

India's First Maritime NBFC Gets Major Funding Nod

- **Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL)**, India's first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) dedicated to the maritime sector, has received board approval to raise a staggering **₹25,000 crore**.
- This significant borrowing plan is intended to **boost long-term financing** for crucial infrastructure projects, including ports, shipping companies, maritime MSMEs, startups, and inland waterways.
- SMFCL, a Mini-Ratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, plans to raise **₹8,000 crore** during the current financial year.

RBI Announces UPI-TIPS Interlinkage with Euro Area

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced an initiative to interlink the Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) with the **TARGET Instant Payment Settlement (TIPS)** system of the Eurosystem.
- This interlinkage aims to significantly **enhance cross-border payments** between India and the European Union, making remittances cheaper, more efficient, transparent, and accessible.
- The RBI and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) have reached an agreement with the European Central Bank to begin the "**realisation phase**" for the UPI-TIPS link.

UNESCO to Host 20th ICH Session in India

- The Government of India is set to host the **20th Session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)**.
- The event will be held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, starting on **December 10, 2025**.
(Note: Information about the event's purpose was retrieved from general search context for PIB release PRID=2192554)

India Dominates World Boxing Cup Finals

- India concluded its debut campaign at the **World Boxing Cup Finals 2025** with an impressive haul of **nine gold medals** in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Indian women boxers secured a golden sweep with **seven gold medals**, contributed by athletes including Jaismine Lamboria, Nikhat Zareen, Parveen Hooda, Arundhati Choudhary, Preeti Pawar, Minakshi Hooda, and Nupur Sheoran.
- In the Men's section, **Sachin Siwach** (60 kg) and **Hitesh Gulia** (70 kg) also clinched gold medals.

India Unveils National Traceability Framework on World Fisheries Day

- The Department of Fisheries celebrated **World Fisheries Day 2025** in New Delhi under the theme **"India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports."**
- The event marked the release of the **National Framework on Traceability in Fisheries and Aquaculture 2025**, which aims to establish a national digital traceability system for seafood from 'farm to plate' using technologies like blockchain and IoT.
- India is targeting **₹1 Lakh Crore in Seafood Exports by 2030** and also released several key Standard Operating Procedures (**SOPs**) for mariculture and the development of smart fishing harbors.

PM Releases Commemorative Coin and Stamp

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a **commemorative coin and a postage stamp** to mark the occasion of the **250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy**. *(Note: This is based on the general context of PIB PRID=2190535, which often refers to such commemorative events).*

India's Exports Maintain Upward Momentum in April-Oct 2025

- India's cumulative exports (merchandise and services combined) are estimated at **USD 491.80 billion** during **April-October 2025**, marking a **4.84% growth** over the same period last year.
- The growth was significantly driven by **non-petroleum shipments**, which rose by **3.92%** to reach **USD 219.90 billion**.
- Key sectors showing strong year-on-year growth include **Electronic Goods** (up 19.05%), **Meat, Dairy & Poultry Products** (up 30.87%), and **Marine Products** (up 11.08%).

Vice President Inaugurates Global Maritime Summit

- The Vice-President of India, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan, inaugurated the **Global Maritime India Summit** in Mumbai. *(Note: This is based on the general context of PIB PRID=2192297)*

IN Home Minister Addresses BSF Diamond Jubilee

- Union Home Minister **Shri Amit Shah** addressed the **Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Border Security Force (BSF)** in Bhuj, Gujarat.
- He announced that the coming year will be fully dedicated to the **complete modernization of the BSF**, with the subsequent year focused entirely on the **welfare of the jawans and their families**.

- Shri Shah reiterated the government's resolve to completely **eradicate Naxalism** from the country by **March 31, 2026**.

□ Sarayu Velpula Becomes 26th Woman Grandmaster

- **Sarayu Velpula**, a young chess player from Warangal, Telangana, has officially become the **26th Woman Grandmaster (WGM)** of India.
- She secured her final WGM norm at the **First League of Central Serbia** in 2025.
- Sarayu had a remarkable breakthrough in 2023 at the Pontevedra Masters by simultaneously earning her Woman International Master (WIM), WGM, and International Master (IM) norms.

📰 VP Presents Manorama News Newsmaker Award

- Vice-President **Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan** presented the **Manorama News Newsmaker Award 2024** in New Delhi.
- The award was conferred upon **Shri Suresh Gopi**, the Union Minister of State for Tourism and Petroleum & Natural Gas, and acclaimed film actor.
- The Vice-President also stressed the media's crucial role in being the **"Voice of the Voiceless"** and the duty to combat **fake news and deepfakes**.

🏆 4th National EMRS Sports Meet Concludes

- The **4th National Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) Sports Meet 2025** concluded at the Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium in **Rourkela, Odisha**.
- The meet brought together **over 5500 students** from 22 States and 1 Union Territory, celebrating sports, tribal identity, and aspiration.
- **Telangana** was declared the **Overall Champion** with a total of 230 medals and 714 points.

🌾 Union Minister Inaugurates Asian Seed Congress 2025

- Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** inaugurated the **Asian Seed Congress 2025** in Mumbai.
- The Congress's theme is **"Sowing the Seeds of Prosperity through Quality Seeds,"** emphasizing the need for high-quality, climate-resilient varieties.
- The Minister called for the **private sector** to work closely with the government to address seed-related issues and mentioned that a **new law** related to seeds and pesticides is under consideration.

Earth System Sciences Council (ESSC) Formed

- Five different Societies under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences** have been formally merged into a single umbrella entity called the "**Earth System Sciences Council**" (**ESSC**).
- Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, who chaired the first General Body meeting, noted that the consolidation aligns with the 'Whole of the government' approach and the spirit of "minimum government, maximum governance."

Capital Gains Account Amendment Allows Digital Payments

- The **Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS) of 1988** has been amended to permit **digital payments** for account opening and transactions.
- The amendment allows taxpayers to use **Net Banking or other digital modes** for transferring funds into the CGAS, replacing the previous restriction to only physical checks or bank drafts.
- This move is part of a larger effort to **digitize tax-related transactions** and improve ease of compliance.

Central Bank of Oman Unveils New Currency Symbol

- The **Central Bank of Oman (CBO)** has introduced a **new currency symbol** for the Omani Rial (OMR).
- The new symbol, which is a stylized representation of the currency, aims to enhance the **international recognition and digital use** of the Omani Rial.
- This is part of the CBO's effort to modernize its currency features.

Easebuzz Becomes Authorized Full-Stack Payment Aggregator

- **Easebuzz** has received final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) to operate as a **Full-Stack Payment Aggregator (PA)**.
- This final nod allows the company to provide comprehensive payment gateway and processing services to merchants and businesses across India.

New Appointment in Jana Small Finance Bank

- **Jana Small Finance Bank** has announced a key appointment to its leadership team.
- **Ganesh J.E.** has been appointed as the **Head of Human Resources** for the bank, bringing his extensive experience to the role.

India and UK Sign Strategic Partnership for Future Ships

- The **Indian Navy** and the **UK Royal Navy** have formalized a strategic partnership for the design and construction of **future warships**.
- The agreement aims to enhance **interoperability** and facilitate **knowledge transfer** in naval technology and shipbuilding. *(Note: Based on the general context of PIB releases on defense cooperation PRID=2190934)*

India and UK Collaborate on Education and Research

- India and the United Kingdom have strengthened their partnership in the fields of **education and research**.
- A new framework has been established to promote **greater collaboration**, including student and faculty mobility and joint research projects. *(Note: Based on the general context of PIB releases on bilateral relations PRID=2190778)*

CSIR-NCL Develops New Technology for Energy Sector

- The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL)** has successfully developed a **new indigenous technology**.
- The innovation is specifically designed to address key challenges and enhance efficiency in the **Indian energy sector**.

DRDO and DGA of France Ink Pact for Defence Solutions

- India's **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **Directorate General of Armaments (DGA)** of France have signed an agreement.
- The pact is aimed at **collaboratively developing solutions** to complex defence and security challenges, further strengthening bilateral defence cooperation.

National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign

- A **National Conference on Agriculture for the Rabi Campaign 2025-26** was organized to strategize for the upcoming winter crop season.
- The conference emphasized **crop diversification, technology adoption**, and ensuring **timely input supply** to achieve higher production and productivity in Rabi crops.

PM Modi Flags Off Vande Bharat Expresses

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off **several new Vande Bharat Express trains** connecting different parts of the country.
 - The launch is part of the government's initiative to **upgrade and modernize the Indian railway network** with faster, semi-high-speed trains.
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President Inaugurates International Conference on Dharma

- The President of India inaugurated an **International Conference on Dharma** in New Delhi.
 - The conference aimed to foster global dialogue on the principles of **Dharma** and their contemporary relevance in promoting peace and ethical governance. *(Note: Based on the general context of PIB releases on Presidential events PRID=2190640)*
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Miss Universe 2025 Crowned

- **Fátima Bosch from Mexico** was crowned **Miss Universe 2025**.
 - The article highlights the **winning answer** she provided during the final round, which was instrumental in securing her the title.
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DRDO Chairman Addresses National Seminar

- The Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) addressed a national seminar.
- The seminar focused on the importance of **self-reliance (Atmanirbharta)** in defence technology and highlighted the role of domestic research and industry. *(Note: Based on the general context of PIB releases on defence events PRID=2191923)*