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01 **Uttar Pradesh** secured **first place** in India for implementing **Mission Karmayogi** and strengthening the capacity of government officials and employees.



02 **Ladakh**, declared India's first **100% organic** Union Territory by Lieutenant Governor **Vinai Kumar Saxena**, marked a significant step towards sustainable agriculture and environmental protection.



03 The **Kerala** Government granted permission to the **Kerala Civil Aviation Development Cooperative Society** to launch airline services, according to Chief Minister **D. Satheesan.**



04 The Centre created **11 crore Farmer IDs** under the **Digital Agriculture Mission**, achieving the target five months ahead of the **March 2027** deadline.



05 The **Supreme Court of India** expressed satisfaction that **14 states** had agreed to increase the retirement age of district judicial officers from **60 to 62 years.**



06 **Jammu and Kashmir** Chief Minister **Omar Abdullah** expanded the Council of Ministers by inducting four National Conference legislators.



07 President **Droupadi Murmu** gave her assent to the **Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Bill 2026**, unanimously passed by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on **3 September 2026.**



08 **Chhattisgarh** selected the **Orange Oakleaf** (Kallima inachus) as its proposed first official state butterfly.



09 The Union Cabinet approved the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY)**, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at strengthening grassroots governance and achieving **Viksit Bharat.**



10 The Union Cabinet approved an additional **3%** instalment of **Dearness Allowance (DA)** and **Dearness Relief (DR)** for Central Government employees and pensioners, effective from **1 July 2026.**



11 The **Ministry of Home Affairs** and **Indian Army** launched a first-of-its-kind joint training initiative to strengthen India's **Civil Defence** preparedness.



12 The **Ministry of Culture** will organise the second edition of the India Art, Architecture and **Design Biennale**, renamed **The India Biennale**, beginning on **4 December 2026.**



13 The **Ministry of Labour and Employment** notified the constitution of the **National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers** under the Code on Social Security.



14 **Ayushman Vay Vandana** completed **two years** on **29 October 2026.**





15 Rajasthan

Rajasthan is set to formulate its first dedicated **State Veterinary Policy** to strengthen veterinary services, improve livestock health and support the rural economy.



16 Maharashtra

Shabari Naturals, a Maharashtra Government initiative promoting products associated with tribal communities and forest gatherers, won the **Global Design Award (G-Mark)** for packaging inspired by traditional tribal art.



17 Gujarat

Ahmedabad, Gujarat, secured hosting rights for the **World Weightlifting Championships 2029**, marking the first time the international competition will be held in India.



18 Odisha

NLC India Limited (NLCIL) and **Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (IPICOL)** signed MoUs in Mumbai for industrial projects in **Odisha** involving a proposed investment of **₹37,000 crore.**



19 Arunachal Pradesh

The **14th International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2026** is being held from **29–31 October 2026** at Hotel Vivanta, **Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.**



20 Himachal Pradesh

The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi** launched the **Science on Wheels** programme in Himachal Pradesh to promote practical science education among rural school students.



21 Assam

Researchers **Namita Nath** of Gauhati University and **Barnali Das** of Pragjyotish College documented a new flowering plant species, **Osbeckia assamensis,** in **Manas National Park, Assam.**



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22 Pakistan, Turkey, Qatar and Indonesia signed the **Badr Memorandum of Understanding** in **Doha, Qatar,** to strengthen defence industrial cooperation, joint military production, R&D, technology sharing and technical training.



23 Polish Prime Minister **Donald Franciszek Tusk** undertook a three-day official visit to India from **21–23 October 2026,** at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



24 India and Sri Lanka strengthened cultural cooperation through the **SAMHiTA Project** (South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive), launched at **Gangaramaya Temple** in **Colombo.**



25 Brazilian President **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** was re-elected for a fourth non-consecutive presidential term in the **2026 Brazilian Presidential Election,** held on **25 October 2026.**



26 **Greece**'s Parliament approved legislation on **23 October 2026** banning **children under 15 years** from using social media platforms.



27 France confirmed its first human case of **Shamonda virus** on **22 October 2026;** the severely immunocompromised patient had died earlier that month.



28 The Fund for Responding to **Loss and Damage (FRLD)** provisionally earmarked funds for **Nepal's** recovery from the **August 2026 flash floods,** marking its first allocation for a specific disaster in a specific country.



29 Ukraine joined **NATO** Support and Procurement Agency's **Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP)** on **22 October 2026,** enabling Ukrainian defence companies to access NATO procurement contracts and tenders.



30 US Secretary of War **Pete Hegseth** formally launched the **FORTRESS America initiative** on **30 September 2026.**



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31 Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the **30th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** in New Delhi.



32 **C-DAC** and **Bank of India (BOI)** signed an **MoU** on **22 October 2026** for collaboration in financial innovation and emerging technologies.



33 India's **core industrial** growth reached **9%** in **September 2026**, the highest in the new data series since April 2024.



34 India's **retail inflation** stood at **5.5%** in **September 2026**, a nearly two-year high, according to official data released on 12 October 2026.



35 **BSE Limited** signed an agreement with **NMTC-PAMP** India Pvt. Ltd. to jointly develop and operate India's **Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR)**.



36 The Department of Commerce unveiled the final list of exporters under the **Resilient and Logistics Infrastructure Export Facilitation Initiative** on **31 March 2026**.



37 The **RBI** launched the **2025–26 Sovereign Gold Bonds** scheme, with **₹14,425 per gram**, series maturity on **23 October 2026**.



38 **PhonePe** and **NPCI** signed an MoU to promote cybersecurity compliance and guidelines under NPCI's **OTT sector**.



39 India's chemicals and petrochemicals sector needs to expand from about **$220 billion** to **$1 trillion by 2040** and **$1.6 trillion by 2047**, according to Union Minister **P. Murlidhar Rao**.



40 **NCDEX** launched two new index-based futures — the **NCDEX Aarti FINNDEX** — on **22 October 2026**.



41 **Sagar Mala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL)** inaugurated its corporate office at CoEstor 2026 at the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, **New Delhi**.



42 India's **soybean imports** hit a **record 1.1 million metric tonnes** in the **2025–26** marketing year, compared with about 2,000 tonnes in the previous year.



43 **PB Money** received an **Online Bonded Platform Provider (OBPP)** licence from **SEBI** to offer digital access to the unlisted debt securities market.



44 **Skydo** received final approval as a **Payment Service Provider** at **GIFT City, Gujarat**, from **IFSCA**.



45 **SEBI** introduced a real-time margin extension framework, allowing a two-day breach through Early Pay-in (EPI) to be used toward an extension period for margin penalties.



46 **SBI** inaugurated **CyRIS** – Cybersecurity Center of Excellence in Mumbai on **26 October 2026**.



47 **PhonePe** launched **Talkal MPS**, enabling real-time payments under the National Pension System across a minimum limit of **₹250**.



48 The Ministry of Finance notified **1 November 2026** as the effective date for amendments to TDS/TCS provisions, aiming to simplify compliance and align with revised reporting requirements.



49 The Union Cabinet approved the **Container Manufacturing Promotion** Scheme (CMPS) with an outlay of **₹10,000 crore** up to **FY 2039–40**.



50 The National Statistics Office **(NSO)** released the **Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (SUSE) 2022–23**.



51 According to the **World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity** Brief, India lifted an estimated **496 million people** out of poverty between **2011** and **2023**.



52 India's industrial output growth slowed to **6.7%** in **September 2026**, marking a four-month low, according to NSO data.



53 According to the **RBI**, India's net **FDI** inflows exceeded outflows by **US$3.3 billion** in **August 2026**, marking the third consecutive month of positive net FDI.



54 The Union Cabinet approved the **3rd DA/DR** installment, effective from **1 July 2026**.



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AGREEMENTS & MoUs

55 **C-DOT** and **IIT (BHU), Varanasi**, signed an MoU to establish **C-DOT's sixth Centre of Excellence.**

C-DOT | IIT (BHU) Varanasi

56 **IIIT Bangalore** and **AGH University of Krakow, Poland**, signed an **MoU** to collaborate in **AI, quantum technologies** and emerging fields.

IIIT-B Bangalore | AGH University of Krakow

57 India's **National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS)** signed a five-year MoU with the **Chinese Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)** for agricultural research, scientific collaboration and capacity development.

NAAS | CAST

58 **Google DeepMind** and **ICRISAT** partnered to develop an open-access global genetic atlas, particularly focusing on **sorghum.**

Google DeepMind | ICRISAT

59 **ICEYE, Nokia** and **Ukraine's Ministry of Defence** signed a Letter of Intent to explore cooperation in **sovereign satellite communications.**

ICEYE | NOKIA | Ministry of Defence of Ukraine

60 As part of the **Team Canada Trade Mission, Marine State** announced **34 commercial agreements,** partnerships and **FDI outcomes** across Canada and India, with a total value of nearly **$300 million.**

$300 million

61 **L&T Technology Services Limited (LTTS)** signed a **five-year contract** with **Nokia** to support engineering, **R&D** and global technology operations.

LTTS | NOKIA

62 **Sarvam AI** and **Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)** signed a five-year **MoU** to develop and deploy **AI applications** for the **Indian Army, Navy** and **Air Force.**

sarvam AI | HQ IDS

63 The **Ministry** of **Culture** and **Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)** signed an MoU in **Paris** under the **Gyan Bharatam Mission.**

Ministry of Culture | BnF Bibliothèque nationale de France

64 **SEBI** and the **Bank of England (BoE)** signed an **MoU** to strengthen regulatory cooperation, information exchange and capacity building on SEBI-recognised Clearing Corporations.

SEBI | BANK OF ENGLAND

65 **HCLTech** and **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** partnered to launch an **AI-powered nano Global Capability Centre** offering.

HCLTech | aws | AI

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

66 **Sunil Kumar** was appointed the next **Chairman** of **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)** for a three-year term, succeeding Arun Kumar Singh.

ओएनजीसी ONGC

67 **Arzu-Mani Verma** was appointed **Ambassador** of India to **UNCTAD** in **Geneva** for **five years**, from **20 October 2026** to **19 October 2031.**

UNCTAD

68 **Sajjan Singh Yadav**, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the **AGMUT** cadre, was appointed **Chief Secretary** of **Jammu and Kashmir.**

Chief Secretary J&K

69 **Dr H. Krishnamurthy** assumed additional charge as **Defence Secretary,** replacing **Rajesh Kumar Singh** on **31 October 2026.**

Ministry of Defence

70 **Sanjay Singhal**, Director General of **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**, was given additional charge as Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police **(ITBP).**

SSB | ITBP

71 **Air Marshal Vikram Gujr** was appointed **Additional Secretary** in the **Department of Military Affairs**, becoming the first **Indian Air Force** officer to hold this post.



72 Indian Navy will conduct the **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2026)** from **3–5 November 2026** at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.**

IPRD-2026 INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE

73 Defence Secretary **Rajesh Kumar Singh** said MoD is collaborating with the **IndiaAI Mission** to develop a dedicated **military AI layer** for India's armed forces.



74 Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will lead India's delegation at the **13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)** in Cebu, Philippines, from **28–29 October 2026.**



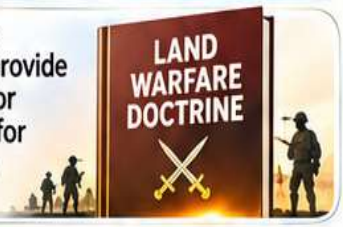
75 **INS Trishul** arrived at **Civitavechia, Italy,** on **25 October 2026**, during its operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.



76 The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by **Rajnath Singh,** accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals worth **~₹2.12 lakh crore** on **26 Oct 2026.**



77 **Rajnath Singh** released the **Land Warfare Doctrine** to provide an overarching framework for preparing the **Indian Army** for evolving warfare challenges and future conflicts.



78 **Project Arunank** of the Border Roads Organisation **(BRO)** celebrated its **19th Raising Day** on **24 October 2026** at Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.



79 **Yard 1283 (Srishti),** a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, was launched on **27 October 2026** at **Goa Shipyard Limited.**



80 On **26 October 2026,** the Indian Navy launched its first **Sullage Barge** (Yard 142) and conducted the keel laying of the third Sullage Barge (Yard 144) and first Bottom Opening Dumb Barge (Yard 148).



81 The **11th India–Indonesia Joint** Special Forces Exercise **GARUDA SHAKTI 2026** commenced at **Banyuwangi, Indonesia.**



82 **VISV-2026** will be inaugurated by Raksha Rajya Mantri **Sanjay Seth** on **30 October 2026** at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.**

VISV-2026



83 The **DRDO** launched Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters **(SCDPM 6.0)** across its HQs, laboratories and establishments.

DRDO

84 Indian Navy's indigenous **Air Independent Propulsion (AIP)** system achieved a development milestone on **24 October 2026** with the inauguration of the Setting to Work Phase-2 **(STW-2)** activity for its Energy Module.



85 **Sarvam AI** and **HQ IDS** signed a **five-year MoU** to develop AI applications for all three **Indian armed forces.**

sarvam AI | HQ IDS

86 Ukraine joined **NATO's Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP),** enabling its defence companies to access procurement contracts and tenders.

NATO

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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS (87 – 94)

87 Renowned physicist **Ashoke Sen** became the first Indian to receive the **Oskar Klein Medal.**



88 Assam Govt. will present the first **Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award** to playback singer **Usha Mangeshkar** in **New Delhi.**



89 Argentine footballer **Lionel Messi** received the **2026 Princess of Asturias Award** at a ceremony in **Oviedo, Spain.**



90 Indian pilot **Captain Smit Machchhar** received the First Class **Order of Zayed II** of the **UAE** for protecting 174 passengers on a Flydubai flight.



91 **Sunil Bharti Mittal**, Founder & Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, received France's highest civilian honour, the **Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur.**



92 The New India Foundation (NIF) announced a shortlist of five books for the 2026 **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize (KCBP).**



93 The **NCRTC** received the award for Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Service and Satisfaction for the **Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat** corridor at the **19th UMI Conference and Expo 2026.**



94 **Shabari Naturals** won the **Global Design Award (G-Mark)** for packaging inspired by traditional tribal art.



SPORTS NEWS (95 – 102)

95 Indian batter **Sabbhineni Meghana**, from Andhra Pradesh, announced retirement from all formats of cricket at the **age of 30.**



96 **Bodhana Sivanandan**, an 11-year-old English chess player of Indian origin, became the youngest woman to earn the **International Master (IM)** title at the European Women's Chess Club Cup 2026.



97 **Nihal Sarin** and **Koneru Humpy** won Individual Gold medals, while **Pentala Harikrishna** secured Individual Silver at the **European Chess Club Cup 2026** in Montenegro.



98 India finished fourth at the **Asian Para Games 2026** in **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**, with its best-ever tally of **114 medals (30 gold, 35** silver and **49 bronze).**



99 England captain **Harry Kane** won the men's **Ballon d'Or** for the first time, while Spain's **Alexia Putellas** won the **Women's Ballon d'Or** for the third time.



100 The **World Under-19 Boxing Championships 2026** were held in **Budva, Montenegro,** at the Mediterranean Sports Center.



101 **Ahmedabad, Gujarat,** received hosting rights for the **World Weightlifting Championships 2029,** the first time the competition will be held in India.



102 Indian Paralympian **Neeraj Yadav,** a 42-year-old javelin thrower and three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist, passed away in **New Delhi.**



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RANKS, REPORTS AND INDICES (103 – 109)

103 UNEP released the 17th edition of the **Emissions Gap Report (EGR) 2026**, titled **The Point of Return.**



104 **IUCN** released the first global coral reef assessment under the **Red List of Ecosystems (RLE)** at **COP17 (CBD)** in **Yerevan, Armenia.**



105 India's core industrial growth reached **9%** in **September 2026**, its highest in the new data series since **April 2024.**



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SUMMITS, CONFERENCES AND IMPORTANT EVENTS (110 – 116)

110 The **Indian Airport Pavement Symposium (IAPS 2026)** was organised in **New Delhi** by **CSIR-CRRI** in association with Bharat Tiki Tar Shell India Pvt. Ltd.



111 The **19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition 2026** was inaugurated by MoS **Tokhan Sahu** in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha,** on **23 October 2026.**



112 The **14th International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2026** is being held from **29–31 October 2026** at **Hotel Vivanta, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.**



113 Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.**



114 The Indian Navy's **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2026)** will take place from **3–5 November 2026** at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.**



115 Raksha Rajya Mantri **Sanjay Seth** will inaugurate **VISV-2026** on **30 October 2026** at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.**



116 The **Goa Artificial Intelligence Technology Conclave 2026** was held at **INOX, Panaji**, with participation from the **Digital India BHASHINI Division.**



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GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AND INITIATIVES (117 – 123)

117 Union Cabinet approved the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY)** to transform grassroots governance and support **Viksit Bharat.**

PM VGSY

118 Union Rural Development Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the upgraded **National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) 2.0** app on **23 October 2026** to strengthen attendance under **VB-G RAM G.**



119 Ministry of Road Transport and Highways proposed making **Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS)** mandatory for all new car models from **October 2030.**



120 Ministry of Jal Shakti launched the **Punah Bharan** Mobile Application to promote scientific groundwater recharge planning and sustainable water management.



121 Union Cabinet approved the **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)** with an outlay of **₹10,000 crore** up to **FY 2039–40.**



122 Ministry of Home Affairs and Indian Army launched a joint training initiative to strengthen **Civil Defence** preparedness.

MHA | INDIAN ARMY | CIVIL DEFENCE

123 The **DRDO** launched Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters **(SCDPM 6.0)** across its establishments.

DRDO | SCDPM 6.0

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS (124 – 133)

124 Bengaluru-based Ethereal Exploration Guild (The Guild) unveiled **The Anchorage,** a **150-acre** rocket development and testing facility.



125 **Google DeepMind** and org, in partnership with **ICRISAT,** are developing an open-access global genetic atlas, with a particular focus on **sorghum.**

Google DeepMind | ICRISAT

126 **Erhaia dijiang,** a newly described freshwater cave snail of the family Erhaiidae, was discovered for the first time in **China.**



127 Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory **(AATAL)** at **IITM, New Delhi.**



128 **CSIR-CCMB,** Hyderabad, identified **DZIP3,** a protein that detects viral RNA and activates the body's innate antiviral immune response.

CSIR-CCMB



129 Researchers documented a new flowering plant species, **Osbeckia assamensis,** in **Manas National Park, Assam.**



130 **Centaurus X-3,** one of the brightest X-ray pulsars and a high-mass X-ray binary, is located about **24,000 light-years** away in the constellation **Centaurus.**



131 Indian Navy's indigenous **Air Independent Propulsion (AIP)** system achieved a major milestone through the inauguration of its Energy Module's **STW-2** activity.



132 **HCLTech** and **AWS** launched an AI-powered nano GCC offering to help enterprises move from AI experimentation to business deployment.

HCLTech | aws



133 **Sarvam AI** partnered with **Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff** to develop AI applications for India's **Army, Navy and Air Force.**

sarvam AI | HQ IDS



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AGREEMENTS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (134 – 141)

134 **NLC India** Limited and **IPICOL** signed **MoUs** for major industrial projects in Odisha with a proposed investment of **₹37,000 crore.**

NLC India Limited | IPICOL

135 **Technology Development Board (TDB)** signed an agreement with **Manastu Space Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** (Navi Mumbai) to support indigenous space technology development.

TDB Technology Development Board | manastu space

136 **C-DAC** and **Bank of India** signed an MoU for quantum financial innovation and emerging banking technologies.

सी-डैक C-DAC | बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India

137 **LTTS** signed a five-year contract with **Nokia** for engineering, R&D and global technology operations.

LTTS | NOKIA 5G

138 **Ministry of Culture** and **Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)** signed an MoU in Paris under the **Gyan Bharatam Mission.**

Ministry of Culture | BnF Bibliothèque nationale de France

139 **NAAS** and **CAST** signed a five-year MoU to strengthen agricultural research and scientific collaboration.

NAAS | CAST Council for Agricultural Science and Technology

140 **IIIT Bangalore** and **AGH University of Kralow** signed an MoU for research and academic collaboration in **AI and quantum technologies.**

IIITB Bangalore | AGH University of Krakow

141 **C-DOT** and **IIT (BHU)** signed an MoU to establish the sixth **Centre of Excellence** of **C-DOT.**

C-DOT | IIT (BHU) Varanasi

IMPORTANT DAYS (142 – 146)

142 **International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD)**

22 October

To raise awareness about stuttering and support people experiencing speech disfluency.

143 **World Polio Day**

24 October

To raise awareness about poliomyelitis, a contagious viral disease that can cause permanent paralysis.

END POLIO NOW

144 **United Nations Day**

24 October

To commemorate the establishment of the United Nations and promote international peace and cooperation.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

145 **World Development Information Day**

24 October

To highlight development challenges and encourage international cooperation through improved access to information.

146 **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH)**

27 October

To promote the preservation of films, television and radio recordings and other audiovisual materials.

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OBITUARIES NEWS (147 – 153)

147 Veteran American Hollywood actor **Tom Skerritt** (Thomas Roy Skerritt) passed away at the age of **93** in **Seattle, Washington, United States.**



148 **Krishnan**, former Senior Deputy Editor of Sportstar, passed away in **Chennai** on **20 October 2026**, at the age of **69**.



149 Renowned Tamil chef and Padma Shri awardee **K. Damodaran (Chef Damu)** passed away at the age of **72** in **Chennai** on **25 October 2026**.



150 Renowned Indian painter and former Rajya Sabha MP **Jogen Chowdhury** passed away at the age of **87** in **Kolkata, West Bengal,** on **25 October 2026**.



151 Japanese novelist and filmmaker **Ryū Murakami** passed away at the age of **74**.



152 Former Japanese Prime Minister **Yasuo Fukuda** passed away in **Tokyo, Japan,** at the age of **90.**



153 Indian Paralympian **Neeraj Yadav**, a 42-year-old javelin thrower and three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist, passed away in **New Delhi**.



MISCELLANEOUS CURRENT AFFAIRS (154 – 159)

154 The National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli, hosted **Hack the Fork**, described as India's first **AI and Food Technology Hackathon**, focusing on real-world challenges in the alternative protein industry.



155 The **Digital India BHASHINI** Division, under Digital India Corporation and MeitY, participated in the **Goa Artificial Intelligence Technology Conclave 2026** at **INOX, Panaji.**



156 Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the RBI's **₹169-crore Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute** in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha,** on **25 October 2026.**



157 Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was scheduled to visit **Uttar Pradesh and Odisha** to inaugurate a garment manufacturing facility in **Varanasi,** witness the **Indian Air Force Day Aerial Display–2026,** and inaugurate RBI's Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute in **Bhubaneswar.**



158 The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways notified amendments to the **Central Motor Vehicles Rules**, allowing **flex-fuel vehicles** specifically designed and certified for ethanol blends up to **E100.**



159 The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways notified a concessional annual **FASTag local pass** under the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026.



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