India's rank for climate impacts in the previous year improved from 10 (2023) to 15, indicating fewer disasters and improved climate resilience.
- ➔ The report, released at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, highlights that India lost 80,000 lives (9.6% of global fatalities) due to extreme weather events between 1995–2024 and faced 430 major events, causing USD 170 billion losses.



JSW Energy:

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- ➔ JSW Energy has commissioned India's largest green hydrogen plant in Vijayanagar, Karnataka, under the PLI Scheme Tranche I, marking a major boost to India's clean energy transition.
- ➔ The plant will supply 3,800 TPA green hydrogen and 30,000 TPA green oxygen to JSW Steel under a 7-year offtake agreement, forming part of its allocation under the SIGHT programme (SECI).



Kalinga Stadium:

- ➔ Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Stadium will host India's first-ever National Indoor Athletics Championships in January 2026, marking a new milestone in the country's athletics history. The indoor meet will include events like the pole vault and heptathlon, aligning India's athletics infrastructure with global indoor standards and preparing athletes for future international competitions.
- ➔ The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has planned nearly 40 events in its 2026 domestic season, aiming to enhance participation, exposure, and readiness for major tournaments such as the Commonwealth and Asian Games.

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International Day for Tolerance:

- ➔ The International Day for Tolerance is observed on November 16th every year to promote respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the world's diverse cultures and beliefs. The day was established by UNESCO in 1995 following the adoption of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance to encourage peaceful coexistence.
- ➔ It aims to raise awareness about the dangers of intolerance, discrimination, and hatred, promoting dialogue, human rights, and non-violence.

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2025, November 18-19

IBCA:

- ➔ India has announced it will host the Global Big Cats Summit in New Delhi in 2026, showcasing its leadership in wildlife conservation and climate action. The declaration was made by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav during the High-Level Ministerial Segment on the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in Brazil, where he also emphasized the global ecological value of protecting big cats and their habitats.
- ➔ The goal is to strengthen partnerships, share strategies, and align efforts globally to conserve the seven major big cat species — tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, jaguar, cheetah, and puma.



International Men's Day:

- ➔ International Men's Day, observed every year on November 19, shines a light on the unique challenges faced by men while celebrating their contributions to families, workplaces, and society.
- ➔ The 2025 theme, "Celebrating men and boys," encourages the world to promote healthy lifestyles, highlight positive male role models, and nurture emotional wellbeing through compassion and open dialogue.
- ➔ Whether it's fathers, brothers, friends, mentors, or colleagues, this day is a reminder to acknowledge the men who inspire us every day—with even a small message capable of making a big emotional difference.

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Indira Gandhi:

- ➔ Indira Gandhi's 108th birth anniversary, observed on 19th November 2025, is a moment to remember the life and work of India's first and only woman Prime Minister. Known for her bold decisions and strong leadership, she played a major role in shaping modern India. Born on November 19, 1917, she continues to inspire people even today.
- ➔ Indira Gandhi was born in Allahabad to Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, and Kamala Nehru, a freedom fighter. Growing up in a political family deeply involved in the freedom movement, she learned about public service from a young age.
- ➔ In 1966, after the sudden death of Lal Bahadur Shastri, the Congress Party chose Indira Gandhi as the Prime Minister. Many politicians thought she would be weak because she was a woman, but she proved them wrong through her strong decisions. She served as Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977, and again from 1980 to 1984, making her the second longest-serving Prime Minister of India after Nehru.

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Keerthy Suresh:

- ➔ In a significant step toward promoting child rights and mental health, acclaimed actor Keerthy Suresh has been appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate.
- ➔ With a reputation for powerful performances in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi cinema, Keerthy now joins the global movement for children's welfare, lending her voice and influence to amplify issues that affect India's young population.

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AJEYA WARRIOR-25:

- ➔ The India–UK Joint Military Training Exercise ‘AJEYA WARRIOR-25’ officially began on 17 November 2025 at the Foreign Training Node, Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- ➔ This marks the eighth edition of the prestigious bilateral defence engagement held biennially since 2011, strengthening the long-standing partnership between the Indian Army and the British Army.
- ➔ Scheduled from 17 to 30 November 2025, the exercise brings together 240 military personnel, with equal representation from both nations. The Indian Army team is led by troops of the Sikh Regiment, known for their professionalism, discipline, and operational experience.

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Indian Army and Indian Air Force:

- ➔ In a major boost to India's aerial security and counter-drone warfare capabilities, the Indian Army and Indian Air Force are set to induct 16 homegrown Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction Systems (IDDS). These laser-based defence systems, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), are capable of neutralising enemy drones at a distance of 2 kilometres.
- ➔ The new induction comes at a time when hostile drone activity, including incursions along the border and swarming tactics, pose a growing threat to military and civilian infrastructure.

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Hornbill Festival 2025:

- ➔ Ireland has been announced as the Official Country Partner for the Hornbill Festival 2025 in Nagaland, aiming to deepen Ireland–India cultural relations through music, art, literature, theatre, and public discussions.
- ➔ The Irish music ensemble 'Boinn', featuring members of the renowned band The Mary Wallopers, will perform at the festival's opening, alongside multiple Irish cultural programmes including art installations, theatre workshops, and academic dialogues on shared colonial histories.

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Goa Police:

- ➔ Goa Police became the first state police force in India to achieve a 100% response rate to cyber fraud calls, handling over 5,000 calls and responding to 1,500+ missed calls through their new cloud-based 1930 call centre.
- ➔ The 24×7 system, operated by nine cyber police personnel, offers improved voice clarity, automatic call recording, real-time supervision, and detailed caller information, which has strengthened accessibility, accountability, and quality control.
- ➔ The upgraded system has reduced reporting time for cyber fraud, enabling faster police action and saving citizens' money, while helping build strong trust between the public and the police amid rising cyber fraud losses in Goa.

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World AMR Awareness Week:

- ➔ World AMR Awareness Week (18–24 November) aims to increase global understanding of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and promote best practices to reduce its spread. It encourages the responsible use of antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals, and antiparasitics in humans, animals, and agriculture.
- ➔ The week brings together governments, health institutions, and communities to promote the One Health approach, recognizing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.



18 November:

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- ➔ World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence is observed annually on 18 November to raise global awareness about protecting children from sexual harm.
- ➔ The day highlights the urgent need for strong laws, safer environments, and preventive measures to safeguard children across the world. It promotes support, rehabilitation, and healing services for survivors to help them recover physically, emotionally, and psychologically.



Tamil Nadu:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu was the first state in India to introduce a transgender welfare policy and established the Transgender Welfare Board on April 15, 2008. The Board is headed by the Minister of Social Welfare.
- ➔ April 15 is now observed as Transgender Welfare Day in the state. The Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in Chennai began offering gender-affirming surgeries in 2008, supported by the Transgender Welfare Board.
- ➔ This initiative preceded the 2019 Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, which mandated at least one government hospital per state to provide such services. In 2018, the National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu, established Gender Guidance Clinics (GGCs) to provide multidisciplinary care under one roof.

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Patent:

- ➔ India is the world's 6th largest patent filer with over 64,000 patents. More than 55% of these patents are filed by resident Indian innovators.
- ➔ This represents a shift from earlier dependence on foreign institutions for research and project completion. India has climbed from Rank 81 to Rank 38 in the Global Innovation Index over the last decade.

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Mudh Nyoma airbase:

- ➔ The Mudh Nyoma airbase in eastern Ladakh has become operational. It will strengthen India's rapid-response capability near the Line of Actual Control. The airbase is located at about 13,700 feet and roughly 25 kilometres from the Line of Actual Control.
- ➔ The runway can support fighter jets, transport aircraft, and helicopters, making it Ladakh's fourth major airbase after Leh, Kargil, and Thoise. The facility is also expected to improve access to remote settlements such as Hanle, Loma, and Nyoma while supporting regional development.

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Sheikh Hasina:

- ➔ Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal has sentenced former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to death. The Former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun were also convicted over the same charges.
- ➔ The three-member tribunal, headed by Justice Mohd Golam Mortuza Majumder. Hasina, Kamal and Mamun faced five charges, including murder, attempted murder, torture and other inhumane acts. Hasina and Kamal have been declared fugitives and tried in absentia. Hasina escaped from Bangladesh on August 4, 2024, due to intensifying unrest.

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Quantum Diamond Microscope:

- ➔ India unveiled its first indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope, developed under the National Quantum Mission by the P-Quest Group at IIT Bombay. The device uses nitrogen-vacancy centres in diamond to perform nanoscale three dimensional magnetic field imaging.
- ➔ The technology supports applications in neuroscience, materials research, and non-destructive evaluation of semiconductor chips. The system enables magnetic field mapping of buried layers in advanced electronic devices, including 3D chip architectures. The project earned India its first patent in the field of quantum diamond microscopy.



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2025, November 20

World Children's Day:

- ➔ World Children's Day, celebrated every year on November 20, is a global occasion to recognize and promote the rights, dignity, and well-being of children across the world. In 2025, the themes "My Day, My Rights" and "For Every Child, Every Right" put the spotlight on children's voices, emphasizing that they are not just future citizens but individuals with rights today.
- ➔ First observed in 1954, World Children's Day is an initiative by the United Nations that has grown into a global movement, powered by UNICEF, to foster awareness, action, and advocacy for children's welfare — from education and healthcare to protection from harm and access to justice.



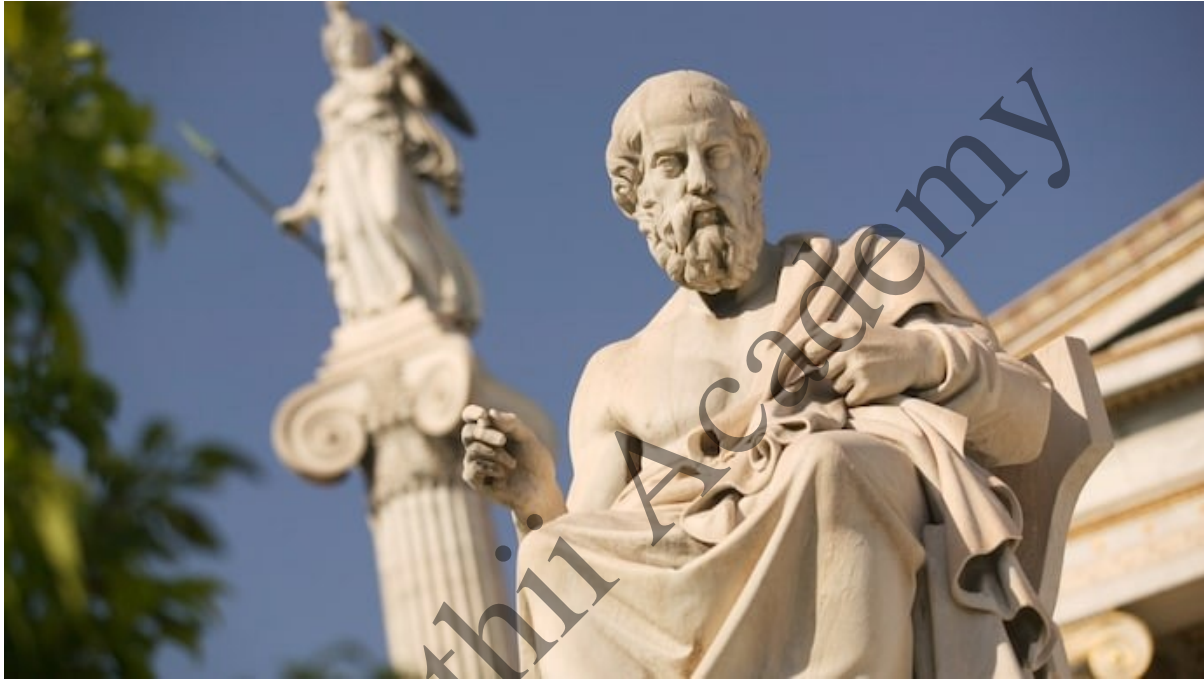
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- ➔ Every year, the third Thursday of November is celebrated as National Philosophy Day, also recognized globally as World Philosophy Day. In 2025, it falls on November 20. This observance is a tribute to the timeless pursuit of wisdom, reflection, and dialogue.
- ➔ It aims to foster critical thinking and open-minded discussion to address today's pressing social and global challenges. National Philosophy Day reminds us of philosophy's crucial role in promoting tolerance, intellectual curiosity, and respect for diverse viewpoints, all essential qualities in today's increasingly interconnected world.



KPA:

- ➔ In a significant development for India's coffee sector, M Salman Baseer has been elected as the new Chairman of the Karnataka Planters Association (KPA) — one of the most influential growers' bodies in the country.
- ➔ The Karnataka Planters Association (KPA) serves as the apex representative body for coffee growers in Karnataka — a state that contributes over 70% of India's total coffee production.

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Nitish Kumar:

- ➔ On 20 November 2025, Bihar witnessed a historic moment as Nitish Kumar, the Janata Dal (United) chief, was sworn in as Chief Minister for an unprecedented 10th term.
- ➔ The swearing-in ceremony at Patna's Gandhi Maidan drew some of the country's most influential political leaders, following the BJP-led NDA's emphatic victory in the recently concluded Assembly elections.
- ➔ With the NDA securing a robust mandate of 202 seats, the political landscape in Bihar enters a new era marked by promises of development, governance continuity, and renewed alliances.



PSLV:

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- ➔ India is gearing up for a historic moment in its space journey. For the first time, a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) has been built entirely by the private sector, and it is set to launch the Oceansat satellite early next year.
- ➔ The rocket, constructed by a consortium of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T), marks a turning point in how India's proven space technologies are being commercialised.



Supreme Court:

- ➔ The Supreme Court has ordered the Jharkhand government to declare 31,468.25 hectares of Saranda forest as a wildlife sanctuary within three months, upholding the 1968 Bihar notification.
- ➔ Saranda is one of the world's most pristine sal forests, home to critically endangered species like the sal forest tortoise, four-horned antelope, Asian palm civet, and wild elephants, and inhabited by indigenous Adivasi communities.

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Godrej Aerospace:

- ➔ Godrej Aerospace has delivered the first human-rated L110 stage Vikas engine to ISRO, a crucial component for India's first human spaceflight mission under Gaganyaan, whose first uncrewed test flight is scheduled for early next year.
- ➔ Godrej, which has been supporting India's space programme for over 40 years, has supplied precision engines and components for major missions like Chandrayaan and NISAR, reaffirming its strong collaboration with ISRO and LPSC.
- ➔ The human-rated LVM-3 rocket will use this Vikas engine to safely carry Indian astronauts into Earth's orbit by 2027, marking a significant step in India's ambition to achieve human spaceflight capability.

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Sohra Tourism:

- ➔ Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Meghalaya Chief Minister inaugurated the Sohra Tourism Circuit in Sohra, Meghalaya.
- ➔ The project is funded under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE). The project is valued at over 200 crore rupees and aims to build sustainable tourism infrastructure in Sohra.



Sunapur beach:

- ➔ Sunapur beach earned the International Blue Flag Certification for the 3rd consecutive year. Puri's Golden Beach received the Blue Flag Certification for the 7th time.
- ➔ The certification is awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) in Denmark. 13 beaches in India received the Blue Flag status for 2025-26, including two in Odisha.

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2025, November 21-22

Colombo Security Conclave:

- ➔ In a key development for regional security cooperation in the Indian Ocean, Seychelles has officially joined the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) as a full member. The announcement came during the 7th National Security Adviser (NSA)-level meeting held in New Delhi on 20 November 2025, under the chairmanship of India's NSA Ajit Doval.
- ➔ The Conclave, which already includes India, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh as members, continues to expand its influence as a platform for multilateral collaboration across various dimensions of security. The Colombo Security Conclave is a multilateral regional grouping established to enhance cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).



World Television Day:

- ➔ Observed annually on November 21, World Television Day 2025 celebrates the enduring impact of television on global communication, education, and entertainment. Recognized by the United Nations, the day underscores how television remains one of the most powerful tools for shaping public opinion, fostering cultural understanding, and promoting global development.
- ➔ In an age of digital saturation, World Television Day reminds us of the unique space television still holds as a trusted source of information and a unifying cultural force across the world.

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Defence:

- ➔ India has achieved a historic milestone in its journey toward defence self-reliance. In the financial year 2024-25, the country recorded its highest-ever defence production at ₹1.54 lakh crore, alongside defence exports that soared to ₹23,622 crore. This sharp rise highlights India's shift from being a defence-importing country to an emerging defence manufacturing and exporting hub.
- ➔ For competitive exam aspirants, this development is a major current affairs highlight, encompassing themes of economics, national security, and industrial policy. Historically, India has been among the top importers of defence equipment.
- ➔ Overdependence on foreign suppliers not only strained the exchequer but also posed strategic vulnerabilities during conflicts and global supply disruptions.

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Scheduled Castes:

- ➔ In a pioneering move aimed at improving access to justice, the Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission has inaugurated a separate courtroom exclusively for handling cases concerning the Scheduled Caste (SC) community. This facility is the first of its kind under any state-level Scheduled Castes Commission in India.
- ➔ The initiative is designed to ensure faster hearings, more timely case disposal, and enhanced efficiency in the Commission's functioning.

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Hornbill Festival:

- ➔ The Government of Nagaland has officially named Switzerland and Ireland as country partners for the upcoming Hornbill Festival 2025, reinforcing the festival's growing international stature.
- ➔ This announcement follows high-level meetings in New Delhi between Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and the respective ambassadors of both countries. With this, the Hornbill Festival continues to evolve from a state-level celebration of Naga heritage into a globally recognized cultural convergence.

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Metro Rail:

- ➔ The Union government has rejected the Metro Rail project proposals for Coimbatore and Madurai.
- ➔ The Metro Rail Policy, 2017, states that the population of a city should be 2 million or more to plan a Metro Rail project. The population of Coimbatore city is 15.84 lakh and that of Madurai is 15 lakhs according to the 2011 census.

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e-Jagriti:

- ➔ The government's digital platform e-Jagriti was launched on January 1, 2025, to simplify consumer grievance filing. The platform has gained over 2.7 lakh registered users in 2025, including 1,388 non-resident Indians (NRIs). e-Jagriti aims to reduce the paperwork, minimise travel, and remove physical documentation for consumer complaints.
- ➔ The platform allows OTP-based registration, digital payments, virtual hearings, online document exchange, and real-time case tracking.

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Ramnath Goenka Lecture:

- ➔ At the Sixth Ramnath Goenka Lecture in 2025, the Prime Minister spoke about the impact of Thomas Macaulay's Minute of 1835 on India's education system. This policy introduced English education and shifted funds fully towards European literature and science.
- ➔ The policy ordered the closure of Oriental colleges and ended government support for traditional Indian learning. Macaulay's "Downward Filtration Theory" aimed to educate only a small elite who would pass knowledge to the masses.
- ➔ PM stated that this approach weakened India's native knowledge traditions and shaped colonial education for many decades.

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16th Finance Commission:

- ➔ The 16th Finance Commission, chaired by economist Arvind Panagariya, has submitted its report to the President of India. The Finance Commission recommends the basis for distributing taxes between the Union government and the states. The report covers the 5 years from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2031.
- ➔ The Union Cabinet approved the terms of reference for the 16th Finance Commission on November 29, 2024. The Commission was expected to submit its report by October 31, 2025, as per the approved schedule. The Commission was also tasked with suggesting principles for grants-in-aid and measures to strengthen financial resources for panchayats and municipalities.

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Leopard birth-control:

- ➔ The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) approved a leopard birth-control (sterilisation) project in Maharashtra. It will be India's first leopard birth control programme.
- ➔ The pilot will be carried out in Junnar forest division (Pune district) on five female leopards using an immuno-contraceptive method.
- ➔ The sterilisation will use dart-administered immuno-contraception to temporarily control fertility. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) reviewed the proposal and supported a controlled, scientifically monitored trial.

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Madras High Court:

- ➔ The Madras High Court asked the Tamil Nadu government to respond to a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) about supplying sanitary pads through ration shops. The PIL was about providing free or subsidised sanitary pads through the Public Distribution System (PDS). The petition said many women use unhygienic materials during their periods due to economic problems, a condition called period poverty.
- ➔ It requested that at least 25 disposable sanitary pads per month be provided to every family through fair price shops. The use of dirty cloth materials, papers, tissues, rags and leaves as a menstruation supply is known as 'period poverty'.

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Climate Change Performance Index:

- ➔ The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026 was released at the United Nations (UN) COP30 Summit in Brazil. Denmark was ranked highest at 4th place with 80.52 points, while the top three positions remained vacant. Saudi Arabia ranked last at 67th position with 11.9 points.
- ➔ India fell 13 places from 10th to 23rd position with a score of 61.31. India was rated “medium” in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, climate policy, and energy use. India scored “low” in renewable energy performance as per the report by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network.

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Indian Institute of Management Ranchi:

- ➔ In a major recognition of its growing global stature, the Indian Institute of Management Ranchi (IIM Ranchi) has received international accreditation from the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and has also been awarded 4 Palmes of Excellence in the Eduniversal Best Business Schools Ranking 2025.
- ➔ These accolades place IIM Ranchi among the elite global management institutions and reaffirm its position as a rising leader in India's competitive business education landscape.
- ➔ The AMBA accreditation, considered one of the most selective and prestigious global recognitions in postgraduate management education, places IIM Ranchi in the top 2% of business schools worldwide that meet rigorous global standards.



Womaniya Initiative:

- ➔ In a significant step toward gender equality and inclusive economic development, the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and UN Women signed a Memorandum of Understanding under the Womaniya Initiative.
- ➔ The move supports Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG 5) on Gender Equality and strengthens women's participation in public procurement. Launched in 2019, the Womaniya initiative is a flagship programme on the GeM platform aimed at promoting women entrepreneurship.
- ➔ It empowers women-led micro and small enterprises (MSEs), self-help groups (SHGs), artisans, and marginalised women by enabling them to directly sell their goods and services to government buyers.

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Justice Surya Kant:

- ➔ On November 24, 2025, Justice Surya Kant officially assumed office as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) after being administered the oath by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ➔ His appointment marks a significant moment for the Indian judiciary, as he brings decades of legal experience and a strong track record of involvement in landmark judgments. His tenure as CJI will run until February 9, 2027, giving him a little over a year to lead the Supreme Court.

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Blind Women's T20:

- ➔ Making history in women's cricket, India emerged victorious in the first-ever Blind Women's T20 World Cup held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, by defeating Nepal in a clinical seven-wicket triumph on November 23, 2025.
- ➔ The final, played at the iconic P Sara Oval, showcased India's dominance in the sport and marked a historic milestone for inclusive cricket.
- ➔ This win not only establishes India as the first champion of the blind women's T20 format but also underscores the nation's growing leadership in promoting disability sports at the international level.

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Limestone:

- ➔ In a landmark step toward enhancing mineral development, Jammu & Kashmir is set to host its first-ever auction of limestone blocks on 24 November 2025. This event will mark the beginning of a new era in the Union Territory's mining sector, aimed at attracting investment, boosting industrial activity, and unlocking the region's economic potential.
- ➔ The auction will take place at the Convention Centre, Canal Road, Jammu, in the presence of Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary.

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Commitment to Development Index:

- ➔ The Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2025 provides key insights for both general readers and exam aspirants on how major global economies, including India, contribute to international development.
- ➔ According to the Centre for Global Development's Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2025, India ranks 36th overall among the countries evaluated. This ranking is a result of a mixed performance across the eight policy components, with a single standout strength but several areas of significant concern.

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SARAL SIMS:

- ➔ The Ministry of Steel has launched 'SARAL SIMS' to simplify compulsory registration under the Steel Import Monitoring System, especially for small importers and export-linked imports under Advance Authorisation, SEZ, and EOU routes.
- ➔ Under SARAL SIMS, importers need to declare only the total intended annual quantity, after which they receive a SARAL SIMS number that allows multiple steel consignments to be imported in that year without needing separate SIMS numbers for each consignment.



Chandigarh:

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- ➔ The Government plans to introduce the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2025, in the upcoming Winter Session to include Chandigarh under Article 240, similar to other Union Territories without legislatures like Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- ➔ Inclusion under Article 240 will allow the President to make regulations for Chandigarh's peace, progress, and effective governance, paving the way for an independent Administrator, instead of the current arrangement where the Punjab Governor serves as Chandigarh's Administrator.
- ➔ The Winter Session of Parliament will begin on 1st December and continue till 19th December, during which the proposed amendment is expected to be introduced.



Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0:

- ➔ Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0, organised by the Ministry of Education from 2nd December, celebrates the ancient civilizational, cultural, and linguistic bonds between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, coordinated by IIT Madras and BHU Varanasi, with support from multiple Union Ministries.
- ➔ The 2025 edition is themed “Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam”, aiming to promote Tamil learning across India, with more than 1,400 delegates from Tamil Nadu including students, teachers, writers, media professionals, and spiritual scholars participating in an 8-day experiential tour.
- ➔ Delegates will visit key heritage sites such as Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Mata Annapurna Temple, Kedar Ghat, and Subramanya Bharatiyar's ancestral house, and

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engage in cultural programs, seminars, interactions, and academic sessions at BHU's Tamil Department.



ACITI:

- ➔ India, Australia, and Canada launched the ACITI (Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation) Partnership on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg to boost trilateral cooperation.
- ➔ The partnership focuses on critical and emerging technologies, with special emphasis on green energy innovation and resilient supply chains, especially in critical minerals.
- ➔ ACITI aims to promote a secure, sustainable, and resilient tech ecosystem, support net-zero goals, diversify global supply chains, and accelerate the development & adoption of AI.

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CJI BR Gavai:

- ➔ A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court, headed by CJI BR Gavai on 20th November 2025, answered the 16th Presidential Reference under Article 143. None of the five judges claimed authorship of the 111-page opinion, fashioning it as the ‘Opinion of the Court’.
- ➔ The Supreme Court’s opinion in its answer to the Presidential Reference “will have no impact on the April 8, 2025 judgment in the case of State of Tamil Nadu vs Governor of Tamil Nadu.” A nine-judge Bench in Ahmedabad St. Xavier’s College Society v. State of Gujarat(1974) said “advisory opinion of the Court would have no more effect than the opinion of the law officers.
- ➔ The Supreme Court Bench tendering the advisory opinion “has reaffirmed” that the elected “government should be in the driver’s seat, and there cannot be two executive power centres in the State”. The opinion has also reaffirmed that the Governor cannot “indefinitely delay” acting on Bills.

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Ilakkiya Maamani Award:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister presented the Ilakkiya Maamani Award to three scholars. The awardees are T. Gnanasundaram (Traditional Tamil), R. Kamarasu (Research Tamil), and K. Somasundaram “Kalapriya” (Creative Tamil). Each scholar received Rs 5 lakh, a gold medal, and a citation.
- ➔ The Ilakkiya Maamani Award was instituted in 2021 by the Tamil Development Department to honour leading Tamil scholars.

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A wild tiger:

- ➔ A wild tiger has permanently settled in Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat, for nine continuous months. Gujarat now hosts all three big cats: the Asiatic lion, Indian leopard, and tiger within the same landscape.
- ➔ And Gujarat has now become the only place in India where all three big cats live together in the same natural landscape. Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary is in Dahod district, Central Gujarat, along the Gujarat–Madhya Pradesh border.

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WorldSkills Asia:

- ➔ For the first time, India has officially joined the WorldSkills Asia Competition, a prestigious skills championship that brings together the best young professionals from across the continent.
- ➔ On November 24, 2025, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship flagged off a 23-member Indian contingent to participate in the event, set to take place in Chinese Taipei from November 27, 2025.
- ➔ WorldSkills Asia is a regional platform under the broader WorldSkills movement, which promotes vocational education and training (VET) excellence globally.



Guru Tegh Bahadur:

- ➔ Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru, is venerated for his spiritual wisdom, unshakable courage, and his ultimate sacrifice to defend the right to religious freedom.
- ➔ On 24 November 2025, India commemorates his martyrdom, which occurred in 1675, marking his steadfast resistance to forced conversions under Mughal rule. Known as the “Hind Di Chadar” (Shield of India), Guru Tegh Bahadur’s legacy is etched in history as a beacon of human rights, justice, and faith.
- ➔ His martyrdom continues to inspire generations to uphold the ideals of tolerance and dignity for all.

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women:

- ➔ Every year on November 25, the world observes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, setting the stage for the 16 Days of Activism to combat gender-based violence. In 2025, the theme “UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls” captures the urgency of tackling emerging forms of online abuse, such as cyberstalking, doxxing, deepfakes, and coordinated harassment, which are affecting women globally.
- ➔ India, through a coordinated approach involving legislation, digital initiatives, helplines, and rehabilitation schemes, is addressing both traditional and technology-enabled violence, ensuring the safety, dignity, and empowerment of women in both physical and virtual spaces.

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Khelo India:

- ➔ The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) was inaugurated with grandeur at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on November 24, 2025. The ceremony marked a vibrant celebration of India's youth sporting talent and Rajasthan's rich cultural heritage.
- ➔ Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma and Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya lit the ceremonial lamp, officially commencing the games. The evening featured a captivating drone show and cultural performances reflecting Rajasthan's traditions, setting an enthusiastic tone for the weeks ahead.

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HAMMER:

- ➔ Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Safran Electronics & Defence (SED), France signed a major Joint Venture Cooperation Agreement (JVCA) in New Delhi to locally produce the HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range) smart precision-guided air-to-ground weapon in India.
- ➔ This agreement marks a critical milestone in India's push for Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) and defence indigenisation, aligning with the government's long-term strategic goals under the Make-in-India initiative.
- ➔ HAMMER is a combat-proven, modular, and highly accurate air-to-ground precision-guided munition developed by Safran Electronics & Defence. It is adaptable for various fighter aircraft, including the Rafale and Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).

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Operation Pawan:

- ➔ For the first time in 38 years, the Indian Army will officially commemorate the soldiers who laid down their lives during Operation Pawan, one of India's most challenging external military missions.
- ➔ Conducted in Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1990, the operation marked a major chapter in India's strategic engagement abroad and resulted in heavy casualties.
- ➔ The long-awaited tribute brings national recognition to thousands of personnel who served under extreme conditions during the Tamil-Sinhala conflict.

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Punjab Assembly:

- ➔ In a historic move, the Punjab Assembly passed a resolution declaring three key Sikh religious sites—Anandpur Sahib, Talwandi Sabo, and the Galiara surrounding the Golden Temple—as holy cities.
- ➔ Convened at Anandpur Sahib for the first time ever, the special session commemorated the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, highlighting his legacy of religious freedom, sacrifice, and human dignity.

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Delhi:

- ➔ Delhi is gearing up for a major administrative overhaul as the government moves to increase the number of revenue districts from 11 to 13. Approved in principle by the Delhi Cabinet, the restructuring aims to simplify governance, decentralise administration and bring essential government services closer to citizens.
- ➔ This transformation reflects the capital's changing population needs and the demand for faster, more accessible public services.

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DigiArivu:

- ➔ Samsung and United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) launched 'DigiArivu', an education programme to strengthen digital and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education in Tamil Nadu.
- ➔ The initiative will upgrade school infrastructure, enable STEM and digital learning, train teachers, and support student development in 10 government schools across Kancheepuram and Ranipet districts.
- ➔ The programme is designed using UN GCNI research, inputs from Samsung employees in Sriperumbudur, and feedback from local community members and state government schools.

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China:

- ➔ China is building the world's first artificial floating island — a 78,000-tonne semi-submersible, twin-hull platform capable of surviving nuclear blasts and sustaining 238 people for four months without resupply.
- ➔ The structure, comparable in size to the Fujian aircraft carrier, is officially named the Deep-Sea All-Weather Resident Floating Research Facility and is expected to become operational by 2028.

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3rd-largest quick commerce:

- ➔ India has become the world's 3rd-largest quick commerce (qcom) market, behind only China and the US, and is projected to be the fastest-growing among the top three with a 15.5% CAGR (2025–2030).
- ➔ India received \$6.8 billion in qcom funding over the past decade — higher than Germany, the UK, and Türkiye — and its revenues are expected to double from \$5.38 billion (2025) to \$11.08 billion (2030).
- ➔ India's user base is projected to reach 65 million qcom consumers, giving it a 7% global share, while China and the US together continue to dominate with over 78% of global revenues.

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Ministry of Jal Shakti:

- ➔ The Ministry of Jal Shakti launched the Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya campaign on World Toilet Day 2025 (November 19). The campaign aims to upgrade rural toilets and improve their maintenance across Gram Panchayats.
- ➔ It focuses on repairing Community Sanitary Complexes and Individual Household Latrines. It includes painting, cleaning, and beautifying rural toilet facilities.

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Labour Codes:

- ➔ From 21 Nov 2025, India's four Labour Codes—Code on Wages (2019), Industrial Relations Code (2020), Code on Social Security (2020), and Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code (2020)—replace 29 existing labour laws. Codes ensure minimum wages for all, social security for gig, platform, contract, and migrant workers, and mandatory appointment letters for formal employment.
- ➔ Women can work on night shifts and in all occupations with safety measures; gender pay equality and anti-discrimination laws have been strengthened. Employers must provide free annual health check-ups, timely wage payments, and social security benefits nationwide. Single registration, licence, and return simplify compliance, while national standards improve occupational safety and industrial welfare.
- ➔ Codes expand protections to youth, MSME, plantation, audio-visual, IT, dock, export, hazardous, and textile sector workers, boosting employment, social security, and worker dignity.

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2025, November 26-27

Rani Channamma Mahila Sahakari Bank:

- ➔ In a moment of pride for the cooperative banking sector, Rani Channamma Mahila Sahakari Bank (RCMS Bank), headquartered in Belgaum, has been awarded the Best Profit-Making Bank in Belagavi District for 2025. The recognition was conferred during the 72nd All India Cooperative Week celebrations held in Haveri, Karnataka.
- ➔ The award was presented by the Karnataka State Urban Cooperative Banks Federation, Bengaluru, highlighting RCMS Bank's robust financial performance, governance excellence, and its role in fostering inclusive banking, particularly for women entrepreneurs and underserved communities.



Samvidhan Divas:

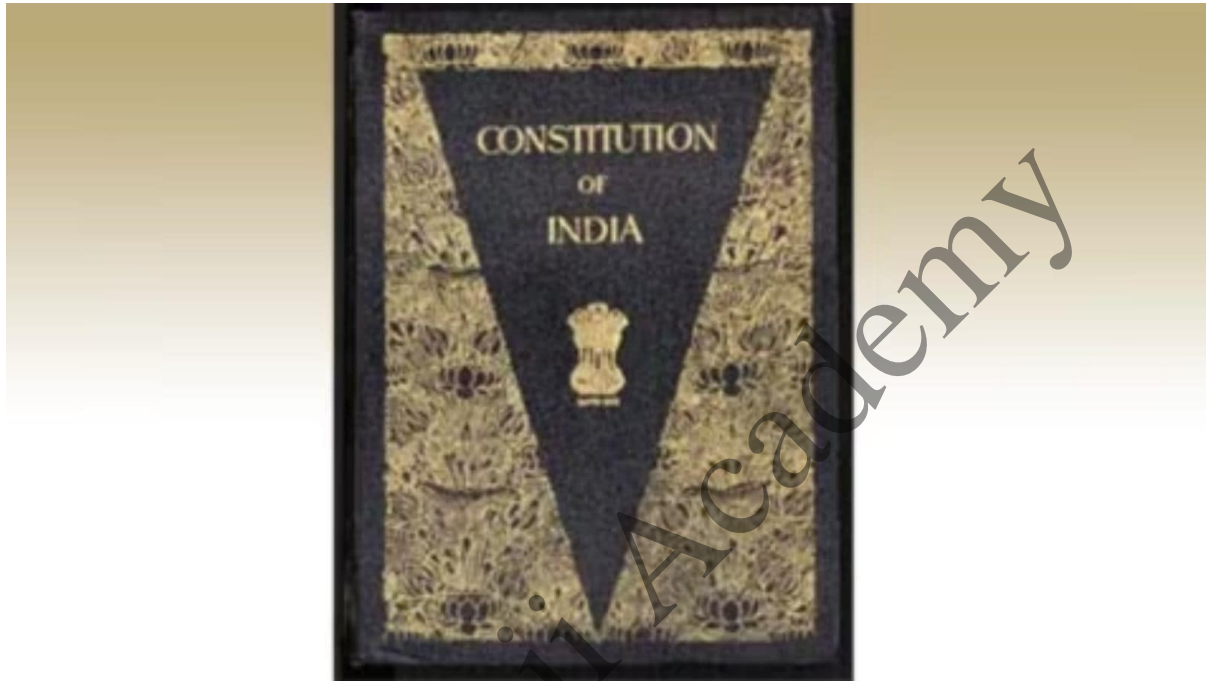
- ➔ National Constitution Day, or Samvidhan Divas, is celebrated every year on 26 November to commemorate the historic day when the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India in 1949.
- ➔ The observance reminds citizens of the monumental work undertaken by the framers of the Constitution and reinforces the importance of constitutional values that guide India's democratic and governance framework.

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- ➔ The day is also aimed at deepening constitutional literacy, especially among students, public servants, and citizens, by encouraging them to engage with the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. On Constitution Day 2025, India honours 75 years since the adoption of the Constitution, reflecting on its legacy and relevance in contemporary democracy.



National Milk Day:

- ➔ National Milk Day, celebrated annually on November 26, commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, hailed as the Father of the White Revolution in India.
- ➔ The 2025 celebration not only honours his vision and legacy but also reflects the nation's immense strides in transforming from a milk-deficient country to the world's largest milk producer, contributing nearly 25% of global milk output.
- ➔ Milk continues to play a vital role in India's nutrition and economy, supporting over 8 crore farmers, and providing high-quality proteins, calcium, and essential nutrients across all age groups.

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Andhra Pradesh government:

- ➔ On November 24, 2025, the Andhra Pradesh government launched a large-scale initiative titled 'Rythanna Meekosam', a farmer-centric programme designed to provide long-term support under a Five-Point Formula.
- ➔ Spearheaded by Agriculture Minister K. Atchannaidu, the program was inaugurated in Krishna district, and will run from November 24 to 29, with workshops scheduled on December 3 at Farmer Service Centres.

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SURYAKIRAN-XIX:

- ➔ The 19th edition of the India–Nepal joint military exercise, Exercise SURYAKIRAN-XIX – 2025, began on November 25, 2025, in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- ➔ This edition of the annual bilateral exercise will continue until December 8, 2025, aiming to enhance operational coordination and strategic understanding between the two neighbouring countries.

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Assam government:

- ➔ In a significant move towards personal law reform and women's rights protection, the Assam government introduced The Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025 in the Assembly on November 25, 2025.
- ➔ Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tabled the bill, fulfilling a promise made in 2023 to eliminate polygamy through legislation.
- ➔ This action follows Assam's earlier initiative to conduct a statewide survey on polygamy in 2023, which indicated the need for a legal framework. The bill reflects Assam's approach to tackling gender inequality and misuse of personal laws, particularly where polygamy has caused distress among women.

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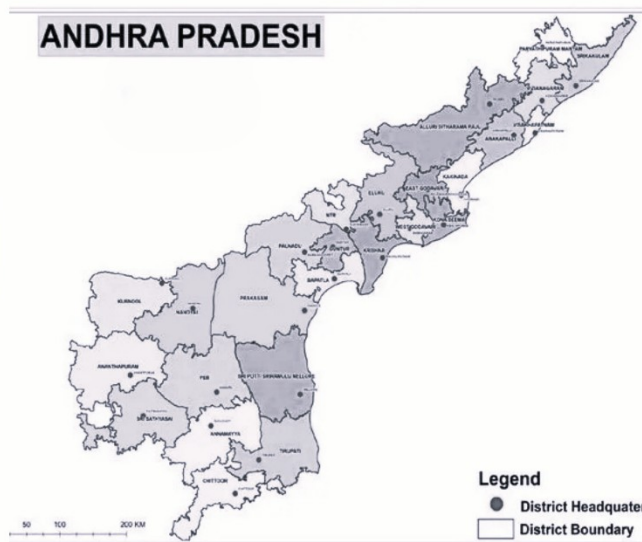
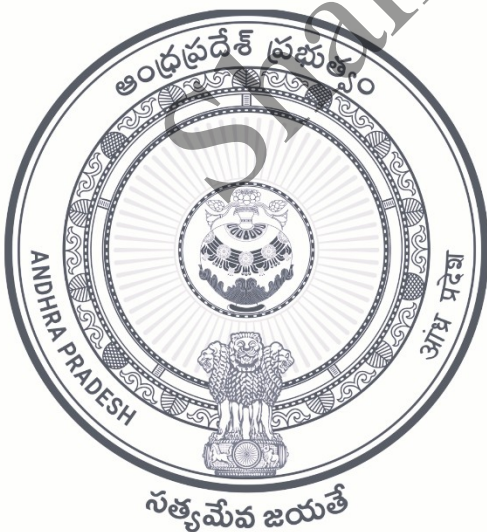
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29:

- ➔ The government of Andhra Pradesh has approved the creation of three additional districts, increasing the total number of districts in the state from 26 to 29.
- ➔ The decision — cleared by N. Chandrababu Naidu on behalf of the state — also includes the formation of five new revenue divisions and a new mandal, reshaping the administrative map for better governance and local access to civic services.



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GI:

- ➔ Uttar Pradesh added Mathura zari poshak and Meerut bugle to its list of Geographical Indication (GI) tagged goods, maintaining its lead in India with 79 GI-tagged products, ahead of Tamil Nadu (69).
- ➔ The zari attire of Mathura, associated with Lord Shri Krishna, represents centuries of traditional craftsmanship. Thousands of artisans, including women, continue this embroidery tradition.
- ➔ The bugle of Meerut, a historical symbol of India's independence struggle, played a key role in the 1857 revolution and continues to be used in the army, police, and schools. Meerut is globally known for manufacturing bugles, trumpets, and drums.



Malaysia:

- ➔ Malaysia will ban social media use for anyone under the age of 16 starting in 2026, aiming to protect children from online harms such as cyberbullying, financial scams, and child sexual abuse. Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil confirmed the policy and expects technology firms to comply, while the government is reviewing age restriction methods used in countries like Australia.

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- ➔ The move aligns Malaysia with global trends on child online safety, following actions by Australia and several European nations, amid rising concerns over social media's impact on youth mental health and harmful content.



Rohit Sharma:

- ➔ Rohit Sharma has been appointed the Tournament Ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, which will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka. A two-time T20 World Cup winner (2007 & 2024), Rohit played a pivotal role in both campaigns, including unbeaten knocks in the 2007 Super Eights & final, and leading India to the 2024 title as captain.
- ➔ Rohit's stellar T20I career includes 4231 runs with a strike-rate of 140.89, and standout performances such as 92 off 41 vs Australia and 57 off 39 vs England in the 2024 edition.

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Oman:

- ➔ Oman launched OmanSat-1, its first communications satellite, marking a national milestone that strengthens digital independence, high-speed secure connectivity, and aligns with Oman Vision 2040 to build a technology-driven economy.
- ➔ The satellite, developed in collaboration with Airbus Defence and Space, operates on the adaptable OneSat platform in the Ka-band, covering Oman, its economic waters, and neighbouring regions in the Middle East, East Africa, and Asia, enhancing regional communication capabilities.



Naan Mudhalvan:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu has extended the Naan Mudhalvan programme to Nursing and Allied Health Sciences to improve healthcare employability. Under the new initiative, students will

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receive specialised training in communication skills and digital skills, which are essential in modern hospital environments.

- ➔ The program aims to help students interact effectively with doctors and patients, and also enhance opportunities abroad, as Tamil Nadu is a major medical tourism hub.



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2025, November 29-30

International Jaguar Day:

- ➔ International Jaguar Day, observed annually on November 29, is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about the conservation of one of the world's most iconic big cats — the jaguar (*Panthera onca*).
- ➔ Celebrated across nations, the day highlights the importance of jaguars not just as majestic predators, but as umbrella species, vital for maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance in the Americas.
- ➔ With increasing threats such as deforestation, poaching, and habitat fragmentation, this day draws international attention to efforts needed to secure the future of this near-threatened species.



MH-60R Seahawk:

- ➔ India has taken a significant step in bolstering its naval capabilities by signing a ₹7,900 crore agreement with the United States for the comprehensive sustainment of its MH-60R Seahawk helicopter fleet.
- ➔ This high-value deal was formalised under the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) programme and marks a major stride in ensuring long-term support for one of the Indian Navy's most advanced rotary-wing platforms.
- ➔ The deal includes Letters of Offer and Acceptance (LOAs) signed between the Ministry of Defence and the US Government in New Delhi. It underscores the growing strategic

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defence partnership between the two countries and reflects India's intent to modernise and maintain its cutting-edge naval assets.



Asia Power:

- ➔ India has achieved a major milestone in its global rise by securing the third rank in the Asia Power Index 2025, trailing only behind the United States and China.
- ➔ This marks a significant leap for India, which has now officially entered the category of a “major power” as per the threshold defined by the Asia Power Index, developed by the Australia-based Lowy Institute.
- ➔ This accomplishment underscores India's growing influence in Asia, driven by its economic progress, military capability, and future strategic resources — all of which are crucial in shaping the continent's geopolitical landscape.

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Kempegowda International Airport:

- ➔ Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has become the first airport in India to achieve Level 3 Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation (AEA) by Airports Council International, highlighting its leadership in inclusive travel.
- ➔ Under its 'B-Included' initiative, BIAL has introduced accessible facilities, digital tools, inclusive services, and even employed Persons with Disabilities in frontline roles, ensuring accessibility in every part of the airport experience.

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National Commission for Women:

- ➔ The National Commission for Women (NCW) has launched a 24×7 short-code helpline, 14490, to provide faster and more accessible support to women facing violence, harassment, or any form of distress.
- ➔ The helpline will act as the first point of contact, guiding callers, coordinating with authorities, and ensuring timely intervention during emergencies.
- ➔ The toll-free number 14490 is easy to remember and is linked to NCW's existing helpline 7827170170 to ensure seamless assistance without any cost or delay.

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G20:

- ➔ The 20th G20 Summit 2025 was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, marking the first-ever G20 summit hosted on the African continent under the theme “Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability.” G20 (Group of Twenty) is an international forum of 19 countries and the European Union, established in 1999 to promote global economic and financial cooperation.
- ➔ The forum focuses on key global issues such as economic growth, trade, investment, sustainable development, climate change, and digital innovation.

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G20
SOUTH AFRICA 2025

Donors:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu has recorded 240 deceased donors so far in 2024. In 2024, Tamil Nadu recorded 268 deceased donors, the highest ever for the State. India had a total of 1,128 deceased donors in 2024.
- ➔ Five States contributed 80% of deceased donors: Tamil Nadu (268), Telangana(188), Maharashtra (172), Karnataka (162), and Gujarat (119). The Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN) manages the organ donation program and maintains a transparent organ allocation policy.

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Pollan:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin inaugurated the memorial featuring the full-size statue of the 18th-century freedom fighter Pollan in Jayaramapuram, Modakurichi in the Erode district. Pollan was a trusted commander of the freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai, who fought against the British.
- ➔ Pollan served in Dheeran's military and intelligence forces. He aided Dheeran Chinnamalai to defeat the British in three battles: the Battle along the Cauvery River bank in Bhavani in 1801, the Battle of Chennimalai in 1802, and the Battle of Arachalur in 1803.

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REPM:

- ➔ The Union Cabinet approved a ₹7,280 crore scheme to make Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM). This is the first-of-its-kind scheme in India to build a full REPM ecosystem.
- ➔ The plan will set up 6,000 Metric Tons per Annum (MTPA) of integrated REPM manufacturing. REPMS are strong magnets used in electric vehicles, renewable energy, electronics, aerospace, and defence.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People:

- ➔ International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2025 - November 29. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1977.
- ➔ It marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly's 1947 resolution recommending the partition of Palestine. The day aims to highlight the ongoing struggle of the Palestinian people for their rights and self-determination.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

SAESI:

- ➔ Prime Minister inaugurated the Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) facility in Hyderabad, Telangana. The facility is dedicated to Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion (LEAP) engines.
- ➔ These engines power Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. SAESI is one of the largest global aircraft engine Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facilities and the first global engine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) operation in India.



Vikram-I:

- ➔ Vikram-I is India's first privately developed commercial orbital rocket, built by Skyroot Aerospace. The Prime Minister unveiled the rocket and inaugurated Skyroot's Infinity Campus in Hyderabad, a facility that can produce one orbital rocket per month.
- ➔ Vikram-I is designed to launch small satellites into low Earth orbit, marking Skyroot's shift from sub-orbital to orbital launch capability. Skyroot earlier launched Vikram-S, India's first private sub-orbital rocket, in 2022.

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2025, November 28

OncoMark:

- ➔ In a major breakthrough in cancer research, Indian scientists have unveiled ‘OncoMark’, an AI-powered diagnostic model that analyses cancer at the molecular level, potentially revolutionising how the disease is classified and treated. Developed by the S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences in collaboration with Ashoka University, this tool goes far beyond traditional cancer staging by identifying biological hallmarks that drive tumour growth, aggressiveness, and resistance to therapy.
- ➔ OncoMark is a machine learning framework trained to detect hallmark-based biological programs — the underlying processes that regulate how cancers behave and evolve.



G Manuneethi:

- ➔ G Manuneethi, Civil engineer from Theni, is widely known as ‘The U-Turn Man. He has introduced very simple, low-cost traffic engineering solutions to enable uninterrupted traffic flow.
- ➔ He developed the U-turn model by closing traditional junctions and moving turning points 100 metres away. His traffic innovations across Tamil Nadu created multiple signal-free corridors.

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Indian Army:

- ➔ The Indian Army is officially commemorating Operation Pawan martyrs for the first time after 38 years. Operation Pawan was India's first major overseas military mission after Independence, conducted in Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1990. The mission aimed to disarm militant groups, including the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), under the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord.
- ➔ 1,171 Indian soldiers were killed, and over 3,500 were injured, making it one of India's heaviest wartime losses abroad. Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran received the Param Vir Chakra posthumously for bravery in 1987. The tribute will be held at the National War Memorial, New Delhi.



Supreme Court of India:

- ➔ The Supreme Court of India released a White Paper on how artificial intelligence can support the judicial system. It explains how AI can help with case management, legal research, and reducing delays in courts.

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- ➔ Tools like SUPACE (Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Courts Efficiency), SUVAS (Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software), TERES (Transcription of Electronic Record and Speech), and LegRAA (Legal Research and Analytics Assistant) are highlighted as India's main judicial AI systems.
- ➔ The Paper also warns about risks such as wrong outputs, data privacy issues, and biased algorithms. It sets rules to ensure judges remain the final decision-makers and AI is used responsibly in courts.



Ukraine:

- ➔ Ukraine is the first European country to activate Starlink's direct-to-cell satellite service. The service is launched through a partnership between Kyivstar and global telecom group Veon.
- ➔ It begins with SMS and will expand to voice and data in 2026. Direct-to-cell technology connects standard 4G smartphones directly to satellites, bypassing ground towers.

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London:

- ➔ London became the world's most expensive retail location in 2025. Global high street rents grew by 4.2 % according to the Cushman and Wakefield(C and W) report.
- ➔ Via Montenapoleone in Milan and Upper Fifth Avenue in New York ranked second and third. Three Asian streets: Tsim Sha Tsui in Hong Kong, Ginza in Tokyo, and Myeongdong in Seoul were in the top ten. Khan Market in New Delhi ranked 24th with an annual rent of 223 US dollars per square foot and 3 % growth.



Hayli Gubbi volcano:

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- ➔ Hayli Gubbi volcano in Ethiopia erupted after nearly 12,000 years of dormancy. This shield type volcano, located in the Afar Depression within the East African Rift System (EARS), a tectonically active divergent plate boundary.
- ➔ The ash plume drifted across Yemen, Oman, the Arabian Sea, and is now moving toward western India, raising aviation and atmospheric concerns.



China:

- ➔ China has completed construction of the Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO), the world's largest underground neutrino detector, operational since August 2025.
- ➔ JUNO is located 700 meters underground in Kaiping City, Guangdong Province, providing a low-noise environment ideal for detecting extremely faint neutrino signals.

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