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Appointments & Persons in News
National Appointments (India)

- **Interim CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank:** Equitas Small Finance Bank appointed Balaji Nuthalapadi as its Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), subject to regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), following executive leadership succession.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA) Presidency:** India was unanimously re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a third consecutive term at the 9th Session of the ISA Assembly in New Delhi, while France was re-elected as Co-President. Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi led the assembly proceedings.

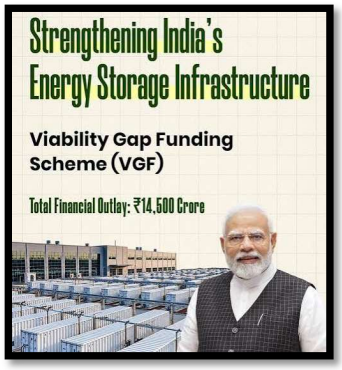
Persons in News & Notable Demises



- **Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra (Padma Shri):** Eminent neurosurgeon, former AIIMS Director, and Padma Shri awardee Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra passed away at the age of 74 in New Delhi.
- **Keisha Lance Bottoms (US Political Milestone):** Former Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms created history by becoming the first Black woman ever to be elected governor of a US state in the 2026 elections.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives
Central Government Schemes & National Policies

- **Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation (VBI-ST):** The Union Cabinet approved the 'Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation' under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to modernize the national statistical apparatus, automate high-frequency economic indicator surveys, and establish AI-driven data pipelines.
- **Capex Support Scheme for Critical Mineral Processing:** The Union Cabinet approved a dedicated Capex Support Scheme under the Ministry of Mines to provide direct capital expenditure support for domestic beneficiation, smelting, and refining of 24 critical and strategic minerals indispensable for green energy technologies and aerospace.



- **₹14,500 Crore Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme:** The Union Cabinet approved a ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding scheme to catalyze private capital into critical clean energy infrastructure, focusing on large-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and offshore wind projects.
- **Continuation of Family Courts & Judicial Infrastructure Scheme:** The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary, fast-tracking construction of court halls, residential units, and specialized Family Courts across states.
- **MoPR and CESL Clean Energy Initiative for Panchayats:** The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) to set up electric vehicle (EV) charging hubs and decentralized solar power arrays across rural local bodies and Gram Panchayats.

- **Agnipath Scheme 2-Year Service Tenure Extension:** The Government of India officially approved a major policy reform extending the service tenure of Agniveers from 4 years to 6 years, ensuring enhanced retention of specialized technical skills across the Armed Forces.

State Government Welfare Initiatives

- **Uttarakhand Declares Annual 'Disaster Management Day' (Nov 28):** The Government of Uttarakhand officially notified November 28 as the annual 'Disaster Management Day' across the state to enhance community disaster preparedness and commemorate the historic rescue of 41 workers from the Silkyara tunnel.
- **Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Siri Cattle Conservation (Sikkim):** Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh announced the establishment of a dedicated Centre of Excellence in Sikkim for the genetic conservation, breeding, and productivity enhancement of the indigenous Siri cattle breed.
- **Chidambaram Nataraja Temple Management Board:** The Madras High Court constituted a five-member Board of Management to oversee administrative affairs and financial governance of the historic Sri Sabhanayagar (Nataraja) temple in Chidambaram



Sports & Games
Formula 1, Shooting & Multi-Sport Events

- **National Shooting Selection Trials (Bhopal, MP):** The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) conducted national selection trials at the MP State Shooting Academy in Bhopal, where Olympic-quota shooters secured podium finishes in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions and 10m Air Pistol events.

Science, Space & Technology
Defense Technology, Biotechnology & Health Innovations & Exercise



- **Aditya-L1 Discovers Asymmetric Solar Eruptions:** India's solar observatory Aditya-L1 provided groundbreaking observations of Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs). Scientists at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, discovered that solar eruptions undergo asymmetric lateral expansion, significantly improving space-weather forecasting and satellite risk assessment models.
- **₹53,866.50 Crore Contracts for 8 Next Generation Corvettes (NGC):** The Ministry of Defence formally signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) and Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for constructing eight indigenous Next Generation Corvettes equipped with advanced BrahMos anti-ship missiles and radar capabilities.
- **183rd Seismological Observatory Dedicated (Kishtwar, J&K):** Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated the 183rd National Centre for Seismology (NCS) high-precision seismic station in Kishtwar, J&K, announcing plans to establish 100 additional observatories to improve earthquake detection threshold from magnitude 3.0 down to 2.5.



Summits, Bills & International Affairs

International Affairs & Bilateral Agreements

- **Trilateral Arctic Security Agreement (Greenland–Denmark–US):** The Parliament of Greenland formally ratified a trilateral security agreement with Denmark and the United States to boost defense monitoring and naval collaboration in the North Atlantic and Arctic region.
- **SEBI Directs REITs & InvITs Depository Receipts at GIFT City:** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a circular permitting Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) to issue Depository Receipts (DRs) backed by their units for trading at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- **PAC Conference Consensus on Audit Timelines:** The National Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees (PAC) of Parliament and State/UT Legislatures in Thiruvananthapuram concluded with a resolution mandating real-time legislative financial oversight and expedited action on Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) findings.

ENVIRONMENT

- **India Science & Technology (S&T) Scoreboard 2026 (NITI Aayog):** NITI Aayog released the 'India S&T Scoreboard' evaluating environmental and research publications. **Tamil Nadu** ranked 1st across India in scientific research publication volume for 2024–25, followed by Uttar Pradesh (2nd) and Maharashtra (3rd).
- **Post-Cyclone Murasu Restoration (Andhra Pradesh):** Disaster mitigation teams successfully restored over 90% of disrupted coastal electricity infrastructure and drained farmland water across Prakasam and Bapatla districts following Cyclone Murasu's landfall.

REPORTS AND INDEXES

- **QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027:** Quacquarelli Symonds released the Asia Rankings 2027 evaluating 1,722 universities across 26 Asian systems. **IIT Delhi** emerged as India's top-ranked institution (66th in Asia), followed by IIT Bombay (68th) and IIT Madras (74th).



Miscellaneous

- **Collins Dictionary Word of the Year 2026:** Collins Dictionary announced **'Mogging'** as its Word of the Year for 2026, defining the popular slang term denoting outshining, overshadowing, or looking significantly more attractive or stylish than someone else.



Practice Questions

Q1. Which country was re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a third consecutive term at its 9th Assembly session on 4th November 2026?
(A) France
(B) India
(C) United States
(D) Brazil
Answer: (B) India

Q2. Which Indian institution secured the highest rank among Indian universities (66th rank in Asia) in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027 released in November 2026?
(A) IIT Bombay
(B) IISc Bengaluru
(C) IIT Delhi
(D) IIT Madras
Answer: (C) IIT Delhi

Q3. The Union Cabinet approved a landmark Capex Support Scheme under which Union Ministry to promote domestic processing and refining of 24 critical minerals?
(A) Ministry of Steel
(B) Ministry of Mines
(C) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Answer: (B) Ministry of Mines

Q4. Which state government officially declared November 28th as its annual 'Disaster Management Day' to commemorate the successful Silkyara tunnel rescue operation and enhance community preparedness?
(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Jammu & Kashmir
Answer: (C) Uttarakhand

Q5. Which slang term was declared as the 'Word of the Year 2026' by Collins Dictionary?
(A) Brainrot
(B) Mogging
(C) Rizz
(D) Permacrisis
Answer: (B) Mogging

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