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1. AWARDS AND HONOURS



- **The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR)**, Leh, has been conferred the prestigious '**Wellness Visionary Award**' for Holistic Healing by Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of traditional medicine and holistic healthcare.



- **Dr. Padma Gurmet,** Director, **NObituary & Honours - Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra:** Eminent neurosurgeon and **Padma Shri awardee Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra** passed away at age 74 in New Delhi, recognized for his pioneer work in medical field.

2. APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONS IN NEWS



- **Rajesh Kumar** (1995-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer) has been appointed as the new **Director General of Police (DGP) of Arunachal Pradesh** by the Ministry of Home Affairs, succeeding **Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal** (who has been transferred to Delhi).

3. GOVT POLICIES AND WELFARE INITIATIVES



- **Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026: Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** notified the new rules in the Gazette of India, replacing the 89-year-old **Aircraft Rules, 1937**, to modernize aviation governance.
- **MoPR & CESL Partnership for Panchayat EVs: Ministry of Panchayati Raj** signed an MoU with **Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)** to establish EV charging stations on Panchayat land across India.
- **NORKA Private Industrial Estate Scheme 2026: Kerala** State initiative launched to encourage Non-Resident Keralites to convert remittances into domestic industrial parks.
- **Next Generation Corvettes (NGC) Project**: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed contracts worth **₹53,866.50 crore** to build eight Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy.

- **NITI Aayog** launched the **"India S&T Scoreboard"** on 3rd November 2026 at the Civil Services Officer's Institute (CSOI), KG Marg, New Delhi. The Scoreboard was unveiled by Shri **Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.**



4. SPORTS AND GAMES



- **ISSF World Championships Gold:** Indian shooting trio of Ravinder Singh, Saurabh Chaudhary, and Amanpreet Singh won the Gold Medal in the Men's 50m Pistol Team event.



- **Glenn Maxwell Retires:** Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell announced his retirement from international cricket after a distinguished 14-year career.

5. SCIENCE, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **183rd Seismological Observatory:** Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the **183rd Seismological Observatory in Kishtwar, J&K,** to stream real-time seismic data to the National Centre for Seismology.



- **Next-Gen Corvettes (NGC) Contract: Ministry of Defence** signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore for eight Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy.

6. SUMMITS, BILLS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



- **Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026:** The 5th edition of the bilateral India-US tri-service HADR exercise commenced at the Maritime Warfare Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **SEBI Framework for REITs and InvITs:** SEBI permitted Real Estate Investment Trusts and Infrastructure Investment Trusts to issue Depository Receipts (DRs) listed at GIFT City.

7. BOOKS, AUTHORS AND IMPORTANT DAYS



- **Shakuntala Devi** Birth Anniversary (Renowned Indian mathematician and writer, known as the "Human Computer", born in 1929).
- **Vasudeo Balwant Phadke** Birth Anniversary (Commemorating the Indian revolutionary freedom fighter, born in 1845).
- **Jamnalal Bajaj** Birth Anniversary (Remembering the philanthropist and industrialist born in 1889).

- **Sir Pherozeshah Mehta** Death Anniversary (Commemorating the prominent lawyer and Indian National Congress leader who passed away in 1915)
- **National Stress Awareness Day** (Observed annually on the first Wednesday of November, which falls on November 4, 2026, to focus on mental well-being and stress management strategies).

8. MISCELLANEOUS



- **Centre of Excellence for Siri Cattle: Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh** announced a specialized CoE for the conservation and development of **Sikkim's indigenous Siri cattle breed**.
- **Fibe UPI Launch: Digital lending platform Fibe** launched UPI payment features after getting Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) approval from NPCI.

9. WEST BENGAL CURRENT AFFAIRS



- **70th National School Games Triumph:** Habra native **Sayantani Dey** clinched **Gold** for West Bengal in the Under-17, above-68 kg Taekwondo category at the National School Games.
- **Eastern Region Silk & Handicrafts Expo:** State MSME department announced a major regional artisan exhibition in Salt Lake to boost rural cottage industries in Paschim Medinipur and Bankura.



- **Kolkata Conference**: A two-day national conference titled the **Indian Official Statistics Conclave on Theoretical and Empirical Issues (OCTEI)** concluded in Kolkata on November 4, focusing on modernizing and enhancing the reliability of India's economic and policy data systems.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who has been conferred the prestigious 'Wellness Visionary Award' for Holistic Healing by Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur?
   A) Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra
   B) Dr. Padma Gurmet
   C) Lt Gen I. S. Rathore
   D) Shri Ashok Kumar Lahiri

Answer: B) Dr. Padma Gurmet

2. The new aviation rules notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to replace the 89-year-old Aircraft Rules of 1937 are named:
   A) Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026
   B) National Aviation Governance Rules, 2026
   C) Indian Skies and Aircraft Act, 2026
   D) Modern Aircraft Regulations, 2026

Answer: A) Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026

3. NITI Aayog launched the "India S&T Scoreboard" on November 3, 2026, at which location?

A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
B) Civil Services Officer's Institute (CSOI), New Delhi
C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
D) NITI Aayog Headquarters, New Delhi

Answer: B) Civil Services Officer's Institute (CSOI), New Delhi

4. National Stress Awareness Day is observed annually on which of the following periods/dates?

A) First Monday of November
B) First Tuesday of November
C) First Wednesday of November (November 4, 2026)
D) 4th November fixed every year

Answer: C) First Wednesday of November (November 4, 2026)

5. Sayantani Dey, who won a Gold Medal in the Under-17 (above-68 kg) Taekwondo category at the 70th National School Games, is a native of which district/area in West Bengal?

A) Salt Lake
B) Habra
C) Purulia
D) Bankura

Answer: B) Habra

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