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Awards & Honours



- **Olympic Orders at Dakar 2026:** International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Kirsty Coventry presented the Gold and Silver Olympic Orders to Senegalese government officials and Youth Olympic Games organisers in Dakar.
- **Olive Trees Presented to Host Cities:** Mayors of Dakar (Abass Fall), Diamniadio (Mamadou Moulaye Guèye), and Saly (Ousmane Guèye) were honoured with olive trees by the IOC for hosting the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games.

Appointments & Persons in News



- **Biji S.S. (Karnataka Bank):** Appointed by Karnataka Bank's board on November 15 as Interim MD & CEO (effective November 16, 2026, for up to two months) following the completion of Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat's tenure.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

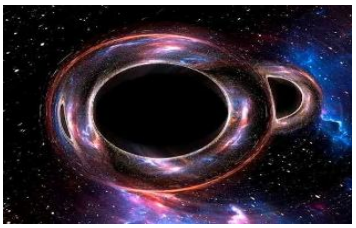
- **Dahi Irrigation Project (Madhya Pradesh):** CM Mohan Yadav and Governor Mangubhai Patel (joined virtually by PM Narendra Modi) inaugurated the ₹1,353.18 crore Dahi Irrigation Project in Dhar to supply Narmada water across 126 villages (84 in Dhar, 42 in Alirajpur), covering ~1 lakh hectares.

Sports & Games



- **India Clinches ODI Series in New Zealand (3–1):** India defeated New Zealand by 22 runs in the 5th and final ODI at Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui (India: 209; NZ: 187); Arshdeep Singh (3/30 & 14 runs) was named Player of the Match.
- **International Men's Football Friendly:** New Zealand defeated the Indian men's national football team 3–0 in an international friendly match.
- **2026 Nitto ATP Finals (Turin):** Alexander Zverev defeated Rafael Jodar (6–4, 6–4) in the opening group stage match in Turin, Italy.

Science, Space & Technology



- **LIGO Records Clearest Gravitational Wave (GW250114):** LIGO detected its clearest binary black hole merger signal yet, boosting Hubble constant (cosmic expansion rate) measurement precision by ~25% (Context: LIGO-India is led by DAE & DST).

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **45th Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) Concludes:** The 12-day global publishing event at Expo Centre Sharjah, featuring 3,212 publishers from 126 countries, concluded on November 15.

Books, Authors & Observations on the Date



- **National Press Day (India):** Observed on 16 November to promote a free and responsible press; marks the establishment of the **Press Council of India in 1966**.
- **International Day for Tolerance:** Observed on 16 November to promote mutual respect, cultural diversity and peaceful coexistence; proclaimed by the **UN in 1996**.

Banking Affairs

- **Karnataka Bank Interim Leadership:** Following RBI approval (dated Nov 11), Karnataka Bank's board formally appointed Executive Director Biji S.S. as Interim MD & CEO on November 15.

Defence Update

- **36th National Conference on NDT (Nov 15):** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called on India to become a global defence tech innovator rather than an importer, leveraging **iDEX** and the **Technology Development Fund (TDF)**.

Miscellaneous



- **78th Batch IPS Probationers Interaction:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah interacted with the 78th batch of IPS trainees on November 15, highlighting internal security and modern policing challenges.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **'Sagar Suraksha 2026' Conclave (Kolkata):** A two-day national coastal security seminar organized by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to strengthen maritime security through stakeholder and community participation.
- **NH-116B Expansion (Purba Medinipur):** Widening work (from 5.5 m to 10.5 m) commenced between Chaulkhola and Gersai along the strategic highway connecting Nandakumar (West Bengal) to Chandaneswar (Odisha).

Practice Questions

1. Which International Olympic Committee (IOC) President presented the Gold and Silver Olympic Orders to Senegalese officials and organisers in Dakar?

A) Thomas Bach

B) Kirsty Coventry

C) Sebastian Coe

D) Juan Antonio Samaranch

Answer: B) Kirsty Coventry

2. Who was appointed as the Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank effective November 16, 2026?

A) Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat

B) Mahabaleshwara M.S.

C) Biji S.S.

D) Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma

Answer: C) Biji S.S.

3. How many villages in Madhya Pradesh will receive Narmada water through the newly inaugurated ₹1,353.18 crore Dahi Irrigation Project?

A) 84 villages

B) 104 villages

C) 126 villages

D) 142 villages

Answer: C) 126 villages

4. Who was named Player of the Match in the 5th and final ODI at Bay Oval, where India defeated New Zealand by 22 runs to clinch the series 3–1?

A) Jasprit Bumrah

B) Arshdeep Singh

C) Mohammed Siraj

D) Kuldeep Yadav

Answer: B) Arshdeep Singh

5. What is the designation of the clearest binary black hole merger gravitational wave signal recently recorded by LIGO?

A) GW150914

B) GW170817

C) GW250114

D) GW261115

Answer: C) GW250114

6. National Press Day, observed in India on November 16, marks the establishment of the Press Council of India in which year?

A) 1956

B) 1966

C) 1975

D) 1996 **Answer: B) 1966**

7. Which strategic national highway in Purba Medinipur, connecting Nandakumar (West Bengal) to Chandaneswar (Odisha), is undergoing widening from 5.5 m to 10.5 m?

A) NH-116B

B) NH-12

C) NH-16

D) NH-114A

Answer: A) NH-116B

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