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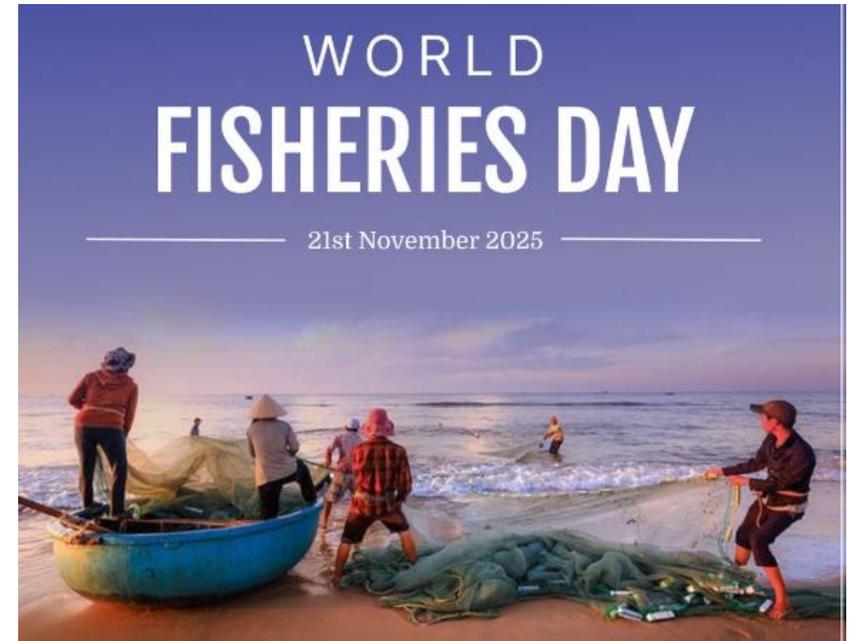
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World Fisheries Day 2025: 21 November

- World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year to raise the importance of healthy ocean ecosystems and ensure sustainable fisheries across the world.
- World Fisheries Day was first celebrated on 21 November 2015.
- Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying celebrated World Fisheries Day 2025 on 21st November 2025 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi.
- This year's theme is India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports.
- Delegations from nearly 27 countries took part in the event.
- National Framework on Traceability in Fisheries and Aquaculture released by the Department.
- It aims to set up centralized digital traceability system for fisheries and aquaculture.
- India is the second largest fish producer. It is 2nd largest aquaculture producer.
- It is largest shrimp producer. It is 4th largest seafood exporter in the world.
- India's total fish production grew by 104% from 2013-14 to 2024-25.
- Inland fisheries have grown by 142% from 2013-14 to 2024-25.



President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates 2nd Bharatiya Kalamahotsav

- The 2nd edition of the Bharatiya Kalamahotsav will be inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu.
- On November 21, the formal inauguration of the second Bharatiya Kalamahotsav will be carried out by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapathi Nilayam at Bollaram.
- The 10-day festival will showcase the traditions of Western India in Hyderabad, with the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Goa and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu participating in the art festival.
- The Kalamahotsav will be a single platform for social, cultural, craft and cuisine besides literature, and visitors will be able to see a wide range of traditional handloom, handicraft and regional products.
- Visitors will experience major highlights such as Kutch Bandhani from Gujarat, Kota Doria sarees and Pattu cotton weaves from Rajasthan, Kolhapuri chappals and Paithani sarees from Maharashtra, and Goa's Kumbi sarees.
- Public entry will begin on November 22 and continue until the end of the month at the same venue.
- The event is being organised by Rashtrapati Bhavan with support from the Ministries of Culture, Tourism and Textiles.



India Sets Ambitious Semiconductor Target for 2032: Ashwini Vaishnaw

- India's semiconductor ambition for 2032 highlighted by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- On November 20, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that India's government-backed semiconductor drive backed by a strong design ecosystem and a large pool of engineering talent is automatically attracting private investment.
- The developments were outlined by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Bloomberg's New Economy Forum in Singapore.
- Vaishnaw affirmed that India aims to match major semiconductor-producing nations by 2032.
- He explained that the 2031–2032 period is expected to place India at levels currently achieved by established global manufacturing hubs.
- A USD 10-billion incentive fund has already enabled the launch of numerous assembly, packaging and testing projects.
- He highlighted that "Micron Technology has already set up a plant in Gujarat, while Tata Group is one of the 10 companies preparing to produce silicon in the country.
- Commercial production is expected to begin early next year at three semiconductor facilities in India.



Supreme Court Clarifies No Timelines for President and Governors on Bill Assent

- The Supreme Court's view on the timeline for the governor and the president clarified.
- On 20 November, the Supreme Court's advisory opinion was delivered regarding whether timelines can be imposed on the President and State Governors for granting assent to Bills.
- The Supreme Court said that under the Constitution, the court cannot fix any timeline for the decisions of the President and the Governor to approve the bills.
- The opinion was issued by a Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice BR Gavai.
- The matter had been referred to the Court by President Droupadi Murmu under Article 143 of the Constitution.
- The Bench clarified that timelines cannot be mandated for the President or Governors to act on Bills passed by State Legislatures.
- Fourteen constitutional questions were examined to determine the limits of judicial intervention.
- The Court also rejected preliminary objections from opposition-ruled states including Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Kerala regarding maintainability of the Presidential Reference.
- It stated that the issues raised pertain to core constitutional machinery and therefore warranted examination.



India and Israel Sign Terms of Reference for FTA Negotiations

- Terms of Reference for India-Israel FTA negotiations signed.
- On 20 November, the Terms of Reference guiding negotiations for an India–Israel Free Trade Agreement were formally signed.
- The signing was carried out by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Israel’s Minister of Economy and Industry Nir Barkat.
- The agreement was recognised as the first critical step towards a balanced and comprehensive FTA.
- Goyal is in Israel until November 22 with a 60-member business delegation to explore ways to broaden bilateral trade.
- He stated that the objective is to diversify and enhance trade by identifying new areas of cooperation and addressing sectoral sensitivities.



India Records Highest-Ever Defence Production of ₹1.54 Lakh Crore in 2024-25

- Highest-ever defence production of ₹1.54 lakh crore has been recorded in India during 2024-25.
- Defence exports have been recorded at ₹23,622 crore in 2024- 25.
- Defence exports stood at less than one thousand crore rupees in 2014.
- This rise in defence production is due to continued government support during the past decade.
- Defence budget has increased to six lakh 81 thousand crore rupees in 2025-26 from two lakh 53 thousand crore rupees in 2013-14.
- This expansion reflects government's commitment to making the nation's military infrastructure stronger.
- Government's aim is to achieve defence manufacturing of three lakh crore rupees.
- Government also aims to achieve 50 thousand crore rupees in defence exports by 2029.

Indian-born cheetah Mukhi has delivered five cubs

- This is the first recorded instance in recent times of a cheetah born in India successfully reproducing.
- The event is considered a major milestone for Project Cheetah.
- It reflects strong adaptation of the species to Indian ecosystems.
- The successful birth boosts confidence in creating a viable cheetah population in the country.
- The father of cubs is also believed to be of Indian origin.
- Mukhi is the only surviving cheetah cub born in India at Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park.
- It was born on 29 March 2023 to Namibian cheetah Jwala.
- Its three siblings died due to severe summer heat, which is a major challenge faced in adapting cheetahs to the Indian habitat.
- As of now, 34 cheetahs, which include 10 adults and 24 cubs are present in India.
- Cheetah had been extinct in wild in India before transporting of 20 cheetahs from southern Africa in two batches in 2022 and 2023.

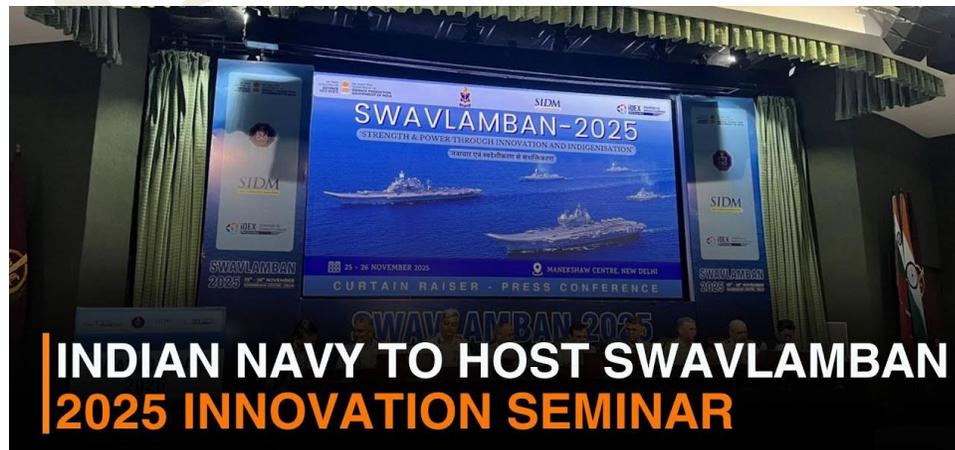
Project Cheetah:

- Project Cheetah was launched on 17 September 2022. Its objective is to reintroduce cheetahs to India.
- Cheetahs had been declared extinct in 1952. First batch of eight cheetahs was brought from Namibia.
- Second batch of 12 cheetahs were brought from South Africa in February 2023.



Indian Navy to Host Swavlamban 2025 Innovation Seminar in New Delhi

- Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation Seminar Swavlamban 2025 will begin in New Delhi.
- The seminar is scheduled from 25 to 26 Nov 2025 at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi.
- This will be the 4th edition of Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation Seminar Swavlamban 2025.
- Curtain Raiser Press Conference for the seminar was carried out in 20 Nov 2025, under the chairmanship of VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.
- Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation is the theme for Swavlamban 2025.
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan said that the seminar will focus on the emerging and disruptive technologies to change at the same speed as India's changing security needs.
- The aim of seminar is to bring together innovators, industry partners, academia, MSMEs and Start-ups to make the naval capabilities stronger.
- Swavlamban 2025 will include the launch of the 'Innovathon' and release of the Compendium of Technology Challenges and Problem Statements.
- It will also include unveiling of the Swavlamban 4.0 document and the Armament Indigenisation Compendium.



PM Modi Begins Three-Day Visit to South Africa for G20 Leaders' Summit

- PM Modi is on a three-day visit to South Africa to participate in the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg.
- This is his fourth official visit to South Africa. His earlier visits include a bilateral visit in 2016 and two other visits for BRICS summits in 2018 and 2023.
- The Johannesburg meeting is the fourth successive G20 Summit being hosted in the Global South.
- Modi said the 20th G20 Summit offers a platform to deliberate on major global challenges and also allows India to articulate its views in line with Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
- It is the first G20 Summit to be hosted in Africa.
- African Union became a permanent G20 member during India's presidency in 2023.
- The theme of this year's G20 summit is Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability.
- 6th IBSA Summit is scheduled on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. IBSA is a forum that brings together India, Brazil and South Africa.

G20:

- It was formed in 1999. It is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 sovereign countries, the European Union (EU), and the African Union (AU).
- It works to resolve major issues related to the global economy.
- Its current chairman is Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa.



TVS Motor Chairman Emeritus Venu Srinivasan Honoured with Prestigious CII Quality Ratna Award

- **Venu Srinivasan**, Chairman Emeritus of TVS Motor Company, has been **honoured with the CII Quality Ratna Award**, one of India's highest industrial recognitions for leadership in quality excellence.
- The award was presented at the 33rd CII Excellence Summit in Kolkata, which brought together 1,000+ industry leaders focused on boosting India's manufacturing share from 3% to 25% globally and generating 100 million jobs.
- The CII Quality Ratna Award, jointly presented by CII and EXIM Bank, recognises exceptional contributions to India's quality movement; in 2024, it was awarded to B. Muthuraman, Padma Bhushan and former Vice Chairman of Tata Steel.



Samrat Rana Becomes First Indian to Win Individual Air Pistol World Title at ISSF World Championship 2025

- Samrat Rana created history by winning the men's 10m air pistol gold at the ISSF World Championship 2025 in Cairo, becoming the first Indian ever to win an individual air pistol world title.
- Rana scored 243.7, narrowly defeating China's Hu Kai by 0.4 points, while Varun Tomar secured bronze, making it a double podium finish for India.
- India also won the team gold in the men's 10m air pistol event with Rana, Tomar, and Sharvan Kumar, while Manu Bhaker bagged the women's team silver with Esha Singh and Suruchi Singh, taking India's total medal tally to nine (3 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze) second only to China's 12.



NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) Elevated to Schedule 'A' CPSE Status by Government of India

- NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) is a subsidiary of NTPC Limited and has been granted Schedule 'A' CPSE status by the Government of India.
- Schedule 'A' status places NGEL among the top tier of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), reflecting its strategic importance in India's energy sector.
- The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) under the Ministry of Finance (MoF) sets the criteria for classification and re-classification of CPSEs into different schedules.
- CPSEs are grouped into four schedules: Schedule 'A', Schedule 'B', Schedule 'C', and Schedule 'D'.
- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NGEL : Gurdeep Singh (Additional Charge).

