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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Kerala's week-long cultural festival 'Keraliyam 2025' begins on Kerala Piravi



The second edition of 'Keraliyam', a week-long cultural and art festival, began in Thiruvananthapuram on November 1, 2025. The festival coincides with 'Kerala Piravi', the state's formation day. The event showcases Kerala's art forms, cultural heritage, cuisine, and achievements across various sectors.

- The festival is celebrated on Kerala Piravi (Kerala Formation Day - Nov 1).
- The event is held in Thiruvananthapuram, the state capital.
- It includes seminars, exhibitions, film festivals, and traditional art performances.

Key Points:-

The first edition of Keraliyam was held in 2023.

The festival aims to present Kerala's progress and cultural richness to the world.

Nobel laureates and prominent international figures are invited as guests.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Brazil finalizes preparations to host COP30 UN Climate Summit in Belém



Brazil's government announced on November 1, 2025, that preparations are complete for the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), to be held in Belém, Pará. Scheduled to begin on November 10, this summit is highly significant as Belém is located in the Amazon rainforest region, placing deforestation and biodiversity at the center of climate negotiations.

- COP stands for 'Conference of the Parties' to the UNFCCC.
- This will be the first time the UN Climate Summit is held in the Amazon rainforest.
- COP29 was held in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2024.

Key Points:-

COP30 is significant as nations are expected to submit new, more ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

The choice of Belém highlights the critical role of the Amazon rainforest in regulating the global climate.

Brazilian President Lula da Silva has championed the bid to host the event in the

Amazon.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. New RBI guidelines on credit card tokenization come into effect



New guidelines from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regarding credit card tokenization came into effect on November 1, 2025. Under these rules, merchants can no longer store customers' full credit card details (Card-on-File). Instead, they must use an encrypted "token" for processing online payments, a move aimed at enhancing consumer data security.

- Tokenization replaces sensitive card details with a unique algorithm-generated string called a "token".
- This rule prevents online merchants from storing the 16-digit card number, expiry date, and CVV.
- This enhances security as the actual card data is not exposed during a transaction breach.

Key Points:-

The deadline for implementation was extended multiple times to allow merchants and payment gateways to comply.

This applies to all entities in the payment chain, including payment aggregators and gateways.

Customers must give explicit consent to create a token for their card on a merchant's website.

2. RBI launches Phase 3 of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pi



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the launch of the third phase of its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot program on November 1, 2025. This phase will expand the e-Rupee (retail) pilot to new cities and banks, focusing on testing offline transaction capabilities and programmable payments.

- The CBDC is also known as the 'Digital Rupee' or 'e-Rupee'.
- The first pilot for CBDC-Retail (CBDC-R) was launched on December 1, 2022.
- Phase 3 aims to test interoperability with the UPI payment system.

Key Points:-

CBDC is a digital form of currency issued by the central bank, unlike private

cryptocurrencies.

India is testing two types: CBDC-Retail (for all) and CBDC-Wholesale (for financial institutions).

The expansion aims to achieve the target of 1 million transactions per day by the end of 2026.

the Uttar Pradesh cadre.

The NIA has concurrent jurisdiction to investigate terror-related crimes across states without special permission from the states.

The Director-General of NIA holds the same rank and pay as the Director-General of Police (DGP).

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Alok Sharma appointed as new Director-General of NIA



Senior IPS officer Alok Sharma was appointed as the new Director-General (DG) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on November 1, 2025. The appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Sharma, a 1991-batch IPS officer, will succeed the incumbent DG, Dinkar Gupta.

- The NIA is India's primary counter-terrorist task force.
- Appointments to the post of DG, NIA are made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

Key Points:-

Alok Sharma is a 1991-batch IPS officer of

SPORTS

1. Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz reach Paris Masters 2025 Semi-Finals



In the ongoing Paris Masters 2025 tennis tournament, top seeds Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz advanced to the semi-finals after winning their respective quarter-final matches on November 1, 2025. Djokovic is vying for a record-extending eighth title in Paris, while Alcaraz seeks his first.

- The Paris Masters is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players.
- It is part of the ATP Tour Masters 1000 series.
- The tournament is played on indoor hard courts at the Accor Arena in Paris, France.

Key Points:-

Novak Djokovic is the defending champion,

having won the 2024 edition.

The tournament is the final Masters 1000 event of the ATP season.

Rohan Bopanna of India is competing in the doubles category.

Arjun Sharma was named 'Player of the Tournament'.

India is the most successful team in the tournament's history with this win.

AWARDS

1. Ministry of Sports announces Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards 2025

2. Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team wins Sultan of Johor Cup 2025



The Indian junior men's hockey team won the Sultan of Johor Cup 2025 in a thrilling final on November 1, 2025, in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. They defeated Australia in the final match via a penalty shootout, successfully defending their title from the previous year. This marks India's fourth title win in the prestigious tournament.

- The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual international U-21 men's field hockey tournament.
- India defeated Australia in the final.
- This is India's fourth title (having won in 2013, 2014, and 2024 previously).

Key Points:-

The final match was tied at full time, leading to a decisive penalty shootout.



The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, on November 1, 2025, announced the National Sports Awards 2025. This year, two exceptional athletes have been selected for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, India's highest sporting honor. Additionally, 25 athletes were named for the Arjuna Award for outstanding performance.

- The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is given for spectacular and outstanding performance over the previous four years.
- The Arjuna Award is given for consistent outstanding performance for four years at the international level.
- The awards will be presented by the President of India at a later ceremony.

Key Points:-

The Khel Ratna awardee receives a

medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of ₹25 lakh.

The selection committee is headed by a retired Supreme Court judge or a prominent sports personality.

The Dronacharya Award is presented to outstanding coaches in sports.

Key Points:-

The meeting focused on key priorities including reform of multilateral development banks (MDBs).

Sherpas are responsible for negotiating the text of the final G20 Leaders' Declaration.

The African Union (AU) participated as a full permanent member.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCE / COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

1. G20 Sherpas hold preparatory meeting for upcoming 2026 Summit



G20 Sherpas (personal representatives of leaders) held a key preparatory meeting on November 1, 2025, to discuss the agenda for the upcoming G20 Leaders' Summit in 2026. The meeting, hosted virtually by the 2026 Presidency (USA), focused on global economic recovery, climate finance, and digital transformation.

- The G20 Presidency for 2026 is held by the United States.
- The 2025 G20 Summit was hosted by South Africa.
- India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant, participated in the virtual meeting.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. India celebrates Foundation Day of 8 States and 5 UTs on November 1



On November 1, 2025, India marks the formation day of eight major states: Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab. Additionally, five Union Territories—Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry—also celebrate their foundation day on this date, which is a significant milestone in India's federal structure.

- Karnataka celebrates this day as 'Rajyotsava' and Kerala celebrates it as 'Kerala Piravi'.
- Chhattisgarh was formed in 2000, being carved out of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points:-

The day marks the enactment of the States Reorganisation Act of 1956, which reorganized India's states on linguistic lines.

Prime Minister and President extended their greetings to the people of these states.

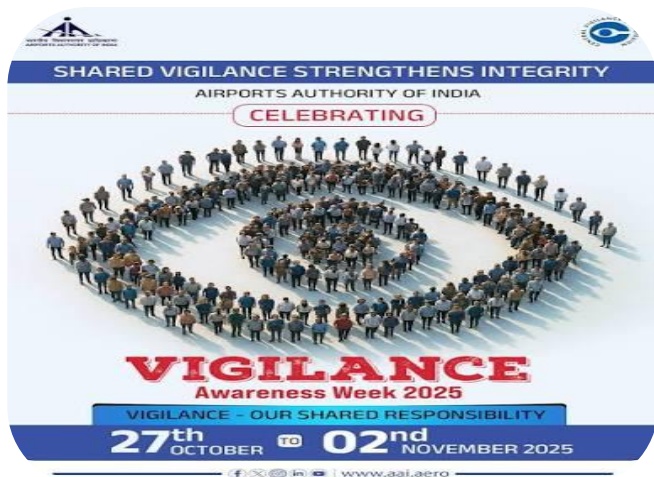
While most states were formed in 1956, Chhattisgarh was formed on Nov 1, 2000.

The purpose of the week is to promote transparency, integrity, and accountability in public life.

Government offices and PSUs organize activities like seminars, quizzes, and grievance redressal camps.

Citizens are encouraged to take an 'e-Integrity Pledge' on the CVC portal.

2. Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 concludes; emphasizes "Integrity and Ethics"

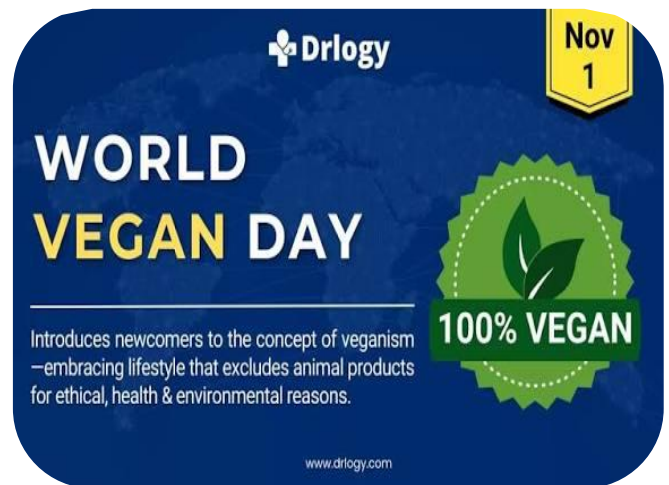


Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, observed from October 28 to November 3, continues its campaign across India. The theme for this year is "Integrity and Ethics: Your Shield Against Corruption." On Nov 1, various PSUs and government departments reported conducting workshops and integrity pledges as part of the ongoing observance.

- The week is observed annually by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- It is celebrated during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (October 31) falls.
- Theme 2025: "Integrity and Ethics: Your Shield Against Corruption."

Key Points:-

3. World Vegan Day 2025 observed globally on November 1



World Vegan Day was observed across the globe on November 1, 2025. This day marks the beginning of World Vegan Month and is an opportunity to promote the benefits of a vegan lifestyle on health, animal welfare, and the environment. The theme for 2025 is "A Vegan Future for All: Justice, Sustainability, and Health."

- The day was established in 1994 by Louise Wallis, then Chair of The Vegan Society, UK.
- It commemorates the 50th anniversary of the founding of The Vegan Society.
- The theme for 2025 is "A Vegan Future for All: Justice, Sustainability, and Health."

Key Points:-

Veganism is a philosophy and lifestyle that seeks to exclude all forms of animal exploitation and cruelty.

This includes practices for food, clothing, or any other purpose.

Events like food fairs, educational workshops, and online campaigns are held globally.

The exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations, joint planning, and tactical drills.

The previous (7th) edition was held in France in 2023.

The exercise aims to enhance interoperability between the two armies in mountainous terrain.

DEFENCE

1. India-France joint military exercise 'Shakti 2025' begins in Meghalaya



The 8th edition of the India-France joint military exercise, 'Shakti 2025', commenced on November 1, 2025, at the Joint Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya. This biennial exercise aims to enhance joint military capability to undertake multi-domain operations in a conventional scenario.

- Exercise Shakti is a biennial exercise conducted alternately in India and France.
- The Indian contingent is represented by a battalion of the Gorkha Rifles.
- The French contingent is represented by troops from the 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment.

Key Points:-

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. ISRO finalizes scientific payloads for Shukrayaan-1 Venus Orbiter Mission



The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced on November 1, 2025, that it has finalized the suite of scientific instruments (payloads) for its upcoming Venus Orbiter Mission, 'Shukrayaan-1'. The mission, expected to launch in late 2026 or 2027, will study the surface and atmosphere of Venus, including the sulfuric acid clouds.

- Shukrayaan-1 is the planned Venus Orbiter Mission by ISRO.
- Payloads include a high-resolution Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) to map the Venusian surface.
- The mission will also investigate the "Venusian lightning" phenomenon.

Key Points:-

Venus is often called Earth's "twin sister" due to its similar size and mass.

The mission will aim to understand the runaway greenhouse effect that makes Venus the hottest planet.

The payloads were selected after a review of proposals from various Indian scientific institutions.

- The book also discusses the current environmental challenges faced by the region.

Key Points:-

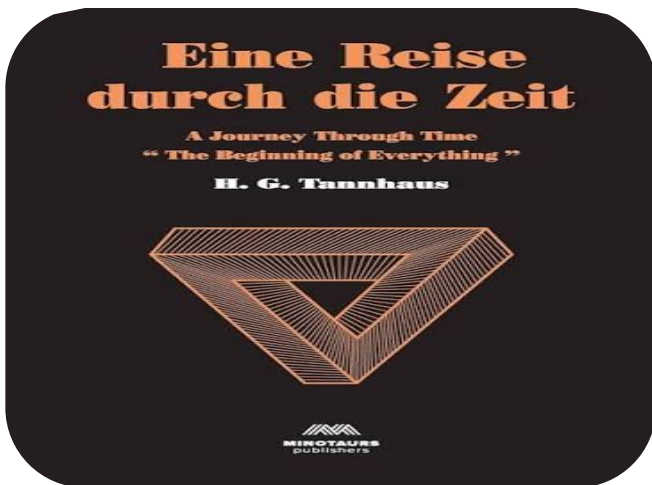
The book is published by Penguin Random House India.

Dr. Ray is known for her previous work on the Silk Road.

The release event was held at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. New book "The Himalayan Saga: A Journey Through Time" released



A new book titled "The Himalayan Saga: A Journey Through Time," authored by noted historian Dr. Alisha Ray, was released on November 1, 2025. The book provides a comprehensive history of the Himalayan region, covering its geology, culture, and geopolitical significance from ancient times to the modern day.

- The book is authored by historian Dr. Alisha Ray.
- It explores the cultural and spiritual importance of the Himalayas.

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National Investigation Agency (NIA)	(i) Formed: 2009 (after the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks) (ii) Act: NIA Act, 2008 (iii) Headquarters: New Delhi (iv) Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs.
National Sports Awards	(i) Khel Ratna: Instituted 1991-92 (as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna) (ii) Arjuna Award: Instituted 1961 (iii) Dronacharya Award: For coaches, instituted 1985.
India-France Defence Exercises	(i) Varuna: Naval exercise (ii) Garuda: Air Force exercise (iii) Shakti: Army exercise.
the Himalayas	(i) Type: Young fold mountains (ii) Highest Peak: Mount Everest (8,848.86 m) (iii) Range: Spans across 5 countries (India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Pakistan) (iv) Significance: Source of major rivers (Indus, Ganges, Brahmaputra).
ATP Masters 1000	(i) Category: Third-highest tier of men's tennis tournaments after the 4 Grand Slams and ATP Finals. (ii) Number of Events: Nine tournaments annually. (iii) Governing Body: Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

States Reorganisation Act, 1956	(i) Enacted: 31 August 1956 (ii) Came into effect: 1 November 1956 (iii) Basis: Fazal Ali Commission report (iv) Result: Reorganized states on linguistic lines, creating 14 states and 6 UTs.
Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)	(i) Established: 1964 (on recommendations of Santhanam Committee) (ii) Status: Statutory status granted in 2003 (iii) Headquarters: New Delhi (iv) Current CVC: Praveen Kumar Srivastava (as of Nov 2025).
RBI	(i) Full Form: Reserve Bank of India (ii) Headquarters: Mumbai (iii) Governor: Shaktikanta Das (iv) Established: 1 April 1935.
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	(i) Established: 1 April 1935 (ii) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra (iii) Governor: Shaktikanta Das (as of Nov 2025) (iv) Act: RBI Act, 1934.
G20	(i) Full Name: Group of Twenty (ii) Founded: 1999 (iii) Members: 19 countries + European Union + African Union (iv) 2023 Presidency: India (v) 2024 Presidency: Brazil (vi) 2025 Presidency: South Africa.

The Vegan Society	(i) Founded: November 1944 (ii) Founder: Donald Watson (iii) HQ: Birmingham, UK (iv) Purpose: To promote veganism and support vegans worldwide.
UNFCCC	(i) Full Form: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (ii) Signed: 1992 (at Rio Earth Summit) (iii) HQ: Bonn, Germany (iv) Goal: To stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations.
Sultan of Johor Cup	(i) Host Country: Malaysia (always) (ii) Venue: Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, Johor Bahru (iii) First held: 2011 (iv) Category: Under-21 Men.
Kerala	(i) Capital: Thiruvananthapuram (ii) CM: Pinarayi Vijayan (as of Nov 2025) (iii) Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan (as of Nov 2025) (iv) Formation Day: 1 November 1956 (Kerala Piravi).
ISRO	(i) Full Form: Indian Space Research Organisation (ii) Formed: 15 August 1969 (iii) Headquarters: Bengaluru (iv) Chairman: S. Somanath (as of Nov 2025).