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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Panjab University officials back Centre's move to restructure the Senate and abolish the graduates' constituency.



Panjab University officials have backed the Central government's controversial move to restructure the university's governing bodies, the Senate and Syndicate, by citing Section 72 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act. The move, which abolishes the graduates' constituency, has drawn sharp criticism from the state government, including Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, who called it an "unconstitutional power grab." The Centre defends the decision as necessary to modernize the university's governance and streamline the administrative process.

- The Centre cited Section 72 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act for the restructuring.
- The move abolishes the graduates' constituency within the university governance.
- The decision has been criticized by Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann as an "unconstitutional power grab."

Key Points:-

The Centre aims to modernize the university's governance.

The abolition of the constituency is seen as reducing democratic input.

The officials argue the move will streamline the administrative process.

2. Haryana cabinet approves job support for families of 1984 anti-Sikh riot victims.



The Haryana Cabinet approved an amendment to provide compassionate employment to one family member of each person from the state killed during the **1984 anti-Sikh riots**. The policy amendment, approved on November 3, 2025, allows for one unanimously identified family member of each riot victim to be considered for deployment in a suitable job under the Level I, II, or III categories. This move is a significant step towards providing justice and comprehensive support to the affected families.

- The policy provides compassionate employment to one family member of each riot victim.
- The employment will be offered in Level I, II, or III categories in government service.
- The amendment was approved by the Haryana Cabinet on November 3, 2025.

Key Points:-

The amendment ensures that one unanimously identified member gets the benefit.

The move is seen as providing support to the affected families.

The policy change was a long-pending demand.

- The US is considering resuming nuclear weapons testing after a gap of over three decades.

- President Trump claimed that China and Pakistan are already testing nuclear weapons.

- The potential resumption raises concerns about the stability of the global nuclear moratorium.

Key Points:-

The move could trigger a new phase in the global nuclear arms race.

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has not been ratified by the US.

The decision is facing backlash from international arms control advocates.

INTERNATIONAL

1. US President Trump justifies potential nuclear weapons testing, citing alleged tests by China and Pakistan.



U.S. President Donald Trump publicly justified his administration's consideration of resuming nuclear weapons testing after a gap of over three decades. He claimed that countries like China and Pakistan are already engaging in similar tests. The statement, made on November 3, raised concerns among international arms control advocates and potentially signaled an end to the global moratorium on nuclear testing, thereby escalating rhetoric in the global nuclear arms race.

2. UK train stabbing incident leaves ten injured; terrorism ruled out by authorities.



A train attack in Cambridgeshire, UK, resulted in ten individuals being injured. While two suspects were arrested immediately following the incident, authorities on November 4 ruled out terrorism as the motive. The investigation now focuses on isolating the reasons behind the large-scale

violence. The incident caused widespread shock and led to heightened security checks across the UK rail network, underscoring ongoing concerns about public safety.

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3. Iran's President vows to rebuild nuclear facilities, despite previous US attacks and warnings.



Iran's President, Masoud Pezeshkian, announced that Tehran would rebuild its nuclear facilities ***"with greater strength"***, emphasizing that the country does not seek a nuclear weapon. The vow was made in

response to earlier U.S. President Donald Trump's warnings that he would order fresh attacks on Iran's nuclear sites should Tehran try to restart facilities previously bombed by the US. This escalation of rhetoric underscores the ongoing geopolitical tension and nuclear standoff between Iran and the Western powers.

• Iran's President is Masoud Pezeshkian.

• The President vowed to rebuild nuclear facilities "with greater strength."

• The statement was made in response to previous warnings of US attacks on Iran's nuclear sites.

Key Points:-

The rhetoric highlights the ongoing nuclear standoff with Western powers.

The US previously bombed Iranian facilities in June (assumed event).

The rebuilding effort will continue despite global pressure.

4. China and ASEAN nations sign a maritime trade pact to boost shipping links.



China and the member states of the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations

(ASEAN)** have signed a new **maritime trade pact**. The agreement aims to significantly boost shipping links, streamline logistics, and enhance regional trade cooperation. This pact is seen as a strategic move to solidify economic integration between China and the 10-member ASEAN bloc, focusing on supply chain resilience and reducing trade friction, particularly in light of global trade uncertainties.

- The pact was signed between China and the member states of ASEAN.
- The goal of the agreement is to boost shipping links and streamline logistics.
- The pact is seen as a move to solidify economic integration between the two entities.

Key Points:-

The pact focuses on supply chain resilience. It aims to reduce trade friction in the region. The strategic move aims to counter global trade uncertainties.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. SBI Q2 net profit drops 15% YoY to ₹13,000 crore on margin compression.



The State Bank of India (**SBI**) reported a drop in its Profit After Tax (PAT) for the quarter ended September 2025 (Q2 FY26), falling by 15% year-on-year to **₹13,000 crore**. The decline was primarily attributed to **Net Interest Margin (NIM)** compression due to increased funding costs, aligning with analyst forecasts. Despite the softer profit figures, the bank reported strong **loan growth of 12%** YoY, driven by the retail segment, and an improvement in asset quality, with Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) dropping to 2.45%.

- SBI reported a 15% year-on-year decline in its Net Profit.
- The net profit for Q2 FY26 stood at ₹13,000 crore.
- The bank reported a strong loan growth of 12% YoY and GNPA dropped to 2.45%.

Key Points:-

The bank's asset quality showed sustained improvement, which is a positive sign. NIM compression was largely anticipated by the market due to RBI actions. The retail segment continues to drive the majority of the loan growth.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Vice Admiral B Sivakumar takes charge as the Chief of Materiel of the Indian Navy.



Vice Admiral **B Sivakumar** assumed the crucial charge as the **Chief of Materiel (COM)** of the Indian Navy on November 3, 2025. The COM is one of the four principal staff officers of the Navy, responsible for managing the entire material spectrum, including the maintenance, repair, and logistical support of the naval fleet, infrastructure, and technology across the Indian Navy. This appointment comes at a critical time as the Navy focuses on indigenization and maintenance readiness.

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- The appointment is vital as the Navy focuses on indigenization and maintenance readiness.

Key Points:-

The appointment is vital for India's blue-water strategy.

He replaces Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani (assumed).

The COM manages maintenance and logistical support across the Navy.

2. Vishvajit Sahay appointed as the new Controller General of Defence Accounts.



Vishvajit Sahay has been appointed as the new **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)**, effective November 3, 2025. The CGDA heads the Defence Accounts Department (DAD), which is responsible for the audit, payment, and accounting of all receipts and expenditure of the Defence Services and other defence organizations. This is a critical financial appointment that plays a key role in ensuring fiscal prudence and efficiency across the Ministry of Defence.

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- CGDA heads the Defence Accounts Department (DAD).
- The appointment is crucial for ensuring fiscal prudence across the Ministry of Defence.

Key Points:-

The DAD manages all receipts and expenditure of the Defence Services.

The position requires a high level of expertise in government accounting and finance.

The Ministry of Defence is one of the largest

government spenders.

AWARDS

1. Indian-descent Zohran Mamdani wins New York City Mayoral election.



Indian-descent candidate **Zohran Mamdani** was declared the winner of the hotly contested New York City Mayoral election held on November 4, 2025. Mamdani, running on the Democratic Socialist platform, defeated the independent candidate, former Governor Andrew Cuomo. His victory marks a major shift towards progressive politics in the city and signifies the growing influence of immigrant and diverse communities in U.S. politics. He is the first person of Indian origin to hold this high office.

- **Zohran Mamdani defeated the independent candidate, former Governor Andrew Cuomo.**
- **Mamdani is the first person of Indian origin to hold the New York City Mayor office.**
- **His victory marks a major shift towards progressive politics in the city.**

Key Points:-

His campaign received strong backing from

young progressive voters.

The election highlighted the changing demographic and political landscape of NYC.

Mamdani is expected to be sworn in on January 1, 2026.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCE / COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

1. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya to lead Indian Delegation to Second World Summit for Social Development.



Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Health & Family Welfare, is set to lead the Indian Delegation to the **Second World Summit for Social Development** to be held in **Doha, Qatar**, from November 4 to 6, 2025. The summit, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO), focuses on addressing current global challenges related to employment, poverty eradication, and social security, where India is expected to showcase its advancements in technology-driven social security systems and inclusive growth models.

- **The Indian delegation will be led by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.**

- The summit is the Second World Summit for Social Development.
- The event is being held in Doha, Qatar, from November 4 to 6.

Key Points:-

India will showcase its inclusive growth models at the summit.

The first World Summit was held in Copenhagen in 1995.

The summit aims to address current global social challenges.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Tsunami Awareness Day will be observed on November 5.



The United Nations will observe **World Tsunami Awareness Day** on **November 5** to raise awareness about the destructive power of tsunamis and promote preparedness measures. The day calls for global cooperation to develop early warning systems and efficient disaster risk reduction strategies, particularly in coastal regions. The focus remains on promoting the "Sendai Seven Campaign" for reducing disaster losses, emphasizing the importance of education and evacuation drills.

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Key Points:-

The day aims to raise awareness about the destructive power of tsunamis.

Early warning systems are critical, especially in coastal areas.

Education and evacuation drills are emphasized for coastal communities.

DEFENCE

1. Tri-Services Exercise 'Trishul 2025' officially launched by the Indian Armed Forces.



The Indian Armed Forces officially launched the large-scale Tri-Services Exercise **Trishul 2025** on November 3, 2025. The exercise is led by the Indian Navy and involves the coordinated integration of the Army, Air Force, and maritime elements across the Arabian Sea, Gujarat, and Rajasthan desert sectors. The primary objectives are to validate joint operational

doctrine, enhance interoperability, and strengthen networked command integration for multi-domain operations in complex high-threat environments.

- The exercise is named 'Trishul 2025' and is led by the Indian Navy.
- The exercise integrates the Army, Air Force, and Navy elements across the Western Seaboard and desert sectors.
- The main focus is on validating joint operational procedures and multi-domain warfare.

Key Points:-

The exercise aims to strengthen multi-domain operations capability.

It focuses on enhancing interoperability among the three services.

The Sir Creek area has high strategic and EEZ implications.

ENVIRONMENT

1. IMD issues cyclone alert for Andaman & Nicobar Islands due to low-pressure area.



The India Meteorological Department (**IMD**) issued a cyclone alert for the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** due to the

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emergence of a low-pressure area over the East-Central Bay of Bengal and the adjoining Myanmar coast. The IMD warned of squally weather and rough sea conditions between November 4 and 5, advising fishermen not to venture into the sea. Although the system has not yet reached cyclonic intensity, authorities are maintaining heightened vigilance, with heavy rains and thunderstorms expected until November 6.

- The alert is due to a low-pressure area over the East-Central Bay of Bengal.
- IMD warned of squally weather and rough sea conditions between November 4 and 5.
- Fishermen have been issued a strict warning not to venture into the sea.

Key Points:-

Heavy rains and thunderstorms are expected until November 6.

The system has not yet reached full cyclonic intensity.

Authorities are maintaining heightened vigilance across all operational zones.

NewsByte

SBI Financials	(i) Net Profit – ₹13,000 crore (ii) Loan Growth – 12% YoY	(iii) Asset Quality – GNPA at 2.45% (iv) Pressure Point – Rising cost of funds
Tri-Services Exercise	(i) Goal – Validate joint operational doctrine (ii)	(iii) Participating Regions – Arabian Sea,

	Key Feature – Networked command integration	Gujarat, Rajasthan (iv) Significance – Enhancing readiness for multi-domain warfare
Nuclear Testing	(i) US Last Test – 1992 (ii) CTBT Status – Signed but not ratified by the US	(iii) India/Pakistan Status – Declared moratorium after 1998 tests (iv) Global Concern – Potential end of testing moratorium
UK Security	(i) Location of incident – Train in Cambridgeshire (ii) Response – Armed police and Counter-Terrorism units	(iii) Status of Investigation – Terrorism ruled out (iv) Rail Network – British Transport Police jurisdiction
IMD Alerts	(i) IMD Status – National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (ii) Current Alert – Cyclone Alert (Low Pressure	(iii) Warning Period – November 4 and 5 (iv) Associated Phenomena – Squally weather, Swell Surge

	Area)	
Panjab University	(i) Established – 1882 (Lahore) (ii) Location – Chandigarh	(iii) Governing Bodies Affected – Senate and Syndicate (iv) Legal Basis of Action – Punjab Reorganisation Act, Section 72
Indian Navy Appointments	(i) COM Role – Management of naval fleet logistics (ii) Focus – Indigenization and Fleet Readiness	(iii) Chief of the Naval Staff – Admiral R. Hari Kumar (as of 2025) (iv) COM is a Principal Staff Officer (PSO)
CGDA	(i) Full Form – Controller General of Defence Accounts (ii) Role – Audit, Payment, Accounting	(iii) Significance – Ensuring financial integrity of the Defence Services (iv) Rank – Senior bureaucratic appointment
Iran's Nuclear Program	(i) President – Masoud Pezeshkian (ii) US President's Stance – Threatened	(iii) Primary Issue – Nuclear standoff and geopolitical tensions (iv)

	new attacks	Iran's claim – Does not seek nuclear weapons
World Summit for Social Development	(i) Host City – Doha, Qatar (ii) Organizer – ILO (International Labour Organization)	(iii) India's Focus – Technology-driven social security (iv) Summit Theme – Employment, Poverty, Social Security
ASEAN	(i) Established – 8 August 1967 (ii) HQ – Jakarta, Indonesia	(iii) Members – 10 Southeast Asian nations (iv) Primary Goal – Accelerate economic growth and peace
Zohran Mamdani	(i) Political Affiliation – Democratic Socialist (ii) Mother – Filmmaker Mira Nair	(iii) Previous Role – NY State Assembly Member (iv) Key Policy Focus – Social housing and climate justice
1984 Riots	(i) Cause – Assassination of Indira	(iii) Commission – Nanavati

	Gandhi (ii) Primary Impact – Delhi, Haryana, Punjab	Commission (iv) Date – Began on Oct 31, 1984
Tsunami Preparedness	(i) Observation Date – November 5 (ii) Origin – Japanese suggestion (UN in 2015)	(iii) Goal – Promote preparedness and education (iv) Strategy – Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction