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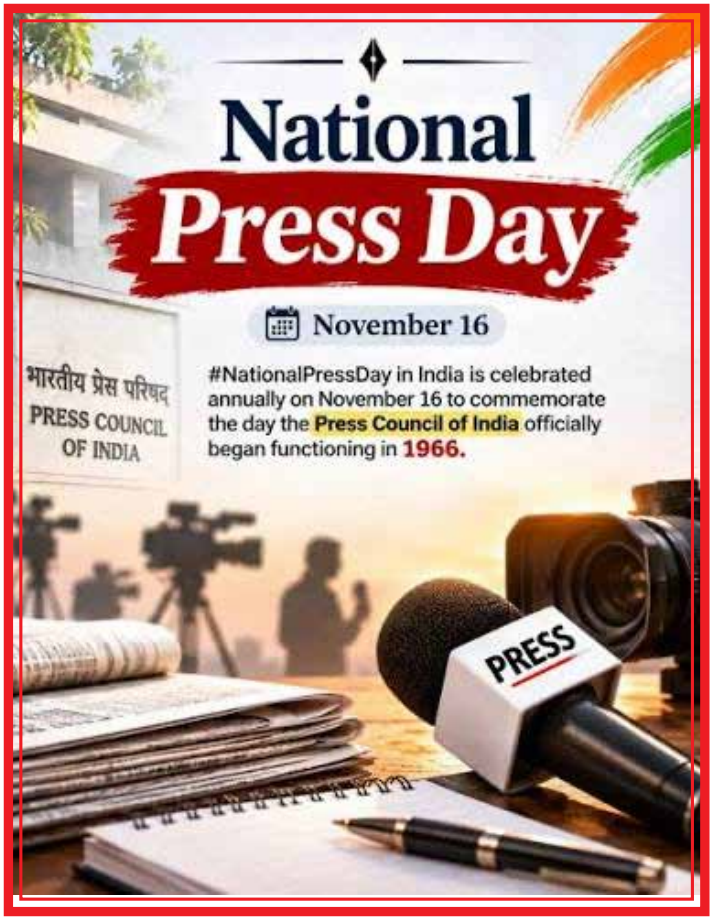
National News & Governance

Census 2027 Phase-II Self-Enumeration Begins in Four States



Preparations for Phase II (Population Enumeration) of India's Census 2027 moved forward on 16 November 2026 with the launch of an online self-enumeration window in Goa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and the non-snow-bound areas of Uttarakhand. A census is an official count of every person living in a country. The data collected helps the governmen plan schools, hospitals, roads, and public services. Through self-enumeration, families can submit their household details online through the official Census portal until 30 November 2026, before door-to-door visits begin on 1 December.



National Press Day Celebrated Across India on 16 November

National Press Day is observed across India every year on 16 November. It marks the day the Press Council of India began functioning in 1966 to protect press freedom and maintain high standards in journalism. Newspapers, television, radio, and digital platforms keep citizens informed about important events. A free and responsible press is vital for a healthy democracy. Students should always check facts from reliable sources before sharing news so that false information does not spread.

Defence & Infrastructure



Indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel INS Samarthak Commissioned into Indian Navy

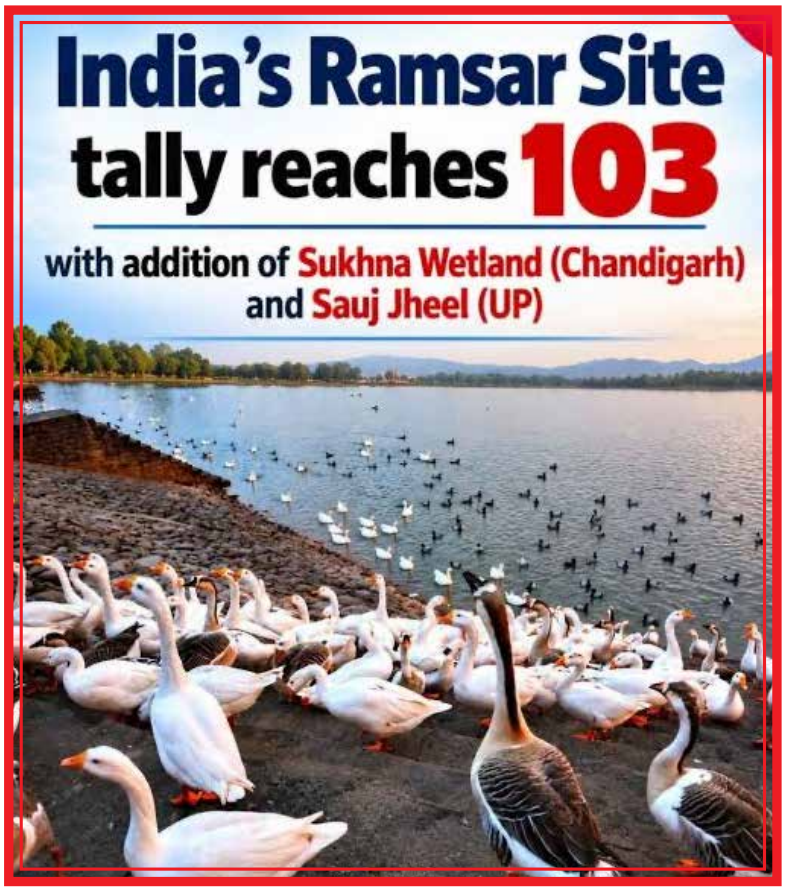
The Indian Navy commissioned its first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel, INS Samarthak, at Naval Base Karwar on 16 October 2026. Built in India by Larsen & Toubro at its Kattupalli Shipyard near Chennai, this 107-metre ship can carry out many tasks at sea, including maritime surveillance, rescue missions, firefighting, and testing new naval equipment. Building advanced ships at home supports Indian engineers and workers under the Make in India initiative.

Three New Railway Platforms Ready Beneath Ahmedabad Bullet Train Station



Indian Railways has completed three new railway platforms (Platforms 10, 11, and 12) along with three new broadgauge tracks at Ahmedabad Junction railway station. Remarkably, these platforms have been built directly below theunder-construction Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train station. Once safety clearances are completed, Express, Vande Bharat, and local trains will run below while high-speed bullet trains travel above, creating a modern transport hub. Passengers should always use foot overbridges and never cross railway tracks.

Environment & Climate Action



Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel Designated as Ramsar Sites; India's Total Reaches 103

India has added two more wetlands—Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh—to the global Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance, taking India's total to 103 Ramsar sites. Wetlands are areas covered by water that provide vital homes for migratory birds, fish, turtles, and plants while storing freshwater and preventing floods. International recognition encourages communities to protect these habitats by keeping lakes clean and plastic-free

World Leaders Meet in Antalya, Türkiye for UN COP31 Climate Conference



The 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) is taking place in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026, with Australia presiding over formal negotiations. Leaders, scientists, and youth delegates from around the world are discussing ways to slow down global warming, expand clean renewable energy, and protect forests and oceans. Everyone can contribute to climate action by saving electricity, conserving water, planting trees, and reducing plastic waste.

Mumbai Hosts the Sixth Earthshot Prize Awards Ceremony in India



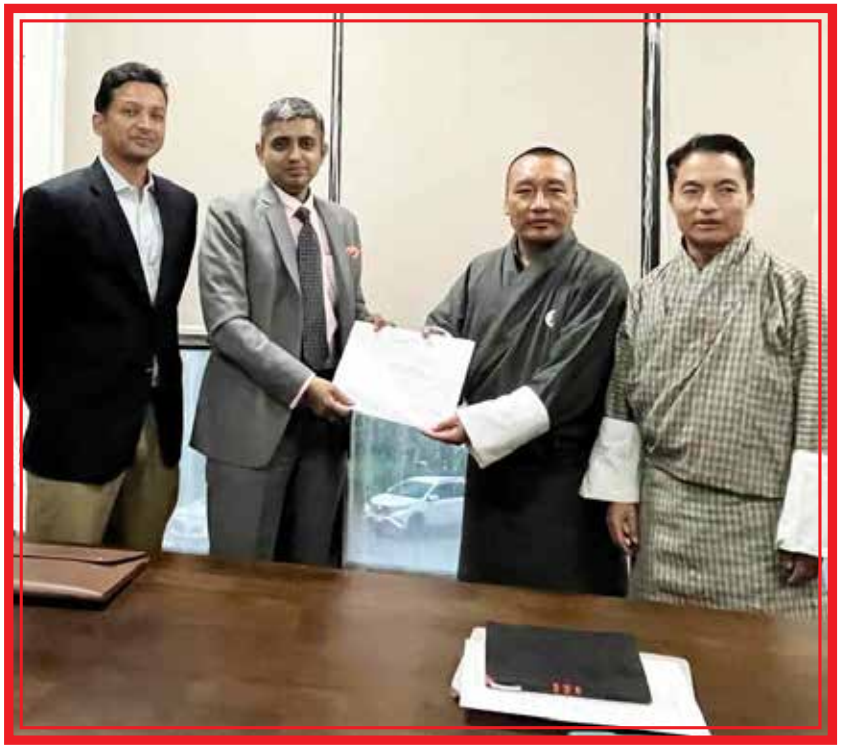
The 2026 Earthshot Prize Awards ceremony is being hosted in Mumbai, India, on 17 November 2026. Founded by Prince William in 2020, the Earthshot Prize honours practical innovations that repair and protect our planet—such as cleaning the air, restoring nature, and cutting waste. For the first time, the Mumbai event also features Children's Awards alongside five global winners receiving £1 million each to scale up their environmental solution.

International Relations



India and Japan Hold 12th Joint Working Group Meeting on Roads in New Delhi

India and Japan held the 12th session of their Joint Working Group on Roads and Road Transportation at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 15 October 2026. Officials and engineering experts from both countries discussed modern tunnel and bridge construction, disaster-resilient highways, and digital road management. Sharing engineering knowledge with Japan helps India build safer roads across mountains and rivers, supporting trade, jobs, and tourism.



India Announces ₹290 Crore Assistance to Strengthen Partnership with Bhutan

India announced ₹290 crore in development assistance for projects under Bhutan's five-year development plan in October 2026. The support covers schools, hospitals, weather and flood warning systems, public infrastructure, and the Digital Drukyul skilling programme. India and Bhutan are close Himalayan neighbours that cooperate closely in education, clean hydropower, and digital technology, building peace and prosperity across the region.

Science, Health & Technology

NPPA Caps Trade Margin at 30% on 137 Anti-Cancer Medicines to Help Patients



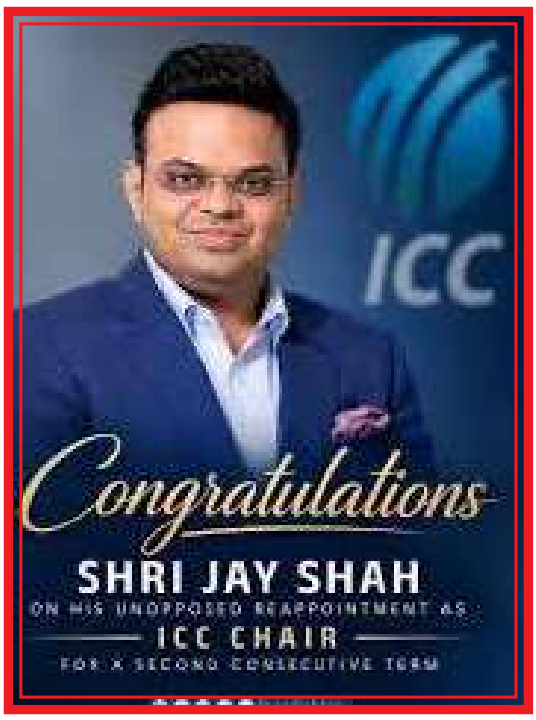
India's National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) capped the trade margin at 30 percent on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines under an October order, with revised lower prices taking effect from 9 November 2026. A trade margin is the extra amount added to a medicin e's price while it is being sold. Lowering these margins makes life-saving cancer treatment more affordable for families.



India and Nine Partner Nations Sign San Francisco Declaration on AI Supply Chains

India joined the United States and eight other nations (Australia, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Qatar, Singapore, the UAE, and the UK) in signing the San Francisco Declaration on 15 November 2026 under the Pax Silica initiative. The agreement focuses on keeping supply chains for semiconductors, critical minerals, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) hardware safe and reliable. AI helps computers solve problems in healthcare, education, and transport, and countries are working together to ensure AI is developed safely and responsibly.

Sports



Jay Shah Reappointed Unopposed as ICC Chair for a Second Term

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Board confirmed on 16 November 2026 that Jay Shah has been reappointed unopposed as Chair of the ICC for a second term. The ICC is the global governing body that organises major cricket tournaments and promotes cricket worldwide. During his upcoming term, the ICC will prepare for cricket's historic return to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) and expand women's and youth cricket globally.