

Chadwick Boseman Receives Posthumous Hollywood Walk of Fame

Star

- Late actor Chadwick Boseman was honored with a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame five years after his passing.
- The day of the ceremony was officially declared "Chadwick Boseman Day" in Hollywood.
- Emotional tributes were delivered by director Ryan Coogler, actress Viola Davis, and Boseman's widow, Taylor Simone Ledward Boseman.
- The star recognizes his "lifetime of artistry," including his iconic role as T'Challa in *Black Panther* and his Academy Award-nominated performance in *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*.

Government Notifies Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025

- The Government of India has notified the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, 2025, fully operationalizing the DPDP Act, 2023.
- The Act and Rules establish a simple, citizen-focused framework guided by seven core principles, including consent, transparency, and data minimization.
- The Rules provide an 18-month phased compliance timeline for organizations and mandate clear protocols for personal data breach notification.
- The framework strengthens the rights of individuals (Data Principals) to access, correct, and erase their personal data and establishes the Data Protection Board as a fully digital institution for complaints.

RBI to Allow Loans Against Silver Jewellery Starting April Next Year

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced new regulations that will allow banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to offer loans against silver jewellery and coins.
- The new guidelines are set to take effect from April 1, 2026, standardizing and liberalizing the precious metal loan market.
- The RBI has capped the maximum pledging limit at **10 kg for silver jewellery** and **500 grams for silver coins**.
- The maximum Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio will be tiered, set at up to 85% for loans up to ₹2.5 lakh and decreasing for higher loan amounts.

FAO's 'The State of Food and Agriculture 2025' Addresses Land

Degradation

- The 2025 edition of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)'s flagship publication, *The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA)*, focuses on the implications of human-induced land degradation.
- The report examines how degradation contributes to the yield gap worldwide and how land management scale (farm size) shapes the adoption of sustainable land practices.
- It presents new findings on degradation processes on various land cover types, including land abandonment.
- The publication underscores the need for tailored policymaking—using both regulatory and incentive-based measures—to avoid, reduce, and reverse land degradation.

Intellipaat Partners with IndiaAI Mission to Launch 'YUVAi for ALL'

- Intellipaat, an AI-driven upskilling platform, has partnered with the IndiaAI Mission, an initiative under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The collaboration is a landmark initiative to democratize AI education and launch the nationwide 'YUVAi (Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI) for ALL' program.
- The initiative aligns with the Government's vision to empower **10 million citizens** with essential AI skills and knowledge by January 2026.
- Intellipaat will provide **free training** in Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI to students, educators, and professionals, and participants will receive Government-recognized certification.

CBFC Launches Multilingual Module on E-Cinepramaan Portal

- The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) launched a Multilingual Module on its E-Cinepramaan portal in November 2025.
- The update allows filmmakers to submit multiple language versions (e.g., Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam) of a film through a **single, unified application**.
- The CBFC will now issue a **Unified Certificate** listing all approved languages, eliminating the need for distinct applications for each version.
- This streamlining of the process reduces bureaucracy and processing time, supporting the growing trend of Pan-Indian and linguistic storytelling in cinema.

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Dharmendra Pradhan Launches Incubation Centre to Boost AI in

Schools

- Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated a first-of-its-kind Artificial Intelligence (AI) innovation and incubation centre in DPS RK Puram.
- The centre was developed in collaboration with VVDN Technologies and Google Cloud.
- It aims to integrate AI and cloud computing into school education and will serve as a shared resource for neighbouring and government schools.

SBI to Discontinue mCASH Facility on OnlineSBI and YONO Lite

- The State Bank of India (SBI) is set to discontinue its **mCASH** sending and claiming facility on its digital platforms, OnlineSBI and YONO Lite.
- The discontinuation will be effective from **December 1, 2025**.
- The bank cited outdated technology as the reason for the withdrawal, encouraging users to switch to modern and secure digital payment methods like UPI, IMPS, NEFT, and RTGS.

India's GDP Likely Grew 7.2% in Q2, Driven by Consumption

- India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to grow by **7.2%** in the second quarter (Q2) of the current fiscal year (FY26).
- The report highlights **robust private consumption** and a resilient services sector as the key drivers of this strong economic growth.

France Confers Chevalier Award on Art Director Thota Tharani

- Renowned Indian art director **Thota Tharani** was conferred the prestigious **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government.
- This high French distinction recognizes his significant contributions to the arts.

Mallika Srinivasan's Tenure as PESB Chairperson Extended to 2026

- The Central government approved a second consecutive one-year extension for **Mallika Srinivasan** as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).
- Her extended tenure will be effective from November 19, 2025, to November 18, 2026.

Godrej Delivers Human-Rated Vikas Engine for Gaganyaan Mission

- The aerospace business of Godrej Enterprises Group delivered the first **human-rated L110 Vikas engine** to ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre.

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- This engine is a crucial component of the Human-Rated Launch Vehicle (HRLV) LVM-3, which will be used for the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission.

DRDO Develops New Underwater Portable AUVs for Mine Hunting

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL) successfully developed a new generation of **Man-portable Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (MP-AUVs)**.
- These AUVs are designed for **mine countermeasure missions**, utilizing advanced technology like Side Scan Sonar and deep learning algorithms for autonomous detection.
- They feature underwater acoustic communication for inter-AUV data exchange.

India Clinches Five Medals at Asian Archery Championships

- India clinched a total of **five medals**—three gold and two silver—in the compound events at the 24th Asian Archery Championships 2025 in Dhaka.
- The gold medals were secured by:
 - **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** in the Compound Women's Individual event.
 - The **Compound Women's Team**.
 - The **Compound Mixed Team** (featuring Abhishek Verma and Deepshikha).

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