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Appointments & Persons in News

National & International Appointments



- **Stephen Miller Appointed 33rd White House Chief of Staff :** US President Donald Trump appointed Stephen Miller as the 33rd White House Chief of Staff, taking office on 9th November 2026 .
- **Indian Diplomat Shivani Gupta Elected to UN ACABQ:** Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta was elected unopposed to the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the 2027–2029 term .
- **PV Sindhu Elected Chairperson of IOA Athletes' Commission:** Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu was elected Chairperson of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes' Commission .
- **RBI Grants Final NBFC Certificate to MobiKwik Financial Services:** MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited (MFSPL) received the final Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an NBFC .



- **SBI Inaugurates First Texas Branch in Frisco (North Dallas):** State Bank of India (California) opened its first branch outside California in Frisco, Texas, expanding SBI's US retail network to 8 branches .
- **IOB Launches 'IOB Digital Rupee' App:** Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) rolled out its programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) mobile app .

Persons in News, Awards & Notable Demises



- **M. John Harrison Wins 2026 Booker Prize :** British author M. John Harrison won the **2026 Booker Prize** (£50,000) in London for his post-apocalyptic novel ***The End of Everything***, becoming the oldest winner in the prize's history (aged 81) and the first science-fiction author to win the award .
- **Sitar Maestro Pandit Manilal Nag Passes Away :** Padma Shri (2020) and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Pandit Manilal Nag, legendary sitar exponent of Bengal's **Bishnupur Gharana**, passed away in Kolkata at the age of 87
- **Padma Bhushan Modernist Painter Arpita Singh Passes Away:** Acclaimed Indian modernist artist and Padma Bhushan awardee Arpita Singh passed away in New Delhi at the age of 89.
- **Former Indian Women's Hockey Chief Coach Gurdial Singh Bhangu Passes Away:** Veteran hockey coach Gurdial Singh Bhangu passed away at the age of 86.
- **France Honours Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty with Knight of the National Order of Merit:** The Government of France conferred the *Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite* on Narayana Health Chairman Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty .



- **President's Colour Conferred on Uttarakhand State Police :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour (*Nishaan*) to Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun on Uttarakhand Foundation Day .
- **Oxford University's Pitt Rivers Museum Returns Ancestral Remains of 39 Naga People :** The University of Oxford handed over the ancestral human remains of 39 Naga individuals to Naga community representatives in a historic repatriation ceremony .

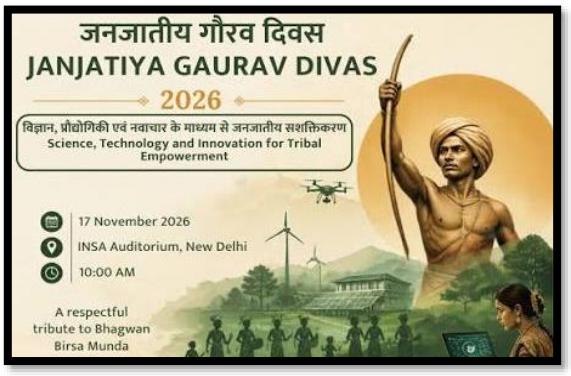
Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

Central Government Schemes & National Policies

- **₹77,101 Crore Union Cabinet Decisions Approved on 11th November 2026:** Chaired by PM Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet approved four major economic and infrastructure proposals :
    1. **Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) for Rabi 2026–27:** Approved NBS rates on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers (effective 1 Oct 2026 to 31 March 2027) with a budgetary requirement of **₹62,370.02 crore** (up by ₹24,417.73 crore from Rabi 2025–26).
    2. **Continuation of Stand-Up India Scheme till 31 March 2031:** Extended for 5 years with a **₹4,111 crore** Credit Guarantee Corpus to assist an additional **2.5 lakh Women, SC, and ST entrepreneurs** (greenfield loans of ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore; 85% guarantee coverage; 0.50% guarantee fee).
    3. **Continuation of Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) till FY 2030–31:** Approved a **₹5,000 crore** corpus facilitating **₹12.6 lakh crore** in Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) loans (up to ₹20 lakh), PMJDY overdrafts (up to ₹10,000), and SHG loans, while reducing the guarantee fee from 1% to **0.75% p.a.**
    4. **Extension of Noida Aqua Line Metro Corridor:** Approved the **8.449 km** elevated extension from **Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04** with **5 new stations** at a cost of **₹2,390 crore**, expanding the active Noida–Greater Noida metro network to 71.878 km.
- **Cabinet Approves ₹3,230 Crore Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum at North & South Blocks :** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved ₹3,230 crore (FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31) to adapt New Delhi's North and South Block Complex into the world's largest civilizational museum, equipped for 1 crore annual visitors, with its first gallery (*Adornment*) opening in late .
- **President Murmu Confers Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26 :** At Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu presented the 10th edition awards (Theme: *'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel – Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'* covering 4,751 cities) :
    - **Cleanest Cities (Overall): 1st – Navi Mumbai** (Maharashtra), **2nd – Surat** (Gujarat), **3rd – Vijayawada** (Andhra Pradesh). Indore (8-time champion) transitioned to the Super Swachh League mentorship tier and ranked 2nd in *Super Swachh Jodi* with Depalpur (1st: **Ahmedabad & Sanand**).
    - **Special Categories:** Cleanest Coastal Town – **Puri** (Odisha); Cleanest Riverfront Town – **Rewa** (MP); Cleanest Himalayan City – **Rudrapur** (Uttarakhand); >10 Lakh Population – **Visakhapatnam**; 3–10 Lakh Population – **Ujjain**; <1 Lakh Population – **Dewas**.



- **DGFT Prohibits Export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass :** Under ITC (HS) Code 85491400, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) changed the export status of lithium-ion battery scrap and *black mass* from 'Free' to **'Prohibited'** to secure domestic critical minerals (lithium, cobalt, nickel, manganese, graphite) .
- **Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026 (1–15 November):** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs accelerated nationwide celebrations culminating in *Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas* (15 Nov, Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary), launching a medicinal plant conservation drive for 200–300 species with **CSIR-NBRI at Koraput, Odisha**, and scholarship camps across 73 districts .



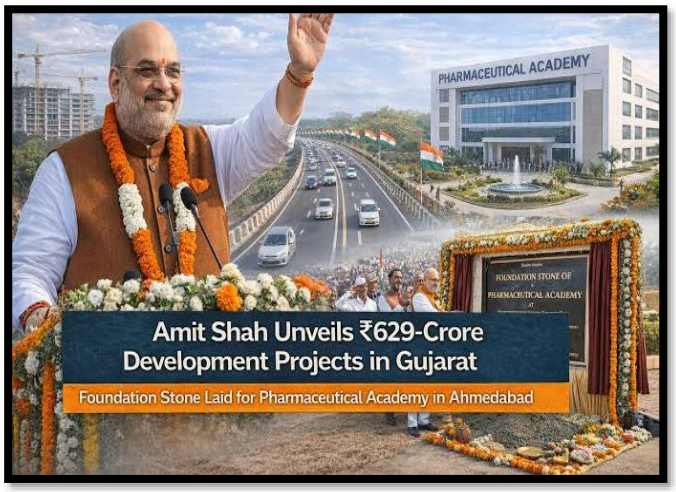
- **Centre Rationalises Indian Visa Regime:** The Ministry of Home Affairs reduced main visa categories from **13 to 9** and sub-categories from **49 to 23** .
- **Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan & Vayo SAATHI Launched:** Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the national intergenerational bonding campaign under AVYAY along with the **Vayo SAATHI** portal and released ₹77.98 crore for 755 senior citizen projects .
- **₹250 Commemorative Coin for Muthuswami Dikshitar:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released a ₹250 commemorative coin at BHU, Varanasi, marking the 250th birth anniversary of Carnatic composer Muthuswami Dikshitar .
- **Island Blue Economy Clusters (Lakshadweep & A&N Islands):** Under PMMSY, Lakshadweep was notified as a **Seaweed Cluster** and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands as a **Tuna Cluster** across India's island EEZ (~40% of total EEZ) .
- **MSDE Recognises MANAGE Hyderabad as CoE-Skills & PFRDA Revises NPS Norms:** MSDE designated MANAGE Hyderabad as a Centre of Excellence-Skills, while PFRDA standardized National Pension System (NPS) scheme naming and Point of Presence (PoP) display norms .
- **Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha Enshrined at Bomdila Monastery :** Following the Tawang exposition , the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined at Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery in Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh .



State Government & Policy Portal Initiatives

- **Delhi Launches First 'Namo Yamuna River Safari' on NW-110 :** Union Ports, Shipping & Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Delhi CM Rekha Gupta inaugurated Delhi's first recreational electric river cruise service between **Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur** on National Waterway-110 .
- **Odisha Clears ₹4,708.64 Crore Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project :** The Odisha Government approved the **600 MW Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project (PSP)** at Ranibahal in Kalahandi district (to be implemented by OHPC and executed by MEIL) .

- **NITI Aayog & GIZ GmbH Sign Road Freight Decarbonisation Pact:** NITI Aayog and GIZ India signed an Implementation Agreement under **NDC-TIA Phase II** to accelerate zero-emission freight corridors and green logistics financing .



- **Amit Shah Launches ₹1,400 Crore Projects in Ahmedabad & 'Drug-Free Gujarat 2028' Target :** Inaugurated ₹1,400 crore projects (including Ramapir No Tekro slum rehabilitation for 55,000+ residents) and set a target to make Gujarat drug-free by **31 December 2028** (one year ahead of the 31 Dec 2029 national target) backed by Helpline **1033** .
- **ADB Disburses $21.6 Million First Tranche for Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme (MUHCS):** First tranche of a $108 million loan supporting ₹5 lakh annual cashless health cover per family in Mizoram .
- **Yojana & Kurukshetra (November 2026 Focus Areas):** Highlighted rural transformation, decentralized Gram Panchayat planning, **Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026** , and employment-linked formalization for *Viksit Bharat @2047* .

Sports & Games

Shooting, Chess, Cricket, Football, Tennis & Multi-Sport Events



- **Niraj Kumar Wins Bronze at ISSF World Championships & Clinches India's 2nd LA 2028 Quota :** Indian rifle shooter **Niraj Kumar** scored 346.5 in the Men's **50m Rifle 3 Positions** final at the ISSF World Championships in Doha, Qatar, winning the Bronze medal and securing India's **second Olympic quota for Los Angeles 2028** (after Jaypal Malviya's 10m Air Pistol quota) .
- **Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster :** 22-year-old International Master Anuj Shrivatri from Madhya Pradesh became **India's 100th Grandmaster (GM)** after winning the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Chess Championship in Ozamiz City, Philippines .



- **Pranav Venkatesh Wins FIDE World Junior Blitz Chess Championship:** Indian GM Pranav Venkatesh clinched the FIDE World Junior Blitz Chess title .
- **SAFF Football Championship 2026 – India Defeats Maldives 1–0 :** India defeated Maldives 1–0 in their Group B encounter in Dhaka on 11th November 2026, advancing to the semi-finals against Bhutan .



- **Mohammed Shami Retires from Test Cricket & S. Meghana Retires from All Formats:** Fast bowler Mohammed Shami announced his retirement from Test cricket (229 wickets in 64 Tests), while women's batter Sabbhineni Meghana retired from all formats .
- **Brazilian Grand Prix 2026 & Mercedes Constructors' Title:** McLaren's **Lando Norris** won the 2026 Brazilian GP, while **Mercedes** clinched its 9th F1 Constructors' Championship; Ferrari's **Lewis Hamilton** completed his 400th Grand Prix start .
- **Magda Linette Wins Chennai Open 2026 & An Se-young Wins Korea Open :** Polish tennis player **Magda Linette** defeated Janice Tjen to win the WTA Chennai Open 2026 title, while badminton World No. 1 **An Se-young** won the Korea Open women's singles title .

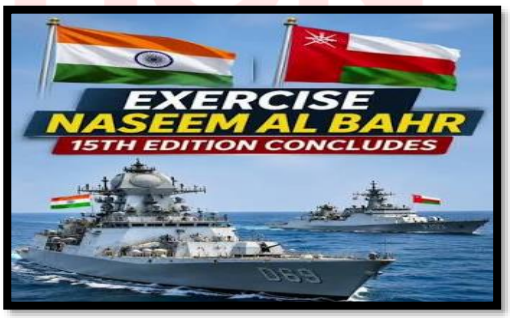


- **India Wins 5 Medals at Junior Astronomy Olympiad (IOAA-Jr) 2026:** Facilitated by NCSM, Indian students won 5 medals (2 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze) at the 5th IOAA-Jr in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand .
- **Boxer Gunjan Reaches Women's 48kg Final at 2026 Summer Youth Olympics:** Indian boxer Gunjan advanced to the 48kg final in Dakar, Senegal .

Science, Space & Technology

Maritime Exercises & Defence News

- **8th India–Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26) Commences at Visakhapatnam :** Myanmar Navy Ship **UMS King Sin Phyu Shin** joined Indian Navy warships **INS Rana** and **INS Sumedha** at Visakhapatnam on 10th November for **IMNEX-26** under India's **MAHASAGAR** vision .



- **15th India–Oman Naval Exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr 2026' Begins in Oman :** Guided-missile destroyer **INS Surat** arrived at Muscat to conduct the 15th edition of **Naseem Al Bahr** (*Sea Breeze*, started in 1993) with the Royal Navy of Oman in the Al Batinah maritime area, featuring harbour cross-deck visits, EOD/MCM exchanges, sea-phase drills, and a Coordinated Patrol .
- **MoD Signs ₹498.58 Crore Contract with Cochin Shipyard for Refit of INS Betwa :** In the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, the Ministry of Defence signed a ₹498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for the Normal Refit and Re-powering of Brahmaputra-class frigate **INS Betwa**, replacing its steam propulsion with a diesel-engine propulsion system and upgrading its combat weapon suite .
- **IAF's IL-76MD Sets World High-Altitude Landing Record at Nyoma Airbase :** An Indian Air Force **IL-76MD (*Gajraj*)** heavy-lift transport aircraft landed at **Nyoma Airbase** in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of **13,629 feet** above sea level (~25 km from the LAC), setting a world record for the highest-altitude landing by an IL-76 aircraft .
- **CRPF Completes 12 Months Without an Operational Fatality – First Time in 47 Years :** CRPF Director General G.P. Singh announced that the force completed 12 consecutive months

without a single operational fatality (last fatality on 30 Oct 2025), its first fatality-free year since January 1979 .



- **INS Trishul Concludes Operational Port Call at Safaga, Egypt :** INS Trishul completed its operational port call at Safaga Naval Base, Egypt, boosting Red Sea maritime cooperation .
- **Indian Army Future Mechanised Forces Symposium :** Held in New Delhi by the Cavalry Officers' Association and DG Mechanised Forces on modernizing armoured warfare .

Space, Ocean Mission & Frontier Science

- **Unmanned Harbour & Wet Trials of MATSYA-6000 Completed:** Under the Deep Ocean Mission and **Samudrayaan Project**, India successfully completed unmanned wet trials of the indigenous **MATSYA-6000** manned submersible .
- **CSIR-CCMB Identifies Novel Tuberculosis Drug Targets :** Researchers at CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, identified critical molecular vulnerabilities in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* for next-generation TB drug development .
- **China Launches CERES-2 Y3 Rocket :** China launched the commercial solid-propellant carrier rocket **CERES-2 Y3** from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, placing four satellites into orbit .
- **Earth Captures Temporary Mini-Moon '2026 QQ8':** Astronomers confirmed near-Earth asteroid **2026 QQ8** (~1 metre wide) is orbiting Earth as a temporary natural mini-moon through December 2026 .

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

International Affairs, Summits & Bilateral Agreements

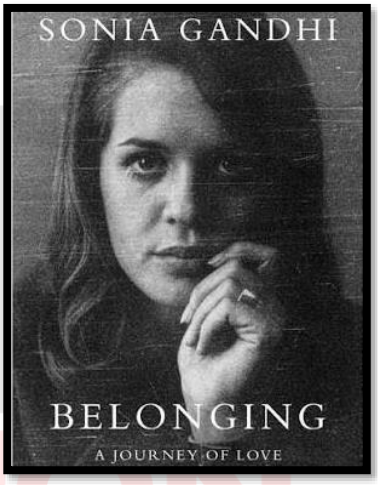
- **India's Opening Statement at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye :** MoEFCC Secretary Narendra Bhooshan delivered India's opening statement at **COP31** (9–20 Nov 2026) in Antalya, invoking **Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement** to demand public climate finance and adaptation support from developed nations for the Global South .
- **1st BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting Adopts Colombo Joint Statement :** Inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo unanimously adopted a Joint Ministerial Statement to strengthen regional health security and pharmaceutical cooperation .
- **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Leads Indian Delegation to Italy :** Union Science & Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh departed for Italy to co-chair the **Second India–Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026** and visit Trieste's Elettra Synchrotron, ICTP, and ICGEB .
- **India and Norway Hold Bilateral Waste-to-Resource Dialogue:** Organized in New Delhi by CSIR, Norway's SINTEF, and the Research Council of Norway to convert industrial waste (fly ash, steel slag, red mud) into green construction materials .

- **UAE Becomes First Non-European Country to Adopt Digital ATA Carnet :** The United Arab Emirates launched the electronic ATA Carnet (**eATA**) system developed with ICC and WCO, becoming the first nation outside Europe to adopt paperless temporary export customs .
- **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Website Launched – Kolkata Named Host:** EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar launched the official website for the **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**, announcing **Kolkata** as the host city for January 2027.



- **India Signs MoU for 100 Ambulances to Sri Lanka & Extradition Treaty with Kazakhstan:** India signed an MoU to supply 100 ambulances to Sri Lanka's *1990 Suwa Seriya* service and formalized an Extradition Treaty with Kazakhstan .
- **CSIR and DAKSHIN Sign Letter of Association:** CSIR and Global South Centre of Excellence **DAKSHIN** signed a Letter of Association for scientific capacity building .

Books, Authors & Important Days

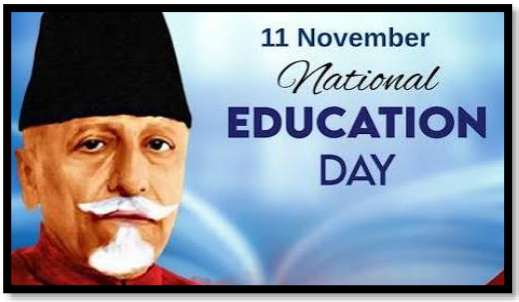


Books & Authors

- ***'Belonging: A Journey of Love'* by Sonia Gandhi :** Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's memoir was published worldwide (published in India by HarperCollins India), chronicling her life from Veneto, Italy, to her personal and political journey in India .

Important Days & Observances

- **National Cancer Awareness Day – 7th November:** Observed across India (coinciding with Marie Curie's birth anniversary) to promote early cancer detection and screening .
- **138th Birth Anniversary of Sir C. V. Raman – 7th November:** Observed nationwide honouring Nobel Laureate physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman .
- **International Day of Radiology (World Radiography Day) – 8th November:** 15th observance marking Wilhelm Röntgen's discovery of X-rays in 1895 .
- **National Legal Services Day – 9th November:** Commemorates the enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (on 9 Nov 1995) and free legal aid under **Article 39A** via NALSA .
- **Uttarakhand Foundation Day – 9th November:** Celebrated its 26th Statehood Foundation Day (formed on 9 Nov 2000 as India's 27th state) .
- **World Science Day for Peace and Development – 10th November:** Observed globally under UNESCO with the **2026 Theme:** ***"Common ground through science diplomacy"*** .
- **National Education Day – 11th November:** Observed nationwide on the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad** (Independent India's first Education Minister, born 11 Nov 1888) .



Environment

- **New Flowering Plant Species *Disporum kamakhasiense* Discovered in Northeast India:** Botanists discovered a new perennial flowering herb species ***Disporum kamakhasiense*** (family *Colchicaceae*) in Assam and Meghalaya .
- **Orange Oakleaf Selected as Chhattisgarh's Proposed First State Butterfly:** Chhattisgarh selected the **Orange Oakleaf** (*Kallima inachus*) as its proposed first official State Butterfly .
- **Supreme Court Panel Recommends Phasing Out River Sand Mining in 3 Years:** An SC-appointed expert committee recommended phasing out riverbed sand mining over three years and shifting to dam/reservoir desiltation .



Reports and Indexes

- **WIPO Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026 – India Ranks 38th:** Released by WIPO (19th edition; Theme: *'Powering Entrepreneurs at the Frontier of Science'*), **India retained 38th rank** globally among 139 economies (score 40.1), ranking **1st among Lower Middle-Income economies** and **1st in Central and Southern Asia** (Top 3: Switzerland, Sweden, USA; 4 Indian hubs in Top 100: Bengaluru 25th, Delhi 27th, Mumbai 43rd, Chennai 79th) .
- **PLFS Quarterly Bulletin (July–September 2026) – Unemployment Declines to 5.1% :** Released by MoSPI/NSO, India's overall Unemployment Rate (15+ years) fell to **5.1%** (from 5.4% in the previous quarter), rural UR dropped to **4.3%**, Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) rose to **55.5%**, and Worker Population Ratio (WPR) reached **52.7%** .
- **Moody's Raises India's FY 2026–27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7% :** Moody's Ratings upgraded India's FY27 real GDP growth projection from 6.5% to **7%**, citing resilient domestic consumption and capital expenditure .
- **MoSPI's Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024–25:** Five states—**Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh**—contributed over **54%** of India's total manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) .
- **India's Net Direct Tax Collections Rise 11.76% to ₹14.42 Lakh Crore :** Income Tax Department data showed net direct tax collections grew 11.76% YoY to **₹14.42 lakh crore** up to 10th November in FY27 .
- **Andhra Pradesh Tops Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index (EVOI) 2026:** Released by IndiaTech.org and Consumer VOICE, **Andhra Pradesh** ranked 1st (5.91/10), followed by Kerala (5.74), and Tamil Nadu & Delhi (joint 3rd at 4.58) .
- **Goa Tops Access Equality Index (AEI) 2026:** Prepared by CNES at O.P. Jindal Global University, **Goa** ranked 1st among 28 states (score 0.68), followed by Andhra Pradesh (0.66) and Sikkim (0.63) .



Practice Questions

Q1. Which city was ranked India's cleanest city in the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26 presented by President Droupadi Murmu on 11th November 2026?
(A) Indore
(B) Surat
(C) Navi Mumbai
(D) Vijayawada
Answer: (C) Navi Mumbai

Q2. On 11th November 2026, the Ministry of Defence signed a ₹498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Normal Refit and diesel re-powering of which Indian Navy frigate?
(A) INS Trishul
(B) INS Betwa
(C) INS Sahyadri
(D) INS Tabar
Answer: (B) INS Betwa .

Q3. Which Indian Air Force aircraft set a world record on 7th November 2026 by landing at Nyoma Airbase in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of 13,629 feet?
(A) C-17 Globemaster III
(B) C-130J Super Hercules
(C) IL-76MD (Gajraj)
(D) An-32
Answer: (C) IL-76MD (Gajraj)

Q4. Who won the 2026 Booker Prize on 9th November 2026 for the novel *'The End of Everything'*, becoming the oldest winner in the award's history?
(A) Douglas Stuart
(B) Marlon James
(C) M. John Harrison
(D) Elizabeth Strout
Answer: (C) M. John Harrison

Q5. Which Indian rifle shooter won the Bronze medal in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event at the ISSF World Championships in Doha on 11th November 2026 to secure India's second LA 2028 Olympic quota?
(A) Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar
(B) Akhil Sheoran
(C) Niraj Kumar
(D) Swapnil Kusale
Answer: (C) Niraj Kumar

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