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## 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025 Inaugurated in Visakhapatnam

- ✓ The 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025 inaugurated by the vice president.
- ✓ On 14 November, the 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025 was inaugurated by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The two-day event was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry with support from the Government of India and the Andhra Pradesh Government.
- ✓ India's rapid emergence as a prosperous nation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership was highlighted by the Vice President.
- ✓ The country's strong economic growth, promising startup ecosystem, and expanding digital infrastructure were emphasised.
- ✓ India is on its way to becoming the world's third largest economy and is developing as a major startup hub.
- ✓ Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu outlined the State's shift from ease of doing business to speed of doing business with real-time approvals.



- ✓ The State's 10-point strategy to boost national investments and its development of drone, electronics, aerospace, space, semiconductor and defence corridors was presented.
- ✓ Shri Naidu said the state has achieved success in attracting US\$ 20 billion and creating 2 million jobs in 17 months, with a future target of US\$ 0.5 trillion investment and 5 million jobs.

## GCC Approves Landmark One-Stop Travel System for Seamless Gulf Travel

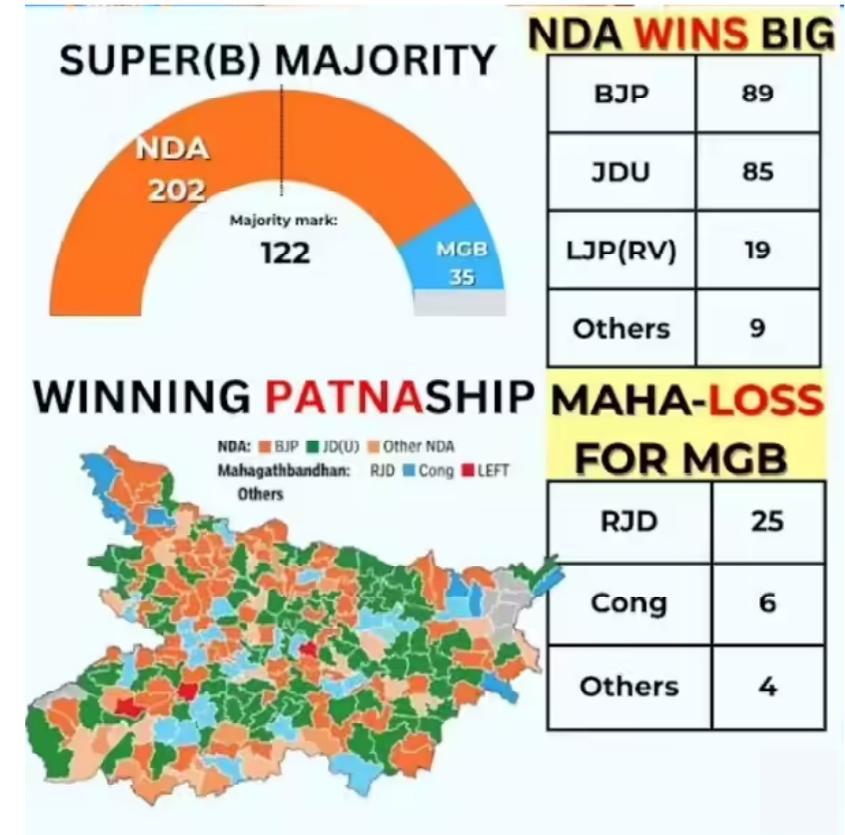
- ✓ A landmark One-Stop Travel System approved by the GCC for seamless Gulf travel.
- ✓ A landmark one-stop travel system was approved by the Gulf Cooperation Council to simplify movement across member states.
- ✓ The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain were selected for the pilot phase beginning in December 2025.
- ✓ The decision was announced during the 42nd meeting of GCC interior ministers in Kuwait City.
- ✓ The system was designed to allow Gulf citizens to complete all travel checks at a single integrated point.
- ✓ The initiative will streamline immigration, customs and security procedures into one checkpoint for air travellers.
- ✓ Once fully implemented, flying across the Gulf will be as simple as travelling between cities in the same country, with passengers able to land at their destination, collect baggage and exit without further formalities.
- ✓ The system will operate on a shared electronic platform enabling coordinated procedures and data exchange among member states.



- ✓ If successful, expansion to all six GCC nations, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar, will follow.
- ✓ The Gulf Railway Authority confirmed that GCC nations are on track to complete the 2,177 km regional rail network by December 2030.
- ✓ The multi-billion-dollar project will connect all six GCC nations, ensuring smooth border crossings and fully integrated passenger and freight transport.

# NDA Sweeps Bihar Assembly Elections With Massive Mandate

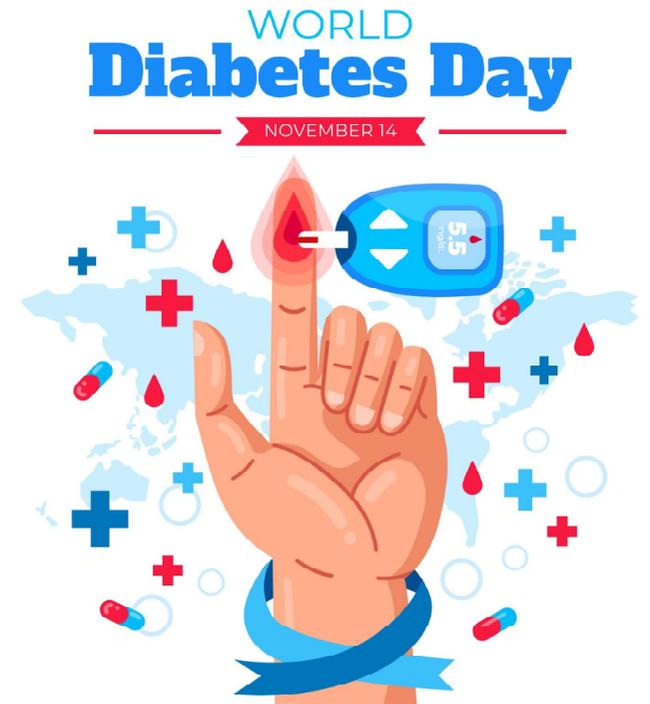
- ✓ The Bihar Assembly Elections were swept by the ruling NDA with a massive mandate.
- ✓ On 14 November, a sweeping victory was secured by the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the Bihar Assembly elections.
- ✓ A total of 202 seats were won in the 243-member House, crossing the majority requirement of 122 seats.
- ✓ The BJP emerged as the largest party with 89 seats.
- ✓ The JD(U), led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, won 85 seats, while the Union Minister Chirag Paswan-led Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) bagged 19 seats.
- ✓ Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), led by former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, won five seats, while the Upendra Kushwaha-led Rashtriya Lok Morcha secured four seats.
- ✓ The RJD-led Mahagathbandhan won only 35 seats, with RJD securing 25 and Congress six.



- ✓ While the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation won two seats, the CPI(M) and the Indian Inclusive Party won one seat each.
- ✓ The AIMIM, led by Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, won five seats, while the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) got one seat.
- ✓ The state recorded a historic voter turnout of 67.13% during the two-phase elections held on 6 and 11 November.

## World Diabetes Day 2025: 14 November

- ✓ Every year on 14 November, World Diabetes Day is celebrated.
- ✓ The day raises awareness of diabetes as a global public health issue.
- ✓ The theme of World Diabetes Day 2025 is 'Diabetes across life stages.'
- ✓ It is also observed to mark the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting.
- ✓ He discovered the insulin hormone along with Charles Herbert Best in 1922.
- ✓ In 1991, World Diabetes Day was first celebrated by the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization to raise awareness about diabetes.
- ✓ In 2006, the United Nations officially recognized World Diabetes Day.
- ✓ On the occasion of World Diabetes Day, the World Health Organization's South-East Asia Region has renewed its call for urgent and coordinated action to tackle the growing burden of diabetes.
- ✓ Diabetes now affects more than 279 million adults in the region, nearly a third of the global total.
- ✓ Across the region, only one in three adults with diabetes receives treatment, and less than 15% are able to adequately control their blood sugar.



## **Diabetes:**

- ✓ It is a chronic disease, which occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin.
- ✓ This leads to an increased concentration of glucose in the blood.
- ✓ Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood glucose.
- ✓ Type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented but can be well managed, while the risk of type 2 diabetes can be reduced by exercise, a healthy diet, and avoiding tobacco and alcohol.

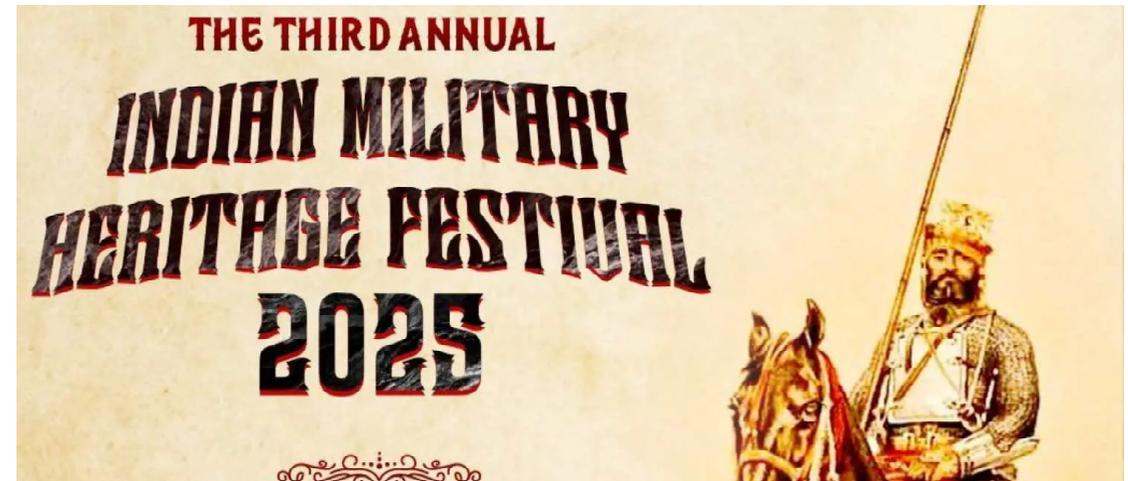
## India's Wholesale Inflation Falls to -1.21% in October

- ✓ India's wholesale inflation declined deeper into negative territory and reached at -1.21% in October.
- ✓ India's wholesale inflation had stood at 0.13% in September.
- ✓ Cheaper food items, crude oil, natural gas, electricity, mineral oils and basic metal products led the negative rate of inflation during the last month.
- ✓ Between September and October, the WPI food index remained steady at 192.0.
- ✓ Its annual inflation rate declined to -5.04%. Its annual inflation rate stood at -1.99% a month earlier.
- ✓ WPI food index remained in deflation for the second consecutive month.
- ✓ Primary commodities recorded a 6.18% deflation. Fuel and power prices also registered 2.55% deflation.
- ✓ Price growth in manufactured goods slowed to 1.54% in October from 2.33% in September.
- ✓ WPI tracks price movements at the wholesale level. CPI measures shifts in consumer prices.
- ✓ Retail inflation earlier eased to 0.25% in October.



## The 3rd Indian Military Heritage Festival inaugurated in New Delhi

- ✓ 3rd Indian Military Heritage Festival places emphasis on traditional military legacy and modern defence technology.
- ✓ Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth was the Chief Guest.
- ✓ Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth addressed the inaugural session of 3rd Indian Military Heritage Festival at the United Service Institution of India in New Delhi.
- ✓ Minister highlighted the need to safeguard India's military traditions.
- ✓ As per the minister, domestic innovation, indigenisation and emerging technologies remain vital pillars of India's defence readiness.
- ✓ These included The Sukraniti: Statecraft and Warcraft by Col PK Gautam (Retd) and Honours & Awards of the Indian Armed Forces by Dr AK Mishra.
- ✓ The festival features discussions, displays and public interactions to broaden understanding of India's military past and its role in shaping current security priorities.



## India Becomes the World's 6th Largest Patent-Filing Nation

- ✓ Union Minister Jitendra Singh highlighted that India has become sixth-largest patent-filing nation of the world.
- ✓ India has become 6th largest patent filer with more than 64,000 patents applied.
- ✓ Union Minister highlighted that Indian residents now submit nearly 55% of all patent filings.
- ✓ He addressed the Annual Tech Fest INNOTECH'25 at a Ghaziabad uiversity.
- ✓ He noted India's rise in the Global Innovation Index from Rank 81 to Rank 38.
- ✓ He cited achievements such as Chandrayaan-3 and India's pioneering DNA vaccine.
- ✓ He praised platforms like INNOTECH '25 for fostering private-sector engagement.
- ✓ He urged the students to pursue entrepreneurial and technology-driven careers.
- ✓ He reviewed student innovations across Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things, automation, biotech and disaster management.



## Piyush Goyal Addresses 2nd Udyog Samagam 2025 in New Delhi

- ✓ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, addressed the 2nd edition of Udyog Samagam 2025.
- ✓ It was organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- ✓ Industries and Commerce Ministers from 14 States and Union Territories, came together during the conference.
- ✓ They came together review progress under the Business Reforms Action Plan 2024 and to felicitate the best-performing States and UTs.
- ✓ At Udyog Samagam 2025, States and UTs were honoured for excellence under Business Reforms Action Plan 2024 across 25 reform areas.
- ✓ Uttarakhand and Punjab were top achievers across five reform areas.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh were recognised for being top achievers across four reform areas.
- ✓ Maharashtra, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh were top achievers across three reform areas.



- ✓ Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tripura were recognised for being top achievers across two reform areas.
- ✓ Goa and Meghalaya were recognised across one reform area.
- ✓ Odisha, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Assam, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, and Karnataka were fast movers under Category Y (States/UTs with established business systems).
- ✓ All States/UTs were classified as Aspirers under Category X (North-Eastern States and UTs with developing systems).
- ✓ Business Reforms Action Plan 2024 covered 434 reform points. Under scoring framework, 70 percent weightage was applied to user feedback and 30 percent weightage was applied to evidence.

## Ladakh Hosts First-Ever Tribal Sports Conclave

- ✓ **First-Ever Tribal Sports Conclave came to an end in Ladakh.**
- ✓ The first-ever Tribal Sports Conclave in Ladakh was held at the SAI Centre Kargil and KGBV Chiktan.
- ✓ It took place under Janjatiya Gaurav Varsha Pakhwada.
- ✓ Tribal Research Institute, University of Ladakh organised the event with support from the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ✓ Over 200 tribal athletes from across Ladakh participated.
- ✓ They competed in Taekwondo, Boxing, and Kho-Kho events. Teams from Ladakh Police also participated.
- ✓ Anayat Ali Shotopa, General Secretary of Ladakh Taekwondo Association and chief organiser, appreciated role of Ministry and supporting associations in making the conclave successful.
- ✓ Shujat Ali and Kulsoom were declared as Best Boxers. Asiya Banoo and Tajammul Hussain were recognized as Best Taekwondo Players.



## Nirmala Sitharaman Launches Multiple Development Initiatives in Nagaland

- ✓ **Several development and outreach programs launched in Nagaland during Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's visit.**
- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was on a three-day visit to Nagaland from November 13, aimed at empowering local communities and promoting development.
- ✓ A new Industrial Training Institute in Kiphire was inaugurated by the Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ✓ An amount of 9 lakh rupees under SBI's CSR initiative was handed over to support skill development.
- ✓ Later, at a credit outreach program, she virtually inaugurated nine bank branches in the Northeast and handed over sanction letters to beneficiaries of various central government schemes.
- ✓ In this program, loans worth Rs 28.02 crore were distributed to 350 beneficiaries.



- ✓ Highlighting the progress of financial inclusion programmes, Ms. Sitharaman informed that the number of unbanked villages in Nagaland has reduced from 1,143 in 2019 to just 15 today.
- ✓ Earlier, vehicles sanctioned under the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative and a mobile ATM van of Nagaland Rural Bank were flagged off.
- ✓ The minister interacted with Lakhpati Didis and encouraged them to motivate more women.
- ✓ In Kohima, the SAMARTH (Students Advancing Mindsets in AI, Robotics Technology and Digital Hardware) portal was launched by the minister.

# JSW Energy Commissions India's Largest Green Hydrogen Plant in Karnataka



- ✓ **JSW Energy** has commissioned **India's largest green hydrogen plant in Vijayanagar**, Karnataka, under the PLI Scheme Tranche I, marking a major boost to India's clean energy transition.
- ✓ The plant will supply 3,800 TPA green hydrogen and 30,000 TPA green oxygen to JSW Steel under a 7-year offtake agreement, forming part of its allocation under the SIGHT programme (SECI).
- ✓ JSW Energy and JSW Steel signed an MoU for scaling supply to 85,000-90,000 TPA green hydrogen and 720,000 TPA green oxygen by 2030, supporting India's target of 5 MTPA green hydrogen production by 2030.

## Mother of Trees Passes Away at 114: A Tribute to Thimmakka

- ✓ Salumarada Thimmakka (114), globally known as the “Mother of Trees,” passed away in Bengaluru on November 14. She dedicated her entire life to environmental protection, planting thousands of saplings and nurturing them like her own children.
- ✓ Her original name is Thimmakka.
- ✓ In Kannada, “Saalu” means *row* and “Marada” means *trees* hence she came to be known as “Salumarada Thimmakka” (Thimmakka of the rows of trees).
- ✓ She planted more than 8,000 trees during her lifetime.
- ✓ She also established a tree park in her village.

### **Awards and Government Recognition:**

- ✓ Thimmakka’s service earned her several national and international awards.
- ✓ **Padma Shri (2019):** In 2019, the Government of India honoured her with the Padma Shri, the country’s fourth-highest civilian award, for her selfless contribution to environmental protection.



- ✓ **Karnataka Environment Ambassador (2022):** In 2022, the Karnataka government appointed her as the State Environment Ambassador and granted her Cabinet Minister status a rare honour for someone who worked at the grassroots level.
- ✓ **Other honours:** Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, honorary doctorate from a Central University.
- ✓ **International recognition:** Inspired by her work, organisations such as “Thimmakka’s Resources for Environmental Education” were established in the United States.

## Commemoration of Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary

- ✓ **On November 15, 2025, national-level celebrations were held to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda.**
- ✓ **The government declared November 15 as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas** to honour Birsa Munda and other tribal freedom fighters.
- ✓ **From November 15, 2024, to November 15, 2025,** cultural programs, exhibitions, and educational activities were conducted across the country to promote tribal heritage.
- ✓ **Special coins, postal stamps, museums, research centres, and green spaces** were created to commemorate Birsa Munda's legacy.

### About Birsa Munda

- ✓ Born in **1875 in present-day Jharkhand**, Birsa Munda was a great tribal leader and freedom fighter who united various tribal communities against the injustices of British rule.
- ✓ He led the **Ulgulan (Great Tumult) movement** against British exploitation and oppressive land laws.



- ✓ He fought against the **zamindari system** and demanded self-rule and ancestral land rights for tribal communities.
- ✓ Known as “**Dharti Aba**” (**Father of the Earth**), Birsa Munda strongly resisted cultural suppression and worked to protect tribal identity and traditions.
- ✓ Birsa Munda **died at the young age of 25** while in British custody, yet his struggle inspired generations of tribal and indigenous movements across India.
- ✓ The **150th birth anniversary celebrations** honour his lasting contribution to India’s freedom struggle and tribal empowerment.

## Exercise Brahmashira 2025 Conducted in Gujarat Under Tri-Services Exercise Trishul

- ✓ Exercise Brahmashira 2025 was conducted from 11-13 November 2025 in the Rann and Creek sector of Gujarat under the Tri-Services Exercise Trishul.
- ✓ It was led by the Indian Army's Southern Command with participation from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, BSF, and civil administration.
- ✓ The aim was to validate multi-domain warfare strategies, joint task forces, and advanced command-and-control systems.
- ✓ The exercise emphasized Military-Civil Fusion and the Whole-of-Nation approach to defence preparedness

### **Exercise In News 2025:**

- ✓ Exercise Brahmashira 2025 was conducted from 11-13 November 2025 in the Rann and Creek sector of Gujarat under the Tri-Services Exercise Trishul.
- ✓ The 6th edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX), a bilateral military exercise between India and Vietnam, began on November 11, 2025, at the National Military Training Centre 4 in Hanoi, Vietnam.



- ✓ The 29th edition of the multilateral Exercise Malabar(2025) began at Guam in the Northern Pacific Ocean (NPO), hosted by the United States of America (USA).
- ✓ The 11th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2025 began at the Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka, on 10 November 2025 and will continue till 23 November 2025.
- ✓ The fourth edition of India-Australia joint military Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025 will begin in Perth, Australia.
- ✓ The Indo-Russian joint military exercise 'Indra 2025' is being held from 6th to 15th October 2025, at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- ✓ The Indian Armed Forces contingent has departed for Russia to take part in the Joint multilateral military exercise ZAPAD 2025, which will be held in Nizhniy, Russia.