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43 Young Writers Chosen Under PM-YUVA 3.0 Through Nationwide Selection Process



- **Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors (PM-YUVA 3.0) Results Announced by the National Book Trust (NBT), India under the Ministry of Education on 24 December 2025**, aimed at mentoring young writers and strengthening India's literary ecosystem.
- The scheme is **aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, encouraging young authors to contribute to **nation-building** through original writing and creative ideas.
- **43 young authors below 30 years of age** were selected through an **All-India contest**, representing **22 Indian languages and English**, ensuring the highest level of **linguistic diversity**.
- The selected cohort includes **19 women and 24 men**, promoting **inclusive and balanced literary development** across the country.
- **Selected proposals will be developed into books** under a **six-month mentorship programme** guided by **eminent scholars and established authors**.
- Each selected author will receive a **monthly scholarship of ₹50,000** for a period of six months (totaling **₹3 lakh**) along with a **10% lifetime royalty** on the published book.

- **Key themes of PM-YUVA 3.0 include Indian Diaspora and Nation Building, Indian Knowledge Systems, and Makers of Modern India (1950–2025).**
- **A National Authors' Camp** will be held for the selected winners during the **New Delhi World Book Fair (10–18 January 2026)**, providing exposure and interaction opportunities with international publishers.
- **The first set of books under PM-YUVA 3.0** is expected to be **published next year**, nurturing a **new generation of Indian writers** as cultural ambassadors of the nation.

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Indian Coast Guard Inducts First Indigenous Pollution Control Vessel 'Samudra Pratap' Built by Goa Shipyard Limited



- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** inducted **Samudra Pratap**, India's first indigenously designed and built **Pollution Control Vessel (PCV)**, on **23 December 2025**.
- The vessel was inducted under the **02 Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) Project** of **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)**.
- **Samudra Pratap (Yard 1267)** has **over 60% indigenous content**, directly supporting the Government's **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India**.
- It is the **largest ship in the Indian Coast Guard fleet**, significantly enhancing **maritime pollution response, surveillance, and operational reach**.
- The vessel measures **114.5 metres in length, 16.5 metres in breadth**, and has a substantial **displacement of 4,170 tonnes**.
- **Samudra Pratap** is armed with a **30 mm CRN-91 gun** and **two 12.7 mm stabilised remote-controlled guns** with **integrated fire control systems** for self-defense and law enforcement.

- The ship is equipped with **indigenously developed systems** such as the **Integrated Bridge System (IBS)**, **Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS)**, and **Automated Power Management System (APMS)**.
- It is the **first Indian Coast Guard vessel** to feature **Dynamic Positioning capability (DP-1)**, allowing the ship to maintain a fixed position automatically without using anchors.
- The vessel holds **FiFi-2 / FFV-2 notation certification** and includes a **high-capacity external firefighting system** for battling offshore fires.
- **Samudra Pratap** is fitted with advanced **oil spill detection and pollution response equipment**, including an **Oil Fingerprinting Machine**, **Gyro-stabilised Standoff Active Chemical Detector**, and **Pollution Control (PC) laboratory equipment**.
- The vessel is capable of **high-precision pollution response operations**, including **recovery of viscous oil**, **analysis of contaminants**, and **separation of oil from contaminated water** at a rate of **300 tonnes per hour**.
- It strengthens the Indian Coast Guard's capability to enforce **marine pollution control regulations**, conduct **search and rescue (SAR)**, and safeguard **India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)** and beyond.

About ICG :

- **Formed : 18 August 1978**
- **Headquarters : New Delhi**
- **Director General : Paramesh Sivamani**

Delhi Metro Phase-V(A) Project

- The Union Cabinet approved three new corridors under Delhi Metro's Phase-V(A) with a total length of 16.076 km.
- The approved corridors are R.K. Ashram Marg-Indraprastha (9.913 km), Aerocity-IGD Airport Terminal-1 (2.263 km) and Tughlakabad-Kalindi Kunj (3.9 km).
- The total project cost is ₹12,014.91 crore, funded by the Government of India, Government of Delhi, and international funding agencies.
- The project will include 13 stations, of which 10 will be underground and 3 will be elevated.
- The R.K. Ashram Marg-Indraprastha corridor will provide direct metro connectivity to the Central Vista and Kartavya Bhawans, benefiting about 60,000 office goers and 2 lakh visitors daily.
- The Aerocity-IGD T-1 and Tughlakabad-Kalindi Kunj corridors will enhance connectivity between South Delhi and the Domestic Airport Terminal-1 via areas like Saket and Kalindi Kunj.
- These extensions of the Magenta Line and Golden Line will help reduce road congestion, pollution, and fossil fuel usage, improving ease of living.
- The Phase-V(A) project will further expand Delhi Metro's reach, strengthening urban mobility and economic activity in Central Delhi and airport-connected areas.

East Bengal Football Club Wins Inaugural SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025

- East Bengal FC has clinched the title of the inaugural SAFF Women's Club Championship 2025 with a dominant 3-0 win against hosts Nepal's APF (Armed Police Forces) in the final at Dasrath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- With this win, East Bengal has become the first Indian women's club to win an international tournament.



INS Sindhughosh Decommissioned After 40 Years of Service

- **INS Sindhughosh**, the lead submarine of her class, was decommissioned, after completing **40 years of distinguished service**, marking the end of an important chapter in India's conventional submarine force.
- The decommissioning ceremony was held at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, in the presence of Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, with the submarine formally paid off under the command of Lt Cdr Rajat Sharma.
- Commissioned on April 30, 1986, INS Sindhughosh was a Soviet-origin Kilo-class diesel-electric submarine acquired from Russia under Project 877EKM.



Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025: Vaibhav Suryavanshi's Record-Breaking Century

- **Vaibhav Suryavanshi** created history in the Vijay Hazare Trophy by becoming the **youngest centurion in men's List A cricket**.
- At just **14 years and 272 days**, the Bihar batter achieved this rare milestone against **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- He smashed a sensational **190 off 84 balls**, including **15 sixes**, in a Plate Group match held on **December 24, 2025**.
- Suryavanshi reached his century in just **36 balls**, making it the **second-fastest hundred by an Indian** in List A cricket.
- While the fastest List A centuries are held by **Jake Fraser-McGurk (29 balls)** and **AB de Villiers (31 balls)**, **Suryavanshi now holds the record as the youngest List A centurion**.



Vaibhav Suryavanshi Becomes Youngest Player To Score Century In List A Cricket After Smashing 190 Off 84 Balls In Vijay Hazare Trophy

Japan Approves Restart of Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Plant

- **Japan** has approved the restart of the **Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant** after nearly **20 years**, signalling a major shift in post-Fukushima energy policy with a renewed focus on energy security, cost control, and decarbonisation.
- The Niigata prefectural assembly cleared the restart proposal, allowing TEPCO to resume operations; Reactor No. 6 is expected to restart by January 20, 2026, with an investment of nearly ¥100 billion for safety upgrades.
- The move aims to reduce Japan's heavy reliance on imported fossil fuels, which cost about ¥10.7 trillion annually, positioning nuclear power as a stable domestic energy source despite local protests.

About Japan:

- **Capital** – Tokyo
- **Currency** – Yen
- **Prime Minister** – Sanae Takaichi



US Tightens Documentation Rules for Green Card Petitions Filed by Athletes

- The **US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)** issued new policy guidance affecting how **green card applications of professional athletes** are evaluated.
- The update follows changes in the **US Department of Labor (DOL)** labour certification process, especially the shift to the **Foreign Labor Application Gateway (FLAG)** system.
- Since **June 1, 2023**, all permanent labour certification applications must be filed through FLAG, and the revised **Form ETA-9089** no longer includes minimum job requirements.
- Professional athletes are **exempt from prevailing wage determination (Form ETA-9141)**, leading to labour certifications that often lack job qualification details.
- Under the new policy, if **employment contracts or I-140 petitions** do not clearly mention minimum job requirements, **USCIS may issue a Request for Evidence (RFE)**.
- Failure to provide sufficient documentation may result in **processing delays or denial** of green card petitions for athletes.
- Though fewer than **100 athlete labour certifications** are issued annually, the rule impacts **all major US professional sports leagues**, affecting athletes' career planning and mobility.



DRDO Successfully Completes User Evaluation Trials of Akash-NG Missile System

- DRDO successfully completed user evaluation trials of Akash-NG missile system in December 2025.
- Trials conducted at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- Akash-NG is an advanced Next Generation surface-to-air missile for Indian Air Force.
- It has enhanced range over 70 km with improved accuracy and lethality.
- Missile features active electronically scanned array seeker and compact configuration.
- Successfully intercepted high-speed unmanned aerial targets during trials.
- Akash-NG uses indigenous RF seeker and reduced weight for better mobility.
- Trials validated all-weather capability and simultaneous multiple target engagement.

Recent news:

- Indian Army Collaborates with NSUT on AI and Software Defence Projects.
- DRDO, Rashtriya Raksha University Join Hands Through MoU for Defence and Security



Archaeologists find 2,000-year-old labyrinth revealing India's role in ancient global trade

- Archaeologists have uncovered a 2,000-year-old circular stone labyrinth in Maharashtra's Solapur district, the largest of its kind in India.
- It is dated to nearly 2,000 years ago and linked to the Satavahana dynasty (1st–3rd century CE).

Discovered at:

- Located in the Boramani grasslands, Solapur district, Maharashtra.

Connections within India:

- Similar, smaller labyrinths have been found in Sangli, Satara, and Kolhapur, indicating a regional network across western Maharashtra.
- Their alignment suggests links between inland Deccan routes and western coastal ports such as those used in Roman trade.

Significance:

- The circular motif resembles labyrinth designs on ancient Roman coins from Crete, many of which have been found in Indian trade hubs.
- Likely served as navigational or symbolic signposts for merchants transporting spices, textiles, and precious stones.
- Reinforces Maharashtra's role as a key crossroads in ancient global commerce.



Brajesh Kumar Singh Recommended as MD & CEO of Canara Bank

- Financial Services Institutions Bureau Recommends Brajesh Kumar Singh as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Canara Bank
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Brajesh Kumar Singh for the post of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Canara Bank.
- He will succeed K. Satyanarayana Raju, the current MD & CEO of Canara Bank, who is retiring on superannuation in December.
- The final appointment will be made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Brajesh Kumar Singh is currently serving as Executive Director of Indian Bank and was appointed to this role on 10 March 2024 for a three-year term.

