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Awards & Honours



- **Meghalaya's Wangala Record:** Meghalaya's **50th Wangala Festival** in **Chibragre** set a Guinness World Record for the **largest Wangala dance** with **4,000+ drummers and dancers**, adjudicated by UK's Richard Williams Stenning on 14th November.

Appointments & Persons in News

- **Goyal's Egypt Visit:** Union Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** visited **Egypt** from November 15–16, leading 130+ business leaders and start-ups to co-chair the **7th India–Egypt Joint Trade Committee meeting**.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives



- **Lakhpati Didi Milestone:** Implemented under **DAY-NRLM**, the **Lakhpati Didi Initiative** has enabled 3.76 crore women to earn at least **₹1 lakh** in **annual household income** as of June 2026, advancing toward its 6 crore target by March 2029.
- **Adi Vaani Platform:** Developed by the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** to promote digital inclusion and linguistic preservation, the AI-powered platform Adi Vaani supports **text translation across 9 tribal languages** and has crossed 35,000+ Android downloads.



- **Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM):** 4,172 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras sanctioned, covering 12.48 lakh beneficiaries (March 2026).
  - **Focus:** Tribal livelihood, Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and value addition.

Sports & Games

- **Lakshya Sen's Kumamoto Win: Lakshya Sen** won the **Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 men's singles title**, defeating **Japan's Koki Watanabe** 13–21, 21–18, 21–14 to claim his **second consecutive BWF Tour title** of the 2026 season.



- **BFI's New Appointment:** The **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** appointed **Swedish expert Mats Rickard Nilsson** as **Head of Sports Science** through the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics to boost scientific training and athlete development.
- **KIYG Logo Unveiled:** Union Sports Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** and Telangana Chief Minister **A. Revanth Reddy** unveiled the **official logo and mascot ('Neelamani')** for the **8th Khelo India Youth Games**, which Telangana will host across six cities from December 11–22, 2026.

Science, Space & Technology

- **COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium:** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium**, India's **first LED-dome planetarium**, developed by the **Indian Institute of Astrophysics** at the **University of Mysore campus** in Mysuru, Karnataka, to advance astronomy education and research.



Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **India–Somalia Consultations:** India and Somalia held their **first-ever Foreign Office Consultations** in **Mogadishu** on November 15, co-chaired by **MEA Joint Secretary Suresh Kumar M** and **Somali Permanent Secretary Hamza Adan Haadoow**, to review bilateral ties and maritime cooperation.

Books, Authors & Important Days

- **15 November:**
  - **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas:** 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
  - **Jharkhand Foundation Day:** Jharkhand became India's 28th state in 2000 after separation from Bihar.
- **16 November:**
  - **National Press Day:** Marks the establishment of the Press Council of India, which began functioning on 16 November 1966.
  - **International Day for Tolerance:** Proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1996; based on UNESCO's 1995 Declaration of Principles on Tolerance.

Banking Affairs

- **Kamarajar Port IPO:** Chennai-based **Kamarajar Port** appointed **SBI Capital Markets**, **IDBI Capital Markets & Securities**, and **ICICI Securities** as Book Running Lead Managers for its proposed 2027 IPO, positioning it to become India's first listed state-backed major port.

Defence Update

- **COAS Czech Visit:** Chief of the Army Staff **General Dhiraj Seth** embarked on an official visit to the **Czech Republic** from November 16–19 to strengthen **bilateral defence cooperation and military ties**.



- **Belgian Navy Visit:** Rear **Admiral Tanguy Botman**, Commander of the **Belgian Navy**, visited India to strengthen bilateral maritime cooperation and naval ties.



Miscellaneous

- **57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI):** Scheduled in Goa, 20–28 November 2026.
  - **Theme:** Stories Without Borders.
  - **Country of Honour:** Spain.
  - **Partner Country:** Russia.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **West Bengal Cyclone Alert:** IMD forecast heavy rainfall in South Bengal districts (19–21 November) due to a Bay of Bengal cyclonic system, Darjeeling recorded **8.2°C** minimum temperature on 15 November.

- **RuralConnect 2026: Two-day National Workshop** on Rural Communication Innovations commenced at IIT Kharagpur on 14 November.
  - **Theme:** Empowering Underprivileged Youth.



Practice Questions

1. Meghalaya's 50th Wangala Festival, held at Chibragre, set a Guinness World Record for the largest Wangala dance with the participation of more than how many drummers and dancers?
(A) 2,000
(B) 3,000
(C) 4,000
(D) 5,000
Answer: (C) 4,000

2. Which Union Minister led a delegation of more than 130 business leaders and start-ups to Egypt for the 7th India–Egypt Joint Trade Committee meeting?
(A) Piyush Goyal
(B) Jyotiraditya Scindia
(C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(D) Jitin Prasada
Answer: (A) Piyush Goyal

3. The AI-powered Adi Vaani platform, developed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, supports text translation across how many tribal languages?
(A) 5
(B) 7
(C) 9
(D) 12
Answer: (C) 9

4. Lakshya Sen defeated which Japanese player to win the men's singles title at the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026?
(A) Kento Momota
(B) Koki Watanabe
(C) Kodai Naraoka
(D) Yushi Tanaka
Answer: (B) Koki Watanabe

5. Who was appointed by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) as Head of Sports Science through the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics?
(A) Mats Rickard Nilsson
(B) Johan Eliasch
(C) Sjoerd Marijne
(D) Ulf Karlsson
Answer: (A) Mats Rickard Nilsson

6. The 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 will be hosted by which state, with its mascot named 'Neelamani'?
(A) Gujarat
(B) Telangana
(C) Odisha
(D) Maharashtra
Answer: (B) Telangana

7. Which institution developed India's first LED-dome planetarium, COSMOS-Mysuru?
(A) ISRO
(B) Indian Institute of Science
(C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
(D) National Centre for Radio Astrophysics
Answer: (C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics

8. India and Somalia held their first-ever Foreign Office Consultations on 15 November 2026 in which city?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Nairobi
(C) Mogadishu
(D) Addis Ababa
Answer: (C) Mogadishu

9. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is observed on 15 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of which tribal freedom fighter?
(A) Sidhu Murmu
(B) Birsa Munda
(C) Tantia Bhil
(D) Tilka Manjhi
Answer: (B) Birsa Munda

10. National Press Day in India is observed every year on which date?
(A) 14 November
(B) 15 November
(C) 16 November
(D) 17 November
Answer: (C) 16 November

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