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Appointments & Persons in News

National & International Appointments



- **Colette Kress Appointed Interim CEO of Nvidia:** Following co-founder Jensen Huang stepping down as President, CEO, and board member of Nvidia, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) **Colette Kress** assumed charge as Interim Chief Executive Officer .

Persons in News, Awards & Notable Demises



- **President Droupadi Murmu Confers National Sports Awards 2025 at Rashtrapati Bhavan :** President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Sports Awards 2025 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi :
  - **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award:** No sportsperson was selected for the 2025 cycle.
  - **Arjuna Awards (17 Sportspersons):** Tejaswin Shankar (Athletics), Muhammed Ajmal V (Athletics), Priyanka Goswami (Athletics), Treesa Jolly & Pullela Gayatri Gopichand (Badminton), Narender (Boxing), Vidit Santosh Gujrathi & Divya Jitendra Deshmukh (Chess), Dhanush Srikanth (Deaf Shooting), **Lalremsiami Hmar—first sportsperson from Mizoram to receive the Arjuna Award**—and Rajkumar Pal (Hockey), Surjeet & Pooja (Kabaddi), Rudransh Khandelwal (Para-Shooting), Ekta Bhyan (Para-Athletics), Arvind Singh (Rowing), and Akhil Sheoran (Shooting).
  - **Arjuna Award (Lifetime):** I. Arumainayagam (Football).
  - **Dronacharya Award (Regular – 3 Coaches):** Parveer Singh (Athletics), Chhote Lal Yadav (Boxing), and Neha Nandkumar Chavan (Shooting).
  - **Dronacharya Award (Lifetime – 2 Coaches):** Dharmendra Singh Yadav (Boxing) and Virender Kumar (Wrestling).
  - **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar:** Army Paralympic Node, Pune.



- **IISc Distinguished Alumni Awards 2026 — Prof. Maruthi R. Akella Honoured:** Indian-origin aerospace scientist **Prof. Maruthi R. Akella** (UT Austin), whose guidance algorithms helped steer Intuitive Machines' *IM-1 Odysseus* lunar lander to the Moon, was named among the recipients of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Distinguished Alumni Awards 2026 .

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

Central Government Schemes & National Policies



- **PM Modi Launches ₹15,600 Crore Development Projects in Karnataka :** During his visit to Bengaluru and Mysuru on 13th November 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, dedicated, and laid the foundation stone for infrastructure projects worth over **₹15,600 crore** :
  - **Bengaluru–Mangaluru–Madgaon Vande Bharat Express Flag-Off:** Flagged off the 16-coach semi-high-speed train connecting Bengaluru, Coastal Karnataka, and Goa, along with 4 redeveloped railway stations (Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Sakleshpur, Subrahmanya Road), electrification of the 55-km Sakleshpur–Subrahmanya Road Ghat section, and a stretch of the 284-km Gadag–Hospet doubling project.
  - **Namma Metro Pink Line Inauguration:** Inaugurated the 7.5-km elevated stretch (Kalena Agrahara to Tavarekere, developed at ~₹3,470 crore) of Bengaluru Metro's 21.25-km Pink Line, making **Bengaluru the third Indian city (after Delhi-NCR and Mumbai MMR) to cross a 100-km operational Metro network**.
  - **Renewable Energy Transmission (Phase-II):** Dedicated the **₹4,450 crore** transmission scheme for Integration of Renewable Energy Zones (Koppal-II and Gadag-II) facilitating **2 GW** of green power.



- **Union Minister Piyush Goyal Inaugurates 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 :** Inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (14–27 Nov) under the theme ***"Vikas aur Virasat"***, featuring over 3,500 exhibitors from 32 States/UTs and 11 countries, ~600 startups at the *Hall of Inspiration*, and the ODOP Pavilion. **Partner States:** Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh; **Focus States:** Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand, West Bengal .
- **DoSJE Highlights 'SHATAYU' National Geriatric Caregiver Directory (30,151 Caregivers):** The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment announced that the **SHATAYU** (*Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility*) digital portal (shatayu.dosje.gov.in)—developed with NISD and NSDC—now lists **30,151 trained geriatric caregivers** across States/UTs .
- **CCPA Imposes ₹10 Lakh Penalty on Ola for Pre-Ride 'Tip' Dark Pattern:** Headed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed a **₹10 lakh penalty** on ANI Technologies (Ola) and directed immediate discontinuation of its pre-ride 'tip' / 'add-on' prompt under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, and Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023 .



- **MHA Extends Ban on Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) for 5 More Years:** The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a gazette notification extending the ban on Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, for another five years .
- **Ministry of Culture Convenes 'Creative India: Collective Possibilities' Conclave:** Organised at Bharat Mandapam,

New Delhi, and addressed by Union Culture & Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to build a structured policy and investment framework for India's creative economy .

- **Department of Telecommunications Organises First All India Conference on Official Language 2026:** Convened in New Delhi to promote administrative adoption of Hindi in telecom governance .
- **BHEL Celebrates 63rd Foundation Day (13 Nov):** Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day across its units including BHEL Bhavan, Kolkata .

State Government & Policy Portal Initiatives



- **Andhra Pradesh Secures ₹5.84 Lakh Crore Investment Commitments at 31st CII Partnership Summit:** Concluding on 13th November 2026 in Visakhapatnam (valedictory address by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan), Andhra Pradesh signed 73 MoUs and 15 Government Orders worth **₹5,84,355 crore** with a potential to create 1,07,693 jobs .

Sports & Games

Youth Olympics, Badminton & Multi-Sport Events



- **India Finishes 2026 Dakar Summer Youth Olympic Games with 10 Medals:** India concluded its campaign at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal, with a total haul of **10 medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze)**—highlighted by historic first-ever boxing golds from **Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei** (Men's 50kg) and **Gunjan** (Women's 48kg), India's first youth athletics medal by **Shourya Ambure**, and first youth wrestling medal by **Taniya** .
- **Lakshya Sen Advances to Men's Singles Semifinals :** Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** advanced to the Men's Singles semifinals on 13th November 2026 .

Science, Space & Technology

Maritime Exercises & Defence News



- **12th India–Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise 'MITRA SHAKTI 2026' Commences (13–26 Nov):** A 170-member Indian Armed Forces contingent (primarily from the **Maratha Light Infantry Regiment**) departed for the Army Training School in **Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka**, for the 14-day bilateral counter-terrorism exercise **MITRA SHAKTI 2026** (13–26 November 2026) .

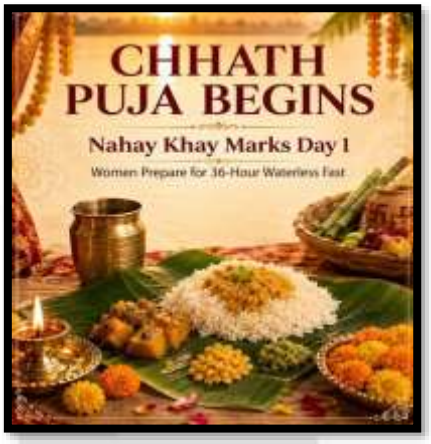
Space, Ocean Mission & Frontier Science



- **PM Modi Inaugurates 'COSMOS–Mysuru', India's First LED Dome Planetarium :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **COSMOS–Mysuru Planetarium** in Mysuru, Karnataka—**India's first tilted LED dome planetarium**—designed to advance astronomy education and space science outreach among students .

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

International Affairs, Summits & Bilateral Agreements



- **Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan Addresses Valedictory Session of 31st CII Partnership Summit:** Delivering the valedictory address in Visakhapatnam , Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan emphasized resilient supply chains, technology partnerships, and India's emergence as a trusted global investment hub .
- **4-Day Chhath Mahaparv Commences Across India with 'Nahay-Khay' :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to citizens as the four-day festival of Surya Upasana, **Chhath Mahaparv**, began on 13th November 2026 with *Nahay-Khay* .

Important Days & Observances

- **World Kindness Day – 13th November:** Observed globally every year on 13th November (introduced in **1998** by the **World Kindness Movement**, formed at the 1997 Tokyo conference) to promote compassion, empathy, and acts of kindness in daily life .
- **Children's Day (Bal Divas - India) - 14th November:** Celebrated across India to mark the birth anniversary of **Jawaharlal Nehru**, the country's first Prime Minister, honoring his fondness for children and his contributions to building modern India.



- **World Diabetes Day (Global) - 14th November:** Observed worldwide on this date to raise awareness about diabetes as a global public health issue, the importance of prevention, and proper management. It coincides with the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin

Environment

- **Delhi Air Quality Remains in 'Very Poor' Category :** According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi's overall Air Quality Index (AQI) remained in the **'Very Poor'** category on 13th November 2026 due to calm surface winds and regional particulate accumulation .

- **Three Maharashtra Beaches Receive State's First-Ever 'Blue Flag' Certification (2026–27 Season):** For the first time, three beaches in Maharashtra—**Ladghar** and **Guhagar** (Ratnagiri district), and **Shrivardhan** (Raigad district)—were awarded the prestigious international **Blue Flag** eco-label for the 2026–27 season .



Reports and Indexes

- **India's October 2026 Trade Data — Total Exports Hit All-Time Monthly High of $89.99 Billion :** Ministry of Commerce & Industry data released on 13th November 2026 showed India's combined merchandise and services exports surged **29.9% YoY** to an all-time monthly record of **US$ 89.99 billion** in October 2026 (merchandise exports hit a record **US$ 49.47 billion**; cumulative April–October FY27 exports reached **US$ 568.84 billion**, up 16.66% YoY) .
- **RBI Weekly Forex Reserves Data — Reserves Rise by $2.49 Billion to $719.55 Billion :** According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data released on 13th November 2026, India's foreign exchange reserves increased by **US$ 2.49 billion** to reach **US$ 719.55 billion** .
- **RBI H1 FY27 Balance of Payments Data:** RBI data released on 13th November reported India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) at **US$ 25.8 billion** in H1 FY27 (April–September 2026), with merchandise exports rising to US$ 265.3 billion .



Practice Questions :

Q1. Who assumed charge as Interim CEO of Nvidia after Jensen Huang stepped down?
(A) Jensen Huang
(B) Colette Kress
(C) Satya Nadella
(D) Lisa Su
Answer: (B) Colette Kress.

Q2. Bengaluru became the third Indian city to cross a 100-km operational Metro network. Which stretch did PM Modi inaugurate to achieve this?
(A) Purple Line
(B) Green Line
(C) Pink Line
(D) Yellow Line
Answer: (C) Pink Line.

Q3. The 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 is being held under which theme?
(A) Viksit Bharat
(B) Atmanirbhar Bharat
(C) Vikas aur Virasat
(D) Make in India
Answer: C) Vikas aur Virasat.

Q4. The CCPA imposed a ₹10 lakh penalty on Ola for which practice?
(A) Surge pricing

(B) A pre-ride 'tip' / 'add-on' prompt (a dark pattern)
(C) Cancellation fees
(D) Data sharing without consent
Answer: (B) The action was taken under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and the Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023.

Q5. Which three beaches in Maharashtra received the state's first-ever Blue Flag certification?
(A) Juhu, Alibaug, Kashid
(B) Ladghar, Guhagar, Shrivardhan
(C) Ganpatipule, Tarkarli, Diveagar
(D) Velneshwar, Harihareshwar, Murud
Answer: (B) Ladghar, Guhagar and Shrivardhan.

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