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Appointments & Persons in News

National Appointments (India)

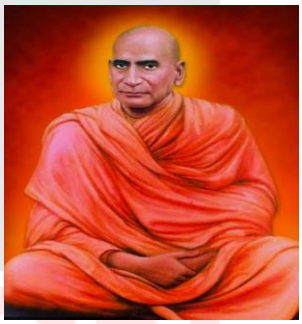


- **Chief of the Air Staff (IAF):** Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit formally assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force, succeeding Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh. He unveiled **'VAYU'** (Vigilance & Readiness, Aatmanirbharta, Yukti, Unity of Effort) as the guiding vision for the IAF
- **Director General, Geological Survey of India (GSI):** Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir took charge as the 55th Director General of GSI (under the Ministry of Mines), prioritizing critical and strategic mineral security and exploration prospectivity mapping



- **Director General, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP):** Senior IPS officer Sanjay Singhal (Director General, Sashastra Seema Bal) assumed additional charge as Director General of ITBP, succeeding Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor

Persons in News & Notable Demises



- **Padma Shri Chef K. Damodaran (Chef Damu):** Renowned celebrity chef, Guinness World Record holder, and recipient of the Padma Shri (2025), Dr. K. Damodaran, passed away at the age of 72 in Chennai.
- **Swami Shraddhanand Ji Centenary Commemoration:** President of India, Droupadi Murmu, graced the *Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh* of prominent Arya Samaj educator and freedom fighter Swami Shraddhanand at Kurukshetra, Haryana.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

Central Government Schemes & National Policies

- **Digi Yatra International Expansion:** The Ministry of Civil Aviation initiated the first international passenger trials of the biometric-based *Digi Yatra* system across seven major Indian airports: Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai, and Amritsar for e-passport holders.
- **Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) Sindi Railway:** Union Minister Nitin Gadkari performed the Bhoomipujan of the Multi-Modal Logistics Park spanning 150 acres at Sindi Railway (Nagpur–Wardha border), developed jointly by National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) to boost agro-industrial direct exports.
- **Vande Bharat Sleeper Express Flag-off:** The inaugural special run of the 16-coach Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express departed SMVT Bengaluru for CSMT Mumbai, introducing premier overnight semi-high-speed sleeper rail connectivity.

- **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (Bharat RE 2026):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to inaugurate 'Bharat RE 2026' (2–5 November) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, held alongside the 9th ISA Assembly and 4th ICGH under the theme *'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.'*



- **EPFO 74th Foundation Day:** Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the 74th Foundation Day of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), highlighting social security coverage and digital service delivery for organized-sector workers.
- **National Organ Transplant Games 2026:** The Vice-President inaugurated the National Organ Transplant Games 2026 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi, calling organ donation a *'Mahadaan'*, featuring a mass yoga demonstration (*Tadasana*) by 570 organ donors and recipients, and releasing the *'Zindagi Dobara'* calendar.

State Government Welfare Initiatives

- **Haryana 'Hirak Jayanti' (60th Formation Day):** President Droupadi Murmu presided over the Diamond Jubilee (60th year of state formation) celebration of the State of Haryana at Kurukshetra.
- **Chandigarh Police Diamond Jubilee:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the Diamond Jubilee Foundation Day celebrations and graced the President's Colour Conferment Ceremony of Chandigarh Police.
- **State Foundation Days (November 1):** Celebrated across Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka (*Kannada Rajyotsava*), Kerala (*Keralappiravi*), Haryana, and Punjab, alongside the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, and Chandigarh.

Sports & Games

Formula 1, Shooting & Multi-Sport Events

- **Hylo Open Badminton 2026 (Saarbrücken, Germany):** Double Olympic medallist P. V. Sindhu clinched the Women's Singles title (defeating Julie Dawall Jakobsen 21–12, 21–14), while Lakshya Sen secured the Men's Singles crown (defeating Jonatan Christie 21–17, 21–10), giving India a clean sweep of the singles titles.



- **Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey):** The Indian Men's Hockey team maintained an unbeaten tournament run by defeating Malaysia 4–2 in Jalandhar, driven by a hat-trick from captain Harmanpreet Singh and a field goal by Sukhjeet Singh.

Science, Space & Technology

Defense Technology, Biotechnology & Health Innovations & Exercise

- **INS Trishul Goodwill Deployment:** Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trishul made an official operational port call at Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, as part of India's overseas deployment in the Mediterranean Sea to bolster bilateral maritime security cooperation.
- **11th Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026:** The 11th edition of the bilateral India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise continued at Banyuwangi, East Java, Indonesia, focusing on counter-terrorism and tactical jungle operations.



Summits, Bills & International Affairs

International Affairs & Bilateral Agreements

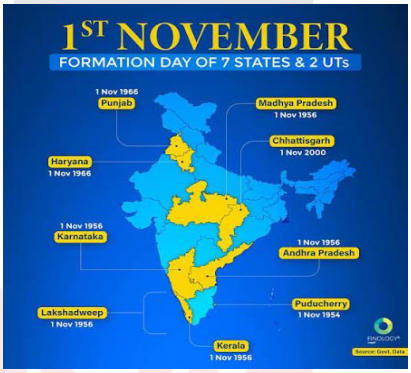
- **153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly:** Concluded in Arusha, Tanzania, where Australian Parliament Speaker Milton Dick was elected as the 32nd President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for a three-year mandate (2026–2029) .
- **India–Mexico Preferential Trade Agreement:** India and Mexico formally signed the joint Terms of Reference (ToR) to initiate bilateral negotiations on a comprehensive Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) .
- **PAC Chairpersons' National Conference:** Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced the National Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees (PAC) of Parliament and State/UT Legislatures in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala .



Books, Authors & Important Days

Important Days & Themes

- **World Vegan Day – November 1:** Celebrated globally to promote plant-based diets, ethical living, and environmental sustainability.
- **Coal India Limited (CIL) 51st Foundation Day – November 1:** CIL marked 51 years of operations, reporting record single-month coal production of 67.2 million tonnes and coal supply of 70.3 million tonnes during October.
- **Statehood / Formation Day – November 1:** Commemorated across Karnataka, Kerala, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep, Chandigarh, and Andaman & Nicobar.
- **November 2 –** International day to end impunity for crimes against Jounalists**.**



ENVIRONMENT

- **National Zoological Park 67th Foundation Day:** The National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo) marked its 67th Foundation Day with biodiversity outreach campaigns, bird walks, and native species conservation programs under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change .

REPORTS AND INDEXES

- **WJP Rule of Law Index 2026:** Released by the World Justice Project covering 143 countries; India was ranked 88th globally, while Denmark secured the top spot globally
- **Ministry of Coal Import Digest (August 2026 Analysis):** Released on November 1, showing India's total coal imports declined by 5.83% year-on-year (to 104.57 MT), with the share of imported coal in overall domestic consumption reducing to 19.30% .



Practice Questions

Q1. Who assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force?

(A) Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh

(B) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

(C) Air Chief Marshal Sanjay Singhal

(D) Air Chief Marshal Dinesh Ganvir

Answer: (B) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

Q2. The Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) mentioned in the current affairs is located at:

(A) Sindi Railway, Nagpur–Wardha border

(B) Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai

(C) SMVT Bengaluru

(D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Answer: (A) Sindi Railway, Nagpur–Wardha border

Q3. Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026 is a joint special forces exercise between India and which country?

(A) Greece

(B) Malaysia

(C) Indonesia

(D) Tanzania

Answer: (C) Indonesia

Q4. Who was elected as the 32nd President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for the 2026–2029 term?

(A) Om Birla

(B) Milton Dick

(C) Amit Shah

(D) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: (B) Milton Dick

Q5. According to the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2026, what was India's global rank?

(A) 78th

(B) 88th

(C) 98th

(D) 108th

Answer: (B) 88th

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