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National Events

A special 21 km marathon was held on a frozen lake in Ladakh. This amazing event took place at Pangong Lake, which is very high in the mountains. The marathon has entered the Guinness World Records as the highest frozen lake half marathon. Around 75 runners took part in this race despite very cold weather. The temperature was below zero, making it difficult to run.



Sports



The Ranji Trophy is a major domestic competition in which teams from different states compete to showcase their skills and sportsmanship.

The 2025–26 season of the tournament was highly competitive, with teams giving their best performances throughout the matches.

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The 2026 edition of the Khelo India Winter Games took place at **Leh (Ladakh)** and **Gulmarg**, bringing together athletes from all over India to compete in winter sports like skiing, ice skating, and ice hockey.

More than **700 athletes and teams** participated in the event, showcasing their skills in coldweather sports.

The Games were held in two parts — the first in Leh, and the second in Gulmarg — making it a major national winter sports festival.

The Indian Army team performed very well and defended its title by winning the overall championship.



The Indian women's national cricket team has been nominated for the prestigious **Laureus World Team of the Year Award** for 2026. This nomination comes after their historic victory in the **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025**, where they won the title for the first time in history.

The team displayed outstanding performance, including a recordbreaking chase in the semifinal match against Australia, which impressed cricket fans across the world.

Wildlife and Conservation

Recently, eight Cheetahs have been brought to India from Botswana. These cheetahs were carefully transported to help increase their population in India. They have been released in Kuno National Park, where they will be protected and cared for. Special arrangements have been made for their safety and food. Experts and forest officials are closely monitoring their health and movement.



The **Second Indian Bison Festival** was held at Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in **March 2026** to celebrate the Indian bison, also called the gaur, and to promote wildlife conservation.

Many people including students, nature lovers, wildlife experts, photographers,

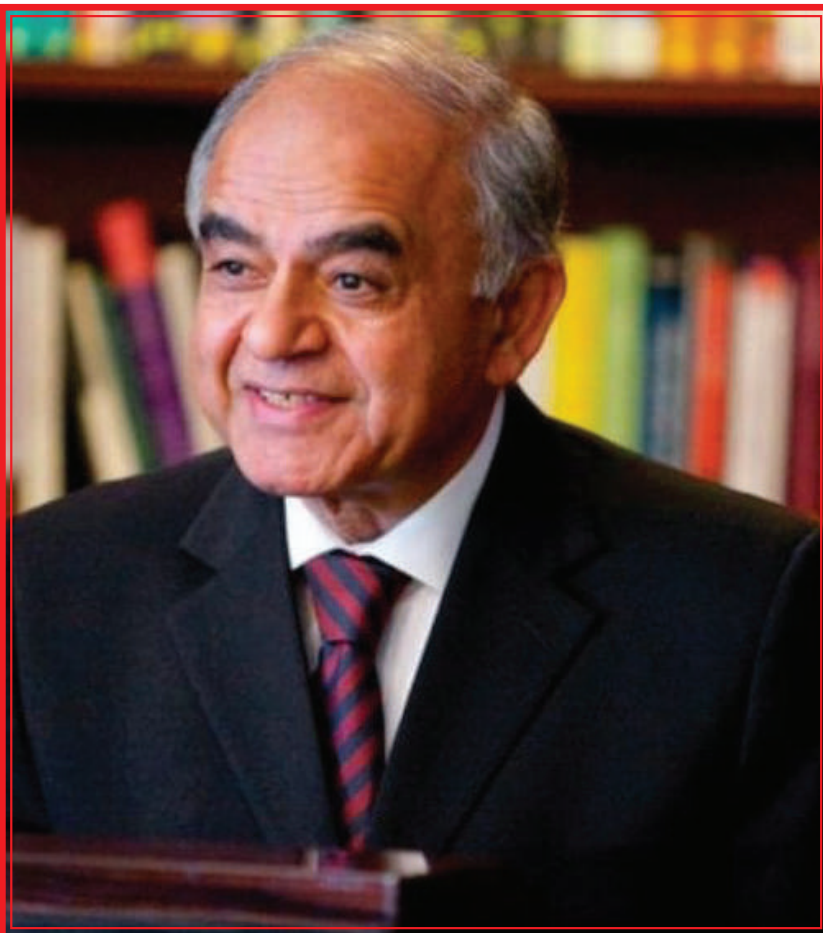
and local visitors attended the event. Experts gave talks about the life and behaviour of the Indian bison to help everyone learn more about this animal. During the festival, participants enjoyed guided safaris inside the forest, which helped them see wild animals in their natural home. There were also fun activities like night camping, stargazing, and drawing competitions for students

Appointments and Awards

The Indian Navy has appointed a new Director General of Naval Armament at the Naval Headquarters in New Delhi. Recently, **Shri B.P. Singh** took charge of this important post with effect from **1 March 2026**.

He is an officer of the **1994 batch of the Indian Naval Armament Service (INAS)** and brings over **three decades of experience** in managing naval weapons and ammunition.

Before his new role, Shri B.P. Singh served as the **Chief General Manager at Naval Armament Depot (NAD) Mumbai**, where he handled key operational and logistical responsibilities.



In a proud moment for India, renowned author and thinker **Gurcharan Das** has become the **first Indian to be honoured with the prestigious *Lifetime Libertarian Award***. This global award recognises individuals whose ideas and leadership have greatly advanced the cause of liberty and freedom around the world.

The award is presented by **Liberty International**, a U.S.-based organisation that promotes freedom and individual rights in over 100 countries.

Science and Technology

Tamil Nadu has introduced a special place for stargazers and astronomy lovers called the **Dark Sky Park**. This park is located in the **Kolli Hills** at **Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest**. It was recently inaugurated by the Forest Minister to promote science, nature and tourism in the state.



The park has very little artificial light, making the night sky clearer and brighter for viewing stars, planets, the moon and the Milky Way galaxy. Three advanced telescopes have been installed to help visitors observe celestial bodies and learn more about space.

Festival and celebrations



Every year, the **Attukal Pongal Festival** is celebrated with great joy and devotion in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**. It is a traditional harvest festival that brings people together to thank nature for a good harvest and blessings.

During the festival, people prepare **Pongal**, a dish made from freshly harvested rice, sweet jaggery, and milk. This dish is offered to the deities and then shared with family and friends.

Women dress in colourful traditional clothes and take part in rituals at the **Attukal Bhagavathy Temple**, which is famous for its spiritual importance. The temple is decorated beautifully, and special prayers are offered for the well-being of the community.

Entertainment

Indian film star Shah Rukh Khan has once again made headlines for his remarkable achievements beyond movies. In **March 2026**, he was ranked on the **Hurun Global Rich List 2026**, which recognises the world's wealthiest individuals. His estimated net worth is around **\$1.3 billion (about ₹10,800 crore)**, placing him among the richest entertainers globally.



The Hurun Global Rich List is published every year and lists billionaires and wealthy personalities from many countries. Being included in this list is a major recognition of financial success and business growth.