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Centenary Celebrations of Indian Hockey Held Across the Country

- The centenary celebrations of Indian hockey celebrated across the country on 7 November.
- The 100-year journey of Indian hockey was celebrated across the country.
- More than 1400 matches were organised in 550 districts as part of the celebrations.
- The main event was held at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.
- A special program was planned to highlight the legacy and achievements of Indian hockey.
- A 30-minute exhibition match was played between Union Minister XI and Hockey India Mixed XI.
- Hockey legends were felicitated for their contribution to the sport.
- A commemorative volume titled “100 Years of Indian Hockey” was released.
- A large-scale photo exhibition showcased historic moments from Indian hockey.
- India remains the most successful hockey nation with 8 Olympic golds and 13 total Olympic podium finishes.
- This celebration aims to honour past champions and inspire the next generation.



₹50 Commemorative Coin Released on NHPC's Golden Jubilee

- A commemorative coin of ₹50 released to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of NHPC Limited.
- On 6th November, a ₹50 commemorative coin was released by Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal in New Delhi.
- The release marks 50 years of NHPC Limited, India's Premier Hydropower Navratna Company
- NHPC completed 50 years of establishment on 7 November 2025.
- A special comic book, "Chhota Bheem aur Bada Bandh", was also launched to promote awareness of hydropower among students.
- The coin acknowledges NHPC's contribution to India's energy self-reliance.
- The company has now diversified into solar, wind and green hydrogen, reinforcing its status as a 100% green energy company.
- NHPC operates 30 power stations with 8333 MW installed capacity and 14 projects (9704 MW) under construction.
- NHPC Limited was incorporated on November 7, 1975, as the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited.



The indigenously built survey vessel 'Ikshak' commissioned into the Indian Navy

- On 6 November, the Indian Navy commissioned the new survey vessel 'Ikshak' into service at a ceremony held at the Naval Base in Kochi.
- The vessel is the third in the Survey Vessel (Large) class series.
- The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.
- The ship has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata.
- 'Ikshak' contains over 80% indigenous components under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- This ship will be the first of its class to be deployed in the Southern Naval Command.
- Its name means "Guide" in Sanskrit.
- The ship is equipped with advanced hydrographic and oceanographic equipment, including multi-beam sonar and autonomous underwater vehicles.
- The ship will carry out coastal and deep-water surveys to ensure safe navigation.
- The commissioning strengthens India's maritime mapping and security capabilities.



An MoU signed between DGT and Autodesk to enhance digital design skills in vocational training



- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Autodesk.
- The MoU was signed to advance digital design and make skills among faculty and trainers in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across India.
- The initiative aims to strengthen the digital capabilities of trainers and teachers, develop employable skills among students and prepare the workforce in India for the needs of industries such as architecture, engineering, manufacturing and construction.
- According to Autodesk's State of Design and Make Report 2025, 52% of Indian organisations surveyed believe that AI-related skills will be their top hiring priority in the future.
- Through this MoU with DGT, Autodesk will extend its professional-grade software to teachers and students of over 14,500 ITIs and 33 NSTIs, enabling trainers to skill a large number of young learners.

- This collaboration demonstrates Autodesk's continued commitment to supporting India's Skill India Mission and promoting the use of digital design technology in education and vocational training.
- The initiative will build AI-ready and industry-adaptive talent.
- Autodesk will also support certification and global skill benchmarking.
- The collaboration aims to bridge the gap between training and industry expectations.

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National Dialogue on Smart and Sustainable Urban Transport Held in Gurugram

- The 18th Urban Mobility India Conference inaugurated in Gurugram.
- On 7 November, the 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition was inaugurated by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The three-day event, organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Institute of Urban Transport (India), is being organised in collaboration with the Government of Haryana and Gurugram Metro Rail Limited.
- The theme for this year is “Urban Development and Mobility Nexus”.
- The conference aims to explore integrated planning and sustainable transport solutions to enhance urban mobility in Indian cities.
- The conference will feature 8 technical sessions, 8 roundtables and 2 plenaries.
- The focus of the conference is on creating an equitable and sustainable transport system in line with the objectives of the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006.
- The conference also aims to identify practical and scalable mobility solutions that can reduce travel time and costs for urban residents.



The Co-op Kumbh 2025 will be inaugurated by Amit Shah in New Delhi on 10 November

- The Co-op Kumbh 2025 is an International Conference on the Urban Cooperative Credit Sector
- The theme of the conference is “Digitalising Dreams – Empowering Communities”.
- The conference aims to empower communities and strengthen the cooperative foundation of financial inclusion in the country through dialogue, innovation and shared vision.
- Discussions will include digital innovation, governance reforms, and empowerment of women and youth leadership within the cooperative movement.
- The event also aligns with the celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025.



PM Modi to Inaugurate National Conference on Strengthening Legal Aid Delivery

- The National Conference on 'Strengthening Legal Aid Delivery Mechanisms' will be inaugurated by PM Modi.
- The event will be held at the Supreme Court of India on 8 November.
- The Community Mediation Training Module, prepared by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), will be launched by the Prime Minister during the programme.
- NALSA is organising the two-day conference to deliberate on key aspects of the legal services framework.
- These include the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, panel lawyers, para-legal volunteers, permanent Lok Adalats, and the financial management of legal services institutions.
- On November 8, the Prime Minister will also visit his parliamentary constituency Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and flag off four new Vande Bharat Express trains.
- The new Vande Bharat Express trains will run on the Banaras-Khajuraho, Lucknow-Saharanpur, Firozpur-Delhi and Ernakulam-Bengaluru routes.



17th edition of the India Game Developer Conference held in Chennai

- From 5 to 7 November, the 17th India Game Developer Conference (IGDC) was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- A Centre of Excellence for Gaming will be set up in Chennai within a period of six months.
- Regional centres will be set up in Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy, Salem and Tirunelveli.
- The state will have a dedicated facilitation cell, which will act as a single window for providing business support and also enhance ease of doing business in the state.
- The state has a double-digit GDP growth rate of 11.9%, the highest in India, and has seen the establishment of 10,800 start-ups in the last three years.
- IGDC is considered a significant conference for the gaming community, bringing together creators, studios, investors, and publishers from around the world.



The Khangchendzonga National Park rated “Good” by IUCN



- Khangchendzonga National Park has been rated as "good" in the latest global review of natural World Heritage sites by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- It is the only Indian World Heritage Site with this positive rating.
- While other important areas like the Western Ghats and Sundarbans are facing serious concerns.
- Khangchendzonga, officially known as the Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, is India's first “mixed” UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- It was recognised in 2016 for its combination of natural beauty and cultural importance.
- Spread over 1,784 square kilometres, the mountain ranges range from misty subtropical forests at lower elevations to the snow-capped peak of 8,586-metre-high Mount Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak.

- The park hosts 280 glaciers and over 70 glacial lakes.
- A rich diversity of wildlife, including snow leopards, clouded leopards, red pandas, blue sheep, Himalayan tahr, and over 550 bird species, such as the Impeyan pheasant and satyr tragopan.
- The park holds deep cultural significance for local communities.
- It is considered a sacred landscape by the Lepcha people and Tibetan Buddhists, where spiritual traditions continue alongside conservation.
- The vast Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, expanded in 2018, connects the main protected areas with buffer zones where villagers practice sustainable farming and harvesting.

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President Draupadi Murmu will go on a state visit to Angola and Botswana

- A six-day official visit to Angola and Botswana will be undertaken by President Droupadi Murmu from 8 November.
- This will be the first visit by an Indian Head of State to both countries.
- Secretary (Economic Relations) Sudhakar Dalela informed that the visit reflects India's growing engagement with the African continent.
- In the first leg, President Murmu will be in Angola from 8 to 11 November, where she will hold bilateral discussions with the President of Angola.
- She will also attend the 50th anniversary celebrations of Angola's Independence on 11th November and address the Angolan Parliament.
- This year marks the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Angola.
- India has a vibrant energy partnership with Angola, and the President of Angola is currently the Chairperson of the African Union, adding further significance to the interaction.



- In the second leg, President Murmu will visit Botswana from 11 to 13 November to hold talks with the President of Botswana.
- She will address the National Assembly and visit locations of historical and cultural significance, while discussions will focus on enhancing bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors.
- India's engagement with Africa has expanded in recent years through political dialogue, trade, development partnerships and people-to-people ties.
- India has opened 17 new diplomatic missions in Africa, and trade with the region has reached nearly \$100 billion, aligning with India's broader priority of strengthening relations with the Global South.

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World Leader for Peace and Security – 2025 Award to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar



- The Spiritual Leader and founder of the *Art of Living* organization, **Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar**, has been conferred the prestigious ‘**World Leader for Peace and Security – 2025**’ award, in recognition of his contributions towards promoting peace and global leadership.
- **Awarding Organizations:** Boston Global Forum (BGF) and AI World Society (AIWS).
- **Venue:** Boston, United States of America.
- The award acknowledges his significant role in advancing peacebuilding initiatives and leadership efforts, especially in promoting harmony and non-violence across the world.
- **Previous Recipients of the Award:**
- **Ban Ki-moon** – Former United Nations Secretary-General (International Diplomatic Leader).
- **Joseph Nye** – Harvard Professor and noted political scientist (2022).

- **Satya Nadella** – CEO of Microsoft and Global Business Leader (2024).
- **Boston Global Forum (BGF) and AI World Society (AIWS)**
- **BGF:**Boston Global Forum is an international **think tank**. Its objective is to formulate ethical and technology-driven policy solutions to promote **global peace, security, and social development**.
- **AIWS:**AI World Society focuses on developing **ethical frameworks and governance systems** to ensure that **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** is used for **human welfare and global peace**.
- **Significance of the Award**
- BGF and AIWS gave this award to honor work that supports **peace and ethics** at a time when **technology and AI are growing fast**.
- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar spreads these peace values through **yoga, meditation, and spiritual guidance**.
- Founded in 1981 by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, it is a global spiritual organization that promotes **stress relief and mental well-being** through **yoga, meditation, and the Sudarshan Kriya breathing technique**.
- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has worked for peace in conflict-affected regions, conducted yoga and meditation rehabilitation programs in prisons, and provided help during disasters like earthquakes and floods, showcasing India's **peaceful and spiritual leadership** to the world.

Cobra Beat Initiative for Micro-Level Traffic Management in Bengaluru

- Bengaluru Traffic Police launched a new rapid response unit named ‘Cobra Beat’ to handle micro-level traffic congestion.
- Each police station deploys 3–4 Cobra Beat personnel, acting as first responders.
- Every team covers two fixed routes during peak traffic hours.
- Their key duties include removing stalled vehicles, preventing illegal parking, controlling wrong/erratic U-turns, and clearing junction blockages.
- The initiative aims to enable real-time traffic regulation and faster vehicular movement across the city.

