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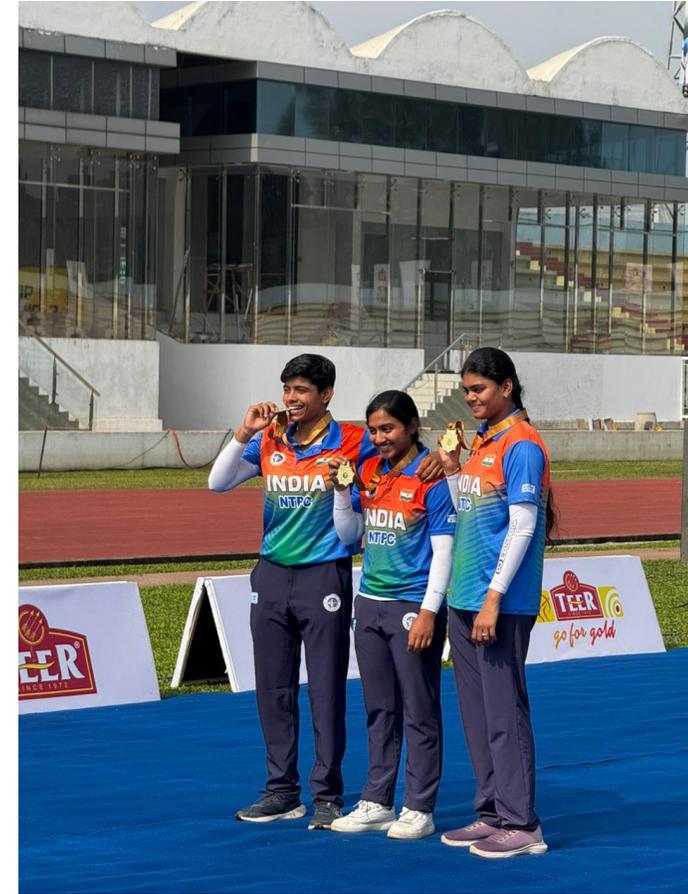
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India Shines at 24th Asian Archery Championships: 3 Gold and 2 Silver Medals in Dhaka

- Three gold and two silver medals clinched by India at the 24th Asian Archery Championships in Dhaka.
- On November 13, India had a stellar performance at the 24th Asian Archery Championships 2025 in Dhaka, winning three gold and two silver medals in the compound events.
- Jyothi Surekha Vennam triumphed over Prithika Pradeep in a closely fought all-Indian Compound Women's Individual Final, winning 147–145 to claim gold.
- Prithika secured the silver medal, and both archers were appreciated by AAI for their exceptional consistency and focus.
- Earlier, the Indian compound women's team Deepshikha, Jyothi and Prithika – won the gold medal after defeating Korea 236-234 in a close final.
- Additionally, in the compound mixed team event, Abhishek Verma and Deepshikha won the gold medal by defeating Bangladesh 153-151.
- Also, the Compound Men's Team of Abhishek Verma, Sahil Jadhav, and Prathamesh Fuge secured silver after finishing second in a tight contest.



Defence Ministry Signs ₹2,095 Crore Deal for INVAR Anti-Tank Missiles

- A contract worth ₹2,095 crore for INVAR anti-tank missiles signed by the Defence Ministry.
- On 13 November, an agreement worth ₹2,095 crore was signed by the Ministry of Defence with Bharat Dynamics Limited for procuring INVAR Anti-Tank Missiles.
- The procurement was undertaken to upgrade the strike capability of the Indian Army's T-90 tanks.
- The agreement was finalised under the 'Buy (Indian)' category in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.
- The ministry stated that the deal aligns with the goal of strengthening the army by utilising the expertise of Defence Public Sector Undertakings.
- The INVAR system is designed as a laser-guided missile with a very high probability of hitting targets accurately.



Draft Seeds Bill 2025 released for public consultation

- A draft Seeds Bill, 2025, aligned with current agricultural and regulatory requirements, has been prepared by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- The Draft Seeds Bill 2025 was placed in the public domain for comments.
- The proposed legislation aims to replace the Seeds Act 1966 and the Seeds (Control) Order 1983.
- The bill aims to regulate the quality of seeds and planting materials, ensure farmers' access to high-quality and affordable seeds, and curb the sale of spurious or poor-quality seeds.
- It also seeks to liberalise seed imports, promote innovation, and safeguard farmers' rights with greater transparency and accountability in seed supply chains.
- Provisions to liberalise seed imports have been proposed to encourage innovation and access to global varieties.
- The draft and feedback format have been made available on the Ministry's official website for public review.
- Stakeholders have been invited to submit comments via email by December 11, 2025.



WHO Launches Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response Site at AIIMS Delhi

- The WHO pandemic preparedness and emergency response site launched at AIIMS New Delhi.
- On 13 November, a Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response site was inaugurated at AIIMS New Delhi by the World Health Organization.
- AIIMS, Delhi, has now become one of the WHO's global network sites for pandemic preparedness and emergency response under the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS).
- The site was established as part of a global WHO network aimed at strengthening rapid investigation and response capabilities.
- The launch event was attended by the WHO Representative to India, Payden, and AIIMS Director Dr. M. Srinivas.
- The facility has been created to support rapid studies and assessments during epidemics or future pandemics.
- The global network will enable faster public health responses by linking key research and medical institutions worldwide.



An Indian Air Force contingent has reached France to participate in Garuda-2025

- IAF personnel have reached Mont-de-Marsan Air Base in France to take part in this bilateral air exercise.
- The exercise will take place from November 16 to 27.
- India and France continue to deepen their long-standing strategic defence ties.
- India and France defence ties cover technology cooperation, security coordination, and joint military engagement.
- Garuda-2025 will highlight the professionalism and operational strength of both participating air forces.
- As part of the exercise, India's Su-30 MKI fighters will train with Rafale aircraft of French Air and Space Force.
- The aim is to improve coordination, share operational knowledge, and reinforce defence collaboration.



44th India International Trade Fair started at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi

- Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Jitin Prasada, inaugurated 44th India International Trade Fair.
- The theme of 44th India International Trade Fair is “Ek Bharat–Shreshtha Bharat.”
- Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Bihar are partner states of 44th India International Trade Fair.
- Jharkhand is the focus state of 44th India International Trade Fair.
- Twelve nations are joining the 14-day international fair. These include the UAE, China, Iran, South Korea, and Egypt.
- The fair serves as a key hub for domestic and global commerce. It enables strong B2B and B2C connections.
- The first five days of 44th India International Trade Fair are reserved exclusively for business visitors. General entry will start on November 19.
- India International Trade Fair is organised by India Trade Promotion Organization.
- India Trade Promotion Organization is nodal trade promotion agency of the Government of India.



India and Nepal Revise Transit Treaty Protocol to Boost Cross-Border Trade

- India and Nepal exchanged a Letter of Exchange revising the Transit Treaty Protocol.
- India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Nepal's Industry and Commerce Minister Anil Kumar Sinha held bilateral meeting in New Delhi.
- The aim of revision is to improve cross-border movement of goods.
- The updated protocol allows direct rail operations on the Jogbani–Biratnagar route. It applies to both bulk and container cargo.
- The initiative will streamline cargo movement from Kolkata and Visakhapatnam ports.
- It will facilitate transport from these ports to Nepal's Biratnagar customs facility.
- The Jogbani–Biratnagar rail corridor was funded by India and jointly opened by the two Prime Ministers on 1 June 2023.



Regional Anti-Narcotics Task Force Conference Begins in Nagaland

- The inaugural regional conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force heads has begun at the Nagaland Police Complex in Chumoukedima.
- The conference includes representatives from the eight Northeastern states, including West Bengal.
- The two-day meet is being hosted by Nagaland Police and supported by the Narcotics Control Bureau under the national Nasha Mukta Bharat initiative.
- The initiative emphasizes enforcement, supply suppression, rehabilitation, and de-addiction.
- Nagaland DGP Rupin Sharma urged policy reforms such as amendments to the NDPS Act 1985.
- He also called for establishing a specialized anti-trafficking agency for the region.



PM Modi to Address South India Natural Farming Summit in Coimbatore

- PM Modi will visit Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, on November 19 and address South India Natural Farming Summit.
- The summit will be organized by Farmers' associations in Tamilnadu.
- PM is also expected to interact with 50 organic agriculture scientists from Southern states.
- The summit aims to form policies to promote widespread adoption of natural farming practices and seeks to create a people-driven movement for agriculture.
- The focus is on making agriculture economically sustainable and socially inclusive.
- In addition to an exhibition with 300 stalls, there will be live demonstrations and interactive sessions with scientists and policymakers.
- The summit is aligned with national initiatives such as Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddi and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana.

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Government Launches ₹1,500 Cr Modernization Projects at New Mangalore Port

- ₹1,500 cr worth projects to modernize New Mangalore Port have been launched by Government.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched 20 projects worth ₹1,500 crore at New Mangalore Port.
- The projects were launched as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the New Mangalore Port Authority in Mangaluru.
- He highlighted that modernization and digitalization initiatives have significantly increased port capacities.
- Cargo handling of New Mangalore Port has increased from 90,000 tonnes to 46 million tonnes.
- Union Minister for Renewable Energy Prahlad Joshi emphasized India's emergence as the world's fourth-largest economy.
- New Mangalore Port is an all-weather port at Panambur, Mangalore in Karnataka. It is deepest inner harbour on the west coast.



Ageas Federal Life Insurance Partners with Muthoot Microfin to Expand Life Insurance Reach in Underserved India

- **Ageas Federal Life Insurance** has partnered with **Muthoot Microfin Ltd** to expand life insurance access across India, particularly targeting underserved regions and small business owners.
- The collaboration will utilise Muthoot Microfin's wide rural and semi-urban network—with nearly 78% branches in non-metro areas—to reach entrepreneurs and SMEs.
- As of March 31, 2025, Ageas Federal Life Insurance had issued over 19.71 lakh policies and managed assets worth ₹18,956 crore, strengthening its focus on bridging India's insurance protection gap.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- India Post Payments Bank & EPFO Join Hands to Offer Free Doorstep Digital Life Certificate Services for Pensioners
- NPCI Partners with PayPal to Integrate UPI with PayPal World for Seamless Global Payments
- TATA AIG Joins Hands with Equitas Small Finance Bank to Expand Insurance Reach in Rural and Urban India
- Bank of Baroda and IIFL Finance Join Hands in Co-Lending Partnership to Expand Gold Loans in Rural India
- Tally Solutions Partners with Indian Bank to Enable Seamless E-Payments for SMEs via TallyPrime



Jerlin Jayaratchagan to Lead India as Flagbearer at Deaflympics 2025

- **Badminton ace Jerlin Jayaratchagan** will be **India's flagbearer at the Deaflympics 2025** in Tokyo, marking her third appearance at the event.
- India is sending a record 111-member contingent to compete in 11 disciplines including athletics, badminton, golf, judo, karate, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, wrestling, and tennis.
- Jerlin Jayaratchagan, a 21-year-old from Madurai, is a three-time Deaflympics gold medalist and the first Indian woman Deaflympian to receive the Arjuna Award in 2022.
- Apart from badminton, medal hopes also rest on rifle shooter Dhanush Srikanth, a two-time gold medalist from the previous Deaflympics.



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