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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.

OLDEST 'TOWN' IN INDIA



Pic: L R Shankar

- Poompuhar was earlier thought to be **2,500 years old**
- It had maritime **trade links with South East Asia and Egypt**
- Dwaraka, in Gulf of Cambay off Guj, dated to **7,500 BC**
- Mohenjodaro believed to be dated to **3,000 BC**

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 Mukti 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.

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Photo: Third Party

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.

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BRICS Chief Justices' Forum 2026

CJI Justice Surya Kant holds Bilateral Meetings with Judicial Leaders



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** - Strengthens 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.

COMPARISON: OPEC VS. OPEC+		
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.

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.

Union Minister felicitated
International Earth Science
Olympiad 2026 winners,
India bags 9 medals



'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.

