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National News

1 India's cheetah population has risen to **62** after **KOMG 3** gave birth to four cubs under **Project Cheetah.**



2 India has administered over **1 crore** HPV vaccine doses in less than nine months, covering nearly **87%** of the annual target of 14-year-old girls.



3 India ranks **4th globally** in installed wind power capacity, which has more than doubled from **21 GW** to **59.20 GW** in 12 years.



4 The **14th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14IFAF)** was held from 18–20 November 2026 at **ICAR-CIFA,** Bhubaneswar (Odisha).



5 The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (Ministry of Jal Shakti) launched the **'Swachh Shauchalay – Garimamay Bhavishya' (SSGB)** campaign on 19 November 2026.



6 PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **FICCI** Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention on 19 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on the theme **'Bharat 2047'.**



7 The **57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI 2026)** began with its opening ceremony on 20 November 2026.



8 The Centre revised **PUC** certificate validity under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 2026, with new renewal intervals for **BS-VI** private and transport vehicles.



9 **Cyclone Akvan** was forecast by IMD to cross the North **Andhra Pradesh–Yanam** and **South Odisha** coasts on 20 November 2026.



10 President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Golden Jubilee celebrations of **ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR)** in New Delhi.



11 India revised its maritime flag rules after more than six decades, specifying which ships must fly the **Red Ensign** or the **Blue Ensign** under Section 37 of the Merchant Shipping Act.



12 India has been re-elected to the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** Council for 2027–2030 at the Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha, Qatar.



13 India hosted the **62nd** Session and Ministerial Meeting of the International **Coconut Community (ICC)** in Kochi from 17 to 20 November 2026.



14 **NITI Aayog** will organise five National Workshops (November 2026 to September 2027) to document governance lessons from 25 years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government.



15 The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organised the **PM SVANidhi Samman Awards 2026** on 20 November 2026 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.



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State Affairs

16 Kerala

Kerala will unveil a **6,000-foot-long kasavu textile** created by around **2,500** Balaramapuram weavers in Thiruvananthapuram.



17 Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh began a new round of distribution under the **Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana (UP Free Tablet Yojana).**



18 Telangana

Telangana's proposed **Indiramma Family Insurance** scheme aims to provide **₹5 lakh** life insurance cover to **1 crore** families.



19 Uttar Pradesh

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court ruled that **coconut** cannot be sold in a fruit and vegetable market as it is classified as an **oilseed.**



20 Assam

Over **15,000** dancers performed the **Nimso Kerung** folk dance in Diphu, Assam, setting a **Guinness World Record** during the **75th Karbi Anglong Day** celebrations.



21 Karnataka

Karnataka's **Marine Biotechnology Policy 2026–31** aims to expand the state's Blue Bioeconomy to **$6–8 billion** by 2031.



22 Ladakh

Ladakh recorded **108 black-necked cranes** in its 2026 breeding-season survey, nearly **25%** more than in 2025.



23 Nagaland

Nagaland will host the **27th Hornbill Festival** from **1 to 10 December 2026** at Kisama.



24 Karnataka – Tamil Nadu

The **Mekedatu project** is a proposed dam across the **Cauvery River** in Karnataka to supply drinking water to Bengaluru; **Tamil Nadu** opposes it.



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International Affairs

25 PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first **SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum** at Purana Qila, New Delhi, on 20 November 2026.



26 The **7th Quad Leaders' Summit** was held in Manila on 17 November 2026 and announced five outcomes covering business cooperation, counterterrorism and maritime surveillance.



27 The **Quad** (India, US, Japan, Australia) announced its **first-ever joint military exercise,** to be held in 2027.



28 The **49th ASEAN Summit** was held in Manila, Philippines, from 15 to 17 November 2026 under the theme **'Navigating Our Future, Together'.**



29 At the **23rd ASEAN–India Summit** in Manila, PM Modi proposed free e-visas for ASEAN tourists along with nine initiatives, including maritime and nuclear energy cooperation.



30 At the ASEAN Summit, PM Modi gifted traditional Indian handicrafts to world leaders; US President Donald Trump received a **golden Pichwaai painting.**



31 India and Japan held their **4th 2+2** Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo on 19 November 2026.



32 India and Japan unveiled a commemorative logo for 75 years of diplomatic relations in 2027, the **'India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons'.**



33 Piyush Goyal co-chaired the 23rd session of the **India–Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC)** in Rome.



34 The 2nd meeting of the **India–Indonesia Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI)** was held in New Delhi.



35 **India–Thailand** bilateral trade rose **12.6%** to **USD 21.49 billion** in FY 2025–26; the 14th Joint Trade Committee meeting reviewed market access and investment.



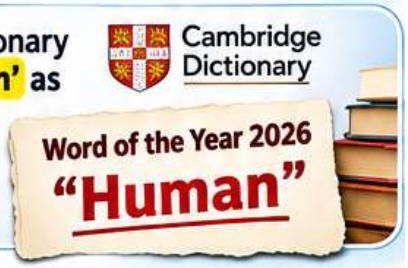
36 US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin held their **first-ever trilateral summit** in Shenzhen on 19 November 2026.



37 **India and Sweden** launched **LeadIT 3.0** at **COP31** in Antalya (Türkiye) on 17 November 2026; Brazil joined as a new member.



38 Cambridge Dictionary selected **'Human'** as its **Word of the Year 2026.**



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Banking & Economy

39 Public sector banks posted a combined net profit of **₹1.10 lakh crore** in H1 FY2026-27, up **16.9%** year-on-year.



40 RBI cancelled the registrations of **49** NBFCs, while **13** NBFCs and **one** housing finance company surrendered their licences (total **63** entities).

41 RBI announced the redemption price for **Sovereign Gold Bonds** due in November 2026, calculated using **IBJA** gold rates.



42 India's wholesale (**WPI**) inflation rose to **12.29%** in October 2026 from **11.39%** in September, driven by fuel and power and primary articles.



43 As per the **PLFS** monthly bulletin, India's female Labour Force Participation Rate rose to **35%** in October 2026 and the overall unemployment rate fell to **4.9%.**



44 Gujarat's **GIFT City** has been recognised as India's first **MCR2030 Resilience Hub** by UNDRR Asia-Pacific.



Business

45 Amazon plans to invest an additional **$7 billion** in India's renewable energy sector by 2030, taking its total clean energy commitment beyond **$11 billion.**



46 **Apollo Micro Systems** signed an MoU with Hyderabad-based **Redon Systems** on 18 November 2026 to develop defence drone systems.



Appointments

47 Sanmar Group Chairman **Vijay Sankar** took charge as FICCI President for 2026–27, succeeding Anant Goenka.



FICCI

48 Senior IIS officer **L Madhu Nag** (1994 batch) took charge as Director General of Akashvani.



49 The Asian Development Bank appointed Indian economist **Karthik Muralidharan** as its next Chief Economist; he will succeed Albert Park on 1 July 2027.



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Asian Development Bank

50 BPCL appointed **Dr. M. Beena** (1999-batch Kerala cadre IAS) as Government Nominee Director for three years.



Bharat Petroleum

51 Karnataka Bank appointed **Biji Sreekrishnavilas Sankaranarayanan** as interim MD & CEO for two months from 16 November 2026.

Karnataka Bank®

52 Devesh Chaturvedi and **Commodore (Retd.) Pushpendra Kumar Garg** assumed office as Chairperson and Member of the National Sports Board on 16 November 2026.

National Sports Board

53 Shooter **Manu Bhaker** has been elected to the ISSF Athletes Committee for 2026–2030.



ISSF

Athletes Committee (2026–2030)

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Awards & Honours

54 Mozambican humanitarian **Graça Machel** received the **2025 Indira Gandhi Prize** for Peace, Disarmament and Development on 19 November 2026.





55 The All India Football Federation **(AIFF)** won **Gold** in the AFC Member Association of the Year category at the AFC Awards.

INDIA

AIFF
All India Football Federation

AFC AWARDS

56 Assamese film **Adishakti**, directed by Bitopan Kashyap, won **Best Film** at the Las Vegas Indie Awards 2026.



57 Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, won **'Major Port of the Year'** at the 13th Samudra Manthan Awards 2026.



13th Samudra Manthan Awards 2026

58 Ranveer Singh, Aneet Padda, Taylor Swift and James Cameron were among the winners of the **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2026.**



59 India was named Travel + Leisure's **'Destination of the Year'** for 2027.

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60 **'Varuvaaiy'**, based on Subramania Bharati's poem, became the **first Tamil song nominated for a Grammy** (Best Global Music Performance).



Varuvaaiy

GRAMMY® AWARDS Nominee (Best Global Music Performance)

61 Bharatanatyam exponent **Padma Subrahmanyam** received the **Aditya Vikram Birla Kala Shikhar Puraskar 2026.**



ADITYA BIRLA KALA SHIKHAR PURASKAR 2026

62 The **Earthshot Prize 2026** announced five winners at a ceremony in Mumbai.

THE EARTHSHOT PRIZE 2026



63 Google Play's **Best of 2026 (India)** winners include Adobe Premiere, Wispr Flow, Pronto and Arknights: Endfield.

Google Play Best of 2026 (India)

Adobe Premiere | Wispr Flow | Pronto | Arknights: Endfield

64 **Hannah Lillith Assadi** won the 2026 US National Book Award for Fiction for **'Paradiso 17'.**



National Book Awards®



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Ranks & Reports

65 Kantar BrandZ 2026 ranked **Airtel** as India's most valuable brand **($43.2 billion)**, followed by **HDFC Bank** and **TCS**.



66 India ranked **10th** in Germanwatch's **Climate Risk Index 2027** (1996–2025), with **436** extreme weather events and **78,000** deaths.



67 TIME released its first-ever **'TIME100 Next India'** list of **100** rising influencers.



68 Pew Research Center projects that **Muslims** will **surpass Christians** as the world's largest religious group **by 2035.**



69 China's **LineShine** retained **No. 1** in the November 2026 **TOP500** supercomputer rankings with **2.198 exaflops.**



Defence

70 The Indian Navy received **DSC A21 (Yard 326)**, the first indigenous **Diving Support Craft**, on 20 November 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.



71 The IAF conducted multinational **HADR Exercise 'Sahayata Setu 2026'** at Jamnagar, Gujarat, from 17 to 19 November.



72 The IAF is organising a two-day **Air Festival** in Nagpur on 21–22 November 2026.



73 The 6th edition of India-Malaysia **Exercise Harimau Shakti** is being held in Ipoh from 19 to 30 November 2026.



74 The Defence Ministry signed a **₹1,976.40 crore** contract with Israel Aerospace Industries to upgrade **Barak Point Defence Missile Systems** on Navy ships.



75 The Indian Navy marked **50 years** of Long-Range Maritime Reconnaissance **(LRMR)** on 18 November 2026.



Science & Technology

76 India launched its first indigenous **H5N1 bird flu vaccine** for chickens, developed by **ICAR-NIHSAD** Bhopal against Clade 2.3.2.1a, priced at **₹1–2 per dose.**



77 IIT Kanpur and Bharat1.ai launched **'AI Kavach'**, an AI cybersecurity and assurance lab for banking, payments, lending and insurance.



78 NASA's **Voyager 1** reached a distance of **one light-day** from Earth on 18 November 2026.



79 AIIMS New Delhi performed India's first **open fetal surgery** to repair myelomeningocele before birth.



80 Three butterfly species – **Branded Royal, Extra Lascar and Orange-spotted Grass Jewel** – were recorded for the first time in **Silent Valley National Park (Kerala).**



Sports

81 India beat Pakistan **2–1** in the **SAFF Championship 2026** final to win their **10th title.**

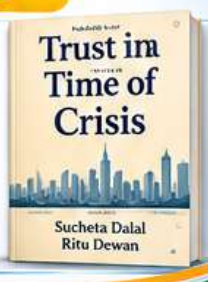


82 **MS Dhoni** announced his **retirement from the IPL,** ending a career that brought **five titles** to Chennai Super Kings.



Books

83 **'Trust in a Time of Crisis'** by **Sucheta Dalal** and **Ritu Dewan** documents a citizen-led network in Mumbai that supported frontline workers.



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Important Days & Anniversaries

84 **National Press Day** is observed on **16 November** to commemorate the establishment of the **Press Council of India (PCI)**, which began functioning in 1966.



National Press Day
16 November
Press Council of India (PCI)
Est. 1966

85 **International Day of the Mediterranean Diet** is observed on **16 November**, established by the UNGA through Resolution **A/RES/80/174** to promote healthy eating and sustainable food systems.



International Day of the Mediterranean Diet
16 November

86 **International Day for Tolerance** is observed on **16 November** to promote peace, mutual respect and cultural diversity, following **UNESCO's 1995 Declaration** of Principles on Tolerance.

UNESCO

International Day for Tolerance
16 November



87 **International Students' Day** is observed on **17 November** to commemorate the **1939** Nazi crackdown on Czech students and promote students' rights and academic freedom.



International Students' Day
17 November



88 **Lala Lajpat Rai's Death Anniversary** was observed on **17 November 2026**, commemorating the freedom fighter known as **Punjab Kesari**, who died in **1928** following injuries during protests against the Simon Commission.



Lala Lajpat Rai Death Anniversary
17 November
(Punjab Kesari)



89 **Naturopathy Day 2026** was observed on **18 November** with the theme **'Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat'**, with the 9th national celebration organised by the Ministry of AYUSH in Nagamangala, Karnataka.

Ministry of AYUSH

Naturopathy Day 2026
16 November



90 **Indira Gandhi's Birth Anniversary** was observed on **17 November 2026**, commemorating the birth of India's first woman Prime Minister in **1917.**



Indira Gandhi Birth Anniversary
19 November
(Born: 1917)



91 **International Men's Day 2026** was observed on **19 November** with the theme **'The Future Is Everyone'**, highlighting men's health, positive role models and gender equality.



International Men's Day 2026
19 November
Theme: The Future Is Everyone

92 **World Toilet Day 2026** was observed on **19 November** with the theme **'Safe toilets. Equal futures.'**, promoting sanitation, hygiene and access to safe toilets.



World Toilet Day 2026
19 November
Theme: Safe toilets. Equal futures.

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93 **Rani Lakshmibai's Birth Anniversary** was observed on **19 November 2026**, honouring the Queen of Jhansi, born in **1828**, who played a major role in the **Revolt of 1857.**



Rani Lakshmibai Birth Anniversary
19 November
(Born: 1828)



94 **World Children's Day 2026** was observed on **20 November** with the theme **'My day. My rights. My future.'**, promoting children's rights and commemorating the adoption of the **UNCRC in 1989.**



World Children's Day 2026
20 November
Theme: My day. My rights, My future.

UNCRC (1989)

95 **Milkha Singh's Birth Anniversary** was observed on **20 November 2026**, honouring the legendary Indian sprinter known as the **'Flying Sikh'**, who won four Asian Games gold medals and finished fourth at the **1960 Rome Olympics.**



Milkha Singh Birth Anniversary
20 November
(The Flying Sikh)



Rome Olympics 1960

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