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Awards & Honours of the Day



- **Armenia's State Award / Global High-Tech Award:** Space and energy entrepreneur **Cam Ghaffarian (Kam Ghaffarian)** was honored with Armenia's prestigious State Award / Global High-Tech Award, meeting with Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

Appointments & Persons in News



- **Equitas SFB Leadership:** Former Executive Director **Balaji Nuthalapadi**, a 28-year Citi veteran, has been named Interim CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank following P. N. Vasudevan's resignation, subject to RBI approval.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **VISTAR Scheme Approved:** The Union Cabinet approved the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research (VISTAR) with an outlay of ₹4,371.10 crore for FY 2026–27 to 2030–31, encompassing the 8th Economic Census and 59 statistical surveys.
- **Energy Storage Boost:** The Cabinet approved a **₹14,500 crore** VGF scheme to build **92 GWh** storage capacity (*60 GWh pumped, 30 GWh battery, 2 GWh emerging tech*), mandating **40% minimum domestic content** for battery projects.



- **Vayo Samman Abhiyan:** Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the **Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan** and **Vayo SAATHI** volunteer initiative under *Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana* to enhance senior welfare and intergenerational bonding via a **5C model** (*Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute, Continue*).

Sports & Games



- **Asian Champions Trophy Hockey:** India defeated South Korea 8–1 to reach the final; India faced Japan in the scheduled 5 November final.
- **Korea Open Super 500:** Indian shuttlers **Anmol Kharb** and **Tanvi Sharma** advanced to the women's singles second round.
- **Youth Olympic Games, Dakar: Tanvi Patri** became the first Indian to reach the women's badminton final at the Youth Olympics.

- Defeated Japan's Yuzuno Watanabe in the semifinal, 21–14, 11–21, 21–19.



- **Historic WTA Milestone: Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi** became the first Indian woman since Sania Mirza in 2012 to reach a WTA Tour-level singles quarterfinal.
  - Defeated Poland's Weronika Falkowska, 6–4, 6–3.

Science, Space & Technology

- **6G Tech Breakthrough: JNCASR** researchers developed a low-loss silicon chip enabling terahertz wave transmission at **100 Gbit/s**, laying key hardware groundwork for future 6G networks.
- **Advanced Tool Coatings:** ARCI scientists developed **TiAlSiN and CrAlSiN nanocomposite coatings** for cutting tools machining nickel-based superalloys (like Inconel) used in aerospace, energy, and petrochemical sectors.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **PAC Chairpersons Conference:** The PAC Chairpersons Conference concluded in Thiruvananthapuram under Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**, adopting a resolution and proposing a unified digital audit monitoring platform for State Legislatures.



Books, Authors & Important Things about the Day

- **observed on 5th November:**
  - World Tsunami Awareness Day.
  - World Day of Romani Language.
  - International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying.
  - **Bhupen Hazarika's Death Anniversary:** Passed away on 5 November 2011.



Banking Affairs

- **RBI Forms TCCFM:** On 4 November, the RBI set up the **Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets**—chaired by its Deputy Governor and featuring 7 external members from major institutions like SBI, ICICI, and Morgan Stanley—to meet at least quarterly.

Defence Update

- **Cabinet Expands Agniveer Pathway:** The Union Cabinet now offers 25% immediate regular defence absorption by merit, while allowing the remaining 75% an optional 2-year extended engagement leading to potential regular enrolment.



Miscellaneous

- **Indian Railways Record Surge:** Achieved a historic high of **145.07 MT** in October freight loading, an **8.32% YoY growth**, reaching a cumulative **978.78 MT** for April–October 2026.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **West Bengal Investment Promotion Policy, 2026:** Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari is scheduled to announce West Bengal's new Investment Promotion Policy 2026 at Nabanna on 5 November. The policy targets enhanced ease of doing business, job creation, and strategic investments. The official launch remains pending rollout as of today.
- **Mukhyamantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**: First ₹2,000 instalment for nearly 48 lakh registered farmers released on 5 November at Pursurah, Hooghly, with total state assistance of ₹3,000 per eligible PM-Kisan beneficiary in two instalments.



Practice Questions

1. Which scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹4,371.10 crore to conduct the 8th Economic Census and 59 statistical surveys?

(a) VISTAR Scheme

(b) PM-Kisan Scheme

(c) Vayo Samman Scheme

(d) Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana

Answer: (a) VISTAR Scheme

2. Who was appointed as the Interim CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank following the resignation of P. N. Vasudevan?

(a) Om Birla

(b) Cam Ghaffarian

(c) Balaji Nuthalapadi

(d) Dr. Virendra Kumar

Answer: (c) Balaji Nuthalapadi

3. Under the modified Agniveer recruitment policy approved by the Union Cabinet, what optional extended engagement period is offered to the remaining 75% of Agniveers?

(a) 1 year

(b) 2 years

(c) 3 years

(d) 5 years

Answer: (b) 2 years

4. Who became the first Indian woman tennis player since Sania Mirza in 2012 to reach a WTA Tour-level singles quarterfinal?

(a) Tanvi Sharma

(b) Anmol Kharb

(c) Tanvi Patri

(d) Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi

Answer: (d) Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi

5. Which body constituted the Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets (TCCFM) chaired by its Deputy Governor?

(a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

(c) State Bank of India (SBI)

(d) NITI Aayog

Answer: (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

6. Which of the following days is observed globally on 5th November?

(a) World Tsunami Awareness Day

(b) World Health Day

(c) World Science Day

(d) International Literacy Day

Answer: (a) World Tsunami Awareness Day

7. How much freight loading did Indian Railways record in October 2026, achieving its highest-ever October performance?

(a) 120.50 MT

(b) 135.20 MT

(c) 145.07 MT

(d) 150.10 MT

Answer: (c) 145.07 MT

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