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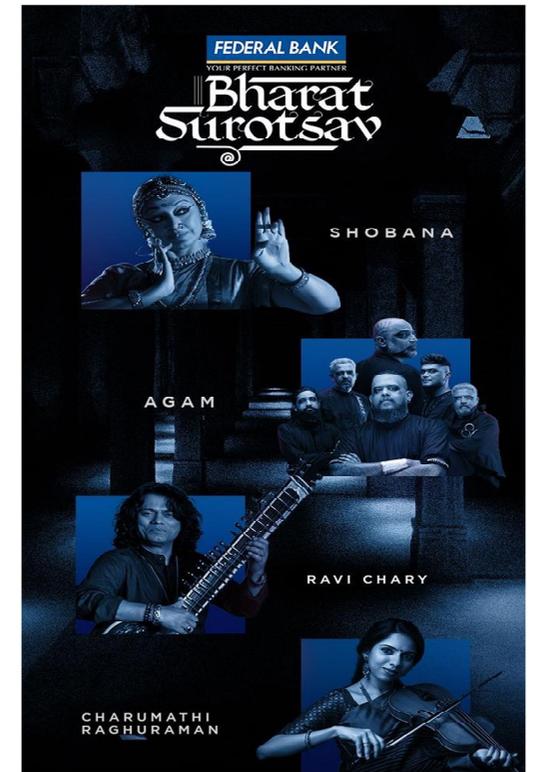
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Federal Bank Unveils 'Bharat Surotsav' Cultural Festival Celebrating India's Artistic Heritage

- ✓ **Federal Bank** launched its new cultural IP '**Bharat Surotsav**' in Chennai, an immersive dance–music fusion festival celebrating India's artistic heritage, with the inaugural edition set for November 22 at Madras Music Academy featuring renowned artists like Padma Shri Shobana, Agam Band, Charumathi Raghuraman, and Ravi Chari.
- ✓ The festival offers exclusive benefits for Federal Bank customers, including a 15% discount (up to Rs. 200) on ticket bookings made via BookMyShow using Federal Bank debit or credit cards, applicable once per card.
- ✓ Bharat Surotsav aims to blend culture with brand identity, with each city edition showcasing local art forms to strengthen emotional connection, regional pride, and community engagement, as highlighted by Federal Bank CMO MVS Murthy.
- ✓ **Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**
- ✓ DCB Bank and Credilio Launch '**Novio**' - India's First UPI-Powered Secured Credit Card to Broaden Credit Access



- ✓ Getepay Partners with ESAF Small Finance Bank to Deploy ‘**Vega**’, **Next-Generation Payment Switch**
- ✓ Flipkart and Pine Labs Launch ‘**Bharat Yatra Card**’ to Simplify Public Transport Payments Across India
- ✓ WFSx Global Pay and Zaggle Launch **Co-Branded GlobalPay Forex Card** for Seamless Corporate Travel

17-Year-Old Andhra Pradesh Girl Selected for Prestigious US Astronaut Training Programme

- ✓ **17-year-old Kunchala Kaivalya Reddy** from East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, has been selected for a **prestigious four-year astronaut training programme in Florida (2026-2029), conducted by Titans Space Industries**, with only 150 candidates chosen from thousands across 36 countries.
- ✓ A passionate student of physics, chemistry, and mathematics, Kaivalya's dedication to space science since childhood helped her secure this rare opportunity, officially confirmed by the organisation's CEO, Neil S. Lachman.
- ✓ After completing the programme, she will qualify for a 2029 space mission involving two Earth orbits at 300 km altitude and three hours of zero-gravity experience, while she aims to pursue Astrophysics and Astronomy at LMU, Germany, to build a career as an astrophysicist.



Axis Bank hosts multi-city knowledge series Evolve in Kozhikode

- ✓ Axis Bank's flagship multi-city knowledge series, 'Evolve', held its 10th edition.
- ✓ The session was hosted in Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala.
- ✓ The central theme was "MSMEs Powering the USD 10 Trillion Economy"
- ✓ The event saw participation from over 100 MSME promoters and founders, along with industry leaders and policy experts.
- ✓ The aim was to discuss the challenges and pathways for India's growth trajectory from a \$4.1 trillion economy today to a \$10 trillion economy by 2032.
- ✓ Kerala is home to over 7 lakh registered MSMEs, contributing significantly to India's economy and generating over 44 lakh jobs.
- ✓ A key highlight is that nearly 47% of the MSMEs in Kerala are women-owned, showcasing an inclusive growth model.



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- ✓ The session mentioned plans for the Kozhikode-Kannur industrial corridor, with a planned investment of Rs. 2,000 crore between FY25-28 to boost the regional economy
- ✓ The 'Evolve' initiative was first launched by Axis Bank in 2014 and has engaged with over 10,000 entrepreneurs across 50+ cities over the past decade.
- ✓ Axis Bank has shown a commitment to the sector, recording a 30% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in MSME lending since 2020.

ISRO completes key test on main parachutes for Gaganyaan Crew Module

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently conducted an important test on main parachutes for the Gaganyaan Crew Module.
- ✓ The test is a key component of the ongoing qualification series for the Gaganyaan human space mission.
- ✓ Type of Test: An Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Test (IMAT) was conducted on the main parachutes.
- ✓ The test was successfully conducted at the Babina Field Firing Range (BFFR) in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, on November 3, 2025.
- ✓ The Gaganyaan Crew Module's parachute system comprises a total of 10 parachutes of four types.



Science City Kolkata's 'On the Edge' Climate Change Gallery Wins CIMUSET Award

- ✓ Science City Kolkata's Climate Change Gallery 'On the Edge' Wins CIMUSET Award.
- ✓ The state-of-the-art climate change gallery "On the Edge" at Science City, Kolkata, West Bengal (WB), a unit of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) under the Ministry of Culture, received the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Science and Technology (CIMUSET) Award.
- ✓ The award was presented at the 27th International Council of Museums (ICOM) General Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), highlighting India's innovative contributions to science museums.
- ✓ The 10,000-square-foot gallery at Science City, Kolkata, was inaugurated on 11th January 2025 by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ministry of Culture.



About CIMUSET Award:

- ✓ The award honors science and technology museums and centers driving positive social change, inclusion, and sustainability.
- ✓ It is rooted in the United Nations (UN) 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and recognizes innovative, community-focused projects

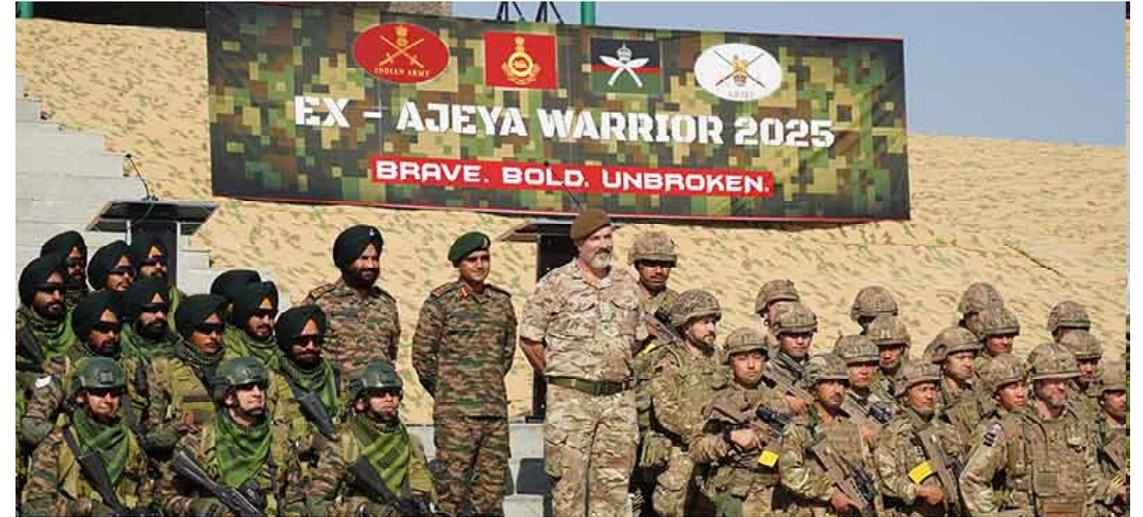
3rd International Ayurveda Conference Held in São Paulo, Brazil

- ✓ 3rd International Ayurveda Conference Held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- ✓ Dinesh Bhatia, Ambassador of India to Brazil, inaugurated the 3rd International Ayurveda Conference, jointly organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) and Conayur Sao Paulo (Conselho Nacional de Ayurveda), held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- ✓ The conference, held from November 14 to 15, 2025, marked the 40 years of the practice of Ayurveda in Brazil.
- ✓ Brazil is the first South American country to recognize Ayurveda.
- ✓ The conference aimed at strengthening India-Brazil cooperation in traditional medicine and holistic health systems.
- ✓ The 2025 edition was held under the theme titled “Diversity and Inclusion in Ayurveda: Caring for Everybody and Every Being”.
- ✓ The event was held under the patronage of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).



India-UK Joint Exercise "AJEYA WARRIOR-25" Begins in Rajasthan

- ✓ The eighth edition of the India-UK Joint Military Exercise "AJEYA WARRIOR-25" commenced at the Foreign Training Node, Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- ✓ It is a biennially Joint Military Exercise between India and U.K.
- ✓ 2025 edition: It is the eighth edition of this exercise.
- ✓ Host: It will be held at the Foreign Training Node, Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan
- ✓ Aim: The exercise aims to share best practices, enhance tactical proficiency and develop coordinated responses for managing complex operations in challenging environments.
- ✓ The 2025 edition further reinforces shared values of professionalism, cooperation and commitment to regional stability and global peace.
- ✓ The Indian Army is being represented by troops of the Sikh Regiment.



Eastern Naval Command Hosts NES Conference 2025

- ✓ The Annual Navy Education Society (NES) Conference 2025 was held at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, from 10-13 Nov 2025.
- ✓ Included key meetings of the Executive Committee, MAC, and AAC, focusing on policy and operations of Naval Schools during NEP 2020 implementation.
- ✓ For the first time, the conference included Sankalp Schools, which support education, prevocational training, and life-skills development for children with special needs in the Naval community.



West Bengal to launch healthcare outreach initiative 'Sebaashray 2' from Dec 1

- ✓ The initiative is led by Abhishek Banerjee, TMC MP (Diamond Harbour) and national general secretary of the Trinamool Congress.
- ✓ Sebaashray 2 (MEGA HEALTH CAMP) begins on 1 December 2025.
- ✓ It will run for two months, concluding on 30 January 2026
- ✓ It builds on the first phase of "Sebaashray," which was launched earlier and reportedly benefited over 12.3 lakh people.
- ✓ Free medical consultations (general + specialist) will be made available. Free essential medicines will be distributed. Critical diagnostic tests will be facilitated at the camps.



Goa Becomes India's First State with 100% Cyber Fraud Response System

- ✓ Goa is the first Indian state police force to achieve 100% cyber fraud response accessibility.
- ✓ The 1930 cloud-based centre supports real-time supervision and conference calling
- ✓ Over 5,000 cyber-related calls have been handled since the launch.
- ✓ Cyber fraud losses in Goa stand at around Rs. 100 crore for the current year.



Oman Airports Launches World's First Wi-Fi 7 Network

- ✓ Oman Airports has introduced a major technological milestone by deploying Wi-Fi 7 across all its airports, making it the first airport operator globally to implement the newest generation of wireless connectivity.
- ✓ Wi-Fi 7 is the seventh generation of wireless networking, offering multi-gigabit speeds.
- ✓ Oman's Vision 2040 focuses on digital innovation across major sectors.
- ✓ Enhanced airport Wi-Fi supports real-time operational coordination.



Kushal Dalal Wins GT Open Indoor World Series Title in Luxembourg

- ✓ Indian archer, Kushal Dalal wins the GT Open Indoor World Series title in men's compound category in Strassen, Luxembourg.
- ✓ Kushal clinched the gold medal after defeating former world number one Stephen Hansen of U.S. in a rare double shoot off.
- ✓ India's Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru also secured bronze in the Under-21 men's compound category.



Ravindra Jadeja Becomes 4th Cricketer in History to Achieve rare double of 4000 runs and 300 wickets

- ✓ In a historic moment for Indian cricket, Ravindra Jadeja has become only the fourth player in Test cricket history to achieve the rare double of 4000 runs and 300 wickets
- ✓ In 88 Tests, he has scored 4,017 runs and taken 338 wickets.
- ✓ Kapil Dev (India), Ian Botham (England) , Daniel Vettori (New Zealand



India-Nepal Sign LoE to Boost Jogbani-Biratnagar Rail Trade

- ✓ In November 2025, India and Nepal exchanged a Letter of Exchange (LoE) to amend the protocol to the transit treaty for the Jogbani-Biratnagar Corridor, significantly increasing rail-based trade connectivity between the two countries.
- ✓ aims to facilitate rail-based freight movement between Jogbani (India) and Biratnagar (Nepal), including an expanded definition of bulk cargo.
- ✓ Through this connectivity route, goods from Indian ports in Kolkata and Visakhapatnam will be able to reach directly to the Nepal Customs Yard Cargo Station near Biratnagar in Morang district.
- ✓ **Jogbani-Biratnagar Corridor:** Jogbani-Biratnagar rail connectivity was built with grant assistance from the Government of India and was jointly inaugurated by the Prime Ministers of both countries on 1 June 2023.

India and Nepal:

- ✓ India and Nepal share an open international border 1,751 km long, which passes through five Indian states Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim.
- ✓ This border connects the Himalayan terrain and the Indo-Gangetic plains and was demarcated after the Treaty of Sugauli in 1816.

