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Appointments & Persons in News

- **Jay Shah:** Reappointed unopposed as ICC Chairman for a second consecutive two-year term.
- **Devesh Chaturvedi:** Retired 1989-batch IAS officer appointed Chairman of the National Sports Board (NSB) for three years, with P.K. Garg as Member.
- **Biji S.S.:** Appointed Interim MD and CEO of Karnataka Bank (KBL) for two months.
- **Colette Kress:** Appointed Interim CEO of NVIDIA following the sudden resignation of co-founder Jensen Huang.
- **Shatrucharla Vijayarama Raju:** Veteran politician, former MP and senior TDP leader, passed away at the age of 78.
- **Sunita Williams:** Honoured as Grand Marshal of New York's 107th annual Veterans Day Parade.



Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Census 2027 Self-Enumeration:** Ministry of Home Affairs announced digital self-enumeration for Phase II (Population Enumeration) in Goa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and non-snow-bound areas of Uttarakhand in 16 languages.
- **NITI Aayog's "Leadership as Mission" Workshop:** Launched a five-part national workshop series at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, examining governance and policy delivery lessons from PM Narendra Modi's 25 years as Head of Government.



- **UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme:** NPCI launched the scheme to expand digital payment acceptance and QR infrastructure among small merchants nationwide.
- **Samaveshi Niti Sankalp Summit:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organised the summit in New Delhi (18–19 November), focusing on Nasha Mukt Bharat, One Nation One Scholarship Portal, Early Intervention in Disability Burden and Sugamya Bharat.
- **Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs observed it from 1–15 November, culminating on 15 November (Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas), marking Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary and accelerating tribal welfare schemes.

Science, Space & Technology



- **NASA Voyager 1 One Light-Day Milestone:** Voyager 1 reached approximately 25.9 billion km (173 AU) from Earth, where signals take 24 hours each way; NASA organised the global "Shine Bright for Voyager's Light-Day" event on 17 November.
- **SpaceX Starship Mid-Air Catch:** SpaceX achieved the first-ever mid-air recovery of Starship spacecraft Ship 42 using launch-tower mechanical arms ("Chopsticks") at Starbase, Texas, while deploying 26 Starlink satellites.
- **Critical Minerals Recovery Support:** Technology Development Board, under the Department of Science & Technology, approved ₹10 crore under the RDI Fund to scale indigenous critical-mineral recovery technology.

Sports & Games



- **Khelo India Youth Games 2026:** Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the logo and mascot 'Neelamani' for the 8th edition, scheduled across six Telangana cities from 11–22 December, featuring 29 sports, with Softball as a competitive debut and Sailing and Karra Samu as demonstration events.
- **ICC Global Hosting Rights:** India will host the 2029 ICC Men's Champions Trophy, while India and Bangladesh will jointly host the 2031 Men's ODI Cricket World Cup.
- **ICC Players of the Month (October 2026):** India's Deepti Sharma won the Women's award, while South Africa's Marco Jansen won the Men's award.
- **55th ISSF World Championship:** India finished third in Doha, Qatar, with 13 medals and secured three Los Angeles 2028 Olympic quota spots through Jaypal Malviya, Niraj Kumar and Vivaan Kapoor.
- **SAFF Championship Final:** Defending champions India faced Pakistan in Dhaka, Bangladesh, targeting their 10th title and a three-peat.

Awards & Honours

- **Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026:** Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum, Mehsana, Gujarat, won the award in the Exhibition Design category in Berlin, Germany.
- **Plant Genome Saviour Community Award 2026:** Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group (SHG), Teertha village, Dharwad, Karnataka, was honoured for conserving indigenous seeds and agricultural biodiversity.



- **French Legion of Honour:** France conferred its highest civilian award on 102-year-old American World War II veteran William F. Lyford.
- **Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026:** DARPG launched the registration portal; the scheme recognises civil servants in three categories with 16 awards, each carrying a trophy, scroll and ₹20 lakh project incentive.

Summits & International Affairs

- **23rd ASEAN-India Summit and 21st East Asia Summit:** PM Narendra Modi visited Manila, Philippines, to participate in the summits, highlighting India's Act East Policy and MAHASAGAR vision.
- **62nd International Coconut Community Session:** India hosted the ministerial meeting and 62nd session in Kochi, Kerala (17–20 November), inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Agriculture Ram Nath Thakur.
- **San Francisco Declaration 2026:** India, the US and eight other nations signed the accord to secure critical technology supply chains and trusted AI infrastructure.
- **Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) India Region:** Inaugurated at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- **Shenzhen Trilateral Summit:** China confirmed a summit involving Xi Jinping, Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin on 19 November in Shenzhen.
- **COP31:** At the High-Level Ministerial Roundtable in Antalya, Türkiye, India advocated a nationally determined, country-driven Just Transition mechanism.
- **Basmati GI in Türkiye:** Pakistan secured Geographical Indication registration for Basmati rice in Türkiye amid ongoing geographical branding disputes.



Books, Authors & Important Days



- **17 November – International Students' Day:** Commemorates Czech students' resistance against Nazi persecution in Prague in 1939.
- **17 November – National Epilepsy Day:** Observed in India to raise awareness about seizure disorders, diagnosis and treatment.
- **17 November – Kepang La Day:** Celebrated in Tuting, Upper Siang, Arunachal Pradesh, honouring Indian soldiers and local villagers who defended the frontier pass during the 1962 conflict.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **West Bengal Awas Scheme Crackdown:** CM Suvendu Adhikari set 30 November as the deadline for ineligible beneficiaries to return funds or face criminal proceedings; ordered a CID SIT probe into 57,000 suspected fictitious accounts and released ₹4,201 crore as second instalments to 7 lakh verified beneficiaries.
- **Seema Mitra Award:** West Bengal announced the award from 2027 to honour outstanding border-security personnel of BSF, SSB and West Bengal Police.
- **Buxa Tiger Reserve:** Plans finalised to relocate two additional tigers from Assam and Bihar by late November 2026 under West Bengal's tiger recovery programme.



- **West Bengal Investment Promotion Policy 2026:** Notified with a ₹5,000 crore incentive fund, 100%–120% capital assistance and 100% EPF reimbursement for women and transgender hires for 10 years.
- **West Bengal Budget 2026–27:** Announced a ₹4.06 lakh crore outlay, with 46% for social services, ₹500/month enhancement in Lakshmi Bhandar, 4% DA hike and ₹1,500/month allowance under Banglar Yuva Sathi.

Defence Updates

- **Exercise IMNEX-26:** The 8th India–Myanmar Naval Exercise concluded at Visakhapatnam, involving INS Rana, INS Sumedha and Myanmar's UMS King Sin Phyu Shin under the MAHASAGAR framework.
- **BrahMos Export Deals:** BrahMos Aerospace confirmed missile deliveries to the Philippines and an export agreement with Vietnam (initial tranche approximately US$100 million; total package US$629–700 million), expanding on Indonesia's shore-based system contract.
- **IAF 13 Base Repair Depot Golden Jubilee:** Celebrated 50 years with the national seminar "Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks & Sovereign Sustainment" at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

Miscellaneous

- **Collins Dictionary Word of the Year 2026:** Selected 'Mogging' as its Word of the Year, highlighting youth and internet cultural slang.
- **PLFS Labour Indicators (October 2026):** MoSPI reported India's overall unemployment rate at 4.9%.



- **Wholesale Price Index Inflation:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported provisional wholesale inflation of 12.29% in October 2026 (base year 2022–23).
- **ASSOCHAM Economic Resilience Index:** India ranked first among 10 major global economies for 2026–30, scoring 71 out of 100.

Banking Updates



- **RBI Domestic Money Transfer Directions 2026:** RBI consolidated rules allowing walk-in customers without an account at the branch to deposit up to ₹50,000 in cash for electronic transfer through NEFT to a beneficiary account.
- **Yes Bank ₹8,415-Crore AT-1 Bond Dispute:** RBI and Yes Bank filed review petitions in the Supreme Court challenging its ruling quashing the ₹8,415 crore AT-1 bond write-off during the March 2020 bank reconstruction.
- **SEBI & Nippon Life AMC Settlement:** Nippon Life India AMC received in-principle SEBI consent to settle proceedings concerning Yes Bank AT-1 bond investments by paying ₹96.76 crore.
- **Paytm Payments Services:** Received in-principle RBI authorisation to issue and operate Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), including digital wallets.
- **IEPFA & SEBI Niveshak Shivir:** Organised an investor education and grievance-redressal camp at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi (17 November), assisting shareholders with unclaimed dividends and share transfers.

Practice Questions

1. **Which institution won the Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026 in the Exhibition Design category in Berlin, Germany?**
   (A) Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group
   (B) Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum
   (C) Sri Sri University
   (D) Press Council of India
   Answer: B) Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum

2. **Who was appointed as the Interim CEO of NVIDIA following the sudden resignation of co-founder Jensen Huang?**
   (A) Biji S.S.
   (B) Sunita Williams
   (C) Colette Kress
   (D) Deepti Sharma
   Answer: C) Colette Kress

3. **In how many languages did the Ministry of Home Affairs announce digital self-enumeration for Phase II (Population Enumeration) of Census 2027?**
   (A) 12 languages
   (B) 14 languages
   (C) 16 languages
   (D) 22 languages
   Answer: C) 16 languages

4. **Whom did Lakshya Sen defeat to win the men's singles title at the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026?**
   (A) Koki Watanabe
   (B) Marco Jansen
   (C) Jaypal Malviya
   (D) Vivaan Kapoor
   Answer: A) Koki Watanabe

5. **What is the approximate distance from Earth reached by NASA's Voyager 1 at its One Light-Day Milestone?**
(A) 17.3 billion km
(B) 25.9 billion km
(C) 26.0 billion km
(D) 42.0 billion km
Answer: B) 25.9 billion km

6. **Where were the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and 21st East Asia Summit attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi held?**
(A) Kochi, Kerala
(B) Antalya, Türkiye
(C) Manila, Philippines
(D) Shenzhen, China
Answer: C) Manila, Philippines

7. **What is the 2026 theme for the International Day for the Prevention of and Fight Against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime observed on 15 November?**
(A) Follow the money. Stop organized fraud
(B) Shine Bright for Voyager's Light-Day
(C) Leadership as Mission
(D) Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks & Sovereign Sustainment
Answer: A) Follow the money. Stop organized fraud

8. **Which word was selected by Collins Dictionary as its Word of the Year 2026?**
(A) Sugamya
(B) Mogging
(C) Neelamani
(D) Saksham
Answer: B) Mogging

9. **What is the total outlay announced in the West Bengal Budget 2026–27?**
(A) ₹4,201 crore
(B) ₹5,000 crore
(C) ₹8,415 crore
(D) ₹4.06 lakh crore
Answer: D) ₹4.06 lakh crore

10. **Under the RBI Domestic Money Transfer Directions 2026, up to what maximum cash amount can walk-in customers without an account at the branch deposit for electronic transfer through NEFT?**
(A) ₹10,000
(B) ₹25,000
(C) ₹50,000
(D) ₹1,00,000
Answer: C) ₹50,000

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