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Manipur Celebrates Chavang Kut Festival Marking the End of Harvest Season

- Manipur celebrated the Chavang Kut festival on 1 November.
- This festival is observed to thank the almighty for a good harvest season.
- The festival marks end of the harvesting season.
- The festival is primarily celebrated by the Chin-Kuki-Mizo communities across Manipur and other parts of Northeast India.
- Chavang Kut is held every year on November 1.
- The celebration includes traditional dances, folk music, indigenous sports, and other cultural performances.
- Due to its cultural significance, Chavang Kut was officially declared a state holiday in 1982.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla extended greetings to the people on the occasion.



Tri-Service Military Exercise 'Trishul' – Strengthening Joint Combat Readiness along India's Western Frontier

- A tri-service military drill, Trishul, is currently being conducted along India's western frontier with Pakistan.
- Vice Admiral A. N. Pramod, Director General of Naval Operations, said that Trishul will end on the 13th November.
- The Trishul includes coordination between the Army's Southern Command, the Navy's Western Command, and the Air Force's South-Western Air Command.
- Indian Coast Guard, the Border Security Force, and several central government agencies are other participants.
- About 20 to 25 warships have been deployed by Indian Navy for the Trishul.
- Around 40 combat aircraft from Indian Air Force are also participating in Trishul
- Trishul aims to strengthen joint operational readiness.
- It also aims to improve coordination among India's land, air, and maritime forces.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi Attends 25th Statehood Day Celebrations of Chhattisgarh in Raipur

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Raipur to take part in 25th Statehood Day celebrations of Chhattisgarh
- He attended the Silver Jubilee event in Raipur. This event marking 25 years since the formation of Chhattisgarh.
- He inaugurated and lay the foundation stones for development projects worth more than ₹14,000 crore.
- He also opened the Shanti Shikhar centre of the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris.
- He inaugurated the newly constructed building of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly in Raipur.
- At the Assembly premises, he unveiled a statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- He inaugurated the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and the Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museum developed in Nava Raipur.
- Chhattisgarh was granted statehood on 1 November 2000. It was a part of Madhya Pradesh. Its capital is Raipur. Its legislature is unicameral.



25 years of Chhattisgarh: PM Modi to attend statehood celebrations today; to unveil projects worth ₹14,260 crore

India Sets Three Guinness World Records under 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan'

- India got three Guinness World Records under Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan.
- Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan was a nationwide women's health campaign.
- It was carried out from September 17 to October 2.
- One record was secured for the highest number of individuals (more than 3.21 crore). They registered on a healthcare platform in a month.
- Another record was secured for the most online registrations for breast cancer screening in one week.
- Approximately 9.94 lakh women took part in this screening drive.
- A third record was secured for more than 1.25 lakh people, who signed online for vital signs screening in a week at the state level.
- More than 20 Union ministries took part in the initiative. Other participants were government institutions, medical colleges, and private sector organisations.
- Over 5 lakh Panchayati Raj representatives and 1.14 crore students also took part.
- The initiative showed India's unified approach to women's health.



FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 Inaugurated in Goa after 23 Years

- The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 inaugurated at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Taleigao, Goa.
- This prestigious global chess event has returned to India after 23 years.
- The championship is taking place from October 31 to November 27 and features 206 players representing 82 nations.
- The prize money for the competition is two million US dollars.
- Some of the participants are famous players like Gukesh D, Praggnanandhaa R, Wesley so, and Anish Giri.
- According to Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the number of Grandmasters has increased from 10 to 88 since the last World Cup, which was held in 2002.



Maharashtra Signs MoU with Abu Dhabi Ports Group to Boost Maritime and Infrastructure Cooperation

- A MoU has been signed Maharashtra government and the Abu Dhabi Ports Group and the Investment Resource & Presidential Office of Abu Dhabi.
- The MoU aims to to strengthen maritime cooperation between the two regions.
- The agreement aims to promote technological exchange.
- It will help in upgrading port facilities collaboration in the field of technology, port modernization, and logistics development.
- The partnership includes investments worth up to 2 billion US dollars.
- These funds will be used in sectors such as shipbuilding, ship-breaking, water transport, and port infrastructure.
- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis presided over the MoU signing and exchange ceremony.
- The collaboration will boost coastal development in Maharashtra and attract major foreign investments to the state.
- The strategic collaboration will also strengthen Maharashtra's reputation as a leading maritime hub in India.



Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada Begins Nationwide to Honour Bhagwan Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary



- Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada has begun from 01 November.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- As per Tribal Affairs Ministry, the Pakhwada will be observed across the nation.
- The celebrations will include participation from Tribal Research Institutes. Eklavya Model Residential Schools will also take part.
- The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India and the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation will also be involved.
- The Pakhwada aims to showcase achievements under several programs.
- These include PM JANMAN, Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan, and the National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission.
- It will also highlight various livelihood and entrepreneurship schemes.

- The two-week event will conclude on the 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.
- It will pay tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary.
- To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the year 2025 has been declared as the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh.
- Birsa Munda was a legendary tribal leader and freedom fighter. He led several tribal revolts against British colonial rule.
- His most famous uprising was the Ulgulan, or Great Tumult. He fought against exploitation and injustice faced by tribal communities.
- He is revered as Bhagwan, or God, by many tribal groups.

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India and US Sign 10-Year Framework to Strengthen Long-Term Defence Partnership



- A 10-year framework has been signed by the India and US to strengthen Defence Partnership.
- The goal of the framework is to secure long-term stability in defence ties.
- The agreement was finalized after a bilateral meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth.
- The meeting was held during the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting – Plus in Kuala Lumpur.
- The 2025 framework builds on earlier announcements made in February 2025.
- Those came after discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump.
- The framework continues the path set by earlier initiatives. These include the 2013 Joint US-India Declaration on Defence Cooperation.
- It also follows the 2015 Defence Relationship Framework.

- From 2016 to 2020, India and the US signed Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) in 2016, Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) in 2018, and Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) in 2020.
- In August 2024, India and US finalized the Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA).
- In September 2025, Indian and American forces held a joint military exercise for two weeks.
- The exercise was named Yudh Abhyas. It was held at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

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India to Host Three Major International Maritime Events in Visakhapatnam in February 2026



- Three major international maritime events will be hosted by India in February 2026 at Visakhapatnam.
- These events include International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026, Exercise MILAN 2026, and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs.
- This is the first time India will conduct all three major international maritime events simultaneously.
- The event advances Prime Minister Narendra Modi's MAHASAGAR vision (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).
- It extends India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) philosophy to promote security, growth, and collective responsibility across regions.
- Navies from across world have been invited to to take part.
- The Presidential Fleet Review at Sea by Hon'ble President of India will be a feature of the event.

- This will showcase indigenous naval platforms. These include INS Vikrant, Visakhapatnam-class destroyers, Nilgiri-class stealth frigates, and Arnala-class anti-submarine corvettes.
- Exercise MILAN will have Sea and Harbour Phases.
- The focus will be on interoperability, maritime domain awareness, anti-submarine warfare, air defence, and search-and-rescue operations
- The International City Parade will feature marching contingents from foreign navies and units from the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force.
- The parade along Visakhapatnam's RK Beach will highlight maritime diplomacy to the public.
- The IONS Conclave of Chiefs will take place with India as Chair for 2025-2027.
- It will bring together naval chiefs from 25 member nations, 9 observers, and invited countries.
- India's IFR tradition began in 2001. It expanded with the 2016 Visakhapatnam edition.
- Exercise MILAN was launched in 1995. It is a premier multilateral naval exercise.

India Launches First Fully Digitised National Marine Fisheries Census 2025

- The National Marine Fisheries Census 2025 was launched by Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri George Kurian.
- It is India's first fully digitised fisheries census. It was launched at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).
- Its household enumeration phase has been launched. Over 1.2 million fisher households will be covered in the 45-day nationwide enumeration.
- 4,000 marine fishing villages will be included in this phase across nine coastal states and four union territories.
- The census will continue from November 3 to December 18.
- Fishermen and fish workers must register on the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP).
- Registration is required to access benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY).
- The census uses two mobile applications: VyAS Bharat and VyAS Sutra, developed by CMFRI (Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute) for real-time data capture.
- Department of Fisheries under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is coordinating the Census.
- CMFRI serves as the nodal agency. The Fishery Survey of India is the operational partner.



DoSJE Signs MoU with Persolkelly India to Boost Employment Opportunities for SC and Backward Class Communities

- The **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment (DoSJE)** signed an MoU with **Persolkelly India Pvt. Ltd.**, a leading HR and staffing company, to enhance employment opportunities for candidates from Scheduled Castes (SC) and Backward Classes (BC) communities.
- Through this initiative, verified candidate data will be shared with the HR partner to enable better placements, while beneficiaries will receive free counselling, resume building, interview preparation, and placement assistance.
- The partnership ensures data privacy, transparency, and regular monitoring, while helping connect skilled SC and BC candidates with suitable jobs across sectors.



President Droupadi Murmu Becomes First Indian President to Fly in Two Fighter Jets

- **President Droupadi Murmu** made history by **becoming the first President of India** to fly in two different fighter jets, taking a Rafale sortie from the Indian Air Force Station, Ambala, on October 29, 2025. She had earlier flown in a Sukhoi-30 MKI from Tezpur, Assam, in April 2023.
- The 30-minute sortie, piloted by Group Captain Amit Gehani, covered around 200 km, reaching an altitude of 15,000 feet and a speed of 700 km/h.
- She was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour on arrival and interacted with Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, India's first woman Rafale pilot, before the flight.



India Develops First Indigenous Antibiotic Nafithromycin Marks Breakthrough in Biopharma Innovation

- India has successfully developed its first **indigenously made antibiotic**, named **Nafithromycin**.
- It is **effective against drug-resistant respiratory infections**.
- The antibiotic is especially beneficial for **cancer patients** and those with **uncontrolled diabetes**.
- Nafithromycin is the **first antibiotic molecule fully conceived, developed, and clinically tested within India**.
- The drug was developed through a **collaboration between the Department of Biotechnology and Wockhardt**, a private pharmaceutical company.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** described it as a **model example of industry–academia partnership**, which strengthens India’s biopharma sector.
- He inaugurated a **three-day workshop** titled “Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Multi-Omics Data Integration and Analysis.”
- India’s **first successful gene therapy clinical trial for Hemophilia** was completed at **Christian Medical College, Vellore**, achieving **60–70% correction** with no bleeding incidents.
- India has already **sequenced over 10,000 human genomes** and plans to **expand this to one million**, marking major progress in genomic research.

