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IHCI Conference at Banasthali Vidyapeeth



Why in News?

- A three-day international conference on 'Intelligent Human Computer Interaction' (IHCI-2025) was organized from November 14-16, 2025, under the aegis of Jaipur Banasthali Vidyapeeth.



Key Points:

- This is the 17th edition of the conference, with over 300 scholars, industry experts, and researchers from 25 countries participating.
- During the conference, experts presented lectures and keynote addresses on the interaction between human and machine intelligence, challenges of artificial intelligence, fair and explainable AI, sports environments, sustainable AI, and the role of AI in military systems.

Rajasthan's New Chief Secretary: V. Srinivas



Why in News?

- V. Srinivas, a senior IAS officer of the 1989 batch (Rajasthan cadre), has been appointed the 45th new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.



Key Points:

- He served as India's Advisor to the Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C., USA, from September 2003 to October 2006.
- Srinivas played a significant role in realizing the dream of Digital India, such as in the healthcare sector, launching the Digital AIIMS project at Delhi AIIMS, relieving patients from long queues.
- He became the President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)—the first Indian IAS officer to achieve this distinction.
- Along with the post of Chief Secretary, he will also hold the additional charge of Chairman of the Mines and Minerals Corporation Limited, Udaipur, and Chief Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.



State-Level Tribal Pride Day Celebration



Why in News?

- The State-Level Tribal Pride Day Celebration was held in Dungarpur (Rajasthan) on November 15, 2025.



Key Points:

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma inaugurated/laid the foundation stone for development projects worth ₹204 crore and ₹87 crore for farmers and students.
- The state government announced detailed schemes for tribal hostels, sports academies, Ma-Baadi centers, Van Dhan centers, free skill training programs, agricultural minikits, clothing, and stationery.

Other Important Points:

- The Rajasthan Tourism Department has launched the Saundh Maati Aadidharohar Documentation Scheme to document tribal artists' musical instruments, culinary arts, faith centers, sites of historical importance, paintings, murals, wood and stone art, dance, and singing. The objective of the scheme is to preserve objects of historical importance related to Rajasthan's history.

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Prof. Prithvi Singh Kandhal Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award



Why in News?

- Professor Prithvi Singh Kandhal was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2025, for his outstanding services in the field of road construction, at the inaugural ceremony of the 84th Annual Session of the Indian Road Congress (IRC) held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



Key Points:

- The 84th Annual Session of the Indian Road Congress (IRC) was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from November 7 to 10, 2025.
- **Theme:** "Major Advances in Highway Technology and Policy"
- Professor Kandhal is currently Associate Director Emeritus at the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University, USA. He has published over 120 technical research papers and authored the first textbook on asphalt road construction in India, "Bituminous Road Construction in India."

Other Key Points:

Indian Road Congress (IRC) 2025

- **Indian Road Congress (IRC):** It is the apex body of highway engineers in India, established in 1934 with the objective of road development.

Organizers and Ministries:

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India
- Public Works Department, Government of Odisha.
- **Other Related Departments:** The event involved various government bodies such as road safety clubs, National Service Scheme (NSS) units, the Motor Vehicles Department, and Regional Transport Offices.

Golden Grandmother Pana Devi wins 4 gold medals

Why in News?

- Recently, Pana Devi won four gold medals in the 100-meter race, shot put, javelin throw, and discus throw at the 23rd Asian Masters Athletics Championships in Chennai.



Key Points:

- Pana Devi Godara (Golden Grandmother), age 94, is a resident of Bikaner and has brought glory to Rajasthan internationally in masters athletics.
- Total gold medals** - She has won 16 gold medals in her career so far.
- She also won gold medals in the shot put, 100-meter race, and discus throw at the 45th National Masters Athletics Championships held in Bengaluru in March this year.

✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Shri Guru Nanak Dev Vatika Green Lungs Mungksa  - Union Minister of Forests and Environment, Shri Bhupendra Yadav, and Minister of State for Forests (Independent Charge), Shri Sanjay Sharma, inaugurated the "Green Lungs Guru Nanak Vatika" in Mungksa (Alwar). - A milestone towards clean, green, and sustainable urban planning for Alwar under the Environmental Conservation, Clean Alwar, and Incredible Alwar campaigns.



Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)



Why in News?

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed the progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor in Surat, Gujarat.



Key Points:

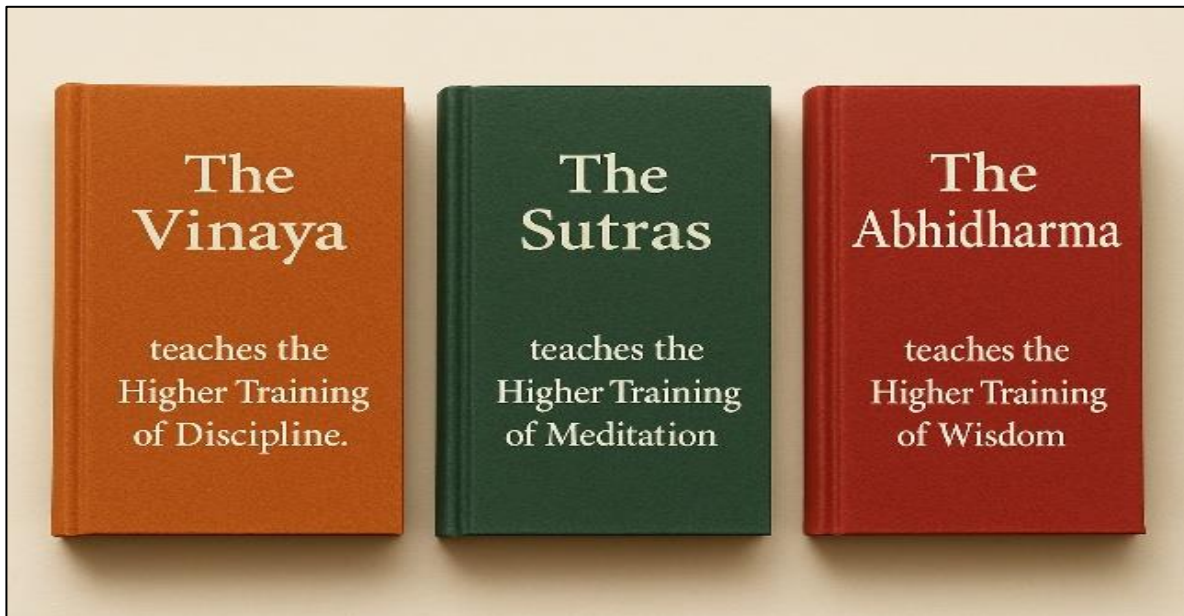
- Construction:** By the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL).
- Technology:** Japanese Shinkansen system (E5 series rolling stock).
- Length:** 508.18 km (Maharashtra, Gujarat, and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli)
- The MAHSR is 508.18 km long, including 352 km in Gujarat and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and 156 km in Maharashtra.
- This corridor will connect major cities including Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Bilimora, Vapi, Boisar, Virar, Thane and Mumbai, marking a transformational step in India's transport infrastructure.
- Estimated cost:** Approximately ₹1.08 lakh crore.
- Financing:** The project is 81 per cent funded by a soft loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), with the remaining amount being borne by equity contributions from the central and state governments.

20th International Tripitaka Chanting Ceremony



Why in News?

- The 20th International Tripitaka Chanting Ceremony will be held from December 2 to 13, 2025, at the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya, Bihar.



Key Points:

- This chanting ceremony has been held annually since 2006, but this is the first time that seventeen Buddhist organizations from across the country will participate together to promote Buddhist heritage and inter-community cooperation.
- **Organized by:** International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Culture.

Other Important Points:

- It is worth noting that Pali was recognized as a classical language by the Government of India in 2024.
- This language was used as a religious language by Buddhists and Jains in ancient India.
- The Buddha used Pali to preach. Therefore, Pali became the primary medium for spreading his ideas and teachings. Most Buddhist religious texts, especially the Tripitaka, are written in Pali.

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INS Mahe



Why in News?

- The Indian Navy will commission INS Mahe, the first anti-submarine warfare ship of the Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC), on November 24, 2025, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.



Key Points:

- **Built by:** Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- It is a cutting-edge example of India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in the design and construction of naval ships. The ship is compact yet powerful, symbolizing agility, precision, and endurance.
- It is constructed with over 80 percent indigenous material. Named after the historic coastal town of Mahe on the Malabar Coast, the ship's crest bears the 'Urumi' symbol, the flexible sword of Kalaripayattu, symbolizing agility, precision, and lethality.



32nd Meeting of the Northern Zonal Council



Why in News?

- The 32nd Meeting of the Northern Zonal Council was held on November 17, 2025, in Faridabad, Haryana.



Key Points:

- **Chaired by:** Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah.
- **Organized by:** Inter-State Council Secretariat (Ministry of Home Affairs), hosted by the Government of Haryana.
- **Regions Covered:** The Northern Zonal Council comprises Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and Chandigarh.
- Five Zonal Councils, including the Northern Zonal Council, have been established by the Government of India under Sections 15 to 22 of the States Reorganization Act, 1956.
- The Chief Minister of one of the member states is the Vice-Chairman of the Council, elected annually.
- The Regional Councils provide an excellent forum for resolving and progressing issues and disputes between the Centre and the Member States/Union Territories, among the Member States/Union Territories, and within the region.

5 Regional Councils:

Council	Areas covered
Northern Regional Council	Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh.
Eastern Regional Council	Bihar, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha.
Central Regional Council	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand.
Western Regional Council	Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and the Union Territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli.
Southern Regional Council	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

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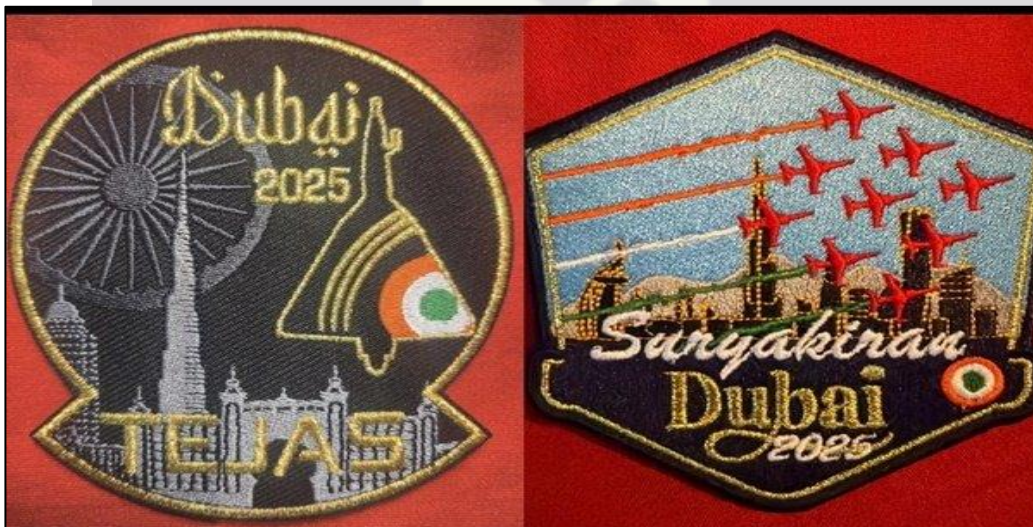


Dubai Air Show 2025: India's Big Step into Global Aerospace



Why in News?

- Held at Dubai's Al Maktoum International Airport on November 17-18, the Dubai Air Show 2025 featured over 1,500 exhibitors, 200+ aircraft, and industry professionals from 150 countries.



Key Points:

- The Indian delegation, led by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, including the Suryakiran aerobatic team and the LCA Tejas fighter aircraft, marked India's impressive participation.
- India inaugurated its dedicated pavilion, held high-level bilateral talks with the UAE, and chaired an international defense industry roundtable.
- Trends on the future of aviation, sustainability, space, and AI-based defense were presented in the presence of global companies such as Airbus, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin.

MILITARY EXERCISES

India-France Air Drill Garuda-2025



Why in News?

- An Indian Air Force contingent is participating in the bilateral air exercise "Garuda-2025" being held at Mont-de-Marsan Air Base in France from November 16 to 27.
- Countries Participating: India and France



Key Points:

- This exercise will involve joint sorties of the Indian Air Force's Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft and France's Rafale fighter jets in a simulated combat environment.
- Exercise Garuda is important for sharing tactical experience, upgrading technology, and strengthening international military cooperation.



IMPORTANT DAYS



National Press Day - 2025



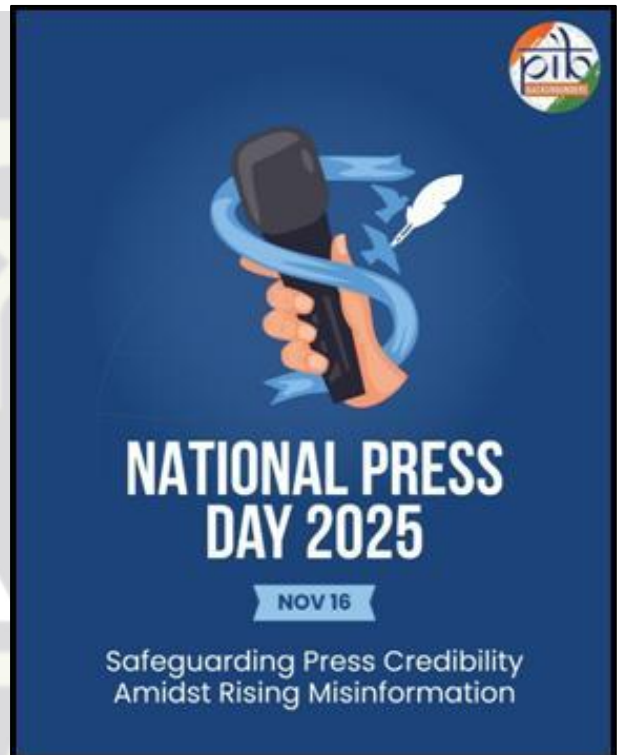
Why in News?

- National Press Day is celebrated every year on November 16 in India. This day marks the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in 1966.



Key Points:

- This day recognizes the role of a free and responsible press, often called the fourth pillar of democracy.
- **Theme for 2025:** "Reporting in the Brave New World - The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Press Freedom and the Media".
- This day underlines the objective of protecting press freedom and maintaining high ethical standards in journalism, as well as ensuring that journalism is free from external influences.
- Hindi Journalism Day is celebrated every year on May 30 in India, as it was on this day in 1826 that India's first Hindi newspaper, 'Udant Martand,' was published.



SPORTS

Kushal Dalal won the gold medal in the men's compound event at the GT Open Indoor World Series 2025.



Why in News?

- Indian archer Kushal Dalal won his first major indoor title by winning the gold medal in the men's compound event at the GT Open Indoor World Series 2025 in Strassen, Luxembourg on November 16, 2025.



Key Points:

- 20-year-old Kushal produced a brilliant performance, defeating world champion Nicolas Gerard in the semi-finals and former world No. 1 Stefan Hansen in a dramatic double shoot-off final. His victories include two Asia Cup gold medals in June this year.
- India also celebrated Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru's bronze medal in the under-21 event, underscoring the country's growing strength in compound archery.

NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	4th National Eklavya Model Residential School Sports Meet 2025 ■ Organized by: Rourkela (Odisha) ■ Organized by: National Tribal Students Education Society (NESTS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

