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Sports & Games

- **Indian Badminton Achievement:** Indian shuttlers swept both singles titles at a BWF Super 500 or higher event for the first time since 2022.
- **Asian Hockey Champions Trophy:** India defeated Malaysia 4–2 in Jalandhar, with captain Harmanpreet Singh scoring a hat-trick.



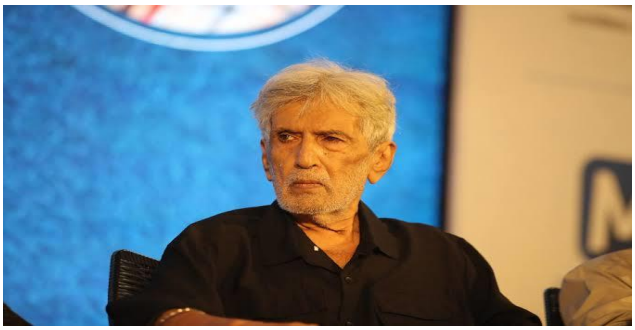
- **Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026:** India won double gold as the women's team defeated Uganda 35–15 and the men's team defeated Sri Lanka 54–20.
- **AFC Women's Champions League:** East Bengal FC defeated Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City FC 2–1 in Kolkata, becoming the first Indian club to register multiple group-stage wins.
- **Senior World Wrestling Championships:** Manisha Bhanwala won gold in the 59 kg freestyle category at Astana, Kazakhstan, becoming the first Indian woman to win Senior World Championships gold.



- **Hylo Open Super 500 (Germany):** Lakshya Sen defeated Jonatan Christie 21–17, 21–10, while P. V. Sindhu defeated Line Højmark Kjaersfeldt 21–12, 21–14 to win the men's and women's singles titles.

Awards & Honours

- **Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2026:** Malayalam writer Maythil Radhakrishnan was selected for Kerala's highest literary honour.



- **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2026:** MHA announced awards for 490 personnel, including 358 for Special Operations, 123 for Investigation and 9 for Forensic Science.

Books, Authors & Important Days

State Days	• **Karnataka Rajyotsava Day:** Observed on 1 November to mark the unification of Kannada-speaking regions in 1956.
State Days	• **Kerala Piravi:** Observed on 1 November to commemorate the formation of Kerala in 1956.
State Days	• **Haryana Day:** Observed on 1 November to mark its separation from Punjab in 1966.
State Formation	• **Other State Formation Days:** Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab commemorate their formation on 1 November; Chhattisgarh marks its foundation in 2000.
Journalists' Day	• **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists:** Observed on 2 November to raise awareness of crimes against journalists and their impunity.
Observances	• **Other Observances (2 November):** All Souls' Day and Guru Ram Das Birth Anniversary.
Birth Anniversary	• **Dr. Narendra Dabholkar Birth Anniversary:** 1 November marks the birth anniversary of the social reformer, rationalist and founder of Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti (MANS), born in 1945.

Appointments & Persons in News

- **Eastern Air Command AOC-in-C:** Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal assumed charge at Headquarters, Shillong.
- **55th Director General of GSI:** Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir became the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India.
- **43rd Commandant of MCEME:** Lieutenant General I. S. Rathore assumed charge at the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering, Secunderabad.
- **Member Secretary, Banking Regulations Committee:** Joint Secretary (Banking), Department of Financial Services, was appointed Member Secretary of the committee reviewing RRB and cooperative bank regulations.
- **29th Chief of the Air Staff:** Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge on 1 November 2026 and unveiled the VAYU vision – Vigilance, Atmanirbharta, Yukti and Unity.



Miscellaneous

- **CISF Restructuring:** CISF reorganised into eight functional sectors, with Coal Sector Headquarters at Ranchi and Steel Sector Headquarters at Bhilai.
- **Coal Production:** Coal India recorded its highest-ever October production of 67.2 million tonnes, while coal imports declined by 5.83% in August 2026.

- **National Organ Transplant Games Record:** 570 organ recipients and donors performed Tadasana at Talkatora Stadium in a world-record attempt and released the calendar Zindagi Dobara.
- **Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express:** Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off India's third Vande Bharat Sleeper train from SMVT Bengaluru, with 16 coaches and 823-passenger capacity.

Science, Space & Technology



- **Hubble and James Webb Discovery:** Joint observations identified 27 Trans-Neptunian Objects beyond Neptune that have remained unchanged since the origin of the Solar System.
- **ISRO NVS-03:** ISRO confirmed the successful launch of the NVS-03 navigation satellite through GSLV-F18.
- **Kulasekharapatnam Launch Centre:** ISRO's second launch centre in Tamil Nadu is expected to conduct its first launch by March–April 2027, while Chandrayaan-4 is targeted for 2028.
- **Digi Yatra International Trials:** Ministry of Civil Aviation started international passenger trials at Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar airports.
- **NASA Swift Observatory:** NASA's 22-year-old Swift Space Telescope is expected to re-enter Earth's atmosphere around 6 November 2026, with southern India within the predicted re-entry band.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Textile PLI Scheme (Round 4):** Ministry of Textiles reopened applications from 1 November to 31 December 2026 and reduced the minimum Part 2 turnover threshold to ₹100 crore.
- **National Social Security Boards:** Separate statutory boards for unorganised workers and gig/platform workers were notified under the Code on Social Security, 2020; social security coverage reached 68.4% in 2026 and the EPFO wage ceiling was revised to ₹25,000 per month.
- **NORKA Private Industrial Estate Scheme 2026:** Kerala launched the scheme for returning expatriate entrepreneurs, offering up to ₹3 crore infrastructure reimbursement.
- **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS):** Union Cabinet approved a ₹10,000 crore scheme for domestic container manufacturing over 13 years (FY 2027–28 to FY 2039–40).
- **Bihar Dairy Support DBT:** Bihar transferred ₹68.51 crore to 1,06,063 milk producers and launched the Sudha Sampark Call Centre and Integrated Command and Control Centre in Patna.
- **Banglar Yuba Sathi Scheme 2026:** West Bengal launched monthly DBT assistance of ₹1,500 for educated unemployed youth aged 21–40 years with Madhyamik qualification, for up to five years.

Defence Updates

- **IAF Leadership:** Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff and unveiled the VAYU vision.
- **INS Kesari:** Indian Navy's Shardul-class Landing Ship Tank INS Kesari (L15) reported water ingress while berthed at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- **MCEME Commandant:** Lieutenant General I. S. Rathore assumed charge as the 43rd Commandant of MCEME, Secunderabad.
- **VISV-2026 Conclave:** DRDO and CENJOWS organised the Viksit Bharat 2047 defence technology conclave and released foreign-language product compendiums in Arabic, Spanish and French.
- **Next Generation Corvette Deal:** Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore for eight NGCs, with GRSE Kolkata building five and Goa Shipyard Limited building three.

Summits & International Affairs



- **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting:** S. Jaishankar represented India in Atlanta, advocating diplomatic solutions to global conflicts, non-weaponisation of supply chains and protection of Black Sea grain corridors.
- **Gelephu Mindfulness City:** Union Minister Kiren Rijiju represented India at the consecration of 108 stupas along Bhutan's Aie River, with Stupa No. 76 dedicated to the Indian Prime Minister.
- **World Bank Poverty Brief:** India's extreme poverty rate declined from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023.
- **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, hosting the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen (2–5 November).

Banking & Financial Updates



- **57th GST Council Reforms:** New reforms simplifying e-commerce seller compliance and expediting refunds came into effect on 1 November 2026.
- **Advance Tax Devolution:** Centre released an additional ₹1,09,019 Crore to states, including ₹10,845 Crore to Bihar and ₹7,866 Crore to West Bengal.
- **Banking Regulations Review:** Department of Financial Services appointed its Joint Secretary (Banking) as Member Secretary to review the regulatory framework for RRBs and cooperative banks.
- **GST Collections:** October 2026 gross GST revenue reached ₹2,31,290 Crore, registering 23% year-on-year growth.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **Jobs for Political Violence Victims:** West Bengal notified a scheme providing one eligible family member of victims killed in political violence since 1 January 2001 with Group D government employment.
- **Swasthya Sathi Forensic Audit:** A forensic audit was ordered following allegations of irregularities and approximately 30 lakh untraceable beneficiaries.
- **CAA Implementation:** Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari announced expedited citizenship hearings for 2.5 lakh CAA applicants by 31 December 2026 and Scheduled Caste certificates for eligible Matua beneficiaries.
- **Jhargram Tiger Safari:** West Bengal approved transferring six Royal Bengal tigers from Bengal Safari Park, with five allocated to a proposed 65-acre Jhargram safari park and one to Rajarhat New Town Mini Zoo.
- **Central Tax Devolution:** The Union Finance Ministry released ₹7,866 crore to West Bengal as its share of central taxes.

Practice MCQs

1. Who won the men's and women's singles titles at the Hylo Open Super 500 2026?

A. Lakshya Sen and P. V. Sindhu
B. Kidambi Srikanth and Saina Nehwal
C. H. S. Prannoy and P. V. Sindhu
D. Lakshya Sen and An Se-young

Answer: A. Lakshya Sen and P. V. Sindhu

2. The Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2026 was announced for how many personnel?

A. 358
B. 490
C. 123
D. 500

Answer: B. 490

3. Who assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on 1 November 2026?

A. Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal
B. Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
C. Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
D. Air Marshal I. S. Rathore

Answer: C. Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

4. What is the full form of VAYU, the vision unveiled by Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit?

A. Vigilance, Atmanirbharta, Yukti and Unity
B. Vision, Agility, Youth and Unity

C. Vigilance, Action, Yoga and Unity
D. Vision, Atmanirbharta, Yield and Understanding

Answer: A. Vigilance, Atmanirbharta, Yukti and Unity

5. Which organisation recorded its highest-ever October coal production of 67.2 million tonnes?

A. NTPC
B. Coal India Limited
C. NLC India Limited
D. Steel Authority of India Limited

Answer: B. Coal India Limited

6. Which satellite was successfully launched by ISRO through the GSLV-F18 mission?

A. NVS-01
B. NVS-02
C. NVS-03
D. GSAT-20

Answer: C. NVS-03

7. Under the Textile PLI Scheme (Round 4), what is the revised minimum Part 2 turnover threshold?

A. ₹50 crore
B. ₹75 crore
C. ₹100 crore
D. ₹150 crore

Answer: C. ₹100 crore

8. What is the approved financial outlay of the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)?

A. ₹5,000 crore
B. ₹7,500 crore
C. ₹10,000 crore
D. ₹15,000 crore

Answer: C. ₹10,000 crore

9. Which countries' teams were defeated by India to win the men's and women's gold medals at the Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026?

A. Uganda and Sri Lanka
B. Sri Lanka and Uganda
C. Kenya and Pakistan
D. Bangladesh and Uganda

Answer: A. Uganda and Sri Lanka

10. How many Next Generation Corvettes (NGCs) are covered under the defence contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore?

A. 6
B. 7
C. 8
D. 10

Answer: C. 8

11. According to the World Bank Poverty Brief, India's extreme poverty rate declined to what percentage in 2023?

A. 5.6%
B. 4.2%
C. 2.6%
D. 1.6%

Answer: C. 2.6%

12. Under the Banglar Yuba Sathi Scheme 2026, what monthly financial assistance is provided to eligible educated unemployed youth?

A. ₹1,000
B. ₹1,500
C. ₹2,000
D. ₹2,500

Answer: B. ₹1,500

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