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Awards & Honours

❖ **Infosys Prize 2026:** The Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) announced the six laureates for 2026:

- **Economics:** Karthik Sastry (Princeton University) – for research on climate change, technological innovation, and business cycle fluctuations.
- **Engineering & Computer Science:** Swarun Kumar (Carnegie Mellon University) – for extending low-power wireless networks to physical sensing and actuation.
- **Humanities & Social Sciences:** Gautam Bhatia (Jindal Global Law School / UNSW Sydney) – for contributions to constitutional law and legal scholarship.
- **Life Sciences:** Isha Jain (Gladstone Institutes / UC San Francisco) – for discoveries in oxygen biology and mitochondrial diseases.
- **Mathematical Sciences:** Riddhipratim Basu (ICTS-TIFR, Bengaluru) – for probability theory and statistical physics (slow-bond problem).
- **Physical Sciences:** Manoj Kumar Joshi (Singapore University of Technology and Design) – for experimental research on trapped ions and programmable quantum systems.

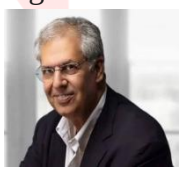


❖ **Barnes & Noble Book of the Year 2026:** Awarded to Mary Beth Keane for her novel **Whale Harbor**; Jasmine Warga won Children's Book of the Year for **The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan.**

Appointments & Persons in News

➢ **Tata Investment Corporation:** Bahram Vakil was appointed Chairman, succeeding Noel N. Tata, who transitioned to Chairman Emeritus; Abizer Shabbir Diwanji was approved as an Independent Director.

➢ **NVIDIA Leadership:** Co-founder Jensen Huang stepped down immediately as President, CEO, and Board Director; Harvey Jones became Board Chair and Colette Kress took over executive duties.



Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

❖ **Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA):** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment marked the 6th anniversary of NMBA, reporting nearly 40 lakh people rehabilitated and over 2 lakh registered Nasha Mukti Mitr volunteers.



Sports & Games




- **Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Historic Boxing Golds):** India won its first-ever Youth Olympics boxing gold medals as **Ambekar Lairenlakpam Meetei** defeated Ireland's Kristian Jubani (3–2) in the men's 50kg final.

- **Gunjan** defeated Algeria's Bouthaina Bensalah (5–0) in the women's 48kg final.

Science, Space & Technology



- **AI Space Intelligence:** TDB sanctioned ₹64.05 crore to Astrome Technologies for developing AI-enabled spy satellites.
- **G20 Science Statement:** INSA endorsed the G20 S20 statement on AI, drones and disaster-warning systems.
- **India–Italy Cooperation:** India and Italy discussed collaboration in science, space and aerospace technologies.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027:** Released on the sidelines of COP31; India slipped five spots to rank **28th**.

Books, Authors & Observations on the Date



- **World Kindness Day** is observed annually on **November 13** to promote empathy, goodwill, and positive community action across cultural and political boundaries.

Banking Affairs



- **RBI Liquidity Operation:** The Reserve Bank of India conducted an Overnight Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction for a notified amount of ₹50,000 Crore under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).

Defence Update



- **Gallantry Awards Portal:** Raksha Rajya Mantri **Sanjay Seth** launched the revamped portal to honour gallantry awardees and preserve military heritage.

- **Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026:** Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** emphasised technological superiority and

jointness; launched indigenous AI applications under the IAF's **UDAAN initiative**.

Miscellaneous

- **Ningol Chakouba Festival:** Celebrated across Manipur to strengthen familial bonds between married women and their parental families.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **Industrial Development:** Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari announced plans for environment-friendly industrialisation in Bankura and Purulia, with discussions on tribal land issues.
- **Buxa Tiger Reserve:** Six elephants and 60 personnel deployed to keep a radio-collared tigress within the reserve.
- **Proposed Educational Institution:** Around 500 bighas of land shortlisted near Siliguri for a proposed IIT or IIM.



Practice Questions

1. Who received the Infosys Prize 2026 in Mathematical Sciences for research on probability theory and statistical physics (specifically the slow-bond problem)?
A) Karthik Sastry
B) Swarun Kumar
C) Riddhipratim Basu
D) Manoj Kumar Joshi
Answer: C) Riddhipratim Basu

2. Who was appointed as the Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation, succeeding Noel N. Tata?
A) Abizer Shabbir Diwanji
B) Bahram Vakil
C) Harvey Jones
D) Sanjay Seth
Answer: B) Bahram Vakil

3. Which Indian boxer won a historic gold medal in the women's 48kg final at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games?
A) Ambekar Lairenlakpam Meetei
B) Bouthaina Bensalah
C) Gunjan
D) Jasmine Warga
Answer: C) Gunjan

4. How much funding did the Technology Development Board (TDB) sanction to Astrome Technologies for developing AI-enabled spy satellites?
A) ₹50.00 crore
B) ₹64.05 crore
C) ₹72.50 crore
D) ₹85.10 crore

Answer: B) ₹64.05 crore

5. What is India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027 released on the sidelines of COP31?
A) 23rd
B) 25th
C) 28th
D) 31st
Answer: C) 28th

6. Under which initiative were indigenous AI applications launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026?
A) SAMARTH
B) UDAAN
C) GAGAN
D) VIKAS
Answer: B) UDAAN

7. Which festival celebrated across Manipur strengthens familial bonds between married women and their parental families?
A) Yaoshang
B) Lai Haraoba
C) Sangai Festival
D) Ningol Chakouba
Answer: D) Ningol Chakouba

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