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Maharashtra Becomes First Indian State to Partner with Starlink

- Maharashtra became the first state to partner with Starlink for satellite-based internet services.
- On 5 November, Maharashtra became the first Indian state to partner with Elon Musk's Starlink for satellite-based internet services.
- A Letter of Intent was signed by the state government with Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited.
- High-speed satellite internet was planned to be expanded to rural and remote regions under this agreement.
- Government institutions and underserved districts like Gadchiroli, Nandurbar, Dharashiv and Washim were included in the deployment plan.
- The initiative is part of the Digital Maharashtra mission to strengthen digital connectivity.
- Starlink is preparing for a full commercial launch in India by early 2026.
- Starlink is building at least nine satellite gateway stations across India, including in Mumbai, Noida, Kolkata, Chandigarh and Lucknow.
- With over 6,000 low-Earth orbit satellites already operating globally, Starlink aims to bring fast and reliable internet to the remotest corners of India.



Jannik Sinner Clinches Paris Masters, Regains World No.1

- Jannik Sinner won the Paris Masters title and regained the world No. 1 ranking.
- Italian star Jannik Sinner won his first Paris Masters title, beating Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-6(4) at the La Defense Arena on November 2.
- Sinner regained the world No. 1 ranking from Carlos Alcaraz.
- His unbeaten run on indoor courts was extended to 26 matches.
- With a stellar performance in Paris, Sinner became the first player to win a Masters 1000 title without dropping a set since Alcaraz at Indian Wells in 2023.
- In the doubles final, Britain's Henry Patten and Finland's Harri Heliövaara defeated British pair Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool 6–3, 6–4 to win their first ATP Masters 1000 title.



Zohran Mamdani Becomes First Muslim Mayor of New York

- Democrat Zohran Mamdani won the New York mayoral race at the age of 34.
- On November 4, 2025, Zohran Mamdani made history by becoming the first Muslim mayor-elect of New York City and the youngest mayor since 1917.
- His democratic socialist campaign energised progressives nationwide while also drawing strong backlash from President Donald Trump, Republicans, and some moderate Democrats.
- In his victory speech after defeating former Governor Andrew Cuomo, Mamdani claimed a sweeping mandate.
- The Mayor of New York City is the head of the city government and acts as the chief executive of the city.
- It's a position that oversees a gigantic bureaucracy which impacts the daily lives and livelihoods of some 8.5 million people.
- The Mayor of the City shall be responsible for preparing, proposing, and implementing New York City's various budgets and financial plans and for managing the City's relations with federal, state, and local governing bodies.



Vande Mataram 150 Years Celebration Begins in 2025

- The year-long commemoration of 150 years of “Vande Mataram” will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on 7 November 2025.
- The Ministry of Culture will organise the inaugural ceremony at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
- The celebration will run from 7th November 2025 to 7th November 2026.
- It is believed that Bankim Chandra Chatterjee composed the national song 'Vande Mataram' on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Navami on 7 November 1875.
- Vande Mataram was first published serially in the literary magazine Bangadarshan, in his novel Anandamath, and later as a standalone book in 1882.
- The song gives poetic expression to India's awakened sense of unity and self-respect, describing the motherland as a symbol of strength, prosperity and divinity.
- On January 24, 1950, the President of the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, announced that 'Vande Mataram', which played a historic role in the freedom struggle, would be given the same respect as the national anthem, 'Jana Gana Mana’.
- It was first sung at the Indian National Congress session in 1896.



Gurugram Hosts 3rd Maritime Information Sharing Workshop

- Third Maritime Information Sharing Workshop was held in Gurugram.
- Total 57 delegates participated in the event, representing 30 different nations.
- The workshop was organized by the Information Fusion Centre–Indian Ocean Region.
- The theme of workshop was Enhancing Real-Time Coordination and Information Sharing Across the Indian Ocean Region.
- The Ministry of Defence said the workshop aimed to boost interoperability and enhance situational awareness through targeted discussions.
- A simulation exercise was held during the workshop. It used the indigenously developed Maritime Analytical Tool for Regional Awareness.
- A Maritime Security Seminar was also conducted as part of workshop.
- Information Fusion Centre–Indian Ocean Region was launched in December 2018.
- It is a regional maritime security centre hosted by the Indian Navy.



Jemimah and Deepti Register Improvements in ICC Women's ODI Rankings

- Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma achieved notable improvements in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings.
- The improvements have come after India's World Cup victory over South Africa in Mumbai.
- Jemimah entered the top 10 batters list for the first time.
- Jemimah scored a decisive century in the semifinal match against Australia.
- Deepti Sharma rose to fourth among all-rounders.
- Crowned Player of the Tournament, Deepti contributed seven wickets and crucial runs to India's title run.
- Smriti Mandhana dropped to second place as South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt seized the top ranking.
- Indian pacer Shree Charani advanced seven spots to reach 23rd position in the global rankings.



Ghazala Hashmi Becomes Virginia's First South Asian American Woman Lieutenant Governor

- India-born Ghazala Hashmi has created history by getting elected as Virginia's first South Asian American and Indian-origin woman Lieutenant Governor.
- The Democrat won the election against Republican candidate John Reid.
- Six years ago, Hashmi had also made history by becoming the first Muslim woman to serve in the Virginia State Senate.
- Hashmi will now take over from Republican Winsome Earle-Sears.
- Earle-Sears was the first woman to hold the position of Lieutenant Governor.
- Hashmi was born Malakpet area of Hyderabad and moved to the United States when she was four years old.



Typhoon Kalmaegi, one of the most powerful storms of the year, has caused at least 66 deaths across the Philippines

- Many residents have been forced to evacuate. The typhoon brought destructive winds and heavy rainfall.
- Although it has weakened since making landfall, Kalmaegi remains dangerous.
- Kalmaegi is known locally as Tino. It still produced gusts of more than 130 km/h.
- 49 deaths occurred in Cebu, a province of the Philippines.
- Most of these were caused by flooding, landslides, and falling debris.
- As per Meteorologists, the storm will move toward Vietnam next.
- Typhoon Kalmaegi is an active tropical cyclone. It is 25th named storm and 12th typhoon of the 2025 Pacific typhoon season.



National Cancer Awareness Day 2025: 07 November

- Every year on 7th November, National Cancer Awareness Day is observed.
- It is observed to promote awareness about the diagnosis, treatment, and early detection of cancer.
- National Cancer Awareness Day has been celebrated every year on 7 November since 2014 in India.
- It is observed on 7th November, coinciding with the birth anniversary of scientist Madame Curie.
- Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie is honored on this day for her groundbreaking work, including the discovery of radium and polonium and her contribution to the development of radiotherapy for cancer treatment.
- In India, nearly 1.5 million new cases of cancer are reported annually.
- The main reasons for the late detection of 50% of cancers are illiteracy, lack of awareness, fear, and stigma.
- In India, 70% of cancers (40% tobacco-related, 20% infection-related and 10% other) are caused by potentially modifiable and preventable risk factors.
- World Cancer Day is celebrated on 4 February.



Kane Williamson Retires from T20 Internationals, to Continue in Tests and ODIs

- **New Zealand captain Kane Williamson** has announced his retirement from T20 Internationals with immediate effect after a remarkable career spanning 93 matches and over 2,500 runs.
- Williamson, who made his T20I debut in 2011, led the Black Caps in 75 matches, guiding them to two semi-finals (2016, 2022) and a final appearance in 2021.
- While stepping away from T20Is, the New Zealand legend will continue to represent his country in Test and ODI cricket.



India's First SiC Semiconductor Plant Inaugurated in Odisha

- India's First SiC Semiconductor Manufacturing Plant to be Set Up in Odisha.
- Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated India's first end-to-end Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor at Info Valley, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, marking a major step toward the nation's selfreliance in semiconductor manufacturing.
- The project has been approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The project, implemented by SiCSem Private Limited, a subsidiary of Archean Chemical Industries Limited, involves the establishment of an Assembly, Testing, Marking, and Packaging (ATMP) and manufacturing facility for SiC-based compound semiconductors.
- The facility will be built by SiCSem Private Limited in collaboration with UK-based Clas -SiC Wafer Fab Ltd, marking a major milestone in India's semiconductor and power-electronics ambitions
- Rs.2,067 crore; land allotted by Industrial Development Corporation of Odisha (IDCO) (23 acres).
- The facility will have an annual capacity of 60,000 SiC wafers and 96 million packaged units, and is expected to become operational by 2027–28.



Arjun Ram Meghwal attends King Hamad Lecture in Bahrain

- Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister for Law and Justice, represented India at the King Hamad Lecture for Neutral Justice and the Future of International Commercial Courts Conference.
- The event took place on November 5–6, 2025 in Bahrain.
- The conference was hosted by the Council for International Dispute Resolution of Bahrain under the auspices of Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Endowments.
- Global leaders in law, arbitration, and judicial reform gathered to discuss the evolution of international commercial courts and cross-border justice.
- The Minister also delivered a keynote address on “Promoting Commerce Between Bahrain and India.”
- Other participants in the session include Justice Surya Kant of the Supreme Court of India, and Senior Advocate Dr. Pinky Anand.
- Union Minister Meghwal emphasized India’s ongoing legal and institutional reforms.
- He also expressed India’s interest in collaborating with Bahrain’s dispute resolution bodies.

