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## Awards & Honours

- **Barnes & Noble Book of the Year 2026:** Presented to Mary Beth Keane for **Whale Harbor**, while Jasmine Warga claimed the Children's Book of the Year title for **The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan.**
- **Infosys Prize 2026:** The six 2026 laureates were revealed by the Infosys Science Foundation (ISF):

  - **Mathematical Sciences:** Riddhipratim Basu (ICTS-TIFR, Bengaluru) – recognized for work in statistical physics and probability theory, specifically the slow-bond problem.
  - **Humanities & Social Sciences:** Gautam Bhatia (Jindal Global Law School / UNSW Sydney) – honored for scholarship in legal studies and constitutional law.
  - **Physical Sciences:** Manoj Kumar Joshi (Singapore University of Technology and Design) – awarded for experimental studies on programmable quantum systems and trapped ions.



  - **Engineering & Computer Science:** Swarun Kumar (Carnegie Mellon University) – cited for advancing low-power wireless networks into physical actuation and sensing.
  - **Life Sciences:** Isha Jain (Gladstone Institutes / UC San Francisco) – recognized for breakthroughs in mitochondrial disorders and oxygen biology.
  - **Economics:** Karthik Sastry (Princeton University) – honored for studying business cycle fluctuations, technological innovation, and climate change.

## Appointments & Persons in News

- **NVIDIA Leadership:** Co-founder Jensen Huang resigned with immediate effect from his roles as Board Director, CEO, and President; Colette Kress assumed executive leadership while Harvey Jones took over as Board Chair.



- **Tata Investment Corporation:** Bahram Vakil succeeded Noel N. Tata as Chairman following Tata's move to Chairman Emeritus, while Abizer Shabbir Diwanji received approval as an Independent Director.

## Books, Authors & Observations on the Date

- **World Kindness Day:** Observed annually on November 13 to foster goodwill, empathy, and constructive community efforts across political and cultural divides.




## Sports & Games

- **Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Historic Boxing Golds):**Gunjan clinched victory over Algeria's Bouthaina Bensalah with a 5–0 score in the women's 48kg championship bout.

- India secured its maiden Youth Olympics boxing gold medals after Ambekar Lairenlakpam Meetei outscored Ireland's Kristian Jubani (3–2) in the men's 50kg final.



## Banking Affairs

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

## Defence Update

- **Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stressed jointness and technological superiority, unveiling indigenous AI tools under the Indian Air Force's UDAAN initiative.
- **Gallantry Awards Portal:** Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth inaugurated the upgraded portal designed to preserve military heritage and pay tribute to gallantry award recipients.




## West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **Proposed Educational Institution:** Roughly 500 bighas of land have been identified near Siliguri for setting up a proposed IIT or IIM.
- **Industrial Development:** Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari unveiled initiatives for eco-friendly industrial growth in Purulia and Bankura, alongside deliberations on tribal land matters.
- **Buxa Tiger Reserve:** Authorities deployed 60 personnel and six elephants to ensure a radio-collared tigress remains inside the reserve boundaries.



## Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027:** Published on the margins of COP31, showing India dropping five positions to the 28th spot.

## Science, Space & Technology

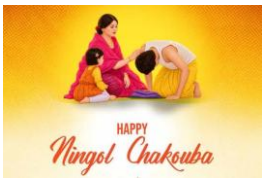
- **G20 Science Statement:** INSA backed the G20 S20 statement focusing on disaster-warning systems, drones, and AI.

- **India–Italy Cooperation:** Bilateral talks were held between India and Italy regarding partnerships in aerospace, space, and scientific technologies. **AI Space Intelligence:** The Technology Development Board (TDB) approved ₹64.05 crore in funding for Astrome Technologies to build AI-powered surveillance satellites.



## Miscellaneous

- **Ningol Chakouba Festival:** Observed across Manipur to reinforce family ties between married women and their maternal homes.




## Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA):** Celebrating the 6th anniversary of NMBA, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced the rehabilitation of close to 40 lakh individuals and the registration of over 2 lakh Nasha Mukti Mitr volunteers.

## Practice Questions

**1. Which initiative served as the platform for Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to launch indigenous AI applications during the Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026?**
A) SAMARTH
B) UDAAN
C) GAGAN
D) VIKAS
**Answer: B) UDAAN**

**2. What position did India secure in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027, unveiled alongside COP31?**
A) 23rd
B) 25th
C) 28th
D) 31st
**Answer: C) 28th**

**3. Who won the 2026 Infosys Prize in Mathematical Sciences for contributions to statistical physics and probability theory (the slow-bond problem)?**
A) Karthik Sastry
B) Swarun Kumar
C) Riddhipratim Basu
D) Manoj Kumar Joshi
**Answer: C) Riddhipratim Basu**

**4. Which Manipuri festival is celebrated to deepen the bond between married women and their parental households?**
A) Yaoshang
B) Lai Haraoba

C) Sangai Festival
D) Ningol Chakouba
**Answer: D) Ningol Chakouba**

**5. What amount did the Technology Development Board (TDB) approve for Astrome Technologies to create 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**

**6. Who took over as Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation after Noel N. Tata transitioned to Chairman Emeritus?**
A) Abizer Shabbir Diwanji
B) Bahram Vakil
C) Harvey Jones
D) Sanjay Seth
**Answer: B) Bahram Vakil**

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

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