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Polity & Governance

Ministers Launch Skill India Centre

Union Minister of Railways & Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship inaugurated the Skill India Centre (SIC).

- **Venue** - Baraut, Baghpat, UP.
- **Collaboration for Rural Skilling** - National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Redington Foundation established the centre to expand last-mile skilling access.
- **Aims to** - Train 600 underprivileged youth and women from Baraut and Chhaprauli blocks in fast-growing electronics and IT-ITeS skills.
- **Focus on Future-Ready Workforce** - With digital demands & highlights the skilling's role in dignity and nation-building.
- **Tangible Impact** - The centre strengthens Uttar Pradesh's inclusive skilling ecosystem. 72 candidates from Baghpat, previously trained under the partnership, have already secured placements.

New Executive Chairman for National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

Justice **Vikram Nath** has been appointed as the new Executive Chairman of the **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**.

- **NALSA Established** - Under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- **NALSA's core role** - Is to ensure free and competent legal aid to economically weaker and vulnerable sections.
- **Leadership Structure** - The CJI serves as the Patron-in-Chief of NALSA, highlighting its judicial significance and authority.
- **Key Functions** - NALSA provides free legal representation, conducts **Lok Adalats** (for swift dispute settlement), and runs essential legal literacy campaigns.
- **Expanding Outreach** - Justice Nath's leadership is anticipated to enhance alternative dispute resolution and expand NALSA's network to deliver accessible justice to marginalized communities nationwide.

International Relations and Issues

Global Donor Ranking

In 2025, the UAE emerged as the **world's 3rd -largest humanitarian donor**, as confirmed by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA).

- **Total Contribution** - The UAE contributed a substantial \$1.46 billion in humanitarian aid during the year.
- **Share of Global Aid** - This significant contribution represented 7.2% of the total global humanitarian aid tracked by the UN, which amounted to \$20.28 billion.
- **Key Beneficiaries** - Major recipients of the UAE's financial assistance included nations in crisis such as Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and Afghanistan.
- **Scope of Relief** - The aid provided crucial support, covering both **immediate relief** (food, medicine) and **long-term development** in sectors like healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

It is observed annually on November 25th.

Officially designated - by United Nations General Assembly in 2000.

Key Information

- **Significance** - The date was chosen to honor the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally assassinated in 1960 on the orders of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo.
- **The 16 Days of Activism** - The day also marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, which runs until December 10th (Human Rights Day).
- **2025 Global Theme** - The global theme for 2025 is "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls," focusing on technology-enabled abuse like cyberstalking, doxxing, and online harassment.

Economy

India Energy Week (IEW) 2026

IEW 2026, the 4th edition, is India's flagship energy conference, patronized by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

- **Dates & Location** - It will be held from **January 27-30, 2026**, in **Goa** at the ONGC - Advanced Training Institute.
- **Organized by** - Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) and dmG events, the event expects over 75,000 professionals and 700+ exhibitors.
- **Goal is** - To drive secure, sustainable, and affordable energy solutions, showcasing India's pivotal role in the global energy transition.
- **Focus Areas** - Discussions will span Renewables, **Hydrogen**, Biofuels, Digitalisation, Oil & Gas, Decarbonisation, Equity, leadership, Investment Digital frontiers and a new zone for **Nuclear** technologies.

Record Foodgrain Output

India's total **foodgrain production hit a record 357.73 million tonnes** in 2024-25, a significant rise from 332.30 million tonnes in 2023-24.

- **Cereal Highs** - **Rice** (150.18 million tonnes) and **wheat** (117.95 million tonnes) both achieved new record production highs.
- **Pulses & Oilseeds** - Total pulses reached **25.68 million tonnes**. Oilseed production was **42.99 million tonnes**, including high output from soybean and groundnut.
- **Coarse Grains** - Production for **maize** was 43.41 million tonnes and **millet** ('Shri Anna') reached 18.59 million tonnes.
- **Commercial Crops** - **Sugarcane** production stood at 454.61 million tonnes, while **cotton** was 29.72 million bales.

Environment

Observed Migration

Scientists in Visakhapatnam documented **yearly night flights** of pond herons and cattle egrets traveling from the northeast to the southwest.

- **Historical Records** - Similar seasonal disappearances and southward flights were first noted in the 1980s by naturalist V. Santharam in Chennai and Puducherry.
- **Common Name** - This bird, formally named *Ardeola grayii*, is also widely known as the **Indian pond heron** or the **paddy bird**.
- **Habitat** - It belongs to the family Ardeidae and typically lives in **wetlands, ponds, paddy fields**, and areas near human settlements.
- **Conservation Status** - The species is listed as **Least Concern** on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule IV of India's Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Security

INS Mahe

Indian Navy will commission **INS Mahe**, the first of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

- **Indigenous Build** - Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, the vessel boasts **over 80% indigenous content**, aligning with the *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* initiative and marking a major naval self-reliance milestone.
- **Operational Role** - Conceived as a "Silent Hunter" for the Western Seaboard, Mahe will detect and neutralize submarines, patrol coasts, and secure vital sea approaches in **littoral zones**.
- **Symbolism** - The ship is named after the coastal town of Mahe and its crest features an **Urumi**, symbolizing agility and precision from Kerala's martial tradition.

Miscellaneous

World Cup Champions

India secured the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 title in Dhaka, defeating Chinese Taipei 35-28. This victory marks their second consecutive championship, reinforcing global dominance.

- **Final Score** - The final saw a 35-28 scoreline, showcasing India's superior execution and tactical discipline, especially after the half-time break.
- **Key Leaders** - Captain Ritu Negi and vice-captain Pushpa Rana provided crucial leadership, with Pushpa's effective raids and defense being vital.
- **Reigning Supremacy** - The win in Dhaka underscores India's unparalleled strength and longstanding supremacy in the international women's kabaddi circuit.

Bollywood actor, Dharmendra, passed away

The legendary Bollywood actor and former politician Dharmendra passed away on Monday, November 24, 2025, at his home in Mumbai. He was 89 years old.

- **Nicknames:** "**He-Man of Bollywood**" and "**Garam Dharam**."
- **Iconic Films:** He is best remembered for his iconic role as Veeru in the cult classic *Sholay* (1975), as well as performances in *Phool Aur Patthar* (1966), *Satyakam* (1969), *Chupke Chupke* (1975), and *Yaadon Ki Baaraat* (1973), showcasing his versatility in action, romance, and comedy.
- **Awarded with** - Padma Bhushan, the country's third-highest civilian honor.