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ACITI Technology and Innovation Partnership launched by India, Australia and Canada

- ✓ A new trilateral technology and innovation framework the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership was launched by India, Australia and Canada on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg.
- ✓ India, Australia, and Canada jointly launched the ACITI(Australia-Canada-India Technology & Innovation) Partnership on **22 November 2025**, marking an important step toward strengthening trilateral cooperation in technology and innovation.
- ✓ The primary objective of ACITI is to work together on critical and emerging technologies to achieve a **secure, sustainable, and net-zero future**.
- ✓ The partnership emphasizes renewable energy technologies such as **solar, wind, and hydrogen**, along with the development of decarbonisation solutions.
- ✓ Strengthening and diversifying supply chains of **critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earth elements**, which are essential for batteries, electric vehicles, and electronics, is one of the major goals.



- ✓ ACITI focuses on joint work in **ethical AI**, improving digital public infrastructure, and advancing next-generation technologies that support public services and economic development.
- ✓ The three countries aim to share innovation, conduct joint R&D programs, and co-develop future technologies across energy, minerals, and tech sectors.
- ✓ Officials from India, Australia, and Canada will meet in the **first quarter of 2026** to finalize the roadmap, funding models, and sector-wise working groups for effective implementation of ACITI.
- ✓ The partnership strengthens the existing bilateral initiatives among the three nations and enhances **geopolitical and economic alignment** between India, Australia, and Canada.

The First Mahe-Class ASW Shallow Water Craft commissioned by the Indian Navy

- ✓ On 24 November, the first Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, “Mahe” was commissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- ✓ The ceremony was presided over by Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi.
- ✓ The event was hosted by Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.
- ✓ The induction marks the formal introduction of a new generation of indigenous naval platforms.
- ✓ Mahe has been built with more than 80% indigenous content, reflecting India’s progress in ship design and maritime self-reliance.



- ✓ It has been developed as a sleek and swift combatant capable of operating as a Silent Hunter in coastal waters.
- ✓ The craft is dedicated to strengthening India's maritime security along the Western Seaboard.
- ✓ Its construction highlights the nation's growing capabilities in warship design, construction and systems integration.
- ✓ The vessel will enhance shallow-water anti-submarine operations as part of the Navy's modernisation efforts.

The 19th Edition of Exercise Suryakiran is set to be conducted by India and Nepal in Uttarakhand

- ✓ The 19th edition of the annual bilateral military Exercise Suryakiran is scheduled to be held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, from November 25 to December 8.
- ✓ The joint exercise is being organised annually between the Indian Army and the Nepali Army.
- ✓ Its conduct alternates between the two nations as part of long-standing defence cooperation.
- ✓ Preparatory procedures and deployment plans have been finalised by both armies.
- ✓ The exercise aims to deepen operational synergy in counter-terrorism and jungle warfare in mountainous terrain.
- ✓ It incorporates niche technologies to strengthen interoperability while sharing best operational practices.



- ✓ Previously, the Indian Army contingent participated in the 18th edition of Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise Suryakiran, held in Saljhandi, Nepal, from December 31, 2024, to January 13.
- ✓ The exercise was focused on operational preparedness, aviation aspects, medical training and environmental protection.
- ✓ Participating troops enhanced their combat coordination and refined skills needed for difficult terrain.
- ✓ The activity provides a platform for both armies to exchange ideas, experiences and tactical approaches.
- ✓ The Indian Army has also been at the forefront of India's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations in Nepal, notably during the 2015 earthquake and the COVID-19 pandemic.

PM Modi Proposes Six Global Development Initiatives at the G20 Leaders' Summit

- ✓ On the opening day of the G20 Leaders' Summit, six new initiatives aimed at global development were proposed by PM Modi.
- ✓ He proposed the setting up of a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository, Africa Skills Multiplier program, and Global Healthcare Response Team.
- ✓ He also proposed initiative on Countering the drug-terror Nexus, Open Satellite Data Partnership, and a Critical Minerals Circularity initiative.
- ✓ G20 Global Traditional Knowledge Repository will use the collective wisdom of humanity for future generations.
- ✓ The aim of Africa Skills Multiplier program will be to build one million certified trainers for skilling the youth in Africa.
- ✓ G20 Global Healthcare Response Team will include healthcare experts from each of the G20 countries.



- ✓ It could be used for dealing with global health challenges in any part of the world.
- ✓ A G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus will overcome the challenge of drug trafficking. It will break the drug-terror economy.
- ✓ A Critical Minerals Circularity initiative was proposed to promote recycling, urban mining and cleaner supply-chain pathways.
- ✓ An Open Satellite Data Partnership was proposed by PM Modi to give developing nations broader access to space-based information.
- ✓ He highlighted the Deccan Principles on Food Security adopted during India's G20 Presidency.
- ✓ He said decisions from New Delhi Summit were being advanced under the current presidency.

IIT Bombay Hosts National Wellbeing Conclave 2025 with Higher Education Department

- ✓ IIT Bombay and the Department of Higher Education hosted the National Wellbeing Conclave 2025.
- ✓ The Conclave continued for two days from 21 November 2025.
- ✓ Representatives from 82 higher education institutions gathered for the conclave.
- ✓ These institutions include 20 IITs, 6 IIITs and 8 IIMs from across the country.
- ✓ A total of 141 faculty members and 130 students participated in the conclave.
- ✓ The event hosted two symposia along with three in-depth panel discussions.
- ✓ The discussions examined the future of wellbeing in Indian universities and ways to identify psychosocial concerns early.
- ✓ They also highlight collaborative strategies for creating holistic wellbeing frameworks.
- ✓ The Conclave seeks to strengthen inter-institutional partnerships on wellbeing programmes.



- ✓ It is intended to guide campuses in implementing integrated models that promote supportive, resilient and compassionate learning environments.
- ✓ India Shines in Global Sports: Key Wins Across Squash, Shooting, and Badminton.

Indian squash player Anahat Singh won the women's title at the Indian Open in Indore

- ✓ Anahat defeated Joshna Chinappa 3-2 in final.
- ✓ Abhinav Deshwal won India's 15th shooting medal at the Tokyo Deaflympics. Abhinav won gold in the 25m pistol event.
- ✓ Deshwal with a final score of 44, narrowly defeated South Korea's Seung Hwa Lee (score 43).
- ✓ In Badminton, Lakshya Sen won the Australian Open 2025 men's singles title, marking his first title of the year. He defeated Japan's Yushi Tanaka.



Election Commission Achieves 99% Form Distribution in Special Revision

- ✓ More than 99% of the enumeration forms distributed in Phase-2 of the Special Revision.
- ✓ The Election Commission stated that over 99% enumeration forms have been distributed since the launch of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Phase-2.
- ✓ It was confirmed that more than 50 crore 50 lakh forms have already reached electors during the ongoing exercise.
- ✓ This phase of the electoral roll revision was commenced on 4th November across nine States and three Union Territories and will end on December 4.
- ✓ The involved regions include Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Puducherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- ✓ The larger voter list revision will conclude with the publication of the final voter list on February 7, 2026.
- ✓ Furthermore, the Election Commission of India reported on November 24, 2025, that more than 47% of the counting forms distributed across 12 states and union territories have been digitized.
- ✓ Goa has the highest digitisation at 76.89%, followed by Rajasthan at 72.20%, while Kerala and Uttar Pradesh have the lowest digitisation at 23% and 26.6% respectively.



India Clinches Second Consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup Title

- ✓ India won its second consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup.
- ✓ India's triumph was secured by defeating Chinese Taipei 35-28 in the final of the Women's Kabaddi World Cup in Dhaka.
- ✓ The championship win was achieved consecutively for the second time, highlighting India's sustained dominance in women's kabaddi.
- ✓ India had earlier swept all four group-stage matches before overpowering Iran 33-21 in the semifinal.
- ✓ Chinese Taipei too reached the final unbeaten, topping Group B and defeating hosts Bangladesh 25-18 in the semifinal.
- ✓ A total of eleven countries participated in the tournament, reflecting kabaddi's expanding global reach.
- ✓ This year's tournament was only the second edition of the Women's World Cup.
- ✓ The previous event was held in Patna in 2012, where India defeated Iran in the final.



Ethiopia Reports Five Deaths Amid Rising Marburg Virus Outbreak

- ✓ Five people have been reported dead in Ethiopia due to the outbreak of Marburg virus.
- ✓ The death toll from Ethiopia's Marburg virus disease outbreak has been reported to have risen to five.
- ✓ The Ethiopia's Health Ministry confirmed that the outbreak's case fatality rate now stands at 50%.
- ✓ Coordinated surveillance efforts are being strengthened to prevent possible cross-border transmission.
- ✓ South Sudan and Kenya are being closely monitored as high-risk neighboring regions.
- ✓ The Marburg virus an extremely infectious pathogen causes severe hemorrhagic fever similar to Ebola.
- ✓ Common symptoms include high fever, intense headache, and rapid deterioration of health.
- ✓ The virus belongs to the same family as Ebola, making its containment crucial in vulnerable areas.



- ✓ According to the World Health Organization, Marburg virus disease can reach a fatality rate of up to 88% in severe outbreaks.
- ✓ On November 12, Ethiopian authorities first detected this bat-borne virus, which can kill 88% of those infected.
- ✓ Scientists have warned that climate change, as well as deforestation and urbanisation, are steadily eliminating habitats for fruit bats, which harbour diseases such as Marburg and Ebola, increasing the risk of their spread.

DGCA Issues Advisory as Ethiopian Volcanic Ash Cloud Reaches India

- ✓ DGCA has asked airlines and airports to avoid regions affected by volcanic ash from Ethiopia to reduce operational and safety risks.
- ✓ A windborne cloud of ash from the Hayli Gubbi volcano eruption in Ethiopia crossed northwest India.
- ✓ It crossed Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi-NCR and Punjab and reduced visibility and disrupted flights as it headed eastward.
- ✓ Some flights were cancelled to prevent hazards linked to ash in flight paths.
- ✓ The Hayli Gubbi volcano erupted for the first time in nearly 10,000 years.
- ✓ Its ash plume moved over the Red Sea toward West Asia before reaching India. As per Meteorologists, ash layer was above 10 km.
- ✓ IMD said air pollution levels in Delhi would not be significantly affected.
- ✓ As per IMD, ash influence over Indian cities would be brief. It was expected to pass quickly as it continued drifting east.



Hayli Gubbi:

- ✓ Hayli Gubbi is a shield volcano. It is situated in the Afar Region of Ethiopia.
- ✓ Hayli Gubbi is the southernmost volcano of the Erta Ale Range, which is mainly made up of shield volcanoes.

Shield volcanoes:

- ✓ Shield volcanoes are biggest of all volcanoes on the earth.
- ✓ Their most famous examples are Hawaiian volcanoes.
- ✓ They are primarily made up of basalt, which is very fluid when erupted.

BEL and Safran Sign JV to Manufacture HAMMER Precision Weapons in India

- ✓ A Joint Venture Cooperation Agreement has been signed between Bharat Electronics Limited and Safran Electronics and Defence of France.
- ✓ The agreement has been signed for the production of Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range (HAMMER) Smart Precision Guided Air-to-Ground Weapon.
- ✓ The Defence Ministry said the partnership will localise manufacturing of HAMMER systems.
- ✓ It will also localise their supply and long-term maintenance for the Air Force and Navy.
- ✓ Officials said indigenisation will gradually reach about 60 percent. The transfer of production will occur in stages.
- ✓ BEL will oversee final assembly, testing and quality assurance.
- ✓ HAMMER is a combat-proven precision weapon. It is modular and highly accurate.
- ✓ It can be deployed from platforms such as the Rafale and the LCA Tejas.

