

us Melania Trump Awarded 'Patriot of the Year' at Fox Nation's 7th Annual Awards 🏆

- First Lady Melania Trump received Fox Nation's Patriot of the Year Award at the 7th annual Patriot Awards (6 Nov 2025, Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, Greenvale, NY); same honour awarded to husband President Donald Trump in 2024
- Seven-minute acceptance speech: thanked "American patriots," urged celebrating "those who dare to think differently"; noted "I know a little about challenging convention"—referencing her own unconventional journey; emphasized personal achievement fuels collective progress, innovation is in America's DNA, calling it a "form of patriotism"
- Award significance (established 2019): celebrates individuals embodying American patriotism through service, courage, innovation; honours military veterans, first responders, citizens making meaningful contributions; other categories include Heroism, Salute to Service, Young Patriot
- Recognition basis: Melania's humanitarian/social contributions since Trump's Jan 2025 return to office, including support for Take It Down Act (child exploitation legislation); event introduced Charlie Kirk Legacy Award (late conservative activist); Fox host Sean Hannity praised her "quiet dignity, behind-the-scenes diplomacy"

□ Heritage Foods Wins Golden Peacock Award; N Bhuvaneshwari Named Distinguished Fellow 🏆

- Heritage Foods Limited received Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance 2025 at IOD India London Global Convention (sole FMCG company among 11 national winners post-rigorous 3-tier assessment, jury chaired by former CJI Uday U. Lalit)
- Vice Chairperson & MD N Bhuvaneshwari simultaneously conferred Distinguished Fellow of IOD 2025 (distinction previously held by Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam) for exceptional leadership, visionary governance, ethical business practices
- Heritage Foods legacy: 33 years operating as social enterprise built via organic growth (no government favours); "Farmer First" mission empowering farmers + consumer nutrition; 500+ quality experts, 25+ daily quality tests; emerged as India's most trusted dairy brand, partner in nation becoming world's largest milk producer
- Bhuvaneshwari's remarks: "True success comes from unwavering integrity, creating shared value for all stakeholders; governance is not destination but continuous commitment"; award represents transparent, ethical governance translating into consistent quality, consumer trust, stakeholder value creation

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Khangchendzonga Rated "Good" by IUCN: Only Indian Site with Positive Status

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) rated Khangchendzonga National Park "good" in latest global review—only Indian park receiving positive rating while Western Ghats, Sundarbans face serious concerns
- Park profile: India's first "mixed" UNESCO World Heritage Site (2016)—natural beauty + cultural importance; 1,784 sq km spanning misty subtropical forests → icy 8,586m Mount Khangchendzonga summit (world's 3rd-highest peak); 280 glaciers, 70+ glacial lakes
- Biodiversity: snow leopards, clouded leopards, red pandas, blue sheep, Himalayan tahr, 550+ bird species (impeyan pheasant, satyr tragopan); closely tied to Lepcha people (Mayel Lyang—hidden paradise), Tibetan Buddhists (sacred beyul valley), ancient monasteries (Tholung)
- Success factors: careful planning, community involvement, remote location (low human activity); rangers working with locals, cross-border cooperation with Nepal's Kanchenjunga Conservation Area (anti-poaching); 2018 expanded Biosphere Reserve linking core areas + buffer zones with sustainable farming/harvesting; quick disaster management (glacial lake outburst flood via hazard mapping/preventive measures)

DoSJE & Physics Wallah Foundation: Free Coaching for 15,000

SC/OBC/PM CARES Students

- Department of Social Justice & Empowerment signed MoU with PW Foundation (Physics Wallah) (7 Nov 2025, Shastri Bhawan) providing free structured online coaching to 15,000 SC/OBC aspirants + PM CARES Children Scheme beneficiaries for UPSC, SSC, Banking exams
- Zero-cost model: DoSJE facilitates selection via transparent online process; PW delivers content through digital platform at no cost to government/students; includes live/recorded lectures, test series, mentorship, counselling, study material
- DoSJE Secretary: "Collaboration represents step forward in making quality coaching accessible to marginalized communities; digital empowerment + inclusive education unlocks opportunities to compete and succeed in national-level exams"
- Aligns with Inclusive Human Resource Development goals and UN SDG-4 (inclusive, equitable quality education for all)

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ICAI & Indian Army MoU: Real-Time UDIN Verification for Vendor

Registration

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) signed MoU with Army Purchase Organisation (APO), Directorate General of Supply & Transport (DGST), Indian Army (6 Nov 2025) enabling real-time UDIN (Unique Document Identification Number) verification via API integration
- API functionality: embedded within APO vendor registration process; automates verification of CA-certified documents submitted by vendors, ensuring document authenticity, minimising manual errors, mitigating fraud risk
- ICAI President Charanjot Singh Nanda: "UDIN initiative landmark in promoting authenticity, curbing malpractices in document certification; collaboration with Indian Army extends technology-driven transparency benefits to key national institutions"
- UDIN system: system-generated number by professional bodies (like ICAI) ensuring document authenticity—verifies certificates/audit reports certified by full-time practising Chartered Accountants

AU Small Finance Bank Launches 'M' Circle: Exclusive Banking for

Women

- AU Small Finance Bank introduced 'M' Circle—women-focused banking proposition beyond traditional accounts; "M" represents Me, Myself, Money, Motivation, Modernity, celebrating individuality, choices, grace
- Differentiation: adds exclusive layer atop premium offerings (AU ivy, Eternity, Royale, Platinum) across savings, current, NRI accounts; designed for homemakers, salaried professionals, entrepreneurs with distinct financial needs/aspirations
- Benefits: 25% additional discount on locker rentals, preferential loan rates (0.2% lower interest), exclusive offers on Nykaa, Ajio Luxe, Kalyan Jewellers, BookMyShow, Zepto, Swiggy; health/wellness programs, financial literacy, dedicated relationship managers as allies
- Deputy CEO Uttam Tibrewal: "Women from diverse backgrounds have unique financial needs; 'M' circle provides thoughtful, personalised banking honouring individuality, celebrating success, supporting aspirations aligned with women's consciousness around wealth creation, legacy preservation, lifestyle"

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