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11th World Green Economy Summit 2025

- The 11th World Green Economy Summit was inaugurated on 1 October 2025 at the Dubai World Trade Centre.
- More than 3,300 delegates from over 30 countries are attending the two-day event.
- The summit is being held under the theme “Innovating for Impact: Accelerating the Future of the Green Economy.”
- The event is co-located with the Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition (WETEX 2025).
- Discussions on the first day focused on technology, climate finance, equity, and youth engagement.
- The summit highlighted the role of small and medium enterprises and policy reforms in advancing sustainable development.
- Around 80 international speakers from government, academia, and industry are addressing the gathering.
- The Global Alliance on a Green Economy (GAGE) unveiled its 2024–2025 portfolio to support member countries in their transition to green economies.



Typhoon Bualoi caused devastation in north-central Vietnam

- Typhoon Bualoi made landfall in northern central Vietnam on September 30, 2025, bringing high seas, strong winds, and heavy rain.
- The death toll from Typhoon Bualoi in Vietnam has increased to 51.
- Around 14 people are reported missing, and 164 others have been injured due to the storm.
- Property damage has been estimated at more than \$435 million by the disaster management agency.
- Over 210,000 houses were damaged or inundated in the affected areas.
- Bualoi is the second major typhoon to threaten Asia in a week.
- A tropical cyclone is called a 'hurricane' in the American continent. In the Philippines and Japan, it is called a 'typhoon'. In Australia, tropical cyclones are called willy-willys.



India–Bhutan New Railway Project

- India and Bhutan agreed to construct two new railway lines with an estimated cost of ₹4,033 crore.
- The first line will connect Kokrajhar in Assam to Gelephu in Bhutan. It will be 57.5 km long and cost ₹577 crore.
- The second line will connect Banarhat in West Bengal to Samtse in Bhutan. It will be 69 km long and cost ₹3,456 crore.
- The project will enhance bilateral connectivity between India and Bhutan and strengthen economic and security cooperation.
- It is expected to improve regional trade, tourism, and cultural exchange while supporting India's Act East Policy.
- This will provide Bhutan with its first railway link with India, which will facilitate economic growth and reduce transportation costs.
- The project is expected to become a model of regional cooperation and may pave the way for more India–Bhutan railway links in the future.



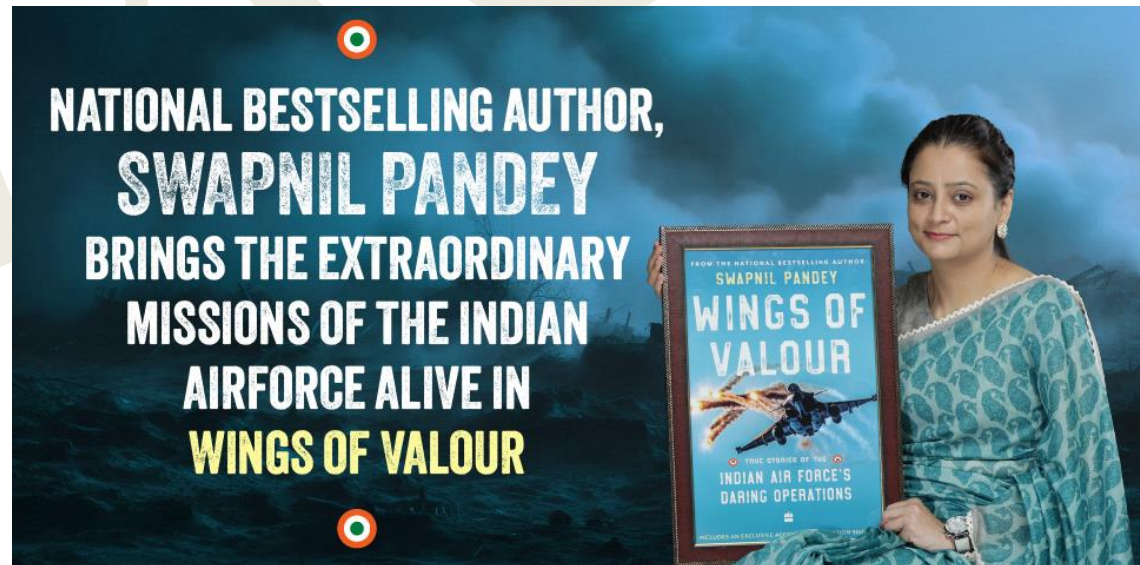
Grandmaster P. Iniyan Crowned Champion of the 62nd National Chess Championship

- Grandmaster P Iniyan from Tamil Nadu won the 62nd National Chess Championship.
- The event was held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. He went undefeated throughout the tournament.
- Iniyan scored 7 wins and 4 draws over 11 rounds.
- He tied on points with 15-year-old International Master H. Goutham Krishna from Kerala.
- Iniyan secured the title due to a better Buchholz score. He received a prize of ₹6 lakh for his victory.
- Buchholz score is a tie-breaking system used in chess and some other tournaments.
- Goutham Krishna was awarded ₹5 lakh as the runner-up. Six players finished with 8.5 points.
- Among them, Grandmaster Sasikiran Krishnan of PSPB had the best tie-break score. He finished third and won ₹4 lakh.
- International Master Aronyak Ghosh of Railways took fourth place.
- Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta ended the tournament in fifth position.



Wings of Valour: A Tribute to the Indian Air Force's Daring Missions

- Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, the Chief of Air Staff, released the book, Wings of Valour.
- The book, Wings of Valour, is written by Swapnil Pandey.
- It focuses on the Indian Air Force's most daring missions.
- The book is published by HarperCollins India.
- One chapter offers a detailed account of Operation Sindoor.
- During the event, AP Singh addressed the audience.
- He spoke about the crucial role of those in combat and those working behind the scenes.
- He said many of these individuals often go unnoticed.
- He stressed the importance of recognising and honouring their service.



The Reserve Bank of India has set a ₹50,000 crore limit on Ways and Means Advances (WMA).

- This limit applies to the central government for the second half of the 2025-26 financial year.
- WMA is a short-term loan facility provided by the RBI.
- It helps the central, state governments, and Union Territories manage temporary cash shortfalls.
- The limit was fixed after discussions between the RBI and the central government.
- The RBI may begin fresh market borrowings once 75% of the WMA limit is used.
- Both the RBI and the government can revise the limit if needed.
- This decision can be based on changing economic or fiscal conditions.
- The interest rate on WMA will match the current repo rate.
- If the government exceeds the WMA limit, the overdraft rate will be 2% higher than the repo rate



Mirabai Chanu Wins Silver at World Weightlifting Championships

- India's weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won the silver medal in the women's 48kg category at the World Championships in Førde, Norway.
- She lifted a total of 199kg. This included 84kg in the snatch and 115kg in the clean and jerk.
- With this, she secured second place overall.
- This was first World Championship of Chanu since 2022.
- It was also her second competition after the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- At the Olympics, she finished in fourth place.
- Ri Song-gum from South Korea won the gold medal. Ri Song-gum is the defending world champion. She lifted a total of 213kg to win the event.



Acoustic Alert System to be Mandatory for All Electric Vehicles from 2027

- Govt to Make Acoustic Alert System Mandatory for All Electric Vehicles from October 2027
- The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has proposed making **Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS)** **mandatory for all electric cars, buses, and trucks** from October 1, 2027 to enhance road safety.
- All new electric passenger and goods vehicle models manufactured after October 2026 must be equipped with AVAS, which emits an artificial sound to alert pedestrians and other road users.
- Category M vehicles include electric cars and buses for passenger transport, while Category N vehicles cover electric trucks and goods vehicles; both categories must comply with AIS-173 audibility requirements.
- Countries like the U.S., Japan, and some EU nations have already mandated AVAS in hybrid vehicles, aligning India with global road safety standards.



First-Ever Women's Blind T20 World Cup to be Co-Hosted by India and Sri Lanka in November 2025

- The historic women's blind cricket tournament will be held in November.
- The first-ever Women's T20 World Cup for Blind Cricket will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.
- The tournament is scheduled from 11 to 23 November 2025.
- The opening ceremony and initial matches will be held in New Delhi.
- Bengaluru will host the next phase of matches during the event.
- The final stage will be held in Colombo, featuring 15 matches including the semi-finals, final and closing ceremony on November 23.
- The announcement was made in Colombo in the presence of Sri Lanka's Sports Minister and cricket officials.
- Teams from Australia, England, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the USA will participate.
- The tournament will feature 21 league matches, two semi-finals, and one final.



ICC and UNICEF Launch “Promise to Children” Campaign to Promote Equal Opportunities for Kids

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** and **UNICEF** launched the **Promise to Children digital campaign during the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025**, promoting equal opportunities for all children, especially the most vulnerable.
- Supported by UNICEF National Ambassador Ayushmann Khurrana and Indian women’s cricket team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, the campaign focuses on children’s rights, including education, healthcare, nutrition, safe water, sanitation, and protection from violence.
- The initiative aims to engage the entire cricketing community—from players and coaches to fans—to improve children’s lives and ensure they are healthy, educated, and able to play.



ICC, UNICEF launch 'Promise to Children' campaign during Women's Cricket World Cup

Lieutenant General Virendra Vats Appointed as New Director General of NCC (2025)

- On October 1, 2025, Lieutenant General Virendra Vats assumed charge as the new Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), the world's largest uniformed youth organisation.
- He succeeded Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh in this prestigious position.
- His appointment comes as NCC expands its strength to 20 lakh cadets across 28 states and 8 union territories.
- With its motto "Unity and Discipline," NCC is moving forward aligned with the vision of a developed India@2047.
- The organisation has integrated innovation, digital skills, and global awareness alongside its traditional focus on character building and patriotism.
- Lt Gen Vats was commissioned into the 19 KUMAON Regiment on December 17, 1988, and has served in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in Arunachal Pradesh and the Kashmir Valley.
- His career highlights include commanding an infantry brigade under the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo and serving as Commandant of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.



Senior socialist and freedom fighter GG Parikh passed away in Mumbai

- On October 2, socialist, Gandhian and freedom fighter Dr. Gunvantrai Ganpatlal Parikh passed away in Mumbai at the age of 101.
- He was imprisoned during the Quit India Movement and the Emergency, and spent his entire life strengthening the labour movement.
- He worked tirelessly to engage youth in spreading the values of democratic socialism.
- For this purpose, he founded the Yusuf Meherali Centre in Raigad district, Maharashtra.
- Today, the Centre operates in more than 12 states, where youth work to empower local communities and empower them through the development of sustainable local industries.



Rajesh Agrawal Takes Charge as Secretary, Department of Commerce

- Senior IAS officer Rajesh Agrawal assumed charge as Secretary, Department of Commerce on 1 October 2025, succeeding Sunil Barthwal, who retired on 30 September.
- He brings 30 years of experience in governance, policy-making, and implementation across sectors like skilling, power, fertilisers, agriculture, and MSMEs.

Recent Appointments:

- **Board of the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF)** – Jayen Mehta,
- **Attorney General of India** – Venkataramani (re-appointment for 2 years effect from 1 Oct 25)
- **MD & CEO of Tata Motors** – Shailesh Chandra (replace P B Balaji); for 3 years
- **Controller General of Communication Accounts in New Delhi** – Vandana Gupta
- **Chairman of Coal India Ltd** – Sairam (replace P. M. Prasad)



The National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025 conferred by the Ministry of Ayush



- The National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025 were conferred by the Ministry of AYUSH on three eminent figures.
- The awardees were Prof. Banwari Lal Gaur, Vaidya Neelakandhan Mooss E.T., and Vaidya Bhavana Prasher for their outstanding contributions.
- Prof. Banwari Lal Gaur was honoured for over six decades of contribution to Ayurvedic education and Sanskrit scholarship.
- He authored 31 books, more than 300 academic works including 319 publications in Sanskrit, and guided numerous PhD and postgraduate scholars.
- He has received several national honours, including the President's Award, for his contributions to Ayurvedic literature and education.
- Vaidya Neelakandhan Moos E.T., head of the Vaidyaratnam Group, represents the eighth generation of a family with a 200-year-old Ayurvedic heritage.

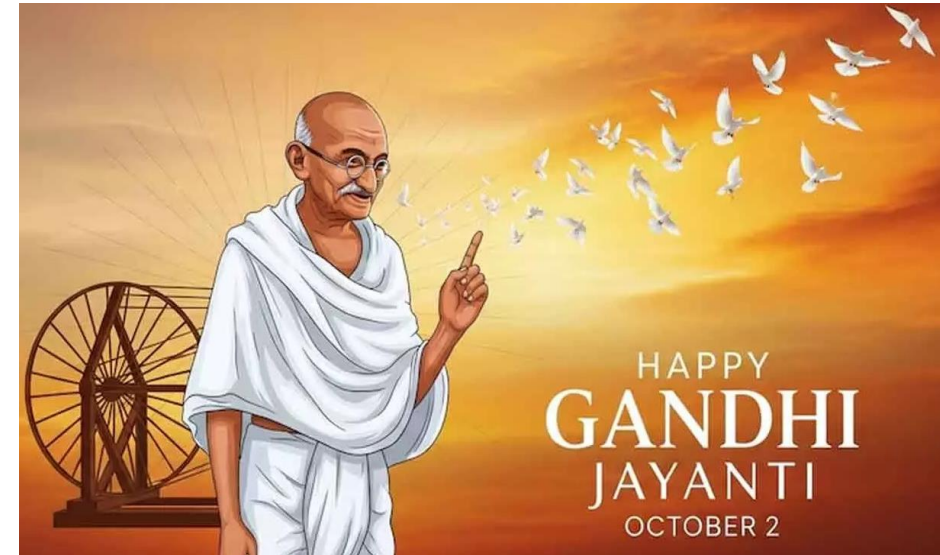
- He leads a team of over 100 physicians and has contributed to spreading Kerala's classical Ayurvedic practices nationally and globally.
- His initiatives include community health programs such as Marmayanam and Vajra, and a practical book on Panchakarma.
- Vaidya Bhavana Parashar, a scientist at CSIR-IGIB, has been honored for her pioneering work in the field of Ayurgenomics.
- Her research combines traditional Ayurvedic concepts such as Prakriti and Tridosha with modern genomic science, enabling advances in predictive and personalized healthcare.
- Her AI and ML-based Prakriti analysis protocols have been integrated into national programs such as the National Prakriti Testing Program, helping expand the scope of Ayurveda in public health.
- The three awardees symbolised distinct dimensions of Ayurveda — academic, traditional, and scientific.
- These honours, instituted by the Ministry of AYUSH, are considered among the highest recognitions in traditional Indian medicine

Gandhi Jayanti 2025: 2 October

- October 2, celebrated in India as Gandhi Jayanti, is observed worldwide as the International Day of Non-Violence.
- This year this day is the 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October to commemorate the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.
- On 15 June 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 October as the International Day of Non-Violence.
- At the UN, statements from the Secretary-General connect Gandhi's philosophy to modern conflicts and peacebuilding.

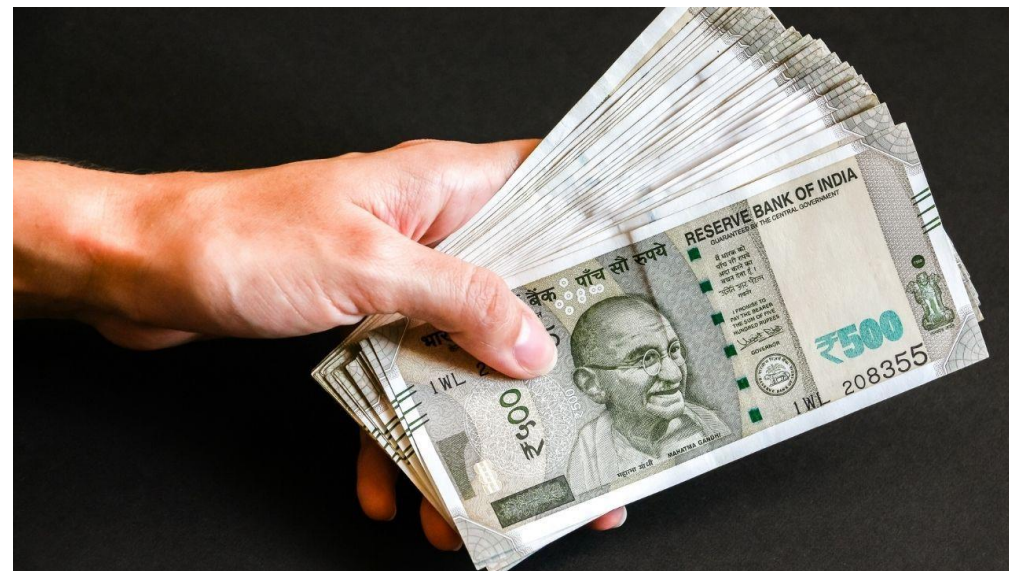
Mahatma Gandhi:

- Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, was a lawyer, political ethicist, activist, and writer.
- His full name was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.
- He was born in Porbandar, Gujarat on 2nd October 1869.
- He was an ardent follower of Satyagraha and Ahimsa.
- His notable works: Hind Swaraj, My Experiments with Truth, Harijan (Gujarati Newspaper), Young India (English Newspaper)
- He founded the Harijan Sevak Sangh in 1932.
- Times Magazine named Mahatma Gandhi as the Man of the Year in 1930.



The Centre released ₹1,01,603 crore in advance tax transfers to states.

- On October 1, the Union Government released an advance instalment of ₹1,01,603 crore in tax devolution to states.
- This special release was made ahead of the festive season to support development and welfare expenditure.
- The advance came in addition to the normal monthly devolution scheduled for October 10, 2025.
- The government emphasised that the funds would help states meet immediate expenditure needs.
- Uttar Pradesh was allocated ₹18,227 crore, the highest among all states.
- Bihar received ₹10,219 crore, while Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal were given ₹7,976 crore and ₹7,644 crore, respectively.
- Other major states include Rajasthan (Rs 6,123 crore), Odisha (Rs 4,601 crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs 4,144 crore), Andhra Pradesh (Rs 4,112 crore) and Karnataka (Rs 3,705 crore).
- Smaller states were also provided funds, with Himachal Pradesh allocated ₹843 crore, Manipur ₹727 crore, Tripura ₹719 crore and Sikkim ₹394 crore.
- Goa received ₹392 crore, while Mizoram, Nagaland and Meghalaya received ₹508 crore, ₹578 crore and ₹779 crore, respectively.
- The Centre stated that this step would provide fiscal flexibility to states, ensuring uninterrupted welfare and development projects.



Pandit Chhannulal Mishra has passed away

- He was an eminent Hindustani classical vocalist and Padma Vibhushan awardee.
- He died at the age of 89 in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, after a prolonged illness.
- He was born in 1936 in Azamgarh.
- Over the years, he became one of the most respected figures in Indian classical music.
- He was known for his mastery of styles like Khayal, Thumri, Dadra, Chaiti, Kajri, and Bhajan.
- His early training came from his father, Badri Prasad Mishra.
- He also trained under Ustad Abdul Ghani Khan of the Kirana gharana.
- Later, he received guidance from musicologist Thakur Jaidev Singh.
- In 2010, he was honoured with the Padma Bhushan.
- A decade later, in 2020, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan.



Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Namu Van

- The inauguration took place in Manesar, Haryana, as part of Wildlife Week 2025 celebrations.
- He stressed the importance of protecting India's biodiversity.
- He highlighted the need to preserve the country's rich variety of plants and animals.
- Wildlife Week encourages public involvement in conservation efforts.
- It is observed every year from October 2 to October 8.
- The aim is to raise awareness about wildlife protection and ecological balance.
- This year, the celebrations are being held under the theme "Sewa Parv."
- The theme promotes a spirit of service and responsibility towards nature.



A Special Gram Sabha was held in one lakh tribal villages and Tolas on 02 October 2025



- The purpose was to officially adopt the Tribal Village Vision 2030 Declaration.
- This initiative is part of the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan is the world's largest tribal grassroots leadership programme.
- It impacts 11 crore citizens across 30 States and Union Territories.
- The period from November 15 last year to November 15 this year has been declared by government as Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh.
- This special year is meant to celebrate and honour tribal pride and culture.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan and Adi Sewa Parv on September 17.
- These programmes aim to promote community involvement, responsive governance, and youth leadership.
- Each village will set up an Adi Sewa Kendra to offer essential public services.

- The initiative promotes voluntary participation by community members.
- It also includes the use of the AI-based Adi Vaani App to support communication in multiple tribal languages.
- Over 20 lakh people have been trained as Adi Karmayogis under this programme.
- This group includes government officials, women, and youth from tribal communities.
- They are responsible for ensuring last-mile delivery of public schemes.
- The initiative also supports integration with major programmes like PM JANMAN and Dharti Aaba Abhiyan 2.0.

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RBI Announces New Measures to Support Exporters Amid Global Trade Uncertainties



- RBI has introduced several measures to support exporters amid global trade uncertainties.
- New guidelines will soon be issued by RBI to extend the forex outlay period for Merchanting Trade Transactions from four to six months.
- This extension will help Indian merchants manage transactions more efficiently and maintain profitability.
- The repatriation period for funds in foreign currency accounts within IFSC Banking Units has also been increased by RBI from one month to three months.
- This will encourage exporters to open IFSC accounts and boost forex liquidity there.
- The reconciliation process in the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS) and Import Data Processing and Monitoring System (IDPMS) will also be simplified by the RBI.
- For bills up to ten lakh rupees, exporters and importers can now close bills by submitting a declaration that payment has been received.

- A revised framework for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) is being prepared to make regulations clearer and easier to follow.
- The new ECB rules will expand the list of eligible borrowers and recognized lenders.
- They will also relax borrowing limits and ease restrictions on the average maturity period.
- Restrictions on borrowing costs for ECBs will be removed. End-use restrictions for ECBs will be reviewed.
- The reporting requirements for ECBs will also be simplified under the updated framework.

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Carlos Alcaraz Wins Japan Open 2025

- On September 30, 2025, World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz defeated Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-4 in the Japan Open final in Tokyo.
- This victory gave Alcaraz his 8th title of the year and his first-ever trophy in Tokyo.
- His tally now stands at 67 match wins this season and 24 career tour-level titles.
- Alcaraz described the 2025 season as the best of his career, as he successfully defended the French Open and reached the Wimbledon final.
- The 2025 Japan Open Tennis Championships marked its 51st edition and was part of the ATP 500 series of the 2025 ATP Tour.
- The tournament was played on outdoor hard courts at the Ariake Coliseum in Tokyo from September 24 to 30, 2025.

Winners:

- Singles: Carlos Alcaraz (Winner) – Taylor Fritz (Runner-up)
- Doubles: Hugo Nys / Édouard Roger-Vasselin (Winners) – Rohan Bopanna / Takeru Yuzuki (Runners-up)



Bathukamma Festival Earns Guinness World Records International Recognition

- Telangana's Bathukamma Festival earned international acclaim by setting two new Guinness World Records.
- The event was held at Saroornagar Stadium in Hyderabad.
- One of the records was for the largest Bathukamma floral structure.
- It weighed approximately seven tonnes. The structure measured 63.11 feet in height and 11 feet in width.
- The second record was for the largest synchronized Bathukamma dance performance.
- A total of 1,354 women participated in the dance.
- Their performance was highly coordinated and met Guinness standards.
- Guinness World Records officials officially recognized both achievements. They presented certificates at the event.
- State Tourism Minister Krishna Rao received the certificate.
- Miss World 2025, Opal Suchata Chuangsri, attended the celebration.
- Other Miss World finalists and the team were also present on the occasion.
- The floral Bathukamma was created by about 300 workers.
- They used metal, bamboo, and fresh flowers to build the structure.
- Construction took approximately 72 hours to complete.



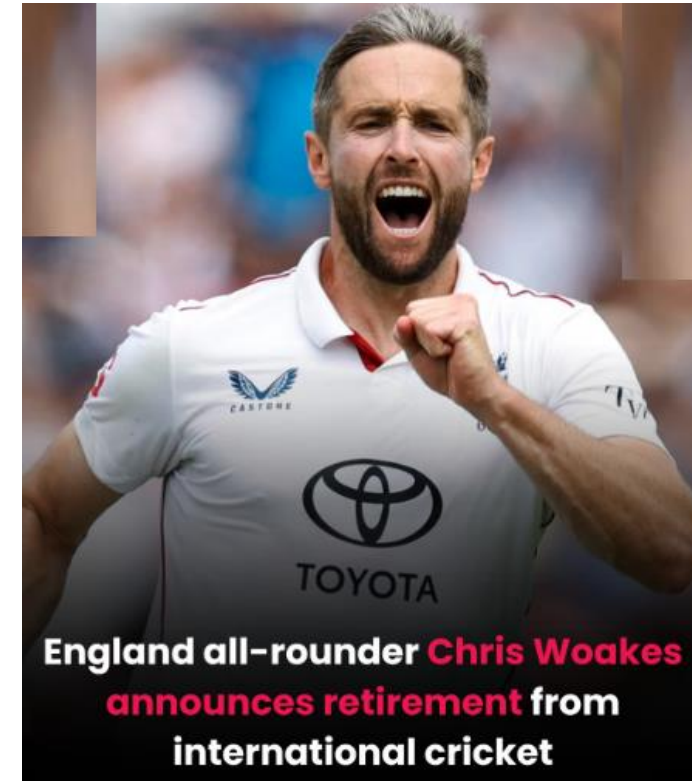
India Showcases Culture as a Global Public Good at UNESCO MONDIACULT 2025

- India was represented at UNESCO's MONDIACULT 2025 conference in Barcelona, Spain, by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Shekhawat served as Chair of the Asia-Pacific Group during the Ministerial Plenary Session.
- The session adopted the Rules of Procedure, Agenda, and elected office bearers under his chairmanship.
- India's belief in culture as a global public good and a key driver of sustainable development was underlined in his speech.
- He also spoke at a thematic session on cultural rights and the economy of culture.
- During the conference, Shekhawat held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Spain, Iran, Norway, Colombia and Greece.
- Collaboration in heritage conservation, museums, performing arts, and creative industries was discussed in these meetings.



Chris Woakes announced his retirement from international cricket

- On 29 September, England all-rounder Chris Woakes announced his retirement from international cricket.
- Since his debut in 2011, a total of 217 matches have been played by him for England across all formats, during which 396 wickets were taken and 3,705 runs were scored.
- His last appearance for England was during the ICC World Test Championship series finale against India earlier this summer.
- During that final test, Woakes displayed heroism by batting on the final day despite a shoulder dislocation, with one arm in a sling.
- Woakes played a key role in England's 2019 World Cup victory, scoring 134 runs and taking 16 wickets, including three wickets in the final against New Zealand.
- A T20 World Cup title was also added to his achievements in 2022, and his series-changing performance in the 2023 Men's Ashes earned him the Player of the Series award.



Department of Posts has signed a strategic agreement with the Indian Institute of Packaging

- The goal is to promote eco-friendly packaging solutions in postal services.
- The MoU was signed by Dr. Sudhir Jakhere from Department of Posts and Dr. Babu Rao Guduri from Indian Institute of Packaging.
- The signing took place at the Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra Circle, in Mumbai.
- The partnership focuses on replacing traditional packaging like corrugated boxes and cloth wraps.
- It aims to introduce sustainable and innovative alternatives.
- Indian Institute of Packaging will design packaging that is lightweight, durable, and scalable.
- The new packaging will also be suitable for air transport, including liquids.
- The initiative includes assessing Department of Posts' current practices.
- These will be compared with global logistics and packaging standards.
- A pricing strategy paper will be prepared. It will compare the cost of sustainable materials with traditional ones.
- The paper will also outline technical standards for packaging size, shape, and quality.
- Video-based training materials will be created for postal staff.
- These will help educate employees on sustainable packaging methods.



India Honoured with ISSA Award 2025

- India received the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025 for outstanding achievement in social security.
- Social security coverage rose from 19 percent in 2015 to 64.3 percent in 2025, benefiting over 940 million citizens.
- The award was presented at the World Social Security Forum (WSSF) 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, attended by more than 1,200 policymakers and professionals from 163 countries.
- Digital public infrastructure like the e-Shram portal, which connects more than 310 million unorganised workers, and the National Career Service (NCS) platform contributed significantly to this expansion.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) played a major role in providing pension, healthcare, insurance, and other social security benefits.
- The government's strategy combined policy reforms, process improvements, and digital innovation to strengthen social protection.
- Going forward, India aims to link financial inclusion, skilling, self-employment, and social protection as interconnected pillars of growth.



India's Only Active Mud Volcano – Baratang, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

- It is located at Baratang Island, which lies between the South and Middle Andamans, around 150 km from Port Blair in the North and Middle Andaman district.
- It is India's only active mud volcano, making it a rare geological feature and a tourist attraction.
- Also called a mud dome, it does not emit lava like igneous volcanoes but instead throws out mud, gases, and water.
- The eruptions release a mixture of mud, water, and gases such as methane, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen.
- It forms when underground pressure from gases and fluids becomes too high and breaks through cracks in the surface, creating cone-shaped or dome-shaped structures.
- The last recorded eruption took place in 2005 after the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake.
- The site attracts many visitors due to its unusual activity and is considered a major eco-tourism spot in the Andaman Islands.
- Scientifically, it helps in studying seismic activity, underground gas emissions, and unique geological processes.



NHAI to Install QR Code Sign Boards on Highways

- NHAI will introduce QR code-enabled sign boards across national highways to provide instant project and route details.
- Boards will be placed at toll plazas, rest areas, truck lay-byes, highway entry/exit points, and other key amenities.
- Commuters can scan the QR code to access details such as highway number, project length, and completion timelines.
- Every board will prominently display the Emergency Helpline 1033 for immediate support during crises.
- Scanning the QR will provide nearby information on hospitals, toilets, petrol pumps, police stations, repair shops, and e-charging stations.
- The initiative aims to blend digital technology with infrastructure to ensure safety, convenience, and transparency for highway users.



Uttar Pradesh Declares Public Holiday on Valmiki Jayanti

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a public holiday on Valmiki Jayanti.
- The occasion is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maharishi Valmiki, the revered sage and author of the Ramayana.
- Valmiki Jayanti is celebrated on the full moon day (Purnima) of the Ashwin month, falling in September–October.
- Maharishi Valmiki is regarded as the first poet (Adi Kavi) of Sanskrit literature.
- He is well known for his teachings on truth, righteousness, and moral values.
- In his early life, Valmiki was said to be a robber before his spiritual transformation.
- Guided by Sage Narada, he devoted himself to penance and self-realization; during his meditation, ants built a mound (Valmika) around him.
- After years of penance, he emerged as “Valmiki,” meaning “one born from the ant-hill,” and became a revered sage in Indian tradition.

