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Polity & Governance

State Foundation Day 2026 - November 01

November 1 holds historical importance as State Foundation Day or Formation Day for multiple Indian states and Union Territories, stemming largely from the linguistic reorganization of states in 1956 and subsequent boundary changes.

• **States and Union Territories Celebrating on November 1**

• **States (8)–**

• **Andhra Pradesh (1956**)– Formed by merging Andhra State with Telugu-speaking areas of the former Hyderabad State.

• **Karnataka (1956)–** Celebrated as Karnataka Rajyotsava; originally formed as Mysore State on November 1, 1956, and later renamed Karnataka in 1973.

• **Kerala (1956)–** Celebrated as Kerala Piravi; formed by combining Travancore-Cochin, Malabar, and Kasaragod.

• **Madhya Pradesh (1956)–** Reorganised under the States Reorganisation Act of 1956, merging regions like Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, and Bhopal.

• **Tamil Nadu (1956)–** Formed on November 1, 1956, during the linguistic reorganization of states (initially as Madras State).

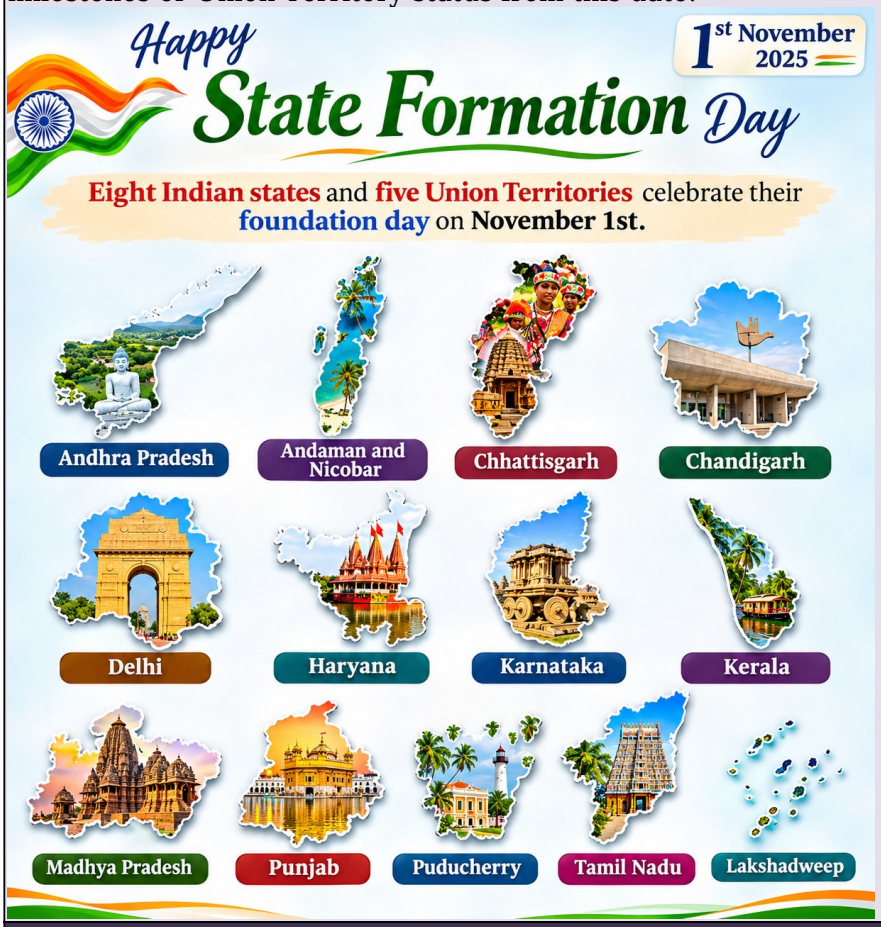
• **Punjab (1966)–** Acquired its present linguistic boundaries following the reorganization of the erstwhile East Punjab.

• **Haryana (1966)–** Carved out as a separate state from Punjab on November 1, 1966, under the Punjab Reorganisation Act.

• **Chhattisgarh (2000)–** Carved out of Madhya Pradesh on November 1, 2000, under the Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act.

• **Union Territories (5)**

• Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry also mark milestones or Union Territory status from this date.



International Relations and Issues

Alliance for the Future - EU and Canada

The Canada and European Union Newsroom details that the Alliance for the Future is a strategic partnership launched on October 30, 2026, by Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, European Council President António Costa, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

• Unveiled during the 21st EU-Canada Summit in Montréal, Québec, the initiative aims to build a common prosperity and economic security space between Canada and the 27-member European Union (EU), with an open framework for like-minded nations to join.

• **Key Goals and Objectives**

• **Strategic Sovereignty**– Designed as a response to a more volatile global landscape, the alliance focuses on securing independent access to vital resources and technologies.

• **Core Focus Areas–**

• **Critical Minerals & Supply Chains–** Strengthening trade and financing for raw materials (such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite), including framework agreements with the European Investment Bank.

• **Technology & AI**– Deepening collaboration in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum technologies, digital trade, and sovereign cloud infrastructure.

• **Defense & Security**– Building on Canada's participation in the EU's SAFE (Security Action for Europe) defence procurement program.

• **Energy & Climate–** Exploring liquefied natural gas (LNG) export feasibility, joint wildfire management, and procurement of aerial firefighting aircraft (such as De Havilland water bombers).

• **People & Education**– Expanding youth mobility and laying the groundwork for Canada's participation in the EU's Erasmus+ program.

• **Discussion on Associate Membership**

• **The Proposal**– European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen previously floated the idea of making Canada the EU's first-ever "associate member"—a close institutional partnership falling short of full membership.

• **Debate & Resistance**– While some EU members (led behind the scenes by countries like Germany, France, and Italy) raised legal objections or pushed back against formal associate status, the leaders agreed to work toward an even closer association.

• **Timeline**– Both sides committed to defining the precise scope, substance, and structure of this enhanced framework ahead of the next EU-Canada summit slated for 2027.



Economy

Guwahati Airport for Assam Agarwood Exports

The Central Government has officially approved the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) Airport in Guwahati as a designated export point for agarwood chips, agarwood oil, and allied products.

• **Official Notification**– The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) issued DGFT Notification No. 46/2026 (dated October 30, 2026), amending Chapter 12 of Schedule II of the ITC (HS) Export Policy, 2022.

• **Direct Shipments**– The decision allows exporters and agripreneurs in Assam and the Northeast to ship agarwood products directly to international markets without routing through other domestic ports.

• **Impact on Farmers–** Assam accounts for roughly 81% of India's agarwood resources (with an estimated 12 crore trees) and supports the livelihoods of over 50,000 farmers and workers.

• **Recent Milestones–**In May 2026, an initial legal consignment of agarwood chips was exported to Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

• On October 26, 2026, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma flagged off a 123 kg consignment of premium agarwood chips (produced by farmers in Golaghat district under the One District One Product initiative) bound for Dubai.

• **Regulatory Compliance**– Exports remain bound by statutory regulations, including CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) permits for listed species and valid DGFT Importer Exporter Code (IEC) rules.



Environment

Dicharax tilariensis

*Researchers discovered a new microscopic land snail species named Dicharax tilariensis (commonly known as the **Tilari Micro-Snail**) in the semi-evergreen forests of the Tilari region in Kolhapur district, Maharashtra.*

• **Scientific Name–** *Dicharax tilariensis*

• **Location–** Near Swapnavel Point in Tilari Nagar, Kolhapur District, Maharashtra (at an elevation of roughly 700 to 800 metres).

• **Habitat–** Semi-evergreen forests, living among forest litter, decaying organic matter, and moist soil microhabitats.

• **Significance–** It is the second endemic species of the genus *Dicharax* described from the northern Western Ghats.

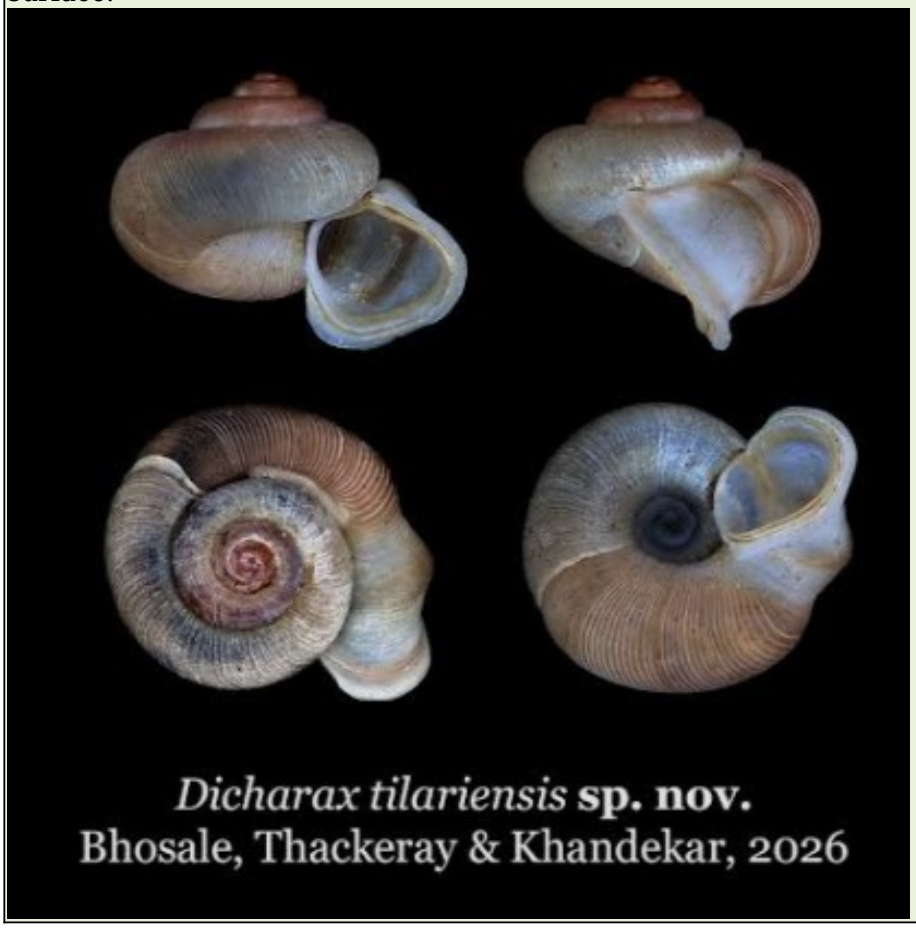
• **Researchers–** Described by Amrut Bhosale, Tejas Thackeray, and Akshay Khandekar of the Thackeray Wildlife Foundation.

• **Publication–** Formally documented in the international scientific journal the *Journal of Conchology*.

• **Physical Characteristics**

• **Size–** Very tiny, measuring about 4.21 to 4.87 mm in width and 3.01 to 3.52 mm in height.

• **Shell–** Whitish with a pinkish or brownish tinge, featuring an elevated spire, distinctive rib patterns, a sharp swelling on the shell, and an operculum with a prominent nipple on the inner surface.



Mollisia fungus in Sikkim

A Microbiologists team has discovered a new fungus on a medicinal plat in Sikkim Himalayas.

• Sikkim Himalyas is a part of the Indo-Burma Biodiversity hotspot

• The new species is named as *Mollisia sokpayensia* and documented in the journal " Fungal Diversity"

• The fungus was isolated from the rhizome of *Panax sokpayensis* collected at Jorbotay in Uttarey, West Sikkim, at an altitude of 1,800–2,300 metres above sea level.

• Fungal endophytes are microorganisms that inhabit the internal tissues of healthy plants without causing visible disease symptoms.

• Can form associations with their hosts

• Studied for their potential to produce bioactive compounds relevant to medicine, agriculture and biotechnology.

• The plant *Panax sokapayensis* and plants belonging to the genus *panax* are commonly known as *ginseng* – for their medicinal properties.



Sports

India’s First Woman Wrestling World Champion

Manisha Bhanwala, a 29-year-old wrestler from Jind, Haryana, created history at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

• Defeated American wrestler Abigail Nette in the 59 kg freestyle final.
• Became India’s first woman to win a gold medal at the Senior World Wrestling Championships.
• Only the second Indian wrestler to win a senior world title after Sushil Kumar (2010).



Jumbo Custard Apple at International market

*Madhya Pradesh's GI-tagged **Jumbo Custard Apple (Sitaphal)** from the Seoni district has officially entered the **international market** for the first time.*

• **Destination Market–** Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
• **Launch Date–** The first consignment was dispatched from Khermatakol in Seoni on October 31, 2026, traveling via Nagpur and Sharjah.
• **Key Partners–** Facilitated through the Seoni District Administration, the Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (MPSRLM), APEDA, and Cognify Impex Private Limited.
• **Community Impact–** The initiative connects local farmers and women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) directly with global agricultural supply chains.

Tips for Custard Apple Handling

• **Room Temperature Ripening–** Store firm custard apples at room temperature until they yield slightly to gentle pressure; refrigeration slows ripening.
• **Short Shelf Life–** Fresh custard apples typically stay prime for consumption within a few days of reaching peak softness.



Security

First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise

India is hosting the inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise from ***October 30 to November 3, 2026****, at* ***Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair)*** *in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.*

• **Host & Facilitator–** India, facilitated by the **Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)**.

• **Participating Nations–** All seven BIMSTEC member states are taking part– **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand**.

• **Assets & Presence–** Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand have deployed naval assets (such as Sri Lanka's *SLNS Gajabahu* and Myanmar's *UMS King Aung Zeya*), while landlocked members Bhutan and Nepal are represented through delegations.

• **Structure–** The 5-day program features three days of **tabletop exercises** followed by a two-day **harbour phase** focused on operational coordination, drills, and professional exchanges.

• **Core Objectives–** Enhance maritime domain awareness (MDA), improve interoperability, tackle cross-border maritime crime and marine pollution, and support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) in the Bay of Bengal.

• **Theme & Vision–** Held under the overarching theme "*BIMSTEC– Prosperous, Resilient and Open*" from the 6th BIMSTEC Summit, operating under the motto "*Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity*".

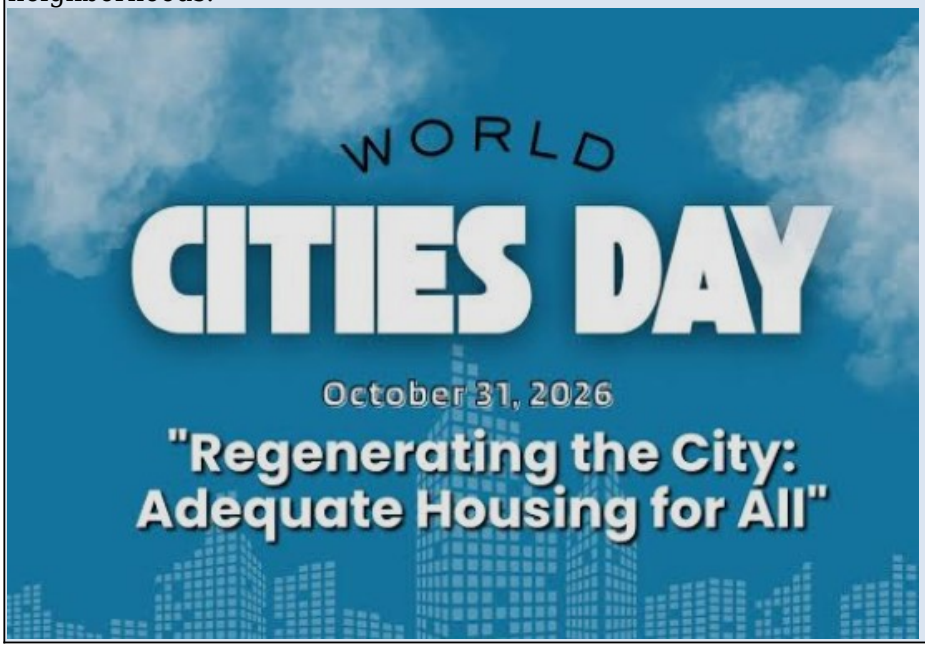


Miscellaneous

World Cities Day 2026

World Cities Day 2026 was observed on October 31, 2026, marking the conclusion of Urban October.

• **Theme**– "Regenerating the City– Adequate Housing for All"
• **Global Host City**– Fuzhou, China (with events running from October 31 to November 2, 2026)
• **Organizers–** UN-Habitat, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China, and the Fujian Provincial People's Government.
• **Core Focus–** Addressing the global housing crisis—where up to 3.4 billion people lack adequate housing, secure tenure, or basic services, and over 1.1 billion live in informal settlements and slums—by using urban regeneration as a catalyst for inclusive, climate-resilient, and affordable neighborhoods.



International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists

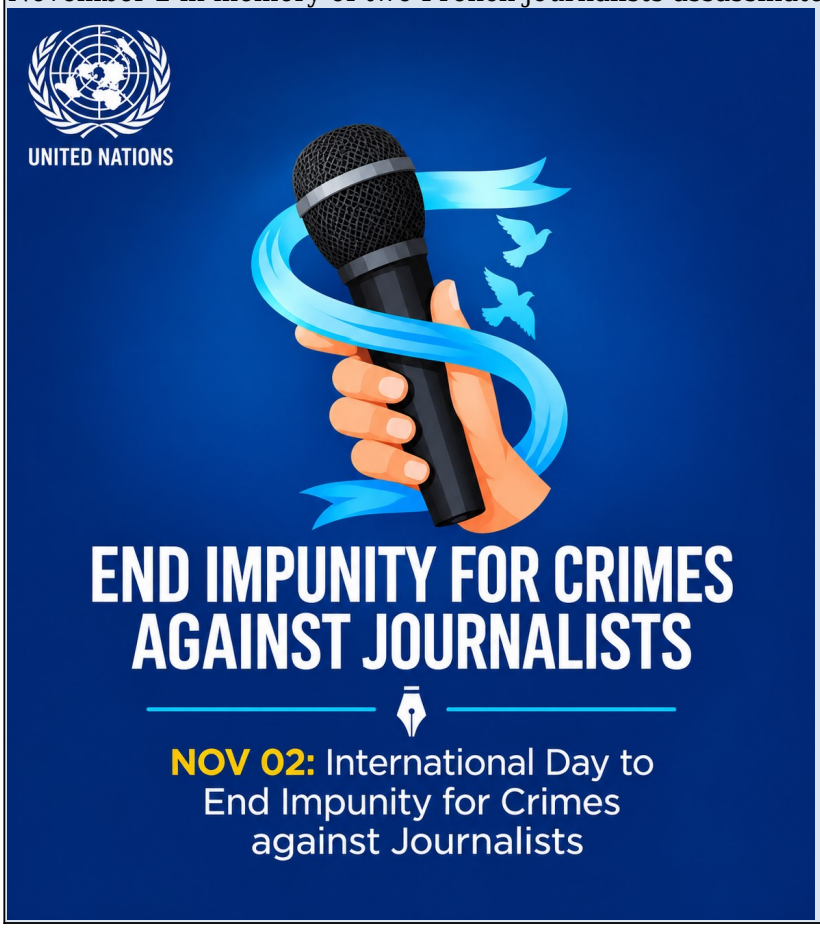
The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists is observed globally on ***November 2, 2026****, under the theme* ***"Threats Evolve. Impunity Endures."***

• **Theme–** "Threats Evolve. Impunity Endures," focusing on how new technologies, digital harassment, and changing conflict-zone risks affect media workers.

• **Global Commemoration –** Hosted with a hybrid main event at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, featuring the release of the biennial UNESCO Director-General's Report on the safety of journalists and the danger of impunity.

• **The Core Issue–** Roughly 9 out of 10 crimes against journalists remain unresolved and unpunished globally. Over 1,700 journalists have been killed in the line of duty since 1993.

• **Origins–** Proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in Resolution A/RES/68/163 in 2013, choosing November 2 in memory of two French journalists assassinated in Mali on that date.



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