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History, Art and Culture

Third Phase of Underwater Archaeological Exploration

Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) launches third phase of underwater exploration off Poompuhar coast.

• **Process –** Divers explored 2 km into sea, depth of 10 m; visibility limited. Planned for 20 days considering ocean currents and NE monsoon.

• **Previous Survey –** Conducted Sep 2025 with Indian Maritime University using advanced marine instruments (ROV, sonar, profiler, multibeam scanner).

• **Historical Context –** Sangam and post-Sangam works (Pattinappaalai, Silappadikaram, Manimekalai) reference Poompuhar's maritime trade with Sri Lanka, Southeast Asia, West.

• **Significance –** Strengthens research on ancient Tamil maritime links and heritage of Kaveripoompattinam.

Social Issues

International Day Against Child Marriage

UNGA adopts resolution declaring Nov 27 as International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage.

• **India's Role –** India co-sponsors resolution and aligns with Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign launched Nov 27, 2024 to reduce child marriage by 10% by 2026 and end by 2030.

• **Leadership –** Resolution led by Sierra Leone, championed by First Lady Fatima Maada Bio and Bhuwan Ribhu (Just Rights for Children).

• **Global Participation –** Backed by 70 nations; calls for laws, national action plans, education, empowerment of girls.

• **Impact –** Recognises child marriage as harmful practice violating human rights, threatening education, health, economic opportunities.

International Relations and Issues

BRICS Chief Justices' Forum – New Delhi 2026

3 – day BRICS Chief Justices' Forum begins in New Delhi.

• **Participants** – Top judges from Russia, China, UAE, South Africa, Iran, Uzbekistan and partner nations.

• **CJI Address –** Chief Justice Surya Kant met international judicial leaders; stressed modernizing court systems and strengthening bilateral ties.

• **Judicial Cooperation –** Focus on sharing legal best practices, MoUs for cooperation, arbitration and mediation for commercial disputes.

• **Technology –** Emphasis on modern tech tools and AI integration to speed justice delivery and improve efficiency of courts.

• **Global Issues –** Discussions on international dispute resolution and role of judiciary in sustainable development.

• **Significance –** Aims to improve legal processes, enhance investor trust, and strengthen cross-border judicial collaboration.

Economy

BIO-NIVESH

Union Minister unveils BIO-NIVESH in New Delhi to connect biotech startups with investors.

• **Objective –** Increase private capital for innovations ready for scale-up and commercialisation.

• **Vision –** Build link between research, entrepreneurship, industry and market; avoid late entry in biotech revolution.

• **Plan –** *"Big Five in Five Years"* model to build five massive biotech anchor companies to uplift smaller startups.

• **Participation –** 20 startups and 50 investors joined inaugural edition.

• **Significance – S**trengthens India's innovation-investment link, enabling biotech firms to move from lab to global market.

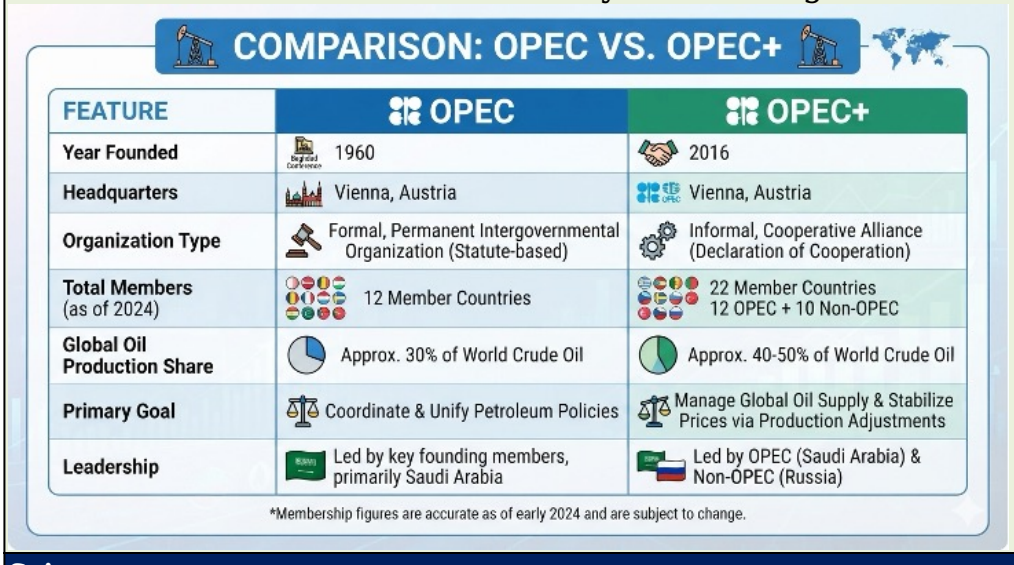
Oil Output Policy – OPEC+ October 2026,

7 OPEC+ core countries (Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, Oman) decide to keep October oil output policy unchanged.

• **Context –** Follows September increase of 188,000 barrels per day (bpd), completing rollback of 1.65 million bpd voluntary cut (2023).

• **Backdrop –** Global uncertainty with Iran conflict and Strait of Hormuz disruptions limiting impact of production decisions.

• **Note –** UAE exited OPEC+ in May 2026 citing national interest.



FEATURE	OPEC	OPEC+
Year Founded	1960	2016
Headquarters	Vienna, Austria	Vienna, Austria
Organization Type	Formal, Permanent Intergovernmental Organization (Statute-based)	Informal, Cooperative Alliance (Declaration of Cooperation)
Total Members (as of 2024)	12 Member Countries	22 Member Countries 12 OPEC + 10 Non-OPEC
Global Oil Production Share	Approx. 30% of World Crude Oil	Approx. 40-50% of World Crude Oil
Primary Goal	Coordinate & Unify Petroleum Policies	Manage Global Oil Supply & Stabilize Prices via Production Adjustments
Leadership	Led by key founding members, primarily Saudi Arabia	Led by OPEC (Saudi Arabia) & Non-OPEC (Russia)

*Membership figures are accurate as of early 2024 and are subject to change.

Science

AstraZeneca Breast Cancer Drug – Etcamah

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) grants accelerated approval to Etcamah (camizestrant) for advanced/metastatic breast cancer.

• **Etcamah (camizestrant)** – A once-daily 75 mg oral pill taken alongside CDK4/6 inhibitor drugs (albociclib, ribociclib, or abemaciclib).

• **Users** – Adults with advanced or metastatic breast cancer who have developed a specific genetic mutation (*ESR1*) during therapy.

• **Mechanism –** It slows tumor growth by blocking estrogen, delaying disease progression by over six months compared to standard care.

• **Global Reach –** Approved in 30+ countries including EU, Japan, Canada, UK.

• **Significance –** Provides new option for one-third of advanced breast cancer patients.

Ig Nobel Prize 2026 – Laugh, Then Think

36th Annual Ig Nobel Ceremony held in Zurich, Switzerland (first time outside US).

• **Organisers –** Run by Annals of Improbable Research; satirical awards presented annually before Nobel Prizes.

• **Motto –** Honours unusual, quirky research that first makes people laugh, then think.

• **Ceremony Features –** Paper airplane showers, 60-sec speeches, "24/7 lectures" (24-sec + 7-word summaries).

• **Trophies –** Whimsical hand-crafted prizes; 2026 trophy shaped like giant mushroom with human foot.

• **Winning Topics –**

- Biology: snake-bite triggers;
- Economics: social class and unethical behaviour;
- Chemistry: cockroach milk protein crystals;
- Biomechanics/Physics: kissing definition and splash-free urinal.

Miscellaneous

Emergency in Malaysia – Serian Haze Index Hits 519

Malaysia declared emergency in Serian, Sarawak after Air Pollution Index (API) hit 519 due to Indonesian forest fire haze.

• **Impact –** Haze forced school closures; health risks remain with very unhealthy levels in Serian and Samarahan.

• **Guidelines –** Govt urges residents to limit outdoor activities and follow instructions.

• **Significance –** Highlights cross-border haze crisis from Kalimantan fires affecting Malaysia's air quality and public health.

International Earth Science Olympiad 2026

19th IESO 2026 held in Italy with 39 countries, – India's historic win

• **Achievement –** Indian students secure 9 medals – 4 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze (record haul).

• **Selection –** Nearly 17,800 students across 500 centres; top 25 trained at M S University, Vadodara.

• **Training –** Intensive 3-week camp under Ministry of Earth Sciences outreach programme.

• **Other Achievements**

- International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 – 5 Gold.
- International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) 2026 – 4 Gold.
- International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) – 2 Gold, 4 Silver in 2026.

• **Significance –** Showcases India's youth talent, scientific temperament and global excellence in Olympiads.

‘Tr’ Prefix for Teachers – Karnataka 2026

Karnataka CM announces on Teachers’ Day that Karnataka teachers can use prefix “Tr” before names.

• **Recognition –** Title akin to Dr, Er, Prof; symbol of respect for teachers’ lifelong service.

• **Contribution –** Teachers shape minds, character and future; over 4.5 lakh teachers in Karnataka among India’s 1 crore educators.

• **Context –** Decision taken in cabinet meeting; launched during Praja Seva Abhiyan in Vijayanagara.

• **Significance –** First such initiative in India; honours teachers as pillars of the nation alongside parents, soldiers, workers and farmers.

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