

**INTERNATIONAL****India-US seal 10-year defence framework**

India and the U.S. signed a landmark 10-year road map between the two countries across the defence spectrum. The "Framework for the U.S.-India Major Defence Partnership" was signed on the sidelines of the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**APEC summit adopts leaders' declaration**

The 2025 summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum adopted a joint leaders' declaration as it concluded in South Korea on October 31, 2025. Leaders assembled in Gyeongju also agreed on an Artificial Intelligence Initiative and the APEC Framework for Cooperation on Population Structure Changes.

**Russia Launches Nuclear Submarine 'Khabarovsk'**

Russia has launched its latest nuclear submarine, Khabarovsk, specially designed to carry the Poseidon underwater nuclear drone.

**Peru Ends Diplomatic Ties with Mexico**

Peru has severed diplomatic ties with Mexico after Mexico granted asylum to former Peruvian Prime Minister Betsy Chávez, who faces charges linked to the 2022 coup attempt by ex-President Pedro Castillo.

**Typhoon Kalmaegi Hits Vietnam with 149 km/h Winds**

Typhoon Kalmaegi, Asia's most powerful tropical storm this year, made landfall in Vietnam with winds of up to 149 km/h. The storm previously struck the Philippines, killing at least 114 people and submerging entire towns.

**European Union Adopts Revised Climate Targets**

The Council of the European Union has announced that member states have reached an agreement on amending the European climate law and approved updated 2035 emission-reduction targets for the European Union and member states.

**China Commissions Indigenous Aircraft Carrier**

China has officially commissioned its third and most advanced aircraft carrier, Fujian, after successful sea trials, marking a major milestone in its naval modernization drive.

**Denmark to Ban Social Media for Under-15s**

Denmark has announced a new policy banning social media use for children under 15, allowing access only for 13-14-year-olds with parental approval.

**US Grants Hungary One-Year Waiver from Russian Energy Sanctions**

The United States has granted Hungary a one-year exemption from sanctions on Russian oil and gas following a meeting between President Donald Trump and the Hungarian Prime Minister.

**COP30 held in Belém with focus on Paris Agreement, climate finance, and adaptation**

The 30th UN Climate Change Conference, or COP30, was held in Belém, Brazil. Talks focussed on implementing the Paris Agreement, climate finance, and adaptation plans, as countries move from promises to action.

**Typhoon Fung-wong Makes Landfall in Philippines**

Typhoon Fung-wong has made landfall in the Philippines, forcing the evacuation of over nine lakh people and claiming two lives.

**Thailand Suspends US-Brokered Peace Agreement with Cambodia**

Thailand has suspended the implementation of a United States-brokered peace agreement with neighbouring Cambodia after a landmine blast near their border injured two of its soldiers.

**PM Modi Unveils Six Global Development Initiatives at G20 Summit in Johannesburg**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced six major initiatives at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg to strengthen global development and cooperation.

These include a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository, Africa Skills Multiplier Programme, Global Healthcare Response Team, an initiative to counter the drug-terror nexus, an Open Satellite Data Partnership, and a Critical Minerals Circularity Initiative.

**UNESCO adopts the first global standard in the cutting-edge technology**

UNESCO's Member States have adopted the first global normative framework on the ethics of neurotechnology. The Recommendation, which will enter into force on November 12, establishes essential safeguards to ensure that neurotechnology contributes to improving the lives of those who need it the most.

**Trump signs bill, ending record-long government shutdown**

US President Donald Trump has signed into law legislation that reopens the federal government and ends 43-day shutdown, the longest in American history.

**Death Toll from Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica Rises to 45**

The number of confirmed deaths from Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica rose to 45, with 15 other people missing.

**Bhutan, India inaugurate Kālacakra Empowerment ceremony for Global Peace**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has concluded a successful two day state visit to Bhutan. During the visit, Prime Minister Modi, along with the King of Bhutan and the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, inaugurated the Kālacakra or 'Wheel of Time'

**Pakistan President Zardari signs 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill**

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari has signed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill. Under the new law, Pakistan army chief, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, has gained sweeping new authority and lifelong legal immunity.

**Bangladesh to hold parliamentary election and Constitutional Referendum together in February**

Bangladesh's next national parliamentary election and a nationwide referendum on the July National Charter (Constitutional Reform) Implementation Order 2025 will be held on the same day, in the first half of February next year.

**UK Plans Major Overhaul of Asylum System**

The UK government has announced sweeping changes to its asylum policies, aiming to curb irregular immigration and address the rising influence of the Reform UK party.

**Congo and M23 Rebels Sign Qatar-Backed Peace Framework**

The Democratic Republic of Congo and the M23 rebel group signed a framework agreement in Doha, Qatar, aimed at paving the way for a lasting peace deal in eastern Congo.

**Chile's Presidential Race Heads to Runoff**

The first round of Chile's presidential election did not produce a clear winner, so the top two candidates, leftist Jeannette Jara and far-right Jose Antonio Kast, will compete in a second round of voting in December to decide the final winner.

**UNSC Approves US Plan for Gaza**

The UN Security Council has approved a US plan for Gaza that authorises an international stabilisation force to provide security in the devastated territory and envisions a possible future path to an independent Palestinian state.

**US sells \$700m NASAMS missile system to Taiwan**

The USA has approved the sale of advanced National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System, NASAMS missile systems to Taiwan.

### **US Congress approves bill to release govt documents related to Jeffrey Epstein**

The United States Congress has approved a bill to release government documents related to the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, clearing the way for making the files public

### **PM Modi Attends G20 Leaders' Summit In Johannesburg, South Africa**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Johannesburg, South Africa, from November 21st to 23rd to attend the 20th G20 Leaders' Summit.

### **COP30 Climate Deal Approved**

World leaders at COP30 in Belém approved a climate agreement after lengthy negotiations, though it excludes a fossil fuel phase-out. The deal urges developed nations to triple climate finance for developing countries and review climate-related trade barriers.

### **India, Australia & Canada Launch ACITI Tech Partnership**

India, Australia, & Canada launched the ACITI Partnership during the G20 Summit in Johannesburg to boost cooperation on critical and emerging technologies.

The initiative focuses on green energy innovation, critical minerals, resilient supply chains, and advancing AI adoption.

### **G20 Adopts Joint Declaration Despite US Objections**

The G20 Summit in Johannesburg adopted a consensus-based joint declaration despite US opposition. The declaration calls for multilateral cooperation, respect for international law, and support for vulnerable nations.

### **G20 Summit: PM Modi proposes alliance for digital infra collaboration at IBSA meet**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in IBSA Leaders' Meeting on the sidelines of G20 Summit, held in Johannesburg, South Africa. He proposed the establishment of an alliance for digital infrastructure collaboration and the creation of a fund for climate-resilient agriculture

### **Trump names Saudi Arabia a major non-NATO ally**

President Donald Trump has announced that he has formally designated Saudi Arabia as a major non-NATO ally, a move intended to reinforce security and defense cooperation between Washington and Riyadh.

### **Heavy Rains Trigger Floods, Landslides in Vietnam**

In Vietnam, at least 90 people have died in flooding and landslides after heavy rains pounded the region earlier this week.

### **Trump signs executive order for AI project called Genesis Mission**

U.S. President Donald Trump unveiled the "Genesis Mission" as part of an executive order he signed that directs the Department of Energy and national labs to build a digital platform to concentrate the nation's scientific data in one place.

### **Taiwan Plans \$40 Billion Defence Boost**

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te has announced plans to propose a supplementary defence budget of 40 billion US dollars to counter Chinese military expansion

### **Trump Says South Africa Won't Be Invited to Next Year's G20 Summit**

United States President Donald Trump has announced that he will block South Africa from attending next year's G20 summit, as relations between the two nations continue to sour

### **Soldiers seize power in Guinea-Bissau**

Soldiers in Guinea-Bissau have announced that they are taking total control of the west African country, three days after elections that both the two main presidential contenders claim to have won.

### **Death toll in Hong Kong apartment fire rises to 94**

In Hong Kong, the death toll from a fire that tore through an apartment complex has risen to 94. More than 280 people remained missing as authorities warned that the numbers could rise further

### **May Dead Due To Cyclone Ditwah In Sri Lanka**

Torrential rains and floods triggered by Cyclone Ditwah have killed 123 people across Sri Lanka so far, with another 130 still missing.

### **US-Russian Crew Launches to ISS Aboard Soyuz MS-28**

A US-Russian crew of three began a mission to the International Space Station aboard a Russian spacecraft. A Soyuz booster rocket lifted off from Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan to put the Soyuz MS-28 into orbit.

### **Trump Declares Venezuelan Airspace Completely Closed**

U.S. President Donald Trump has announced that airspace over and around Venezuela should be considered fully closed, marking a further escalation of pressure on President Nicolás Maduro.

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### **Tri-Service Exercise Trishul held**

Mega multi-domain tri-service exercise Trishul was held along the western border with Pakistan. The exercise will be conducted till 13th of next month. The exercise aims to enhance the synergy between all the maritime forces as well as the inter-services.

### **India Launches Op Sagar Bandhu**

India has launched 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' to assist Sri Lanka over its unprecedented floods, and the first tranche of relief materials was handed over after the consignments were transported by the Indian Navy's aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and frontline ship INS Udaigiri to the island nation.

### **Kerala declares itself extreme-poverty free, first state in India to do so**

Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan has formally announced in the state assembly on November 1, 2025, that the state has eradicated extreme poverty. The LDF government claims Kerala is the first state in India to do so.

### **Mansukh Mandaviya Attends Second World Summit for Social Development**

Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, has participated in the Second World Summit for Social Development (WSSD-2), hosted by the State of Qatar from November 4 to 6, 2025.

### **India, Israel Sign MoU to Expand Scope of Bilateral Defence Ties**

India and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand the scope of bilateral defence ties between the two nations.

### **Romania to Employ 30,000 Skilled Indian Professionals Annually**

Romania has expressed its readiness to create a pathway to employ 30,000 skilled Indian professionals every year. Both sides took note of Romania's annual requirement for approximately one lakh non-EU workers.

### **India Sends 10,000 Rabies Vaccine Doses to Timor-Leste**

India has sent 10,000 doses of rabies vaccine and 2,000 vials of rabies immunoglobulin to Timor-Leste to help the island nation tackle a rabies outbreak.

### **Chhattisgarh's Fortified Rice Reaches Papua New Guinea**

India has exported 20 metric tonnes of Fortified Rice from Chhattisgarh to Papua New Guinea. The export of fortified rice has been facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.

### **India Launches Heaviest Military Communication Satellite CMS-03**

ISRO successfully launched India's heaviest military communication satellite CMS-03 aboard the LVM3-M5 rocket from Sriharikota. Weighing 4,400 kg, CMS-03 is the largest communication satellite India has placed into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

### **EC Launches Second Phase of SIR Across Nine States and Three UTs**

The Election Commission of India (EC) has launched the second round of its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise covering nine states and three Union territories with a combined electorate of around 51 crore.

### **India increases its tally of Ramsar sites to 94**

Gogabeel Lake in Katihar district of Bihar, has got a tag of international importance as a Ramsar site, bringing the total number of such protected sites in the country to 94.

**India to bring another batch of eight cheetahs from Botswana**  
Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has said that eight cheetahs will be coming to India from Botswana next month under the Project Cheetah.

### **NITI Aayog Launches “Reimagining Agriculture” Roadmap to Boost Agri-Tech Innovation**

NITI Aayog’s Frontier Tech Hub has unveiled a major roadmap titled “Reimagining Agriculture: A Roadmap for Frontier Technology Led Transformation” in Gandhinagar. The roadmap focuses on harnessing frontier technologies such as climate-resilient seeds, digital twins, precision agriculture, and Agentic AI.

### **Delhi government launches Pink Saheli Smart Card**

The Delhi government has launched the ‘Pink Saheli Smart Card’, a special initiative that allows free travel for women and transgender individuals in all Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses.

### **ECI Launches International Election Visitors’ Program 2025**

The Election Commission of India has launched the International Election Visitors’ Program 2025 in New Delhi to promote global cooperation in election management.

### **PM Modi to Inaugurate Year-Long Commemoration of 150 Years of National Song ‘Vande Mataram’**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the national song ‘Vande Mataram’ in New Delhi. The Ministry of Culture will organize the inaugural ceremony of the Commemoration of 150 Years of the National Song.

### **Chandigarh University Launches ‘Campus Tank’, Connects 1,000 Startups**

Chandigarh University has launched ‘Campus Tank’ to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among youth. ‘Campus Tank’ has been launched with funding of US\$6 million (approximately ₹50 crore).

### **India, Ecuador Sign MoU On Cooperation Between Diplomatic Training Institutions**

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita met Ecuador’s Foreign and Human Mobility Affairs Minister Gabriela Sommerfeld during his official visit to the Latin American country. During the meeting, the two leaders signed a MoU on cooperation between the diplomatic training institutions of India and Ecuador.

### **Khangchendzonga National Park Rated “Good” By IUCN**

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has recently rated Khangchendzonga National Park as “good” in its latest global review of natural World Heritage sites. It is the only Indian park to receive this rating.

### **Maharashtra Becomes First State to Partner with Starlink**

Maharashtra has become the first state in India to sign an agreement with Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited to provide satellite-based internet services across government institutions and rural areas.

### **MeitY Unveils India AI Governance Guidelines to Promote Safe and Responsible AI Adoption**

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has unveiled the India AI Governance Guidelines in New Delhi. These guidelines are a comprehensive framework to ensure safe, inclusive, and responsible AI adoption across various sectors.

### **HAL Signs \$1-Billion Deal with GE Aerospace for 113 Fighter Jet Engines**

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has signed a \$1-billion (₹8,870 crore) agreement with GE Aerospace to procure 113 F404-GE-IN20 jet engines for India’s Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk1A programme.

### **India Becomes World’s Third-Largest Metro Network, Says Minister Manohar Lal**

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal announced that India now ranks third globally in metro connectivity, with a network spanning over 1,100 kilometres, including IRCTC-linked routes.

### **FM Nirmala Sitharaman Lays Foundation Stone for Assam’s First Technical and Vocational University**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University, Assam’s first institution dedicated to technical and vocational education, at Bholaguri in Biswanath district.

### **Army Conducts Tri-Services Exercise TRISHUL**

The Indian Army’s Southern Command is conducting Exercise TRISHUL, a major Tri-Services operation integrating land, sea, and air capabilities under the theme of JAI – Jointness, Atmanirbharta, and Innovation.

### **Malabar naval exercise begins**

The annual multi-nation maritime exercise “Malabar” has begun on November 11 featuring the Navies of India, US, Japan and Australia. The nine-day exercise (November 10-18) was hosted by the US at Guam.

### **India & Vietnam Sign MoA on Mutual Submarine Search and Rescue Support**

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh co-chaired the 15th India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue in Hanoi with Vietnam Deputy Minister of National Defence. They signed a MoU on Mutual Submarine Search and Rescue Support and Cooperation, and also a Letter of Intent on strengthening Defence Industry collaboration.

### **TN to get India’s first ‘women’s wellness on wheels’ vehicles**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Stalin will inaugurate the country’s first ‘Women’s Wellness on Wheels’ vehicles. Tamil Nadu plans to launch 38 vehicles in 38 districts under the scheme, to protect women from cancer.

### **Gujarat becomes 1st State to launch tribal-focused genome sequencing project**

Gujarat has emerged as the first State in India to launch a large-scale genome sequencing project specifically focused on tribal communities.

### **India announces ₹10,000 crore contribution to Bhutan’s five-year plan**

Prime Minister Modi joined the people of Bhutan in marking the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo in Changlimithang on 11 November 2025 as the Guest of Honour. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also announced a contribution of 10,000 Crore in the Five year plan of Bhutan.

### **Delhi Red Fort blast kills 13**

A car explosion tore through a historic part of India’s capital region killing at least 13 people and injuring many others. The blast took place near the city’s iconic Red Fort, also known as the Lal Qila, a 17th century monument and a symbol of India’s independence.

### **6th India-Vietnam Army Exercise VINBAX held in Hanoi**

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Deputy Chief of General Staff of Vietnam, Senior Lieutenant General Phung Si Tan presided over the opening ceremony of the 6TH edition of India-Vietnam Army Exercise VINBAX in Hanoi.

### **India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise begins**

The eleventh edition of the joint military exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2025 between India and Sri Lanka began on November 10, 2025 at the Foreign Training Node in Belagavi, Karnataka.

### **BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network Holds First Biennial Meet held in Kochi**

The first biennial conference of BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network, BIMReN, was hosted in Kochi from 4th to 6th of this month, reinforcing the country's Blue Economy cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region.

### **India, Cuba Sign MoU**

India and Cuba signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU in Havana, which includes a Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and a Protocol on Cultural Exchange and Cooperation.

### **Kovalam beach retains blue flag certification for fifth year in a row**

The Kovalam Beach in Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu has once again received the prestigious International Blue Flag Certification for the fifth consecutive year, reaffirming its reputation as one of India's cleanest and most environmentally sustainable beaches.

### **President Murmu addresses Botswana's National Assembly**

President Droupadi Murmu has addressed Members of Parliament in Botswana's National Assembly. The two sides also signed MoUs on cooperation in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors.

### **Four Hydrogen Valleys Coming Up Across India**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh has announced that four Hydrogen Valleys are being developed across the country to demonstrate the full hydrogen value chain — from production and storage to transport and utilization — with a total investment of ₹485 crore.

### **India, Nepal ink pact to step up trade ties**

India and Nepal have amended the Treaty of Transit between the two countries to facilitate the movement of rail-based freight between Jogbani in India and Biratnagar in Nepal, including bulk cargo.

### **BSF Unveiled First All Female Durga Drone Squadron**

The Border Security Force is developing its first all-women drone operations unit Durga Drone Squadron, which will see female personnel trained in sophisticated aerial surveillance and reconnaissance at sensitive borders on the western and eastern fronts.

### **Defence Ministry signs ₹2,095 crore deal with BDL**

The Ministry of Defence has inked an agreement with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the procurement of INVAR Anti-Tank Missiles worth over 2,095 crore rupees to enhance the lethality of T-90 tanks.

### **India unveils indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope**

India has developed its first indigenous Quantum Diamond Microscope (QDM) for dynamic magnetic field imaging, marking a major milestone in the field of quantum sensing. The breakthrough, achieved by the P-Quest Group at IIT Bombay under the National Quantum Mission (NQM)

### **India, Sri Lanka Extend HICDPs for Five More Years**

India and Sri Lanka have agreed to extend the framework for implementing High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Sri Lanka through Indian grant assistance for another five years.

### **DFS launches Start-up Common Application Journey on Jan Samarth Portal**

The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, has launched the Startup Common Application Journey on the Jan Samarth Portal. The Startup Common Application Journey was developed by the IBA in collaboration with PSB Alliance. The portal provides a single digital platform for startups to access credit across all PSBs.

### **India Records 21% Decline in Tuberculosis Cases Over Last Decade: WHO Report**

India's total tuberculosis cases have reduced by 21% over the last decade, which is almost double the global average of 12%. According to the WHO's Global TB Report 2025, the number of TB patients in the country has come down from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 187 per lakh in 2024.

### **NDA sweeps Bihar Assembly Elections**

The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has secured a majority in the Bihar Assembly elections, winning 202 seats in the 243-member House. The BJP emerged as the largest party, winning 89 seats. Its ally, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United), won 85 seats.

### **Punjab Becomes First State to Implement Amended Bharat Net Scheme Statewide**

Punjab has become the first state in the country to implement the amended Bharat Net Scheme throughout the State. With this the border state can be monitored live from any location in the country.

### **Gujarat's Ambaji marble secures GI tag for its distinctive white stone**

Marble from Ambaji, Gujarat's prominent pilgrimage site and Shaktipeeth, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its high-quality white stone.

### **Centre Grants GI Tag to Traditional Lepcha Musical Instruments**

The Government of India has granted Geographical Indication (GI) registration for two traditional Lepcha musical instruments — Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulit — giving a major cultural boost to the Lepcha community of Sikkim.

### **Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurates 13th International Tourism Mart in Sikkim**

Union Minister of Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has inaugurated the 13th edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) for the North Eastern Region in Sikkim.

### **IAF Begins Participation in 8th Edition of Garuda 25 Air Exercise in France**

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has commenced its participation in the 8th edition of the bilateral air exercise "Garuda 25" with the French Air and Space Force (FAF) in France.

### **Telangana Hosts 'Telangana-North East Connect' Techno-Cultural Festival in Two Phases**

Telangana hosted the 'Telangana-North East Connect' festival later this month to strengthen cultural, social, and developmental ties with the North Eastern states. The event was held in two phases in Hyderabad.

### **India becomes world's 6th largest Patent Filer: Dr Jitendra Singh**

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh has said that India has emerged as the world's 6th largest patent filer with over 64 thousand patents, out of which more than 55 per cent are by resident Indian innovators.

### **Amit Shah Chairs 32nd Northern Zonal Council Meeting in Faridabad**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 32nd meeting of the Northern Zonal Council in Faridabad, Haryana.

### **8th India-UK 'Ajeya Warrior' Military Exercise**

The eighth edition of the joint military exercise "Ajeya Warrior" between India and the United Kingdom was held at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner.

### **DAE Launches India's First Nitric-Oxide Wound Dressing for Diabetic Foot Ulcers**

The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has announced two major scientific advancements with significant applications in healthcare and rare-earth research. DAE, in collaboration with Cologenesis Pvt. Ltd., launched ColoNoX, India's first nitric-oxide-releasing wound dressing for diabetic foot ulcers (DFU). Developed by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and clinically validated through Phase II and III trials

### **Gati Shakti University, DRDO Partner to Develop Smart Tech Solutions for National Security**

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya and Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) signed an agreement to develop smart technological solutions for national security in New Delhi.

### **Centre approves 17 projects with ₹7,172 crore investment under electronics component manufacturing scheme**

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has announced the approval of 17 new projects under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), where firms will receive incentive payouts pegged to their turnover. The projects have a cumulative proposed value of ₹7,172 crore.

### **Goa Police Becomes First in India to Achieve 100% Response Rate on Cyber Fraud Helpline**

Goa Police has become the first police force in the country to achieve a 100% response rate on cyber fraud calls made to the national helpline number 1930. Goa has reported cyber fraud losses exceeding ₹100 crore so far.

### **India to Host Global Big Cats Summit in New Delhi Next Year**

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has announced that India will host the Global Big Cats Summit in New Delhi next year.

### **UK Named Country Partner for Hornbill Festival 2025 in Nagaland**

The Government of Nagaland has announced the United Kingdom as the country partner for the upcoming Hornbill Festival 2025, to be held from 1 to 10 December at Kisama, Kohima. The state also named Air India Express as the Official Travel Partner for the Hornbill Festival.

### **Mumbai to Host 10th Global Economic Summit and World Trade Expo**

The World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai and the All-India Association of Industries (AIAI) will host the 10th Global Economic Summit (GES) and the 6th World Trade Expo, concurrently with the WTCA Asia Pacific Conference on 21st and 22nd of November at Cuffe Parade in Mumbai.

### **Karnataka launches affordable state-built AI ready computer KEO**

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has launched KEO (Knowledge-driven, Economical, Open-source), a compact AI-ready personal computer developed entirely within the state and priced at Rs 18,999.

### **PM Modi Releases 21st PM-KISAN Installment**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the 21st installment of the PM-KISAN scheme worth 18 thousand crore rupees in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu to support nine crore farmers across the country.

### **Government Launches 'YUVA AI for ALL'**

The Centre has launched YUVA AI for ALL, a free national course to help everyone understand Artificial Intelligence. The Ministry of Electronics and IT informed that it is a completely free, 4.5-hour self-paced national course aimed at making Artificial Intelligence accessible and understandable to every Indian.

### **BIMSTEC Young Diplomats Programme Launched**

An annual BIMSTEC Young Diplomats Interaction Programme was inaugurated at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service in New Delhi.

### **NQM supported startup demonstrates India's first indigenous high precision diode laser**

India's first indigenous high precision and compact diode laser, developed by a startup supported by the National Quantum Mission, Prenishq Pvt Ltd, a spin-off from IIT Delhi, marks a significant leap in the nation's capability for all emerging quantum technologies.

### **Health Minister JPNadda launches National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2.0**

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda has launched the second version of the National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) (2025-29) in New Delhi.

### **NITI Aayog, CFA Institute Partner to Boost Financial Literacy in Innovation Ecosystem**

NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and CFA Institute, a global not-for-profit organization have formalized a strategic partnership to boost financial literacy, governance across country's innovation ecosystem.

### **US Clears \$93 Million Sale Of Javelin Missiles, Excalibur Projectiles To India**

The United States has approved possible sale of the Javelin missile system, Excalibur projectiles, and related equipment at a total estimated cost of \$92.8 million.

### **Ministry of Jal Shakti launches "Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya" Campaign**

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the nationwide campaign, 'Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya' (हमारा शौचालय, हमारा भविष्य) on World Toilet Day 2025 on November 19.

### **India Post Unveils First Gen Z-Themed Post Office at IIT Delhi**

The first Gen Z-themed revamped Post Office was inaugurated at IIT Delhi. Designed collaboratively with students, the space features modern aesthetics, Wi-Fi-enabled zones, creative graffiti and artwork by the IIT Fine Arts Society.

### **India, Germany to Boost Cooperation in Traditional Medicine**

India and Germany have decided to advance collaboration on traditional medicine at the third Joint Working Group meeting on Alternative Medicine in Berlin.

### **India, France Sign Pact to Boost Defence Research Cooperation**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Directorate General of Armaments (DGA) of France inked technical agreement to deepen collaboration in defence research and development.

### **New Labour Codes come into effect**

The Central government has announced the implementation of four new labour codes aimed to simplify and streamline the existing, decades-old labour laws in the country. The Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 has come into effect from November 21, 2025.

### **Sixth International Agronomy Congress held in New Delhi**

The Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC-2025) was held in New Delhi from the 24th of this month. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will inaugurate the event.

### **Crop loss due to Wild Animal Attacks and Paddy Inundation to be covered under Fasal Bima Yojana**

The crop loss due to Wild Animal Attacks and Paddy Inundation will now be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

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

Science and Technology Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched country's first indigenous CRISPR based gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease, which primarily affects country's tribal population. The therapy, named BIRSA 101 is dedicated to Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The treatment was created by the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) in partnership with the Serum Institute of India (SII).

### **President Inaugurates Second Bharatiya Kalamahotsav at Secunderabad**

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the second edition of Bharatiya Kalamahotsav at Rashtrapati Nilayam in Secunderabad.

### **UP's Mathura Poshak and Meerut Bugle gets GI tag**

The Geographical Indication (GI) tag has been granted to Uttar Pradesh's Mathura Poshak and Meerut Bugle, two iconic Indian cultural symbols. Currently UP tops in GI goods in India, with 79 GI-tagged products, surpassing Tamil Nadu, which has 69 GI goods.

### **Indian Navy Commissions country's first Indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Vessel 'INS Mahe' in Mumbai**

The Indian Navy has commissioned INS Mahe, the first vessel of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi presided over the ceremony as the chief guest. Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited,

### **BEL & Safran Sign JV to manufacture HAMMER Precision Weapon in India**

Bharat Electronics Limited and Safran Electronics and Defence of France signed a Joint Venture Cooperation Agreement, for the production of Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range (HAMMER) Smart Precision Guided Air-to-Ground Weapon

### **NCW rolls out new helpline number to provide faster & more accessible support for women**

The National Commission for Women-NCW has rolled out a new 24x7 short helpline number- 1 4 4 9 0 to ensure quicker and more accessible support for women in distress across the country.

### **Grahaa Space gets IN-SPACe clearance to launch a nano satellite mission by month end**

Grahaa Space, a Bengaluru-based spacetechnology startup, has obtained authorisation from Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to launch its maiden nano satellite mission called Solaras S2, as technology demonstration by the end of November.

### **India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise Begins In Uttarakhand**

The 19th edition of the India-Nepal bilateral military exercise, 'Suryakiran', was held in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh with an aim to strengthen battalion-level synergy in jungle warfare, counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain, and integrated ground-aviation operations.

### **Centre designates CISF as main security organisation for India's 250 seaports**

The Centre has designated the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as the new safety regulator for about 250 port facilities located along the country's maritime borders.

### **PM Modi Inaugurates Skyroot's Infinity Campus**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Skyroot's Infinity Campus in Hyderabad, Telangana via video conferencing. He also unveiled Skyroot's first orbital rocket, Vikram-I, with capability to launch satellites to orbit.

### **44th India International Trade Fair Concludes in New Delhi**

The 44th India International Trade Fair concluded at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The theme of the fair this year was Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat.

### **Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Inaugurates 70+ Ayushman Arogya Mandirs**

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has inaugurated over 70 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in New Delhi. The Ayushman Arogya Mandirs will offer a wide range of facilities at the local level including regular health check-ups, free essential and common medicines

### **Centre announces scheme to promote research in textiles**

The Centre has approved the 'Textiles Focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning and Start-up (Tex-RAMPS) Scheme' with an outlay of ₹305 crore to strengthen research, innovation, and competitiveness in the textiles sector. The scheme will be effective from 2025-2026 to 2030-2031

### **Cabinet Approves Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing Scheme**

The Union Cabinet has approved the Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM) with a financial outlay of 7 thousand 280 crore rupees.

### **IIT Madras unveils India's first home-grown vessel traffic management system for ports**

IIT Madras has developed and deployed India's first indigenous Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for ports. The solution has been created by the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) at IIT Madras, based on specifications laid out by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

### **India's first single-use bioprocess scale-up facility inaugurated in Hyderabad**

The Telangana state government has inaugurated 1 Bio, the country's first single-use bioprocess design and scale-up facility at Genome Valley, Hyderabad.

### **Mahavatar Narsimha is now eligible in Best Animated Film category at the Oscars**

Director Ashwin Kumar's animated mythological epic, Mahavatar Narsimha, has been qualified for the Oscars. As per the official list shared by the Academy, the Indian animation film was one of the titles eligible in the Best Animated Feature Film category.

### **Dr. Jitendra Singh Unveils Hansa-3 (NG) Trainer Aircraft in Bengaluru**

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled the production-standard Hansa-3 (NG) trainer aircraft at the CSIR-NAL campus in Bengaluru. Developed indigenously by National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), the Hansa-3 (NG) is designed for commercial pilot licensing training.

## **BANKING & ECONOMY**

### **Samsung Wallet to support UPI-linked small transactions by using biometrics on devices**

Samsung Wallet will start supporting small-ticket UPI-linked transactions by using the biometrics of users registered on their devices, and thereby eliminating the need to use a PIN for every transaction.

### **RBI draft norms aim to speed up cross-border remittances**

The RBI has issued a draft circular proposing measures to accelerate cross-border inward remittances. The central bank has suggested banks credit inward payments received during foreign exchange market hours to beneficiaries' accounts on the same business day.

### **UIDAI Unveils Aadhaar Vision 2032**

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has unveiled the Aadhaar Vision 2032 framework to strengthen future-proof digital identity through AI, blockchain, quantum computing and advanced encryption.

### **GST Collections Surge to ₹1.95 Lakh Crore in October**

The total gross Goods and Services Tax collections grew 4.6 per cent to over 1.95 lakh crore rupees last month as compared to October 2024, despite GST rate cuts implemented on 22nd September.

### **Indian Households Taking on Debt Faster Than Building Assets**

Latest analysis of the RBI data indicates that Indian households are accumulating financial debt at a faster pace than creating financial assets since 2019-20. While the annual addition of financial assets has increased by 48% between 2019 and 2025, annual liabilities have surged by 102% in the same period.

### **CUB Receives \$50 Million IFC Funding**

City Union Bank has secured a \$50 million commitment from the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The funding will support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in shifting towards energy-efficient and cost-effective technologies.

### **RBI launches 3 key surveys for monetary policy inputs**

The RBI has announced the launch of the next round of three key surveys, including one on inflation expectations, which provide useful inputs to the central bank's monetary policy. The November 2025 round of Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)

The Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS)

The Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS)

### **Digital units of public banks to undergo review**

The Union government will review the performance of digital banking units (DBUs) set up by state-run banks to further drive its financial inclusion schemes and enhance customer convenience, including services such as periodic customer verification (re-KYC). At present there are 114 DBUs set up in 104 districts.

### **Gold & renewable loans jump: RBI**

As per the RBI report, gold loans and loans to the renewable energy sector have more than doubled while growth in bank credit to non-banking finance companies (NBFC) and housing finance companies (HFC) decelerated. Demand for loans by pledging gold jewellery continued its surge with the year-on-year growth touching 115% to Rs 3.16 lakh crore at the end of September 19.

### **ED provisionally attaches ₹7,500 crore assets allegedly linked to Reliance Anil Ambani Group**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth about ₹7,500 crore allegedly linked to the Reliance Anil Ambani Group in connection with investigations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

### **OpenAI signs infrastructure deal with AWS**

ChatGPT-maker OpenAI signed a \$38 billion deal with Amazon's AWS cloud computing arm, as the artificial intelligence company continues on a major partnership spree that has also included Oracle, Broadcom, AMD and chip-making juggernaut Nvidia.

### **SBI Reports 10% Rise in Q2 Profit to ₹20,160 Crore**

State Bank of India recorded a 10% year-on-year increase in net profit to ₹20,160 crore for the quarter ending September 30, driven by improved asset quality and gains from the sale of its 13.18% stake in Yes Bank, which contributed ₹4,593 crore.

### **India's top 1% grew its wealth by 62% since 2000: G20 report**

India's richest 1% expanded its wealth by 62% between 2000 to 2023, according to a report commissioned by the South African Presidency of the G20. The study is led by Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz.

### **NPCI International inks partnership with Razorpay Curlec**

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has inked a partnership with Razorpay Curlec to enable UPI transactions in Malaysia.

### **Foreign Investors Pump ₹14,610 Crore into Indian Equities in October**

After three months of net withdrawals, foreign investors have pumped in 14,610 crore rupees into the Indian equity markets in October.

### **Microsoft unveils \$15.2 billion AI investments in UAE**

U.S. tech giant Microsoft has announced \$15.2 billion in investments in artificial intelligence and cloud computing in the United Arab Emirates.

### **SBI decides to divert 6.3% stake in SBI Fund Management via IPO**

State Bank of India has decided to divest 3,20,60,000 equity shares, being equivalent to 6.3007% of total equity capital of SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML) through Initial Public Offering (IPO).

### **M&M exits RBL Bank for ₹678 crore**

Mahindra and Mahindra has exited RBL Bank by selling its entire 3.45 percent shareholding in the bank via open market transactions. It sold 2.11 crore equity shares in RBL Bank valued at Rs 677.95 crore.

### **Mehli Mistry decides to step down as Tata Trusts**

Mehli Mistry has announced his decision to step down as a Trustee of three key Tata Trusts — the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, and the Bai Hirabai J.N. Tata Navsari Charitable Institution.

### **SEBI expands IPO anchor book size to 40%**

SEBI has amended rules revamping the share-allocation framework for anchor investors in maiden public offerings. Under this, the regulator has increased total reservation in the anchor portion to 40% from 33% earlier.

### **NaBFID to be repositioned as a global financial institution**

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development will soon be renamed as Infrastructure Development Bank (IDB). The move aims to position NaBFID as an international financial institution along the lines of the Asian Development Bank and the International Finance Corporation.

### **PSU banks post 9% rise in profit to record ₹49,456 crore in Q2**

Public sector banks have posted a record cumulative profit of Rs 49,456 crore in the second quarter of the current fiscal, reflecting a 9 % year-on-year growth despite two lenders reporting a decline. All 12 public sector banks together made a profit of Rs 45,547 crore in the September quarter of FY25. SBI alone contributed 40 per cent to the total earnings of Rs 49,456 crore.

### **India plans to retain cap on voting rights for large shareholders in banks**

The Government of India plans to retain a cap on voting rights for large shareholders in domestic banks. The RBI has initiated a number of steps to unwind complex regulations in recent months and has permitted foreign lenders to pick up large stakes in domestic banks. The Centre is also planning to more than double the foreign-investment cap in state-owned lenders to 49%.

### **Indian Banks Stronger and More Mature Than a Decade Ago: RBI Governor Malhotra**

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that India's banking system is now far more mature and resilient than it was a decade ago. Banks CRAR improved from 13.5% (2015) to 17.5% (2025) and CET-1 rose from 10.43% to 14.73%. GNPA and NNPA fell sharply to 2.3% and 0.5%, respectively.

### **World Bank Urges Deeper Financial Reforms to Achieve India's \$30 Trillion Economy Vision**

The World Bank, in its latest Financial Sector Assessment (FSA) report, emphasized that India must accelerate financial sector reforms to realise its \$30 trillion economy goal by 2047. The report noted that India's financial system has become more resilient, diversified, and inclusive.

### **SEBI Cautions Investors Against Unregulated Digital Gold Schemes**

SEBI has issued a warning to investors about unregulated digital gold and e-gold schemes promoted by various online platforms. SEBI clarified that such products do not fall under its regulatory framework.

### **SBI crossed the \$100 billion market-cap milestone**

SBI has crossed the \$100 billion market-cap milestone after a strong September quarter, as robust credit growth and festive spending pushed its total business past ₹100 trillion.

### **Tesla appoints Sharad Agarwal as India head**

American EV major Tesla has appointed former Lamborghini India head Sharad Agarwal to lead its India operations.

### **SBI to help employees communicate with customers in local languages**

Public sector lender SBI is working on a mechanism to enable its employees to communicate with customers in local languages and emphasised that AI tools can help ease the transition and support faster learning.

### **Elon Musk's \$1tn pay deal approved by Tesla shareholders**

Tesla boss Elon Musk had a record-breaking pay package that could be worth nearly \$1tn (£760bn) approved by the company's shareholders.

### **AU Small Finance Bank launches 'M' circle for women**

AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has unveiled 'M' circle, a distinctive women's banking proposition designed and tailored to meet their unique needs and aspirations.

### **ReNew secures \$331 million ADB funding**

ReNew Energy Global Plc has secured \$331 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to build a large-scale clean energy project in Andhra Pradesh.

### **NPCI arm, BENEFIT sign pact for faster remittances between India, Bahrain**

NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has entered into a tie up with BENEFIT, Bahrain's fintech and electronic financial transactions company, to enable real-time cross-border remittances between India and Bahrain.

### **IFC invests ₹285 crore in Axis Max Life**

International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, has invested ₹285 crore (about \$33 million) in Axis Max Life Insurance Limited through long-term subordinated instruments, its first investment in a licensed Indian life insurer.

### **Over 1 cr new Jan Dhan accounts opened during 4-month nationwide campaign**

The Finance Ministry has stated that as many as 1.11 crore new PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts were opened during the four-month-long Nationwide Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign.

### **Amit Shah launches digital apps for urban co-op banks**

Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched two mobile applications — Sahakar Digi Pay and Sahakar Digi Loan — for urban cooperative banks, describing digital payment adoption as essential for their survival in an increasingly cashless economy.

### **SBI, PNB to tap country's ₹1.2 lakh-cr M&A market**

State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank (PNB) are among government lenders preparing a unified strategy to tap the country's lucrative Rs 1.2 lakh crore mergers and acquisitions (M&A) market.

### **IndusInd Bank looks to claw back salary, bonuses of former top officials**

IndusInd Bank has initiated a process to recover salary and bonuses from its former CEO Sumant Kathpalia and deputy CEO Arun Khurana after an internal review found misconduct and misreporting linked to a \$230 million accounting hit from derivative trades earlier this year.

### **Cabinet approves ₹45,060 cr towards Export Promotion Mission and welfare of exporters**

The Union Cabinet Committee has approved a six-year-long Export Promotion Mission (EPM) with an outlay of Rs 25,060 cr and fund allocation of Rs 20,000 cr towards the expansion of credit guarantee scheme for exporters.

### **JSW Energy commissions India's largest green hydrogen plant in Karnataka**

JSW Energy Limited has started operations at its first green hydrogen manufacturing plant, which is also the largest in India, marking a major step in the country's journey towards clean energy. The new plant, located next to the JSW Steel facility in Vijayanagar, Karnataka

### **SIAM's Shailesh Chandra elected as first Indian President of OICA**

World automotive industry body International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, OICA has announced the election of Shailesh Chandra, President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), as its new President, effective November 1, 2025.

### **Moody's expects India's economy to grow at 6.5% through 2027**

Moody's Ratings expects India's economy to grow at 6.5% through 2027. It further stated that India's economic growth is supported by robust infrastructure spending and solid consumption

### **Adani Ports Becomes First Indian Integrated Transport Utility to Adopt TNFD Framework**

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone has joined the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) as an Adopter. This makes APSEZ the first integrated transport utility in India to adopt the TNFD framework.

### **PhonePe partners with OpenAI**

PhonePe has announced a partnership with ChatGPT maker OpenAI to integrate the artificial intelligence (AI) company's features across its platform. The collaboration will enable ChatGPT to be discoverable across its consumer app and PhonePe for Business app

### **Federal Bank Unveils 'Bharat Surotsav'**

Federal Bank has unveiled the poster of its new cultural property, Bharat Surotsav, in Chennai. Conceptualised as an immersive dance and music fusion festival, Bharat Surotsav celebrates India's artistic heritage by bringing together iconic performers and contemporary sounds.

### **SEBI panel proposes 'wider' conflict of interest regulations**

A high-level committee under markets regulator SEBI has proposed expanding the definition of family, strengthening disclosures and placing investment restrictions on board members under its new framework on overhauling conflict of interest regulations.

### **India-Canada Trade Grows 10% in 2024**

Bilateral trade between India and Canada has witnessed a growth of 10 per cent in 2024 as compared to the previous year.

### **Retail inflation records low of 0.25% in October**

India's retail inflation slowed to a record low of 0.25 per cent in October against 1.54 per cent in September, as food prices fell sharply and tax cuts brought down the prices of items from cars to products in daily use.

### **RBI approves appointment of S.Krishnan as chairman of J&K Bank**

The RBI has approved the appointment of S.Krishnan as part-time chairman of the J&K Bank. His appointment is effective from November 13, 2025 till March 26, 2028.

### **UAE Makes Digital Dirham Official Legal Tender**

The UAE has officially made the Digital Dirham a legal form of money, marking a major step in its push toward a fully digital financial system.

### **UBI celebrates 107th Foundation Day on grand note**

Union Bank of India (UBI) celebrated its 107th Foundation Day on November 11, 2025 on a grand scale in Ongole, with events held at all offices and branches across the country. As part of the celebrations, UBI launched two new digital initiatives — the Union E-Biz mobile app for MSMEs and the Union Ease mobile app aimed at enhancing the customer experience.

### **Wholesale Inflation Slips further into Negative Zone**

India's wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation eased further into negative territory to 1.21 per cent in October this year on an annual basis.

### **Mahindra, Manulife form 50:50 life insurance joint venture**

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) and Manulife have entered into an agreement to establish a 50:50 life insurance joint venture, subject to regulatory approval.

### **New life insurance business premium touches Rs 34,007 cr in October**

India's life insurance sector continued its double digit growth for the second month in a row, with new business premium up by 12.1 per cent year-on-year touching Rs 34,007 crore in October, 2025, CareEdge Ratings said.

### **Singapore to trial tokenised bills**

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) plans to trial tokenized bills settled with wholesale central bank digital currency (CBDC) as the next phase of integrating blockchain-based finance into its economy.

### **Chhattisgarh commences dispatch of India's biggest-ever copper concentrate export to China**

Chhattisgarh had commenced the dispatch of India's largest-ever copper concentrate consignment to China. The consignment containing 12,000 metric tons of copper concentrate was dispatched from the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Nava Raipur, with the first rake, carrying 2,200 metric tons

### **SBI aims completion of core banking modernisation in 2 years**

State Bank of India plans to finish its core-banking system upgrade within two years. The bank is modernizing its technology through various strategies. This includes upgrading hardware and moving to new software.

### **India Reaches 13.6 Crore Investors, 21 Crore Demat Accounts: SEBI**

SEBI Chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced that as of October 2025, India has 13.6 crore investors and over 21 crore demat accounts, reflecting a surge in retail investor participation. Mutual fund investments have also seen a substantial rise, exceeding ₹80 trillion, a seven-fold increase over the past decade.

### **Google's Project Suncatcher aims to scale AI data centres in space**

Google has announced a new research project that aims to launch AI chips into space via solar-powered satellites called Project Suncatcher. The new 'moonshot' project was jumpstarted because Google believed that space could be the best place to scale AI compute.

### **OpenAI's ChatGPT Go free annual subscription rolls out in India**

OpenAI's new low-cost subscription offering is now available in India for free, as part of the AI company's initiative to reach out to more users in the country.

### **Sebi proposes key changes to streamline IPO process**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has proposed key changes to streamline IPO processes, addressing long-standing hurdles around locking in pre-IPO pledged shares and simplifying offer documents.

### **Axis Bank hosts multi-city knowledge series Evolve in Kozhikode**

Axis Bank hosted the 10th edition of Evolve, its multi-city knowledge series for MSMEs in Kozhikode. The event brought together entrepreneurs, industry leaders and policy experts to discuss opportunities and challenges shaping India's MSME landscape, under the theme "MSMEs Powering the \$10 Trillion Economy."

### **SBI to discontinue mCASH service after November 30, 2025**

State Bank of India (SBI) has announced that it will discontinue the mCASH sending and claiming facility on OnlineSBI and YONO Lite after November 30, 2025.

### **Centre Extends Mallika Srinivasan's Tenure as PESB Chairperson Until 2026**

The central government has approved a second consecutive one-year extension for Mallika Srinivasan, Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

### **Ira Bindra named among world's top CHROs**

Reliance Industries Ltd's Human Resources chief Ira Bindra has been named among the world's top CHROs, making Reliance the only Indian company represented on the list.

### **Reliance to set up 1 gigawatt AI data centre in AP**

Reliance Industries plans to set up a 1-gigawatt AI data center in India's Andhra Pradesh, adding to infrastructure capacity in India where the likes of Google and Microsoft have made huge AI investments.

### **India's Exports Rise 4.8% to \$491.8 Billion in April-October**

India's total exports, combining merchandise and services, rose over 4.8 percent to 491.8 billion US dollars during April to October period of the current fiscal year as compared to the same period in the last fiscal.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission submits its report for 2026-31 to President**

The Sixteenth Finance Commission chaired by economist Arvind Panagariya, has submitted its report to the President of India. The Union Cabinet had on November 29, 2024, approved the terms of reference for the 16th FC.

### **Samsung plans \$310 billion investment to power AI**

South Korean conglomerate Samsung has unveiled a plan to invest \$310 billion over the next five years mostly in technology powering artificial intelligence, aiming to meet growing demand driven by a global boom.

### **India Skills Report 2026**

India's employability has improved to 56.35 per cent in 2026, up from 54.81 per cent last year, marking a shift toward a skill-first economy driven by AI adoption, digital fluency, and global mobility. Computer Science and IT engineers remain the most employable graduates in India. women's employability rose sharply to 54%, overtaking men 51.5%.

### **RBI announces relief measures for exporters**

The RBI has allowed banks and finance companies to give a moratorium on loans for a limited period. The banking regulator has announced relief measures for exporters under various sectors including leather, apparel, gem and jewelry and chemicals.

### **GDP growth for second quarter at 7.5%**

India's real (GDP) growth for second quarter (July to September) would be 7.5% or more due to the consumption boost following the Goods & Services Tax (GST) rate cut said the research department of SBI.

### **Festive surge in gold imports drives India's Oct. 2025 trade deficit to \$21.8 billion**

India's trade deficit surged 141% in October 2025 to \$21.8 billion due to surging imports, driven in large part by a festival-related jump in gold imports, and subdued merchandise exports.

### **PayU gets RBI approval to operate as multi mode Payment Aggregator**

PayU had received integrated authorisation from the RBI to operate as a Payment Aggregator across online, offline (physical) and cross-border transactions, including both 'Inward and Outward', under the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act.

### **South Indian Bank launches SIB Her Account for women**

South Indian Bank has launched SIB Her Account, a premium savings account exclusively designed for women. The product aims to empower and reward today's financially independent women by offering a host of attractive banking and lifestyle privileges.

### **India's Labour Force Participation Hits Six-Month High at 55.4% in October**

Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) among persons of age 15 years and above increased for the fourth successive month to 55.4 per cent in October this year, hitting a six-month high. India's Unemployment Rate (UR), remained unchanged at 5.2 per cent in October, for individuals aged 15 years and above.

### **Canara Bank to raise ₹3,500 crore via AT-1 bonds**

PSB lender Canara Bank plans to raise up to ₹3,500 crore through an Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bond issue on November 25, which could be the first such issuance in the current financial year. T

### **PayGlocal receives RBI approval for full cross-border payment aggregator operations**

PayGlocal has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator – Cross Border – Inward & Outward (PA-CB-I&O), allowing the fintech to facilitate both inbound and outbound online payment flows.

### **Jeff Bezos is the Co-CEO of AI Prometheus**

Jeff Bezos will serve as co-chief executive officer of a new artificial intelligence startup Project Prometheus that focuses on AI for engineering and manufacturing of computers, automobiles and spacecraft. Bezos' co-chief executive is Vikram "Vik" Bajaj

### **Visa expands its AI agentic commerce platform to Asia-Pacific**

US payments firm Visa is expanding its 'Intelligent Commerce' agentic artificial intelligence (AI) platform in Asia Pacific. The platform allows customers to preload their card information to an AI agent and set instructions and spending limits to find and purchase goods and services whenever they are available.

### **Tata Projects, ASI Global sign MOU to design, construct aircraft maintenance facilities in India**

Tata Projects Ltd (TPL) and ASI Global, a globally recognized specialist in aircraft hangar design and fabrication, have signed a MoU to jointly offer design and construction of aircraft maintenance facilities in India.

### **Kotak, Federal Bank in talks to acquire Deutsche Bank's India portfolios**

Kotak Mahindra Bank and Federal Bank are in the race to purchase the retail and wealth management businesses of Deutsche Bank in India. The bank's retail segmental revenue for FY25 stood at Rs 2,455 crore,

### **HDFC Bank tops India's most valued brands for 2025**

According to the 2025 Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Indian Brands report, HDFC Bank, carrying a brand value of \$44.9 billion, has surged past TCS to reclaim its crown as the country's most valued brand.

### **India's 'first Quantum City' in Bengaluru**

"India's first Quantum City", proposed at Hesaraghatta, Bengaluru is aimed at positioning the state at the forefront of the global quantum technology landscape.

### **SIDBI-BOB sign MoU to strengthen MSME**

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Bank of Baroda signed a MoU to jointly enhance credit access for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and startups.

### **L&T to produce armoured vehicle BvS10 Sindhu for Indian Army**

Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) & BAE Systems have bagged a contract from the Indian Army for supply of BvS10 Sindhu – a specialised all-terrain armoured vehicle.

**Nvidia, Microsoft invest \$15 billion in AI startup Anthropic**  
Nvidia and Microsoft have announced investments totalling \$15 billion in AI startup Anthropic, creator of the Claude chatbot, amid frenzied spending on the technology

**Infibeam Avenues gets RBI Approval for Offline Payment Aggregator Services**

Infibeam Avenues has received authorization from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a payment aggregator for offline payments through Point of Sale (POS) devices.

**RBI Announces UPI-TIPS Interlinkage to Enhance Cross-Border Payments with Euro Area**

The RBI has announced interlinking of UPI system with fast payment systems of other jurisdictions to promote cross-border payments. RBI and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) have been engaging with the European Central Bank on the initiative to connect UPI with the TARGET Instant Payment Settlement (TIPS), the instant payment system operated by the Eurosystem.

**India Reports Record 8% Growth in Foodgrain Output**

There has been a record growth rate of eight percent in total foodgrain output for 2024-25. Rice production reached a record level of one thousand 501 lakh tonnes, higher than last year's one thousand 378 lakh tonnes. Wheat production has increased by 46.53 lakh tonnes, reaching a new record of 1179.45 lakh tonnes.

**Mule Hunter tool to check digital fraud is showing good success rate: RBI Governor**

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra has said the Mule Hunter tool launched to check digital fraud is showing a good success rate. MuleHunter.ai, an AI-enabled tool designed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to flag mule accounts, is detecting about 20,000 mule accounts every month.

**Nasscom unveils U.K. Forum to back doubling of bilateral trade**

Nasscom, the apex body of Indian IT has announced the launch of its U.K. Forum, a strategic industry platform aimed at deepening bilateral technology and trade partnership between India and the United Kingdom.

**SEBI Unveils Reforms to Improve FPI Experience**

SEBI is working on a series of reforms aimed at improving the experience of foreign portfolio investors FPIs. SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has said the regulator is working on building a best-in-class entry and operating environment for global investors.

**TPG agrees to invest \$1 billion in TCS's AI data center**

TCS said TPG, an alternative asset management firm has agreed to invest about \$1 billion in its AI data center business called HyperVault as an equity partner.

**Govt notifies capital gains scheme**

The Central government has notified the Capital Gains Accounts (Second Amendment) Scheme, 2025, amending the 1988 framework that allows taxpayers to temporarily park capital gains in a designated bank account to claim tax exemption while they search for or construct a new property.

**Centre to Introduce Bill Allowing 100% FDI in Insurance Sector**

The Union Government plans to introduce the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament, proposing to raise FDI in the insurance sector from 74% to 100%.

**India-Israel FTA May Be Implemented in Two Phases**

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that India and Israel are considering implementing their proposed free trade agreement (FTA) in two phases to ensure early benefits for the trade community of both countries.

**Sagarmala Finance Corporation to raise ₹8,000 crore**

Maritime infrastructure lender Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd (SMFCL) said its board has approved raising up to ₹8,000 crore in the current fiscal year. The company's board approved a ₹25,000 crore borrowing limit.

**Fraud is bleeding Rs 10,000 crore from India's health insurance system**

According to a new report by BCG & Medi Assist, India's health-insurance sector continues to bleed from fraud and waste, with Rs 8,000-10,000 crore lost in claim payouts each year.

**Centre to release new series of national accounts in February**

The Centre will release a new series of national accounts on February 27, 2026, with fiscal year 2022-23 as the base year. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is in the process of revising the base year of national accounts.

**Central Bank Of Oman Introduces New Symbol For The Omani Rial**

The Central Bank of Oman has officially launched a symbol for the Omani Rial. The symbol is designed to unify the representation of the Rial across financial, commercial, and digital platforms, while reflecting the nation's cultural heritage and economic maturity.

**Easebuzz secures authorisation to operate as full-stack payment aggregator**

Fintech firm Easebuzz was authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a full-service payment aggregator (PA), offering services across online, offline and cross-border payments.

**Jana Small Finance Bank Appoints Chitra Talwar as New Part-Time Chairperson**

Jana Small Finance Bank has announced the appointment of Mrs. Chitra Talwar as Part-Time Chairperson, effective February 8, 2026, with approval from the Reserve Bank of India.

**S&P projects India's economy to grow 6.5% in current fiscal year**

Standard and Poor's global rating has projected that India's economy will grow 6.5 percent in the current fiscal year and 6.7 percent in the next financial year.

**PSU banks expand home loan market share to 50 pc of origination value in September: Report**

Public sector banks have expanded their market share in the competitive home loan market to 50 per cent of total originations by value in September. The state-run banks have overtaken private sector banks in the market. Nearly 40 per cent of the overall home loans were in the higher bracket of over Rs 75 lakh.

**IDFC FIRST Bank Collaborates with FPSB India**

IDFC FIRST Bank signed an MoU with FPSB India, the Indian subsidiary of Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd., as an Approved Corporate Partner (ACP), marking a significant step toward strengthening professional standards in financial planning and advancing upskilling opportunities for its management and private banking team within the banking sector.

**India's net FDI negative for second straight month in September**

More investment left the country than entered it for the second month in a row in September, with latest data from the Reserve Bank of India showing net foreign direct investment (FDI) stood at -\$2.4 billion.

**Gold loans dominate increase in retail credit growth: CRIF**

According to data from a CRIF Report, How India Lends, gold loans grew a whopping 53% in the second quarter of fiscal 2026, on a year-on-year basis supporting the increase in overall consumption credit.

**Gold loan boom: 3,000 new branches to open in India in 12 months**

India's gold loan market is set for a big boost with non-bank lenders planning to add about 3,000 branches in the next 12 months or so exclusively for lending against jewellery.

**SBI Ventures to launch ₹2,000 crore fund for climate-tech investments**

SBI Ventures, an alternative asset management firm of the State Bank of India (SBI), plans to launch a Rs 2,000 crore fund in the first quarter of the next calendar year.

### **Horticulture production up 4% to 369.05 mn tonne in 2024-25**

India's horticulture production rose marginally by 4 percent to 369.05 million tonne in the crop year ended June 2025 on higher production of fruits and vegetables.

### **Google, Accel partner to back Indian AI startups**

Alphabet's Google and venture capital firm Accel will partner to fund at least 10 early-stage Indian AI startups, marking the U.S. technology giant's first such funding partnership.

### **1729 Capital gets RBI nod to raise Suryoday stake**

The RBI has granted approval to foreign portfolio investor 1729 Capital to hold a total stake of 7.14% in Suryoday Small Finance Bank. As of September 30, the FPI held a 3.81% stake in the bank.

### **Larry Page Becomes Second-Richest Person In World After Elon Musk**

According to Forbes' Real Time Billionaires List, Google co-founder Larry Page has overtaken Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison as the second-richest person in the world. With a net worth of \$255 billion, Page is now only second to Elon Musk, who has a wealth of \$475.5 billion.

### **IMF gives India a 'C' on its GDP**

The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) annual review has given India's national accounts statistics, which includes key figures such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross Value Added (GVA), a grade of 'C', the second-lowest grade.

### **IGF Launches \$250 Million Fund to Boost Indian Brands Globally**

India Global Forum (IGF) has launched a \$250 million fund to support high-potential Indian consumer and industrial brands in expanding to global markets, positioning Dubai as the hub for their international growth.

### **Govt Estimates Kharif Foodgrain Output at 173.33 Million Tonnes for 2025-26**

Total Kharif food grain production is estimated at 173.33 million tonnes in this financial year 2025-26.

Rice production is estimated at over 124 million tonnes, which is 1.73 million tonnes more than the production of Kharif season rice last year.

### **BHIM's new UPI feature allows families to make payments from one bank account**

The NPCI BHIM Services has announced the introduction of UPI Circle Full Delegation on the BHIM Payments App, allowing primary users to authorise their trusted contacts to make UPI payments on their behalf of up to Rs 15,000.

### **CBDT launches second campaign to 'nudge' taxpayers to disclose foreign assets, income**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes has launched a special campaign to advise taxpayers to voluntarily review and revise their returns on or before 31st of next month to avoid penal consequences. This Campaign named Non-intrusive Usage of Data to Guide and Enable (NUDGE) aims to facilitate correct reporting in Schedule Foreign Assets (FA) and Foreign Source Income (FSI) in Income Tax Returns.

### **ADB Approves \$400 Million Loan to Upgrade Road in Maharashtra**

The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$400 million results-based lending (RBL) program to help the state of Maharashtra develop climate-resilient, low-carbon, safe, and inclusive road networks, with a particular focus on enhancing connectivity for rural communities.

### **India Signs One-Year Deal to Import 2.2 Million Tonnes of LPG from the US**

Indian public sector oil companies have signed a one-year deal to import Liquefied Petroleum Gas, LPG, from the United States. The companies will import around 2.2 million tonnes per annum of LPG, which will be sourced from the US Gulf Coast.

### **Nifty hits record high after 14 months**

India's stock market benchmark indices extended their previous day's rally in early trade on November 27, 2025. BSE Sensex advanced 313.38 points to 85,922.89 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty rallied 90.25 points to hit an all-time high of 26,295.55.

### **GDP growth at six-quarter high of 8.2% in Q2 FY26**

India's GDP grew at a six-quarter high of 8.2% in the second quarter (July-September) of the financial year 2025-26, buoyed by a relatively strong performance of the manufacturing and services sectors.

### **RBI issues final guidelines for digital banking channels**

The RBI has issued its final guidelines for digital banking channels making it mandatory for banks to obtain explicit consent from the customer for providing digital banking services which may be duly recorded/documented.

### **Sweden Is The World's First Cashless Country**

Sweden is officially the world's first cashless country, where less than 1% of transactions involve physical currency. As of 2023, less than 1% of all transactions in Sweden involved cash.

### **India to Grow 6.6% Next Fiscal, Says IMF Report**

The International Monetary Fund said that India's economy is estimated to grow at 6.6 per cent in 2025-26.

### **Bandhan Bank to auction NPA, written-off loan portfolios totalling Rs 6,931 crore**

Bandhan Bank's board has approved the sale of identified non-performing assets and written-off loan portfolios worth over Rs 6,900 crore through a bidding and auction process.

### **Finance Ministry, RBI working on portal to help citizens claim unclaimed assets: DFS Secretary**

The Finance Ministry is working with the RBI to develop a unified portal to enable savers and retail investors to claim all unclaimed assets across asset classes such as bank deposits, pension funds, shares, and dividends.

### **Bank credit grows 11.4%, deposits up 10.2% in Nov**

According to the RBI data, bank's on-year credit growth at the end of November 14 rose to 11.4% while deposits growth was also higher at 10.2%. The outstanding bank credit as on November 14 stood at Rs 194 lakh crore while outstanding deposits were at Rs 241 lakh crore.

### **IL&FS repays ₹48,463 crore**

Debt-laden Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) has repaid ₹48,463 crore to its lenders as of September 2025, taking the group close to 80% of its ₹61,000-crore debt resolution target.

### **Tata Realty, DBS Bank India sign ₹1,280 crore Green Loan Facility**

Tata Realty & Infrastructure Ltd., real estate and infrastructure developer, and DBS Bank India Ltd. have announced the signing of a ₹1,280 crore Green Loan Facility.

### **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launches 3-in-1 account in partnership with Axis Securities**

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (Utkarsh SFBL) has partnered with Axis Securities to launch a 3-in-1 account that integrates banking and investment services for its customers.

### **World Bank approves funding for two projects in Punjab and Maharashtra**

The World Bank has approved funding for two projects in India in Punjab and in Maharashtra. The Punjab Outcomes-Acceleration in School Education Operation (POISE) program (\$286 million) will help improve quality education in Punjab with the aid of technology to track learning outcomes. The Maharashtra Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture (POCRA) Phase II (\$490 million) project will enhance crop productivity and strengthen resilience by adopting digital technology in precision farming practices.

### **M&M sells ₹8,000 cr. worth EVs in H1 FY26**

Mahindra & Mahindra had achieved electric vehicles sales worth over ₹8,000 crore in H1 FY26, making it the number one player in India in terms of half year revenue generated from electric vehicle sales.

## India and ADB Sign Over \$800 Million in Loan Agreements

India and the Asian Development Bank signed three loan agreements worth more than USD 800 million to support development projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

## Meta Adds 5 New Indian Languages for Creators

Meta Platforms has announced that creators on Instagram and Facebook will soon be able to translate their reels into Marathi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil.

## AWARDS

### Gyanesh Kumar Honoured with IIT Kanpur's Distinguished Alumni Award

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been conferred the Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honour given by IIT Kanpur, during its 66th Foundation Day celebrations.

### Sunil Kant Munjal conferred Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite

Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman of Hero Enterprise and Founder of the Serendipity Arts Foundation, has been conferred the Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit) by the Ambassador of France to India, H.E. Mr Thierry Mathou.

### Ravi Shankar honoured as World Leader for Peace and Security 2025

India's spiritual leader Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of the Art of Living Foundation, has been conferred with the prestigious 2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award by the Boston Global Forum (BGF) and the AI World Society (AIWS).

### Himachal wins award for integrating citizen services into DigiLocker

The Government of Himachal Pradesh has been recognised by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for its excellence in citizen-centric digital service delivery. The state was conferred the prestigious 'People First Integration Award' at the National Workshop and Conference on DigiLocker 2025 held in New Delhi.

### Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan wins Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025

Dr. Sai Gautam Gopalakrishnan, Associate Professor of Materials Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has been named the recipient of the Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award 2025.

### Digit Insurance Shines at AIIA 2025 with Two Major Wins

Go Digit General Insurance Limited (Digit Insurance) has won two awards at the prestigious 29th Asia Insurance Industry Awards (AIIA) 2025 by Asia Insurance Review, held in Singapore. The company was awarded Digital Insurer of the Year, and its Managing Director & CEO, Jasleen Kohli, was honored with the "Woman Leader of the Year" award, making her the first Indian woman leader to receive this distinguished recognition.

### 6th National Water Awards

The 6th National Water Awards honored 46 winners across 10 categories for inspiring innovation and community-driven water conservation. Under National Water Awards category, Maharashtra secured the first rank under the Best State category, followed by Gujarat in second place and Haryana in third.

Telangana has secured the top position in the Jal Sanchay – Jan Bhagidari (Water Conservation – Public Participation) category.

### India's Educate Girls receives Magsaysay Award

Indian non-profit Educate Girls has received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025 and dedicated the honour to thousands of field coordinators, volunteers and youth mentors who have helped bring millions of girls in the country back to school.

### Salman Rushdie honored with a Dayton peace prize

Salman Rushdie was among the honorees at the Dayton Literary Peace Prize event in Ohio, receiving a lifetime achievement award after publishing his first work of fiction since being stabbed on a New York lecture stage three years ago.

### David Szalay wins the Booker prize for "Flesh"

Hungarian-British writer David Szalay has won the 2025 Booker Prize for his novel *Flesh*, edging out Kiran Desai's *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny* at a ceremony in London. *Flesh* is Szalay's sixth work of fiction.

### Thota Tharani honoured with Chevalier title

The French government's Chevalier rank title of The Order of Arts and Letters, or Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, for this year has been conferred upon art director Thota Tharani. The Chevalier is the third of the three ranks, after Commandeur and Officier, in the Order of Arts and Letters.

### Tom Cruise receives first ever Oscar statuette

US film superstar Tom Cruise has received his first ever Oscar statuette. Cruise has accepted an honorary Oscar at the annual Governors Awards in Hollywood alongside singer-philanthropist Dolly Parton, choreographer Debbie Allen and production designer Wynn Thomas.

### Home Ministry Awards Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak To 1,466 Personnel

The Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak has been awarded to one thousand 466 personnel of various states, union territories, Central Armed Police Forces, and Central Police Organisations for the year 2025.

### Michelle Bachelet Presented Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2024 was presented by Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi to Michelle Bachelet, the first and only woman President of Chile and a former chief of UN Human Rights.

### France Honours British Indian Spy Noor Inayat Khan With New Postage Stamp

Noor Inayat Khan has become the only Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a commemorative postage stamp by France for her role in the French Resistance as an undercover British agent during the Second World War.

## PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

### Zohran Mamdani

Zohran Mamdani, a Democrat candidate, has secured victory in New York City's mayoral race. He defeated independent candidate Andrew Cuomo. With this win, Mamdani has become the city's first Muslim and youngest mayor in generations.

### Fatima Bosch

Mexico's Fátima Bosch was crowned Miss Universe 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand. Miss Thailand is the first runner-up, and Miss Venezuela emerged as the second runner-up. Miss Philippines and Miss Côte d'Ivoire finished in fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

### Ghazala Hashmi

India-born Ghazala Hashmi has made history by winning the Virginia Lieutenant Governor's race, becoming the first South Asian American and the first Indian-origin woman to hold the post.

### M. Khaled El-Enany

Dr. Khaled El-Enany, Egypt's former Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, has taken oath as Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He will continue as Director-General of UNESCO for a four-year term.

### Sheikh Hasina

Ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal were sentenced to death in absentia by country's International Crimes Tribunal in Dhaka for alleged crimes against humanity over violent crackdown during student-led protests last year.

### Justice Vikram Nath

The President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu has nominated Supreme Court judge Justice Vikram Nath as the new executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), with the appointment taking effect from November 24.

### Jair Bolsonaro

Brazil's former president Jair Bolsonaro has been sentenced to 27 years and three months in prison for plotting a military coup and seeking to destroy the country's democracy. Bolsonaro will begin serving his sentence in a federal police jail cell in the capital, Brasilia.

### **Ankathi Raju**

Eminent scientist Ankathi Raju has been appointed as the Director of the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) in Hyderabad.

### **Samia Suluhu Hassan**

Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in for a second term amid tight security, following an election marred by violent protests and opposition rejection. Samia was declared the winner with 98 per cent of the vote

### **Sanjay Garg**

Sanjay Garg, a senior civil servant of IAS-1994 batch from the Kerala cadre, has assumed charge as the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), with effect from the 1st of this month.

### **Sunil Paliwal**

Sunil Paliwal, a 1993 IAS batch civil servant, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

### **Justice Ashok Bhushan**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the re-appointment of Justice Ashok Bhushan, a former Judge of the Supreme Court, as the Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

### **Keerthy Suresh**

National Award-winning actor Keerthy Suresh has been appointed as a Celebrity Advocate for UNICEF India. In her new role, the actor will leverage her platform to raise awareness on key issues such as mental health, education, and gender equality-areas.

### **Nitish Kumar**

Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Chief Minister of Bihar - at Patna's historic Gandhi Maidan for a record-extending tenth time. Janata Dal United leader has swept 85 of the state's 243 seats to power itself.

### **Justice Surya Kant**

Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India. Justice Surya Kant has succeeded Justice BR Gavai, who demitted office. Justice Surya Kant will have a tenure of around 15 months as the Chief Justice of India.

### **Dharmendra**

Veteran actor and Padma Bhushan awardee, Dharmendra, passed away. His career boasts over 300 films, many of which are considered classics today. He also served as a Member of the Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha) from BJP representing Bikaner in Rajasthan from 2004 to 2009.

### **A. Vellayan**

Arunachalam Vellayan, chairman emeritus of Coromandel International and former chairman of Murugappa Group, passed away in Chennai after a prolonged illness.

### **Kumari Kamala**

Legendary Bharatanatyam artiste Kamala Lakshminarayanan, fondly known as Baby Kamala and later Kumari Kamala, passed away. For her immense contribution to the field of performing arts, she was honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1968 and Padma Bhushan in 1970.

### **Kamini Kaushal**

Kamini Kaushal, one of Hindi cinema's earliest and most celebrated female stars, passed away at her Mumbai. Ms Kaushal, who began her film journey with the landmark 1946 classic Neecha Nagar, remained active on screen for more than seven decades.

### **Salumarada Thimmakka**

Noted environmentalist and Padma awardee Salumarada Thimmakka passed away at the age of 114. Thimmakka, fondly known as Vruksha Mata was widely admired for her simplicity and for inspiring countless women and environmentalists.

### **Gopichand Hinduja**

Gopichand P. Hinduja, head of Britain's richest Hinduja family and key figure behind the revival of Ashok Leyland, has died in London at the age of 85.

### **James Watson**

James Watson, the Nobel Prize-winning scientist who co-discovered the double-helix structure of DNA with Francis Crick in 1953, has died at 97.

### **Ande Sri**

Renowned Telangana poet and lyricist Ande Sri, author of the iconic state song 'Jaya Jaya He Telangana', passed away in Hyderabad. He played a prominent role in the Telangana movement

### **Manuel Frederick**

Former national hockey team goalkeeper Manuel Frederick passed away in Bengaluru. Frederick, who hails from Kannur, was a member of the Indian team that won bronze at the 1972 Munich Olympics, defeating the Netherlands.

### **Dick Cheney**

Former US Vice President Dick Cheney has died at 84. Cheney played a major role in shaping US foreign policy, especially advocating the 2003 Iraq invasion over claims of weapons of mass destruction, which were later disproved.

## **SPORTS**

### **Dabang Delhi K.C. wins second PKL title**

Dabang Delhi KC were crowned champions of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12, after a thrilling 31-28 victory against Puneri Paltan.

### **FIDE World Cup trophy named after Viswanathan Anand**

The new trophy of the 2025 FIDE World Cup being held in Goa was christened as the Viswanathan Anand trophy, in honour of the five-time World Champion Indian legend.

### **FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 Inaugurated in Goa**

The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 was inaugurated at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Taleigao, Goa marking the prestigious tournament's return to India after 23 years.

### **Avani Lekhara Claims Gold**

India's Avani Lekhara won gold in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event at the 2025 Para Shooting World Cup in Al Ain, Dubai.

### **India wins First-Ever ICC Women's ODI World Cup**

India created history by winning their first-ever ICC Women's ODI World Cup, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in Navi Mumbai. Shafali Verma's brilliant 87 powered India to 298/7, while Deepti Sharma's match-winning spell of 5/39 dismantled South Africa's chase.

### **Tennis: Rohan Bopanna Retires**

Indian tennis ace Rohan Bopanna has announced his retirement, marking the end of an illustrious 20-year journey in professional tennis. He won 26 ATP doubles titles, including the 2024 Australian Open, becoming the oldest player to reach No. 1 at age 43.

### **Tennis: Sinner wins Paris Masters**

Jannik Sinner has won the Paris Masters for the first time by defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-6[4] as the four-time Grand Slam champion reclaimed his position atop the world rankings.

### **Over 1,400 Hockey Tournaments Held Nationwide to Mark 100 Years of Hockey**

on 7th of November, more than 1 thousand 400 hockey tournaments was organised in more than 550 districts across the country to celebrate 100 years of Indian hockey. The occasion also commemorates the founding of the Indian Hockey Federation on November 7, 1925.

### **Harbhajan, Saina and Rohit honoured as 'Fit India Icons'**

Harbhajan Singh, Saina Nehwal and Rohit Shetty were honoured as 'Fit India Icons' at National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025.

### **Three Indians Named in ICC Women's World Cup Team of the Tournament**

The ICC has included Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Deepti Sharma in the Women's World Cup Team of the Tournament following India's title victory over South Africa.

### **India Seals 2-1 T20 Series Win Over Australia**

The final T20I between India and Australia at Brisbane's Gabba was abandoned due to rain, handing India a 2-1 series victory. Abhishek was named Player of the Series for his consistent performances.

### **Ravinder Singh Strikes Gold at ISSF World Championships**

Indian shooter Ravinder Singh captured the gold medal in the Men's 50m Pistol event at the ISSF World Championships in Egypt with an impressive score of 569.

### **Raahul VS Becomes India's 91st Grandmaster**

Raahul VS clinched the title at the 6th ASEAN Individual Championship, becoming India's 91st Grandmaster with a round to spare. He had earlier earned the International Master title in 2021 after crossing a 2400 rating.

### **Anish Bhanwala wins silver medal**

India's Anish Bhanwala has created history at the ISSF World Championships by winning silver in the men's 25-metre rapid fire pistol event at Cairo in Egypt.

### **Samrat Rana Wins Gold in Men's 10m Air Pistol**

In shooting, Samrat Rana won the men's 10-meter air pistol gold at the ISSF World Championship in Cairo, becoming the first Indian to win an individual air pistol world title.

### **India wins three golds in recurve events at Asian Archery Championship**

India recorded a landmark day at the Asian Archery Championship 2025 in Dhaka, winning two prestigious individual gold medals in the Recurve category, along with a team gold.

### **Esha Singh wins bronze medal**

In Shooting, former Asian champion Esha Singh has won a bronze medal in the women's 25-metre pistol event at the ISSF World Championship Rifle and Pistol in Cairo, Egypt.

### **Greater Noida Hosts World Boxing Cup Finals 2025**

Greater Noida hosted the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex. This marks the grand finale of the World Boxing Cup Series, following earlier stages in Brazil, Poland, and Kazakhstan.

### **Ankita Bhakat and Dhiraj Bommadevara Clinch Historic Recurve Golds for India**

Ankita Bhakat made history by becoming India's first women's recurve individual Asian Champion at the Asian Archery Championships in Dhaka. Shortly after, Dhiraj Bommadevara secured another milestone by becoming the first Indian male recurve Asian Individual champion, defeating compatriot Rahul 6-2 in the final.

### **Kushal Dalal Wins GT Open Indoor World Series Title**

Indian archer, Kushal Dalal, wins the GT Open Indoor World Series title in the men's compound category in Strassen, Luxembourg.

### **South Africa Beat India by 30 Runs in Kolkata Test**

South Africa defeated hosts India by 30 runs in the first Test of two-match series at Eden Gardens in Kolkata. Chasing the target of 124 runs set by South Africa, India were all out for 93 runs in their second innings.

### **Golf: McIlroy wins seventh overall title, as Fitzpatrick wins in Dubai**

Rory McIlroy paid tribute to Seve Ballesteros after surpassing the Spaniard to win a seventh Race to Dubai title, despite being beaten to the DP World Tour Championship by Matt Fitzpatrick in a thrilling finale at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

### **MotoGP: Bezzecchi claims win in Valencia**

Aprilia rider Marco Bezzecchi won the Valencia MotoGP to bring the season to a close and cap a fine end to his year.

### **ATP Finals: Sinner retains title**

Italy's Jannik Sinner defeated the top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz for the ATP Finals trophy in the sixth meeting this year between the two players who are dominating men's tennis.

### **Gurpreet Singh Wins Silver in 25m Centre Pistol at ISSF World Championships**

In Shooting, Olympian Gurpreet Singh has won the silver medal in the men's 25 metre centre pistol fire event at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championships in Cairo, Egypt.

### **Curacao becomes smallest nation ever to qualify for FIFA World Cup football**

Curacao, the Caribbean island scripted history, becoming the smallest nation ever to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup football. A draw against Jamaica in Kingston sparked celebrations across the island of barely 156,000 people.

### **Roger Federer inducted into International Tennis Hall of Fame**

Roger Federer was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame's Class of 2026 in his first year of eligibility, capping a legendary career that included 20 Grand Slam titles and a lasting impact on the sport.

### **India Bags Nine Golds at World Boxing Cup Finals 2025**

India concluded their debut campaign at the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 with a stunning haul of nine gold medals on the final day in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. features 16 teams across four groups and 41 matches.

### **Anahat Singh Clinches Women's Title at Indian Open Squash**

Rising Indian squash star Anahat Singh triumphed over veteran Joshna Chinappa to claim the women's title at the Indian Open in Indore.

### **Lakshya Sen wins Australian Open 2025**

Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen has won the Australian Open 2025 men's singles title in Sydney. Lakshya stunned 26th-ranked Japanese Yushi Tanaka 21-15, 21-11 in the final clash.

### **Indian Women's blind cricket team wins first-ever T20 World Cup**

Indian Women's blind cricket team have created history by winning the first-ever Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind in Colombo. The Indian team defeated Nepal by seven wickets in the final to lift the Cup.

### **Italy retains Davis Cup with 2-0 win against Spain**

Italy has retained the Davis Cup title. Italy's Matteo Berrettini and Flavio Cobolli have claimed their singles matches to earn an unassailable 2-0 lead over Spain in the final. It's a fourth Davis Cup title for Italy, and a third in a row.

### **India win their second consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup**

India has won its second consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 in Dhaka, defeating Chinese Taipei 35-28 in a dominant final performance.

### **Verstappen wins Las Vegas Grand Prix 2025**

Max Verstappen has won for the second time in four races and the four-time reigning Formula 1 champion continued to claw his way back into title picture with a victory at the Las Vegas Grand Prix.

### **Golovkin elected president of World Boxing**

Former middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin was elected president of World Boxing, which will run the sport at the 2028 Olympic Games.

### **5th Khelo India University Games kick off at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium**

The fifth Khelo India University Games were officially inaugurated at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium.

### **India Ends Deaflympics Shooting Campaign With Record 16 Medals**

India ended their Deaflympics shooting campaign in Tokyo with a massive haul of 16 medals including seven gold, six silver and three bronze. The most successful shooter was riflewoman Mahit Sandhu who won four medals, including two gold and two silver.

### **Rohit Sharma appointed as Brand Ambassador for T20 World Cup 2026**

Rohit Sharma has been named as the tournament ambassador for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. The tournament is set to run from February 7 to March 8 in India and Sri Lanka.

### **India's to host 2030 Commonwealth Games**

India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games was formally approved at the Commonwealth Sport's General Assembly in Glasgow. The last time India hosted the Games was in 2010 in Delhi. This time, the event is set to be held in Ahmedabad.

### **Sindarov crowned 2025 FIDE World Cup Champion**

Uzbek grandmaster Javokhir Sindarov has claimed the 2025 FIDE World Cup title, defeating Wei Yi in a tense rapid-play tiebreak.

### **Asian Paints signs 3-year BCCI partnership**

Asian Paints has partnered with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as an official colour partner for three years, covering 110 matches for Team India, for an undisclosed amount.

### **India Wins Two Medals at ITTF World Youth Championships**

Indian table tennis players have made a strong debut at the ITTF World Youth Championships in Romania, returning with a haul of two medals, a silver and a bronze.

### **Portugal lift FIFA U-17 World Cup in Qatar**

Portugal lifted their first FIFA U-17 World Cup with a 1-0 victory against Austria in the final of the 2025 edition at Doha's Khalifa International Stadium in Qatar.

### **Rajasthan United FC Clinches 41st Governor's Gold Cup**

Rajasthan United Football Club emerged champions of the 41st All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2025 held at Paljor Stadium, Sikkim.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Dictionary.com reveals '67' is its 2025 Word of the Year**  
Dictionary.com has officially revealed that "67" is the 2025 Word of the Year. The site's language expert stated that searches for "67" increased more than six times since June 2025, making it one of the most-searched terms on the internet.

**India Ranked 9th in Global Climate Risk Index**  
India has ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among the top 10 countries most affected by extreme weather events as per a new report by the Germanwatch Global Climate Risk Index (CRI). The 2026 index has Dominica at the top. Myanmar ranks second.

**IFFCO and Amul Ranked Among World's Top Cooperatives**  
Indian cooperative leaders IFFCO and Amul have been recognised among the world's top cooperatives in the ICA World Cooperative Monitor 2025 rankings, announced in Doha.

**IIT Delhi Tops Indian Institutions in QS World Rankings 2026**  
In the QS World University Rankings 2026, IIT Delhi has emerged as India's highest-ranked institution at 123<sup>rd</sup> place globally.

**WHO launches Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response site at AIIMS in New Delhi**  
The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched its site for Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi.

**Indonesia declared polio-free by WHO**  
The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially declared the end of Indonesia's poliovirus type-2 outbreak.

**Mumbai Ranked Asia's Happiest City**  
According to the Time Out City Life Index, Mumbai has been ranked the happiest city in Asia for 2025. Mumbai city scored highest on parameters such as joy, community bonding, lifestyle, street-food culture, and nightlife.

**India Re-elected to IMO Council for 2026–27**  
India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council for the 2026–27 term, securing the highest vote tally in its category. India received 154 out of 169 valid votes.

**India Re-Elected to UNESCO Executive Board**  
India has been re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board for the 2025–29 term, signalling strong global confidence in the country's commitment to multilateralism and UNESCO's core mandate in education, culture, science, communication and information.

**Over 100 Indian universities make it to QS sustainability rankings**  
London-based QS Quacquarelli Symonds released its QS World University Rankings for Sustainability 2026, showing that India, with 103 universities, had the fourth-highest number of institutions in the list, behind the USA, China, and UK. Lund University in Sweden has taken the top spot for the first time.

**Parasocial is Cambridge Dictionary Word of the Year**  
"Parasocial" is the Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2025, defined as a relationship felt by someone between themselves and a famous person they do not know.

**India Sends Contingent to WorldSkills Asia 2025 for the First Time**  
India has sent off its contingent for the WorldSkills Asia Competition 2025. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said that 23 candidates will take part in the competition to be held in Chinese Taipei from the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Volcano Hayli Gubbi Erupted After 12,000 Years**  
A long-dormant volcano in northern Ethiopia erupted sending towering ash plumes across the Red Sea towards Yemen, Oman, and even parts of India. The Hayli Gubbi volcano, located in the Afar region about 800 km northeast of Addis Ababa, remained quiet for nearly 12,000 years.

**UN Report: A Woman or Girl Killed Every 10 Minutes Worldwide**  
A new United Nations report has warned that a woman or girl is killed every 10 minutes worldwide, underscoring a lack of progress in preventing femicides. The 2025 femicide report by UNODC and UN Women estimates that 83,000 women and girls were deliberately killed in 2024.

**National Legal Services Day: 9th November**  
India celebrates National Legal Services Day on November 9 to mark the implementation of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which came into effect in 1995.

**World Pneumonia Day – 12 November 2025**  
World Pneumonia Day is a global event observed every year on 12 November to spread awareness and educate people to combat Pneumonia disease.

**November 12: Celebrating Public Service Broadcasting Day**  
Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November every year to mark the historic address of Father of the nation and freedom fighter Mahatma Gandhi through the radio.

**World Diabetes Day observed on Nov.14**  
On the occasion of World Diabetes Day on November 14, This year's theme -Diabetes across life stages" emphasises the need for equitable and age-appropriate care from childhood to old age.

**Nation celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Nov.15**  
The Nation is celebrating Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the freedom fighter and tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

**National Press Day: 16th November**  
National Press Day is celebrated every year on 16<sup>th</sup> November to honor the establishment of the Press Council of India in 1966. This year's theme, 'Safeguarding Press Credibility Amidst Rising Misinformation,'

**World Fisheries Day 2025 to be celebrated on 21st November**  
World Fisheries Day 2025 was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> of this month at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi. The theme for this year is India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports.

**World Television Day on November 21**  
World Television Day is observed globally on November 21, following the proclamation of the United Nations General Assembly through a resolution adopted in 1996.

**Nation observes 350th Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur**  
The 350<sup>th</sup> martyrdom day of the ninth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Teg Bahadur, is being observed on November 24. He was executed on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in the year 1675.

**PM Modi pay tributes to Ahom general Lachit Borphukan on Lachit Diwas**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tributes to Ahom general Lachit Borphukan on Lachit Diwas celebrated on November 24. Lachit Borphukan was an army general, primarily known for commanding the Ahom Army and the victory in the naval Battle of Saraighat (1671) that thwarted an invasion by the vastly superior Mughal Forces.

**National Milk Day observed on 26th November**  
National Milk Day is observed on 26<sup>th</sup> November every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, regarded as the "Father of the White Revolution" in India.

**Nation celebrates Samvidhan Diwas on Nov. 26**  
India celebrated Samvidhan Diwas on November 26. The theme of this year's celebration is Hamara Samvidhan-Hamara Swabhiman. This year marks the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of adoption of its Constitution.

**International Jaguar Day:29th November**  
International Jaguar Day is observed every year on November 29 to promote awareness about the conservation of the jaguar (*Panthera onca*), one of the world's most iconic big cats.

**International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People:29th November**  
The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed every year on 29 November, following a 1977 United Nations General Assembly decision (Resolution 32/40 B).