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Awards & Honours



- **Oskar Klein Medal 2026:** Professor Ashoke Sen of ICTS-TIFR, Bengaluru, became the first Indian physicist to receive the medal for his contributions to string theory and quantum gravity.
- **Urban Mobility India Award:** The Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor won the Best Passenger Service Award at the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference 2026.
- **Honour of Ashoka Award 2026:** The Charles Walters Council for Innovation and Research, in association with the Association of Indian Bureaucrats, recognised distinguished personalities at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.



- **Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award:** Veteran singer Usha Mangeshkar was selected for the inaugural Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award.
- **G-Mark Global Design Award:** Tribal produce enterprise Shabari Naturals received the award for its sustainable, tribal-inspired packaging.

Appointments & Persons in News

- **High Court Chief Justices:** The Supreme Court Collegium recommended Justice P. Sam Koshy, Justice Manash Ranjan Pathak, Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice Sudhir Singh for appointment as Chief Justices of the Delhi, Gujarat, Telangana and Uttarakhand High Courts, respectively.
- **High Court Judges:** The Supreme Court Collegium recommended seven advocates for appointment as judges of the Madhya Pradesh High Court and one judicial member and one advocate for the Bombay High Court.
- **Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir:** Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, a 1995-batch AGMUT-cadre IAS officer, was appointed Chief Secretary, effective 1 November 2026, succeeding Atal Dulloo.
- **HDFC Bank MD & CEO:** Anup Bagchi was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of HDFC Bank for three years.
- **CRPF Appointment:** Shrihari Pandey, a 2011-batch West Bengal-cadre IPS officer, was appointed Deputy Inspector General in the CRPF.
- **Ministry of Power:** Hemraj Bairwa, a 2013-batch Himachal Pradesh-cadre IAS officer, was appointed Deputy Secretary for four years.
- **Kollam City Police Chief:** Aswathy Jiji, a 2021-batch IPS officer, was appointed the new Police Chief of Kollam City, Kerala.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare

- **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY):** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment reviewed the scheme's integrated framework for senior citizens, covering healthcare, assisted living and silver-economy infrastructure.
- **Shram Samvad Programme:** A two-day state-level conference on the new Labour Codes, labour welfare and social protection concluded in Lucknow under the joint organisation of the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Uttar Pradesh Labour Department.
- **VB-G RAM G Mission:** The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) reportedly generated over 31.69 crore person-days in FY 2026–27, with a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment.

Sports & Games

- **Men's Ballon d'Or 2026:** England and Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane won his first Men's Ballon d'Or, while Spain's Alexia Putellas claimed her third Women's Ballon d'Or.
- **Senior World Weightlifting Championships 2029:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, was awarded hosting rights for the championships, marking India's first hosting of the senior edition.
- **World Weightlifting Championships 2026:** Olympic medallist Mirabai Chanu is leading the Indian team at the championships in Ningbo, China.
- **Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026:** The six-nation hockey tournament commenced at Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar, with Harmanpreet Singh leading India.
- **Chess Record:** Eleven-year-old British-Indian chess player Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest female International Master in chess history at the European Club Cup in Montenegro.
- **Anti-Doping Legislation:** Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced proposed criminal provisions under the National Anti-Doping Act targeting coaches and supply chains involved in doping.



Science, Space & Technology

- **ESTIC 2026:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the three-day Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, featuring 12 thematic areas and 150 deep-tech startups.
- **ISRO NVS-03 Satellite:** ISRO scheduled the launch of the NVS-03 navigation satellite aboard a GSLV Mk II rocket from Sriharikota on 30 October 2026, featuring an indigenous Rubidium atomic clock to strengthen NavIC.



- **Land Warfare Doctrine 2026:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the updated doctrine, incorporating drones, artificial intelligence and multi-domain operations.
- **Exoplanet Discovery:** NASA's James Webb Space Telescope detected a highly reflective atmosphere acting as a giant sunscreen on the ultra-hot lava planet TOI-561b.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **Global Connect Event:** Launched during ESTIC 2026, the event brought together over 300 international researchers, policymakers and industry delegates to promote research partnerships.
- **19th Urban Mobility India Conference:** Bhubaneswar hosted the conference, showcasing innovations in urban transportation and sustainable transit.
- **COP31:** The 31st Conference of the Parties is scheduled to be held in Antalya, Türkiye, according to the supplied update.
- **21st G20 Summit:** Miami, United States, is the scheduled venue for the summit, according to the supplied update.

Important Days & Books

- **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026:** Observed from 26 October to 1 November under the theme *Probity for Prosperity*, with messages issued by the President, Vice-President and Prime Minister.
- **Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles:** The autobiography of former President Ram Nath Kovind was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Apnapan:** Authored by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- **The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism:** Authored by Dr. Shashi Tharoor on the life and philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru.
- **Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament:** Authored by Sudha Murty.

Miscellaneous

- **Cyclone Arnab:** The cyclone reportedly intensified over the Bay of Bengal, prompting orange alerts and storm warnings across Andhra Pradesh and coastal eastern regions.
- **Mudma Jatra:** One of Jharkhand's largest traditional tribal fairs began at Mandar near Ranchi.
- **Obituary:** Renowned Tamil chef and Padma Shri awardee K. Damodaran, popularly known as Chef Damu, passed away in Chennai at the age of 72.



West Bengal Current Affairs

- **SMART-PDS:** The West Bengal Food and Civil Supplies Department recorded over 2.66 crore monthly Public Distribution System transactions across 21,212 active Fair Price Shops.
- **Yuva Shakti Bharosa Card Scheme:** The Bhorsha Karmasuchi provides monthly allowances of ₹3,000 to unemployed graduates and ₹2,000 to other eligible job-

seekers aged 21–45 years, according to the supplied update.

- **Judicial Elevation:** Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty of the Calcutta High Court was recommended for appointment as Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.
- **Central Deputation:** West Bengal-cadre IPS officer Shrihari Pandey, a 2011-batch officer, was appointed Deputy Inspector General in the CRPF.

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