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## **NASA's Webb telescope discovers new moon orbiting Uranus**

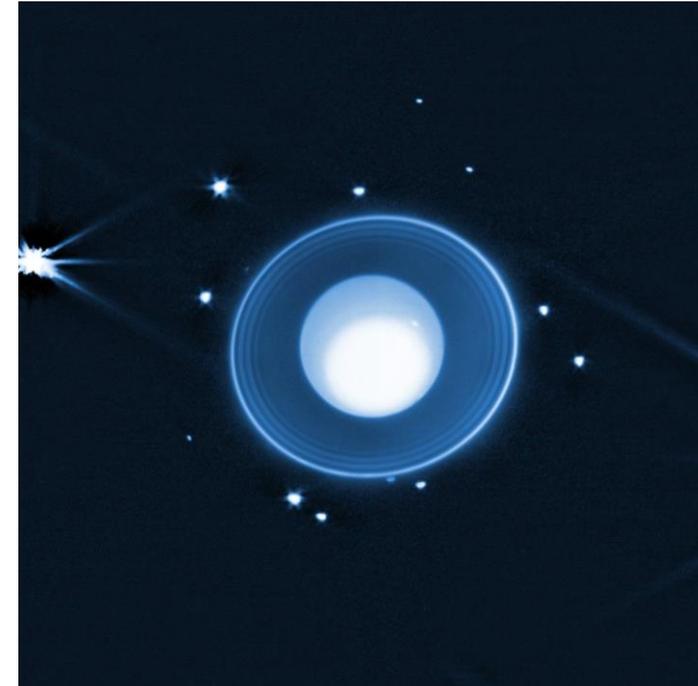
- NASA announced that the James Webb Space Telescope has discovered a new, 29<sup>th</sup> satellite of Uranus, which was named **S/2025 U1**.
- According to NASA, a team led by the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) identified this moon on February 02, 2025, increasing the number of the planet's known satellite family to 29.
- Saturn ranks at the top in terms of most satellites with 274

### **Voyager 2:**

- NASA's Voyager-2 has become the second man-made instrument in history to reach the far end of the solar system.
- Voyager 2 was launched on August 20, 1977, while Voyager 1 was launched on September 5, 1977. Voyager 2 is NASA's longest running mission.
- Voyager 2 is the only spacecraft to have visited all four gas giant planets – Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

- This telescope is the result of an international collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency, which was launched in December, 2021.



## National Space Day – August 23

- Second National Space Day celebrated on 23 August in India
- Theme of National Space Day is “Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities”
- The day was declared as National Space Day by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate the successful landing of ISRO’s Chandrayaan-3 lander on the surface of the Moon in 2023.
- India became the fourth country to land on the moon and first to land near the southern polar region of the moon.
- The landing site was named as 'Shiv Shakti' point and August 23 was declared as the "National Space Day". India will celebrate its maiden National Space Day on August 23, 2024.

### Historical Background:

- On 23 August 2023, ISRO’s Chandrayaan-3 mission made a successful soft landing near the South Pole of the Moon.
- It included the deployment of the Vikram lander and Pragyan rover, making India the fourth country to achieve this historic feat and the first to land near the South Pole of the Moon.
- 2008 – Chandrayaan-1: India's first lunar mission.
- Discovered water molecules on the surface of the moon - which surprised the whole world.
- 2019 – Chandrayaan-2: Partial success, but orbiter still functional and sending valuable data.



## **Former CRPF chief Anish Dayal Singh named Deputy National Security Adviser**

- Anish Dayal Singh, former Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), has been named Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA)
- Singh will be in charge of internal affairs of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, and Naxal and Northeastern insurgency, as the deputy NSA
- On 1 January 2024 he was appointed as the DG of CRPF until his retirement at the end of the year.



## **Ajay Singh re-elected BFI President for 3rd consecutive term**

- Ajay Singh defeated Olympian boxer Jasral Pradhan on 21 August, 2025 to be elected President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for the third consecutive time.
- Boxing Federation of India (BFI): Headquarters: Gurugram.

### **Indian Medal Winners in Boxing:**

- The first Indian boxer to win an Olympic medal was Vijender Singh, who won a bronze medal in the men's middleweight (75 kg) category at the Beijing Olympics 2008.
- Women's boxing was included in the Olympic programme at London 2012 and legendary Mary Kom won India's second Olympic boxing medal that year, a bronze in the flyweight (51 kg) category.



## SEBI proposes to ease minimum shareholding norms in view of expanding market



- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed to increase the flexibility of minimum public shareholding (MPS) and minimum public offer (MPO) for companies aspiring to get listed
- Currently, big-ticket initial public offerings (IPOs) with a post-issue market capitalisation above ₹1 lakh crore are required to make a minimum public offer of ₹5,000 crore and at least 5% of their post-issue capital.
- It is mandatory for large issues to raise public shareholding to 10% within two years and to 25% within five years of listing.

### **New Update :-**

- For issuers with a market capitalisation above ₹50,000 crore but up to ₹1 lakh crore, the MPO threshold is proposed to be revised to ₹1,000 crore of post-issue capital, with five years allowed to achieve 25% MPS.
- For companies valued above ₹1 lakh crore and up to ₹5 lakh crore, Sebi has suggested an MPO of ₹6,250 crore and at least 2.75% of post-issue capital, with 5–10 years to meet MPS.

- In such cases, if public shareholding at the time of listing is below 15 percent, it should be raised to 15 percent within five years and 25 percent within 10 years.
- However, if public shareholding is already 15 percent or more at listing, the 25 percent threshold should be met within five years
- For the largest firms exceeding ₹5 lakh crore in market capitalisation, the minimum public offer could be set at ₹15,000 crore and at least 1% of post-issue capital, subject to a minimum 2.5% dilution.
- In this case too, issuers with less than 15 percent public shareholding at listing will be given up to 10 years to reach the 25 percent mark, while those already above 15 percent will need to achieve the same within five years.
- The Sebi also proposed cutting the retail quota for IPOs above 5,000 crore from 35% to 25%

## **Lok Sabha Passes Bill to Establish IIM Guwahati in Assam**

- The Lok Sabha passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to establish an IIM in Guwahati, Assam.
- The Bill aims to add IIM Guwahati as an institute of national importance to support Assam's development.
- The new IIM will receive a corpus of ₹555 crore for five years from 2025- 26 to 2029-30.
- After five years, no extra funds will be given, as the institute is expected to be financially self-sufficient.
- With Guwahati, the number of IIMs with national importance status becomes 22, and this will be the second IIM in the North-east after Shillong.
- The permanent campus will be built at Palasbari in Kamrup district, while classes will start this year from a temporary campus under the mentorship of IIM Ahmedabad.



## UIDAI Introduces Aadhaar-Based Authentication Framework for Cooperative Banks



- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) introduced a new framework to onboard Cooperative banks and enable them to deliver Aadhaar-based authentication services as part of the observance of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025).
- The initiative marks a significant step towards expanding digital inclusion in rural and semi-urban areas
- The framework, developed in close consultation with the Ministry of Cooperation, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and Cooperative banks
- The framework encompasses all 34 State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and 352 District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) across India.
- Under the new framework, only the State Cooperative Bank will be directly registered with UIDAI as Authentication User Agencies (AUA) and electronic Know Your Customer (eKYC) User Agencies (KUA).

- The DCCBs can seamlessly use the Aadhaar authentication application and IT infrastructure of their respective SCBs.
- This eliminates the need for DCCBs to develop or maintain separate IT systems, saving costs and ensuring smoother operations.

### **What are AUA and KUA?**

- AUA (Authentication User Agency): An organization that uses Aadhaar to verify a person's identity (for example, checking if your Aadhaar number and fingerprint/OTP match).
- KUA (eKYC User Agency): An organization that uses Aadhaar to get your details digitally (like name, address, DOB) from the Aadhaar database, instead of taking paper documents.

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# **Ahmedabad to Host Three Major International Sports Events in 2025, Strengthening India's Sporting Profile**

- Ahmedabad in 2025 will host three major international sports events – the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, the Asian Aquatics Championship, and the AFC Under-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers.
- This initiative is a significant step in establishing Gujarat as an emerging global sports hub in India.

## **Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship:**

- Dates: 24–30 August 2025
- Venue: Narnapura Sports Complex, Ahmedabad

## **Asian Aquatics Championship:**

- Tentative Dates: September–October 2025
- Expected Participants: China, Japan, Korea, and other Asian countries
- Sports: Swimming, diving, water polo, and synchronized swimming

## **AFC Under-17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers:**

- Dates: 22–30 November 2025
- Venue: The Arena by TransStadia, Ahmedabad
- Group D Teams: India, Iran, Chinese Taipei, Lebanon

## **Future International Sports Plans:**

- Asian Weightlifting Championship – 2026
- Archery Asia Para Cup (World Ranking Tournament) – 2026
- World Police and Fire Games – 2029 (Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Ekta Nagar)
- Commonwealth Games – 2030

## First World Humanoid Robot Games Conclude in Beijing

- The first World Humanoid Robot Games ended in Beijing with over 500 robots competing in 26 events. (487 matches)
- The competition lasted four days and featured teams from 16 countries, including Japan, with 280 robotics teams participating.
- Events included sports like athletics, basketball, soccer, and kickboxing, along with tasks such as cleaning and medicine categorisation.
- A robot completed the 100-meter sprint in 21.5 seconds, while others showed balance recovery in combat, though some collapsed or collided during races and soccer matches
- The venue was Beijing's National Speed Skating Oval, originally built for the 2022 Winter Olympics.
- Unitree Robotics and X-Humanoid emerged as the biggest winners by medal count
- Hangzhou-based Unitree won a total of 11 medals including four golds in the three-day event
- X-Humanoid, formally known as the Beijing Humanoid Robot Innovation Centre, took home 10 medals with two golds.



## **NRI Industrialist & Padma Bhushan Awardee Lord Swraj Paul Passed Away**

- Lord Swraj Paul, a prominent Non-Resident Indian (NRI) industrialist, philanthropist, and member of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom (UK), passed away in London at the age of 94.
- In 1983, he was honoured with the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award
- He has a total of 15 honorary degrees from universities in the UK, USA, India, Switzerland, and Russia.
- Paul was born on February 18, 1931, in Jalandhar, Punjab, India.
- Paul moved to the United Kingdom in 1966. Two years later, in 1968, he founded the Caparo Group, a UK-based industrial company



## Telangana awarded with maximum number of organ donations in the country

- Telangana state has held the maximum number of organ donations in the country.
- The Centre has awarded the state government for the same at an event observing the National Organ Donation Day in Delhi.
- Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda presented the award to representatives of the state's Jeevandan programme
- In 2024 alone, organs were harvested from 188 donors, helping save the lives of 725 recipients.
- As per the Union Health Ministry, Telangana reported a significantly higher rate of 4.88 organ donations per 10 lakh population during 2024, while the national average stood at 0.8 per 10 lakh population.
- In recognition of this achievement, the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) presented an award to Telangana.

Telangana wins national award for maximum number of organ donations in the country

