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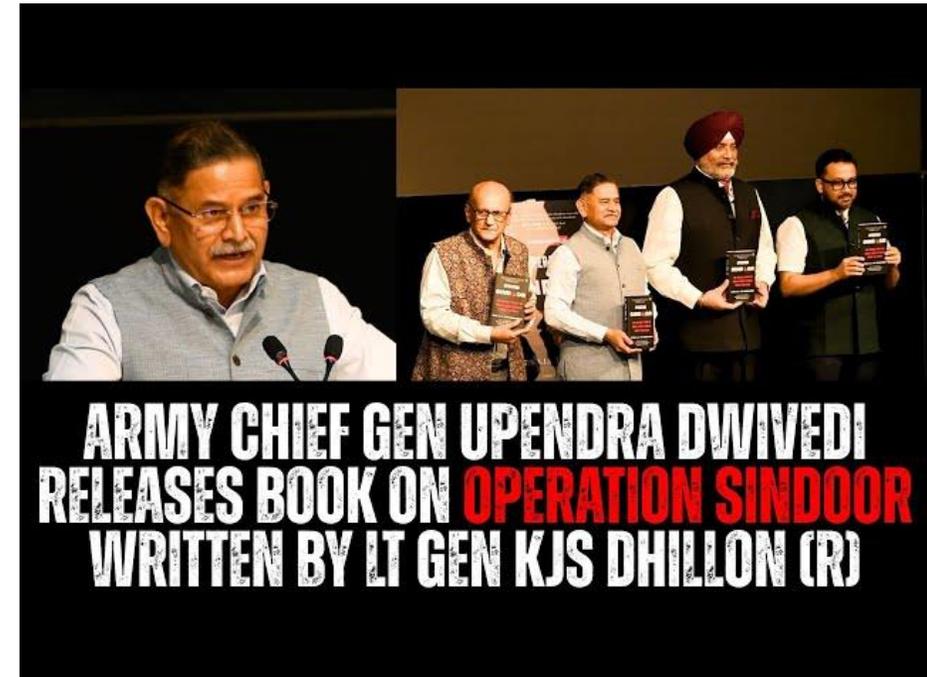
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Launch of Lt. Gen. KJS Dhillon's Book in New Delhi

- Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi launched the book "Operation Sindoor: The Untold Story of India's Deep Strikes Inside Pakistan".
- The launch event took place in New Delhi. The book is authored by retired Lieutenant General KJS Dhillon.
- General Dwivedi said the book is more than just a military account.
- He described it as a tribute to the bravery and dedication of the Indian Army.
- He also praised the discipline and spirit of the soldiers involved in the operation.
- He compared the army's actions during Operation Sindoor to a perfectly timed wave.
- Every soldier knew their role and followed orders with precision.
- He stated that the book holds significant value for academic study.
- It can serve as a useful reference for researchers and scholars.
- India carried out a calibrated response against terror targets during Operation Sindoor.
- The operation was launched on May 7.
- It was a direct response to the Pahalgam terror attack. The Pahalgam attack had claimed 26 lives.



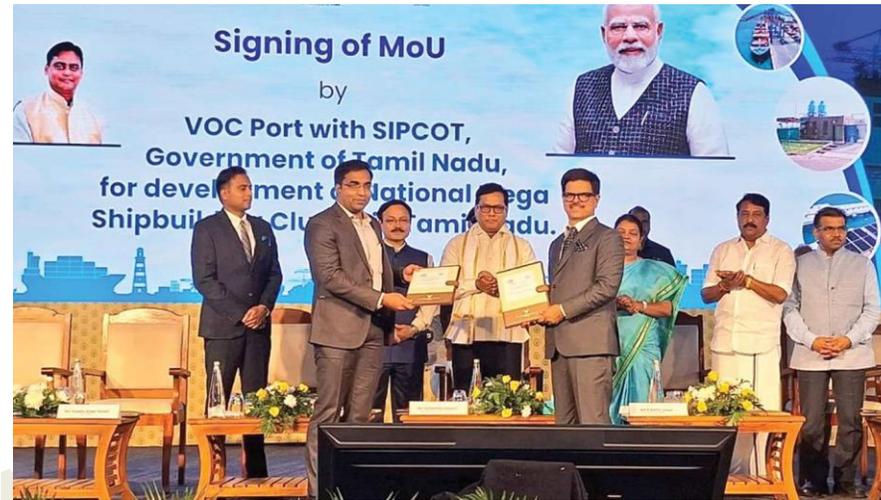
Assam has become the first state in India to launch a portal dedicated to vulture conservation



- The portal was developed by We Foundation India.
- It is called "The Vulture Network". The launch took place on September 2, 2025.
- Gauhati University's Department of Zoology collaborated in the initiative.
- The portal aims to connect individuals and groups working to protect vulture species..
- They discussed the condition of vultures in India and strategies for their survival.
- The event was organised ahead of International Vulture Awareness Day.
- This day is observed every year on the first Saturday of September.

- Nilutpal Mahanta of We Foundation India said the portal would first offer information in Assamese.
- This is to help local communities understand the importance of vulture conservation.
- The portal is cloud-based and user-friendly.
- It provides access to scientific data, awareness materials, and downloadable outreach content.
- We Foundation collaborated with groups like the Assam Bird Monitoring Network, LASA Foundation, and Suraksha Samitee.
- Individual researchers and conservationists also supported the project.
- The launch highlighted key threats to vultures.
- These include carcass poisoning, harmful veterinary drugs like diclofenac, and negative public perceptions.
- Special attention was given to the slender-billed vulture.
- India is home to nine species of vultures. These include the white-rumped, red-headed, Indian, Himalayan griffon, cinereous, Eurasian griffon, Egyptian, and bearded vultures.

India's first port-based green hydrogen pilot project launched at VOC Port



- On 5 September, India's first port-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project was inaugurated by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal at V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port in Tamil Nadu.
- The facility has been set up at a cost of ₹3.87 crore with a capacity of 10 Nm³ per hour to generate green hydrogen for powering streetlights and an EV charging station in the port colony.
- With the commissioning of this plant, VOC Port became the first port in the country to produce green hydrogen.
- A foundation stone was laid for a Green Methanol Bunkering and Refuelling Facility of 750 m³ capacity, to be built at a cost of ₹35.34 crore.
- This methanol project is aligned with the proposed Coastal Green Shipping Corridor between Kandla and Tuticorin and is expected to establish VOC Port as a major green bunkering hub in South India.
- Other projects launched included a 400 KW rooftop solar power plant, which increased the port's total rooftop solar capacity to 1.04 MW, the highest among Indian ports.

Anand V. Patil will receive the Prof. V.K. Gokak award at a ceremony in Bengaluru

- He has earlier won the Bal Sahitya award from the Kendra Sahitya Akademi.
- The award ceremony is being organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
- It is being held in collaboration with the Vinayaka Gokak Vangmaya Trust.
- The event is scheduled for September 7.
- The award is named after Prof. Vinayaka Krishna Gokak.
- Prof. Gokak was a noted Indian writer and a recipient of the Jnanpith Award.
- He also led a committee that recommended giving Kannada primary status in schools.



- A ₹24.5 crore link conveyor connecting Coal Jetty-I to the port stack yard was inaugurated, which will enhance operational efficiency by 0.72 MMTPA.
- Foundation stones were also laid for a 6 MW wind farm, a ₹90 crore multi-cargo berth, a 3.37 km four-lane road, and the Tamil Nadu Maritime Heritage Museum.
- Sonowal highlighted that Chennai, Kamarajar and VOC ports have undergone transformative development under Sagarmala, with 98 projects worth ₹93,715 crore taken up in the last 11 years, of which 50 have been completed.
- MoUs were signed between VOC Port and the Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation Ltd for rail connectivity to the Outer Harbour Project and with NTPC for green mobility initiatives at the port.
- The event was held to mark the birth anniversary of freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaranar, fondly called Kappal Ottia Tamizhhan.
- The revolutionary leader set sail for India's independence with his Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company, through which he made a valuable contribution to the country's maritime self-reliance.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has appointed David Lammy as the new deputy prime minister

- This move comes as part of a major cabinet reshuffle.
- Lammy will also take on the role of justice secretary.
- Yvette Cooper has been shifted from her position as home secretary.
- She will now lead the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.
- Shabana Mahmood has been promoted from the Ministry of Justice.
- She will serve as the new home secretary.
- Angela Rayner resigned from her roles as deputy prime minister and housing secretary.
- Her resignation followed a controversy over unpaid stamp duty.
- Rayner admitted to underpaying tax on a newly purchased home in southern England.
- She had declared the property as her primary residence, lowering her tax liability.
- However, a family home held in trust for her son triggered a higher tax rate.
- An independent ethics investigation was conducted quickly.
- The inquiry found that Rayner breached the ministerial code.
- It concluded she failed to seek professional tax advice.
- As a result, she owed an estimated £40,000 in additional stamp duty.
- Rayner expressed deep regret over not consulting a tax expert.
- She is a senior Labour Party member and MP for Ashton-under-Lyne



Renowned Italian fashion icon and billionaire entrepreneur Giorgio Armani has died at the age of 91

- He was widely celebrated for redefining elegance in the fashion world.
- Armani revolutionized modern tailoring for both men and women.
- In 2006, he became the first designer to ban excessively thin models from his runway shows.
- This decision followed the death of model Ana Carolina Reston from anorexia.
- Armani originally began his professional life studying medicine.
- He later shifted to a career in fashion during the 1960s.
- Throughout his life, he received numerous prestigious honors.
- These included France's Legion of Honour and Italy's Order of Merit for Labour.
- He was recognized globally for his lasting influence on fashion.



On 4 September, IAS officer Piyush Goyal assumed charge as the new Mines Secretary

- Piyush Goyal is a 1994-batch IAS officer belonging to the Nagaland cadre.
- Before this appointment, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of NATGRID under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Goyal succeeds V. L. Kantha Rao, who currently holds the position of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- His appointment comes at a crucial time as India's mining sector is facing both challenges and opportunities.
- The growing demand for critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements is expected to shape his tenure.
- These minerals are essential for global energy transition, powering electric vehicles, renewable energy technologies, and advanced manufacturing.
- Securing a stable supply of critical minerals will be key to achieving India's self-reliance and net-zero objectives.
- His new role as Mines Secretary is expected to involve policy formulation and implementation for sustainable mining and mineral resource management in India.



Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra announced his retirement from professional cricket

- He announced his retirement from professional cricket after a remarkable career of over 25 years.
- Amit Mishra said that the decision was largely based on repeated injuries.
- The decision was also based on belief that the younger generations need to be given an opportunity.
- Amit Mishra is a right-arm leg-break bowler and right-handed tail-ender batsman.
- He plays for Haryana in the domestic Ranji Trophy.
- He plays for the T20 franchise Lucknow Super Giants in the Indian Premier League.
- He played for four teams in the IPL: Delhi Daredevils (now Capitals), Deccan Chargers, Sunrisers Hyderabad and LSG.



The Angikaar 2025 campaign launched under PMAY-U 2.0

- On 4th September 2025, “Angikaar 2025,” a last-mile outreach campaign under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0), was launched by Shri Manohar Lal, Hon’ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, in New Delhi.
- Angikaar 2025 is designed to create nationwide awareness and accelerate the implementation of PMAY-U 2.0.
- The campaign will fast-track application verification and expedite completion of sanctioned houses.
- Awareness about the Credit Risk Guarantee Fund Trust for the Low-Income Housing scheme will also be created.
- Additionally, PMAY-U beneficiaries will be provided the benefit of PM Surya Ghar: Free Electricity Scheme, and the housing needs of the special focus group beneficiaries identified under PMAY-U 2.0 will be given priority.
- So far, 120 lakh houses have been sanctioned under PMAY-U, of which 94.11 lakh have already been completed.
- Angikaar 2025 will run from 4 September to 31 October across more than 5,000 Urban Local Bodies.
- A special celebration, PMAY-U Awas Diwas, will be observed on 17 September 2025 to mark one year of PMAY-U 2.0.
- PM Awas Mela – Shehri will also be organized at district and municipal levels as part of the campaign to promote community participation.

**Ministry for Housing
and Urban Affairs
launches Angikaar
2025 campaign under
Pradhan Mantri Awas
Yojana - Urban 2.0**



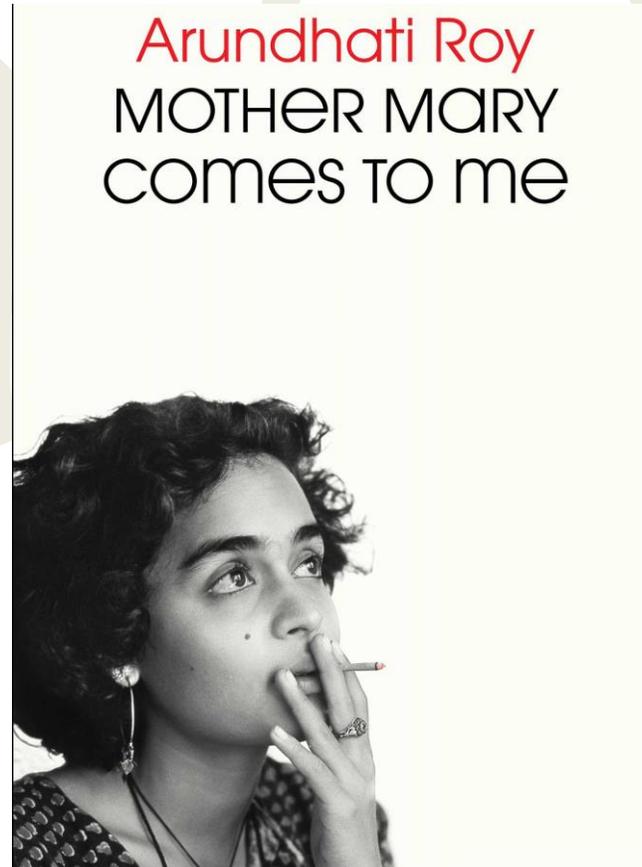
Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced a ₹80 lakh crore investment to revamp India's maritime sector by 2047

- This massive funding aims to upgrade port infrastructure across the country.
- It also seeks to boost the shipping and shipbuilding industries.
- Inland water transport will be another major area of development.
- The announcement was made during a media interaction in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.
- Sonowal highlighted the positive impact of the Sagarmala initiative.
- He said it is helping coastal communities by developing modern fishing harbours.
- He also praised Prime Minister Modi's leadership in driving maritime innovation and connectivity.
- He said Tamil Nadu is becoming a key player in India's growth story.
- On 5 September 2025, Sonowal inaugurated a green hydrogen pilot plant at V.O. Chidambaranar Port at Tuticorin .
- He also launched several other development projects at the port to accelerate progress in the maritime sector.



Writer Arundhati Roy's memoir "Mother Mary Comes to Me" released

- Booker Prize winner for "The God of Small Things," Suzanna Arundhati Roy has released her latest memoir "Mother Mary Comes to Me" in Kochi, Kerala.
- Arundhati Roy and her brother Lalit Kumar Christopher Roy released their book "Mother Mary Comes to Me" on 02 September, 2025 in Kochi, Kerala.
- Arundhati Roy Wins PEN Pinter Prize 2024
- In 1997, her first book, "The God of Small Things," won the Booker Prize



World Boxing Championships 2025 Begin in Liverpool

- India will field a strong 20-member contingent at the inaugural edition of the Championship.
- Women's team core includes two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen, Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain, and two-time Asian champion Pooja Rani.
- For the first time, the event will feature both men's and women's competitions together.
- Event – World Boxing Championships 2025
- Location – Liverpool, United Kingdom
- Organiser – World Boxing (new governing body).



Demographic Indicators of India – 2023

Main features of the report

- Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):- 25 in the year 2023, lower than 26 in the year 2022 and 32 in the year 2018. Highest in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh (37), lowest in Kerala (5). 1 out of 40 infants die before reaching one year of age.
- In rural areas, IMR has declined from 44 to 28. In the country's urban areas, this number has declined from 27 to 18.
- Total Fertility Rate (TFR): At the national level 1.9 in the year 2023, below the replacement level (2.1); highest in Bihar (2.8), lowest in Delhi (1.2). Under-five mortality rate (U5MR): Due to a decline in U5MR among women, it has declined from 30 in the year 2022 to 29 in the year 2023.
- Crude Birth Rate (CBR):At the national level 18.4 (year 2023); highest in Bihar (25.8), lowest in Tamil Nadu (12.0). While Andaman and Nicobar Islands had the lowest at 10.1 in the year 2023.
- Crude Death Rate (CDR): At the national level 6.4 (year 2023); highest in Chhattisgarh (8.3), lowest in Chandigarh 4 followed by Delhi (4.5).
- Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB):Increased from 914 (year 2020-22) to 917 (year 2021-23); highest in Chhattisgarh (974), lowest in Uttarakhand (868). Also, it was 914 in rural areas and 925 in urban areas.
- The highest SRB was recorded in Chhattisgarh and Kerala at 974 and 971 respectively, while the lowest was recorded in Uttarakhand at 868. Data showed that Bihar's SRB remained one of the lowest in the country, although it improved slightly to 897 in 2023.

- The state's SRB has been declining since 2020, when it recorded 964. It fell to 891 in 2022. Delhi, Maharashtra, and Haryana are among the states and union territories that recorded SRB below 900 in 2023.
- Birth-death rate: A dramatic decline of 80 percent has been recorded from 129 in the year 1971. This shows that Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest birth-death rate in the country at 37. The lowest was recorded in Manipur at 3.
- Kerala was the only one among the 21 major states to record a single-digit birth-death rate of 5. It is second in the country after Manipur.

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New SOO Agreement for Peace in Manipur

- The Kuki National Organization (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) have signed a fresh Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with the Centre and the Manipur state government.
- The agreement assures that the territorial integrity of Manipur will be protected.
- This highway is considered the lifeline of Manipur, as it ensures the supply of food, medicines, and essential goods.
- The agreement aims to bring insurgent groups into mainstream peaceful life and promote rural peace and security.
- Similar peace agreements were earlier signed in Nagaland and Mizoram as well.
- In Manipur, major communities include the Meitei, Naga, and Kuki-Zo tribes, who have longstanding disputes.
- Disputes mainly revolve around land ownership, political representation, special rights, and resource sharing among these communities.
- Nagas demand "Greater Nagalim," while the Kuki groups have sought a separate state, causing further divisions.
- The new SoO agreement is expected to restore peace, stability, and development in Manipur.



Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 (effective Sept 1, 2025)

- A comprehensive revamp of India's framework for managing foreign nationals
- Replaces 4 old laws: Passport (Entry into India) Act 1920, Registration of Foreigners Act 1939, Foreigners Act 1946, Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act 2000.

Stricter penalties:

- Fake/forged passport or visa 2–7 years jail + fine ₹1–10 lakh.
- Illegal entry without valid documents up to 5 years jail + ₹5 lakh fine.
- Overstaying/visa violations up to 3 years jail + ₹3 lakh fine.
- Serious violations (fraud, terrorism, repeat offenders) deportation, blacklisting, up to 10 years jail.
- Mandatory reporting: Hotels, hospitals, universities, nursing homes must report foreign nationals staying/using facilities.
- Carrier obligations: Airlines & shipping lines must share advance passenger/crew details.
- Premises regulation: Govt can seal/restrict properties misused by foreigners.
- Special exemption: Citizens of Nepal & Bhutan may still enter India without passport/visa through official routes.



Shabana Mahmood Appointed UK Home Secretary in Labour Cabinet Reshuffle

- Shabana Mahmood has been appointed as the new **UK Home Secretary**, succeeding **Yvette Cooper** after a major Labour-led government reshuffle triggered by Deputy PM Angela Rayner's resignation.
- Mahmood, who previously served as Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor (2024–25), has been the MP for Birmingham Ladywood since 2010 and is a senior Labour Party leader.
- Taking charge amid challenges like small boat crossings, asylum hotels, and migration pressures, she has expressed support for reforming the European Convention on Human Rights and tightening immigration rules.



Alia Bhatt Named Levi's Global Ambassador

- Levi's has appointed Bollywood star Alia Bhatt as its new global brand ambassador, blending international fashion influence with cultural relevance.
- The move aligns with a shift in women's fashion towards relaxed, wide-leg, and comfort-first denim fits, moving away from traditional skinny jeans.
- With Bhatt's influence, Levi's is transitioning from being just a heritage denim label to a trend-forward and culturally relevant fashion icon.
- According to Levi's leadership, Bhatt's impact goes beyond film and glamour, as she shapes cultural conversations and resonates with global youth.
- Founded in 1853, Levi's is redefining itself to embrace expressive, modern, and authentic fashion lines, positioning Alia Bhatt at the center of this transformation.



“14-Year-Old Madhav Kamath Becomes First Indian to Win World Youth Scrabble Championship

- 14-year-old Madhav Gopal Kamath of Delhi has become the first Indian to win the World Youth Scrabble Championship (WYSC).
- Madhav won the championship in the final round with 21 brilliant wins out of 24 rounds in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 15-year-old Suyash Manchali of Bengaluru, who was the runner-up in last year’s edition held in Sri Lanka, secured the fifth position with 17 wins.

Beginning of Scrabble

- Scrabble began in the year 1931 when architect Alfred Mosher Butts invented a word game called “Lexico” (later “Criss-Cross Words”), but it was redesigned and renamed Scrabble.
- Scrabble is a classic board game in which 2-4 players compete to score points by forming words with letter tiles on a 15x15 grid in crossword style. Players draw seven letter tiles and take turns placing words that must connect to existing words on the board.



Bhubaneswar Launches India's First Integrated Heat and Cooling Action Plan (IHCAP)

- Bhubaneswar has become the first Indian city to launch an Integrated Heat and Cooling Action Plan (IHCAP) to tackle heat stress and rising air-conditioning demand.
- The city experiences long heat seasons from February to October, and rising night-time temperatures increase health risks; in 2024, there were 230 days of heat alerts.
- Urban growth has reduced vegetation by 10% and water bodies by 75%, making Bhubaneswar 2–5°C hotter than nearby rural areas.
- Outdoor workers lose 20–30% productivity due to heat, and the city's annual income declined by 8.6% because of heat stress.
- Air-conditioning use doubled from 6% of households in 2021 to 15% in 2023, accounting for one-third of annual electricity use and two-thirds in summer.
- By 2050, under business-as-usual conditions, cooling demand could rise 7.6 times, increasing energy use and emissions.
- The core strategies of IHCAP include cooling the city, cooling buildings, providing sustainable cooling for all, enhancing heat resilience, and adapting to heat.
- IHCAP integrates India's Cooling Action Plan and Heat Action Plan; scaling up will require updates to building codes, master plans, and NDMA guidelines.

