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Awards & Honours

- **Infosys Prize 2026: Infosys Prize 2026:** The Infosys Science Foundation announced **six laureates** awarding each **a gold medal**, citation, and **USD 100,000**.

Field	Recipients
Economics	Karthik Sastry
Engineering and Computer Science	Swarun Kumar
Humanities and Social Sciences	Gautam Bhatia
Life Sciences	Isha Jain
Mathematical Sciences	Riddhipratim Basu
Physical Sciences	Manoj Kumar Joshi

- **Booker Prize 2024:** British author **Samantha Harvey** was awarded the 2024 Booker Prize for her novel **Orbital**.



Appointments & Persons in News

- **HDFC Bank Re-appointment:** The RBI approved **V. Srinivasa Rangan's** re-appointment as **Whole-time Director** and **Executive Director** of **HDFC Bank** for a one-year term effective from November 23, 2026.



- **Tata Investment Chairman:** AZB & Partners co-founder **Bahram Vakil** was appointed Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation Limited by succeeding retiring Chairman Emeritus Noel N. Tata (70), alongside Abizer Shabbir Diwanji as an Independent Director for five years.



Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved ₹3,230 crore for developing **the museum** at North and South Blocks, New Delhi.



- **Medical Devices PLI:** The Government extended the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI)** scheme for medical devices up to 2035–36 while relaxing investment and sales norms.

- **Indian Visa Reforms:** The Government simplified India's visa regime by **reducing main categories** from **13 to 9** and cutting application form fields by 65–70%.

Sports & Games

- **ICC Test Rankings: Rahmat Shah** became the first Afghanistan cricketer to enter the ICC Test batting top 10, reaching a career-best **7th position**.

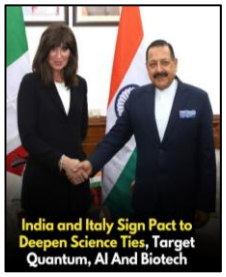
- **FIFA Impact Programme:** Former India football captain **Sunil Chhetri** was selected for the second edition of **FIFA's Player Impact Programme**, becoming its **first male participant**.



- **Total Chess Blitz:** Indian Grandmaster **R. Vaishali** defeated Hans Niemann and Wesley So in the Total Chess World Championship Tour Blitz.

Science, Space & Technology

- **Chimpanzee Communication:** A study reported that wild chimpanzees learn and develop vocal calls in ways comparable to aspects of human language learning.
- **Italy–India Science Pact:** On November 12, 2026, in Rome, **Indian Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** and **Italian Minister Anna Maria Bernini** committed to a 2027 joint research call in AI, High-Performance Computing, Clean Energy/Hydrogen, and Advanced Biotechnology.



- **G20 Disaster Resilience:** On November 12, 2026, INSA endorsed a G20 Science Statement ahead of the December 2026 Summit, outlining a roadmap to use Earth observation, remote sensing, AI, digital twins, and drones for disaster preparedness.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **31st CII Partnership Summit 2026:** Held on 12–13 November at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
  - **Theme:** Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust and Thought Leadership.



- **India–France Dialogue: First Economic Security and Critical Technologies Dialogue** held in Paris to strengthen cooperation in technology and economic security.



- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas:** The **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** Convention is scheduled to be held in Kolkata from January 7 to 9, 2027.

Books, Authors & Important Day

- **World Kindness Day** is internationally observed on **November 13** each year to promote empathy, community, and positive actions.

Banking Affairs

- **Steel Scrap Futures: NCDEX** launched India's **first Price Reporting Agency (PRA)**-based steel scrap futures contract which benchmarked to **HMS 80:20**, to enable price discovery and hedging against price fluctuations.

Defence Update

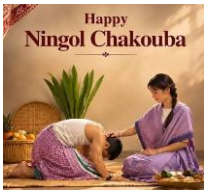
- **INS Betwa Refit:** The **Ministry of Defence** signed a ₹498.58-crore contract with **Cochin Shipyard Limited** involving over 50 MSMEs—to upgrade INS Betwa's weapon suite and replace its steam propulsion with diesel engines.



- **IAF AI Launch:** Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched in-house **artificial intelligence applications** developed under the **Indian Air Force's UDAAN** initiative to automate and support operations, administration, and aerospace safety.

Miscellaneous

- **Ningol Chakouba:** Observed in **Manipur** during the **lunar month of Hiyangei (Oct–Nov)**, this festival celebrates the **bond between married women (Ningols)** and their **parental families through a brotherly feast (Nga-Thongba)** and gift exchange.



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 the field of Mathematical Sciences?
(A) Karthik Sastry
(B) Riddhipratim Basu
(C) Manoj Kumar Joshi
(D) Swarun Kumar
Answer: (B) Riddhipratim Basu

2. Who was appointed Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation Limited?
(A) Noel N. Tata
(B) Abizer Shabbir Diwanji
(C) Bahram Vakil
(D) V. Srinivasa Rangan
Answer: (C) Bahram Vakil

3. What amount was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for developing the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum?
(A) ₹2,500 crore
(B) ₹3,230 crore
(C) ₹4,000 crore
(D) ₹3,500 crore
Answer: (B) ₹3,230 crore

4. Who became the first Afghanistan cricketer to enter the ICC Test batting top 10?
(A) Rashid Khan
(B) Ibrahim Zadran

(C) Rahmanullah Gurbaz
(D) Rahmat Shah
Answer: (D) Rahmat Shah

5. Which Indian Minister participated in the India–Italy Science and Technology Pact signed on November 12, 2026, in Rome?
(A) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Piyush Goyal
(D) S. Jaishankar
Answer: (A) Dr. Jitendra Singh

6. Where was the 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 held?
(A) Kolkata, West Bengal
(B) Hyderabad, Telangana
(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Answer: (C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

7. Which of the following festivals celebrates the bond between married women (Ningols) and their parental families in Manipur?
(A) Wangala
(B) Ningol Chakouba
(C) Yaoshang
(D) Lai Haraoba
Answer: (B) Ningol Chakouba

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