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DAILY

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Kerala declared free from extreme poverty on Kerala Piravi Day



On the occasion of Kerala Piravi (Kerala Day) on November 1, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced that Kerala has successfully eradicated extreme poverty, making it the first state in India to achieve this significant milestone. This success is attributed to the state's dedicated four-year Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP), which was implemented by the local self-government department through micro-plans focusing on income, health, housing, and food for identified families.

- The announcement was made on November 1, coinciding with Kerala Piravi Day.
- The achievement is the result of the state's four-year Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP).
- Kerala is the first state in India to be declared free from extreme poverty.

Key Points:-

The micro-plans focused on income, health, housing, and food.

The state relied on local self-government data, not the Niti Aayog index.

The World Bank revised the international poverty line to \$3.00/day in June 2025.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India secures six-month US sanctions waiver extension for Chabahar Port



India has successfully secured a six-month extension for the sanctions waiver on **Iran's Chabahar Port** from the United States. The waiver is critical to New Delhi's regional connectivity plan, as Chabahar Port serves as a crucial gateway for trade with Afghanistan and Central Asian nations, bypassing Pakistan. The extension, which is valid until April 2026, allows India to continue operational and development work, ensuring the effectiveness of the strategically located port despite U.S. sanctions on Iran.

- The US sanctions waiver was extended for a period of six months.
- Chabahar Port is crucial for trade with Afghanistan and Central Asian nations.
- The waiver allows India to continue operational and development work at the port.

Key Points:-

The waiver was granted under the Iran

Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act (IFCA).

The port helps bypass Pakistan for regional trade.

India signed a 10-year contract to operate the port in May 2024.

2. Rights group reports nearly 300 killed in political violence since Sheikh Hasina's fall in Bangladesh



A Dhaka-based human rights organisation, Odhikar, reported that nearly 300 people have been killed in political violence in Bangladesh during the one year since the student-led protests led to the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 2024. The report stated that at least 281 people were killed in violence involving political parties between August 2024 and September 2025. The group highlighted concerns over ongoing deaths in custody, bribery, and harassment of victims, despite some reported improvements in human rights adherence.

- The report was released by the Dhaka-based human rights organisation, Odhikar.

- At least 281 people were killed in violence involving political parties from August 2024 to September 2025.

- The report also noted 40 victims of extrajudicial killings and 153 people lynched.

Key Points:-

The violence intensified following the student-led protests that toppled the former government.

The group criticized law enforcement agencies for a lack of accountability.

The former PM is currently in self-imposed exile in New Delhi, India.

3. Russia launches new nuclear submarine 'Khabarovsk' capable of carrying Poseidon drone



Russia ceremonially launched its newest nuclear-powered submarine, the 'Khabarovsk', from the Sevmash shipyard in Severodvinsk. The submarine is specifically designed to carry and deploy the underwater nuclear drone 'Poseidon', often referred to as a 'doomsday missile' due to its intercontinental range and immense destructive potential. Defence Minister Andrei Belousov called the launch a significant moment for Russia's navy, underscoring the

country's continuous efforts to enhance its strategic naval capabilities.

- The new submarine, named 'Khabarovsk', was launched from the Sevmaash shipyard.
- The Khabarovsk is designed to carry the Poseidon underwater nuclear drone.
- The Poseidon drone is often referred to as a 'doomsday missile'.

Key Points:-

The Poseidon drone is capable of intercontinental travel.

The launch is a significant moment for Russia's navy.

The submarine launch was ceremonial and included top officials.

season. The monthly Gross Domestic revenue grew by 2.0%, while Gross GST Revenue from imports registered a yearly growth of 12.9%, reflecting strong trade activity and compliance.

- The total GST collection for October 2025 was ₹1,95,936 crores.
- The year-on-year growth rate compared to October 2024 was 4.6%.
- Gross GST Revenue from imports showed a yearly growth of 12.9%.

Key Points:-

The GST collection figure reflects robust economic activity and compliance.

Gross domestic revenue grew by 2.0% compared to the previous year.

The strong performance is attributed to the start of the festive season.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

1. GST Revenue collected for October 2025 reaches nearly ₹1.96 lakh crore, showing 4.6% growth



India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collected for October 2025 is ₹1,95,936 crores, marking a substantial year-on-year growth of 4.6%. The figures indicate continued robust consumption and economic buoyancy, particularly ahead of the festive

2. ED provisionally attaches assets worth over ₹7,500 crore linked to Reliance Anil Ambani Group



The Enforcement Directorate (ED) provisionally attached assets valued at over ₹7,500 crore linked to the Reliance Anil Ambani Group. The attached assets include

over 132 acres of the Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City (DAKC) land in Navi Mumbai, valued at over ₹4,462 crore, in connection with the Reliance Communications (RCOM) bank fraud case. The action is under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for alleged diversion of public funds by group entities.

- The cumulative attachment in the case now stands over ₹7,500 crore.
- The action is linked to the RCOM bank fraud case and fund diversion by RHFL/RCFL.
- The ED investigation revealed large amounts of money were siphoned off through group-linked entities.

Key Points:-

The probe is based on the FIR registered by the CBI.

The attached assets include the Ambani family residence in Pali Hill.

The ED aims to reconstitute the proceeds of crime to rightful claimants.

3. US Federal Government Shutdown impacts continue one month later



The partial U.S. federal government shutdown, which began over a budget impasse, continued into its second month, causing significant disruptions. Work on several federally funded programs remained suspended, and although many furloughed employees returned, they were only paid for days worked, with backpay uncertain. The uncertainty over federal funding continues to impact various state-level programs dependent on federal grants, highlighting the severe consequences of the political deadlock in Congress.

- The shutdown continued into its second month due to a budget impasse.
- Many federally funded programs, like some Indian Affairs programs, remain under stop-work orders.
- Most federal grants for state agencies are reimbursement-based, risking slow or no payback.

Key Points:-

The deadlock is between Congress and the Federal Administration.

Backpay for furloughed staff is not guaranteed and requires federal action.

The situation highlights deep political divides in Washington.

MOUs and Agreement

1. OpenAI signs massive \$38 billion agreement with Amazon Web Services (AWS)



OpenAI announced a massive multi-year, strategic agreement to purchase \$38 billion worth of capacity from Amazon Web Services (AWS) to power its AI workloads. The deal, which includes leveraging hundreds of thousands of Nvidia GPUs, is one of the largest cloud infrastructure agreements in AI history. This partnership signals OpenAI's need to diversify its computing power beyond its long-time partner, Microsoft, and accelerates the scaling of frontier AI models using AWS's industry-leading infrastructure.

- **The agreement between OpenAI and AWS is valued at \$38 billion.**
- **OpenAI will use AWS infrastructure to run and scale its ChatGPT and agentic AI workloads.**
- **The partnership includes leveraging hundreds of thousands of Nvidia GPUs.**

Key Points:-

The deal strengthens OpenAI's broad compute ecosystem.

AWS will provide its industry-leading infrastructure for training AI models.

The partnership signals a loosening of OpenAI's reliance on Microsoft.

2. India–EU FTA negotiations intensify as EU negotiators arrive in New Delhi



A senior team of negotiators from the European Union (EU) arrived in New Delhi for a week-long engagement (November 3 to 7) to intensify negotiations on the proposed India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The discussions aim to resolve key outstanding issues and advance the agreement toward a comprehensive, balanced, and equitable framework. This visit follows recent high-level talks, reaffirming the joint determination of both sides to foster trade, investment, innovation, and sustainable growth.

- **The negotiation team arrived for a week-long engagement from November 3 to 7.**
- **The focus areas include trade in goods, trade in services, and rules of origin.**
- **The engagement follows recent high-level talks in Brussels between the Ministers.**

Key Points:-

The discussions aim to foster trade, investment, and innovation.

Ms. Sabine Weyand (EU DG Trade) will lead high-level talks.

The negotiations are guided by a shared

vision of a modern FTA.

SPORTS

1. India Women defeat South Africa by 52 runs to win maiden Cricket World Cup title



The India Women's cricket team clinched their maiden ICC Women's World Cup title (50-over format) with a 52-run victory over South Africa in the final at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. Shafali Verma was named Player of the Match for her aggressive 87-run innings, while Deepti Sharma was the Player of the Tournament for her all-round performance, which included a match-winning five-wicket haul in the final. The victory marked a historic moment for Indian cricket.

- India defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final.
- Shafali Verma was named Player of the Match for her 87 runs.
- Deepti Sharma was named Player of the Tournament and took a five-wicket haul in the final.

Key Points:-

India won the title for the first time in the 50-

over format.

The win came after chasing down a target set by the opponent in the semi-final.

South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt was the tournament's top run-scorer.

2. India achieves best-ever medal tally of 48 at Asian Youth Games 2025 in Bahrain



India delivered its best-ever performance at the Asian Youth Games 2025, held in Manama, Bahrain, securing a total of **48 medals** (13 gold, 18 silver, and 17 bronze). This historic achievement marked India's highest-ever tally at the continental event, which returned after a 12-year gap for its third edition. The Indian contingent included 222 athletes who competed across various disciplines, with the girls' Kabaddi team clinching the nation's first gold medal at the Games.

- India won a total of 48 medals: 13 Gold, 18 Silver, and 17 Bronze.
- The event was the third edition of the Asian Youth Games, held in Manama, Bahrain.
- The girls' Kabaddi team secured India's first gold medal at the Games.

Key Points:-

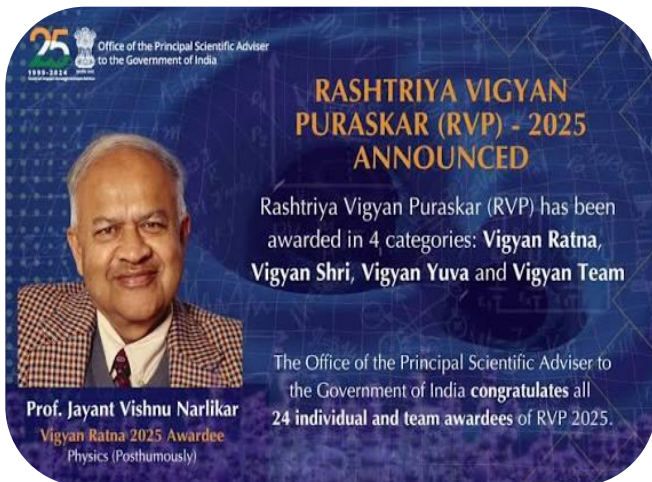
The Games were held from October 22 to October 31, 2025.

A total of 45 countries participated in the event.

India sent a 222-member squad to the Games.

AWARDS

1. Physicist Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar posthumously awarded Vigyan Ratna



Renowned Indian astrophysicist and cosmologist, **Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar**, was posthumously honored with the **Vigyan Ratna** award, the highest category of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025. The award recognizes his exceptional and lifelong contributions to Physics, particularly in the fields of cosmology and his collaboration with Fred Hoyle on the conformal gravity theory. The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar aims to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions in science, technology, and innovation across four categories.

- The Vigyan Ratna is the highest category of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025.

- Prof. Narlikar was honored for his contributions to Physics, specifically cosmology.
- He is known for his collaboration with Fred Hoyle on the conformal gravity theory.

Key Points:-

The award aims to recognize outstanding contributions in Science and Technology.

It is one of the four categories of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar.

The awards are a significant step towards celebrating Indian scientific excellence.

INDEX

1. Delhi Air Quality Index deteriorates to 'Very Poor' category with AQI at 316



Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 316, officially placing it in the 'Very Poor' category as reported by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). This marks a significant spike in pollution levels due to a combination of factors. The deterioration is primarily linked to lower wind speeds which hinder the dispersion of pollutants, and the ongoing issue of stubble-burning in neighboring states, aggravated by vehicle and industrial emissions.

- The overall AQI recorded by CPCB was 316.
- An AQI between 301 and 400 is considered 'Very Poor'.
- The spike in pollution is linked to low wind speeds and stubble-burning.

Key Points:-

The deterioration is linked to adverse meteorological conditions.

Urban emissions from traffic are also a constant pollutant source.

Health experts advised vulnerable groups to limit outdoor exposure.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Jellyfish Day celebrated on November 3 to promote marine biodiversity



World Jellyfish Day is celebrated annually on November 3rd to raise awareness about the ecological importance and unique biology of jellyfish in marine ecosystems. These ancient creatures, which have existed for over 500 million years, are crucial for the food web and serve as important indicators of ocean health, with massive blooms often signaling warming waters and pollution. The day promotes understanding of their role as both predators

and prey and their resilience without having a brain or heart.

- World Jellyfish Day is observed annually on November 3rd.
- Jellyfish have existed for over 500 million years, predating dinosaurs.
- They are considered important indicators of ocean health and climate change.

Key Points:-

Jellyfish are crucial for the food web, serving as both predators and prey.

Their blooms can serve as a warning sign for ocean health.

The day promotes understanding of their resilience without a brain.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. ISRO successfully launches CMS-03, India's heaviest communication satellite, on LVM-3 M5



The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched CMS-03 (also known as GSAT-7R), India's heaviest communication satellite (4,400 kg), using the powerful LVM-3 M5 rocket from Sriharikota. The satellite was placed into a Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO) and is designed to

expand secure, multi-band communications for the Navy's growing blue-water capabilities and enhance national communication infrastructure.

- CMS-03 weighed 4,400 kg, the heaviest communication satellite launched to GTO from Indian soil.
- The launch vehicle used for the mission was the LVM-3 M5 (Launch Vehicle Mark-III).
- The satellite will serve as a key link for the Indian Navy, succeeding GSAT-7.

Key Points:-

The satellite will expand secure, multi-band communications.

It was deployed into a Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO).

This was the fifth operational flight of the LVM3 vehicle.

Static GK

ISRO	(i) Established – 15 August 1969 (ii) Headquarters – Bengaluru, India	(iii) Launch Site – Sriharikota (iv) LVM3 Nickname – Bahubali
Vigyan Puraskar	(i) Total Categories – Four (Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shree, etc.) (ii) Objective – To recognize excellence in S&T	(iii) Other winners – Vigyan Shree, Vigyan Yuva, Vigyan Team (iv) Award announced – Oct 26, 2025
GST in India	(i) Implemented – July 1, 2017 (ii) Slabs – 0%, 5%, 12%, 18%, 28%	(iii) Type – Consumption-based tax (iv) Governing Body – GST Council
Enforcement Directorate (ED)	(i) Primary Acts – PMLA, FEMA (ii) Parent Ministry – Ministry of Finance	(iii) Founded – 1 May 1956 (iv) Agency Type – Law enforcement and Economic Intelligence
Air Quality Index (AQI)	(i) Range 0-50: Good (ii) Range 301-400: Very Poor	(iii) Primary Pollutants: PM2.5, PM10 (iv) Monitoring

		Body: CPCB
Kerala	(i) CM – Pinarayi Vijayan (ii) Capital – Thiruvananthapuram	(iii) Foundation Day – Nov 1 (Kerala Piravi) (iv) Literacy Rate – Highest in India
Chabahar Port	(i) Location – Sistan and Baluchestan Province, Iran (ii) India's operator – India Ports Global Limited (IPGL)	(iii) Strategic Importance – Alternative trade route to Afghanistan (iv) Waiver expiry – April 2026
Marine Biodiversity	(i) Biological Traits – No brain or heart (ii) Function – Support marine food chains	(iii) Special feature – About 50% of species are bioluminescent (iv) Classification – Invertebrates, Phylum Cnidaria
Bangladesh Politics	(i) Ousted PM – Sheikh Hasina (ii) Interim Head – Muhammad Yunus	(iii) Capital – Dhaka (iv) Next Election – Feb 2026 (Pledged)

OpenAI	(i) Founded – 2015 (ii) HQ – San Francisco, California	(iii) CEO – Sam Altman (iv) Core Product – ChatGPT, GPT Models
Russia's Naval Strategy	(i) Shipyard – Sevmash, Severodvinsk (ii) Poseidon Type – Nuclear-powered torpedo	(iii) Defence Minister – Andrei Belousov (iv) Purpose – Enhance strategic naval capabilities
India-EU Relations	(i) EU HQ – Brussels, Belgium (ii) India's largest trading partner – USA/China (depending on data source)	(iii) Negotiation focus – Balanced and equitable framework (iv) Partnership – Strategic Partnership since 2004
US Government	(i) Legislative Body – Congress (ii) Cause – Lack of budget appropriation	(iii) Shutdown Impact – Non-essential services stop (iv) Key Programs Affected – SNAP, some federal grants

Women's Cricket World Cup	(i) Host Country – India (co-hosted with Sri Lanka) (ii) Format – ODI (50 Overs)	(iii) Venue for Final – DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai (iv) Previous Winners – Australia (Most Titles)
Asian Youth Games	(i) Host City – Manama, Bahrain (ii) Total Medals Won by India – 48	(iii) Edition – Third (iv) Significance – Qualifier for 2026 Youth Olympics