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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2025



- 1. The United Nations (UN)'s World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) is annually observed across the globe on October 27.
- **2.** The day is observed to highlight the importance of preserving audiovisual records and honors those dedicated to their protection.
- 3. The theme is "A Window to the World".
- **4.** This year it marks the 20th anniversary of WDAH.
- 5. The inaugural WDAH was celebrated on 27th October 2006.
- **6.** The WDAH is a joint initiative of UNESCO and the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations (CCAAA).

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Odisha Government Approves 'B-MAAN' scheme to Boost Aviation sector

- 1. Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi, approved the Building of Management of Aviation Assets and Network (B-MAAN) scheme,an umbrella programme for aviation sector development, with an investment worth of Rs.14,182 Crores over five years (2025-2030).
- 2. The scheme unifies all aviation initiatives under one framework, aiming to make Odisha a leading aviation hub in eastern India under the vision 'Samastanka Pain Biman Seba' (Aviation for All).

Ramco Systems, ePlane Signed MoU to Advance India's Electric Air Taxi Ecosystem

1. Ramco Systems, signed a MoU with the ePlane Company
IIT Madras incubated startup which aims to revolutionalize urban mobility
through its flagship product, e200X electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing
(eVTOL) aircraft.

ANRF, ICMR, and Gates Foundation Jointly Launches 'MAHA MedTech Mission'

- 1. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Gates Foundation, launched the 'Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas (MAHA) -Medical Technology (Med-Tech)'.
- 2. The Mission will be implemented over five years with a total outlay of Rs.750 crore.
- 3. The initiative aims to boost MedTech innovation, cut dependence on costly imports, and ensure affordable, high-quality healthcare solutions in India.
- **4.** The Mission will offer funding **between Rs.5 crore and Rs.25 crore**, extendable up to Rs.50 crore for exceptional projects, to Academic, Research

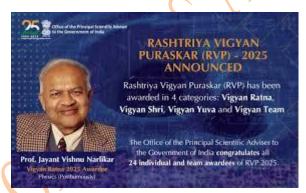
and Development(R&D) institutions, Hospitals, Startups, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MedTech industry and collaborations between entities.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Announced Inclusion of 4 TN Districts in PMDDKY

1. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has announced the inclusion of four Tamil Nadu districts namely Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Thoothukudi, and Virudhunagar, under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) to boost agricultural productivity and allied activities in these regions.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

GoI Announced Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025



- 1. GoI announced the winners of the 2nd edition of
 - Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP 2025), the nation's highest recognition for outstanding and inspiring contributions in science, technology, and innovation.
- 2. The awards are conferred across 13 domains, namely Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Mathematics & Computer Science, Earth Science, Medicine, Engineering Sciences, Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Technology & Innovation, Atomic Energy, Space Science & Technology, and allied fields.
- 3. **Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar was honoured posthumously** for his outstanding lifetime contributions to physics, particularly in the fields of astrophysics and cosmology.

APPOINTMENTS

RBI approves the re-appointment of C S Rajan as Part-Time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank



- 1. RBI approved the re- appointment of Veteran Bureaucrat Chandra Shekhar(C S) Rajan as the part-time chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- 2. His term will be effective from January 01, 2026 and will last until October 21, 2027.
- 3. He is a 1978 IAS (Indian Administrative Service) batch officer with a distinguished 46 years career in public services.
- 4. He is also appointed to the Board of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank.

OBITUARY

Renowned Plastic Surgeon Dr. K. Mathangi Ramakrishnan Passed Away

1. Padma Shriawardee Prof. Karimpat (K.) Mathangi Ramakrishnan, renowned plastic and reconstructive surgeon and pioneer of burn care in South India, passed away at the age of 91 in Chennai.



2. She received India's 4th highest civilian award Padma Shri in 2002 for her outstanding contributions to medicine and public service.

BANKING & FINANCE

Reliance and Meta invest Rs 855 crores in new AI Joint Venture

1. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) announced the incorporation of its subsidiary Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL), as a 70:30 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Joint Venture(JV) with Facebook Overseas involving an initial investment of Rs.855 crore.

- 2. Reliance Intelligence will invest Rs.2 crore for the initial subscription of 20 million equity shares.
- 3. It will focus on developing, marketing, and distributing enterprise AI services, offering pre-configured solutions across functions such as sales, IT, finance, and customer service.

SPORTS

Indian GM D Gukesh and Divya Deshmukh Won Gold at 2025 European Chess Club Cup



- 1. Indian Grandmaster
 - (GM) Dommaraju (D) Gukesh and GM Divya Deshmukh won gold medals at the European Chess Club Cup 2025, held from 18-26 October 2025, in Rhodes, Greece.
- 2. The event was organized by the European Chess Union (ECU).
- 3. It featured a total of 102 teams, competing across two main categories namely Open and Women's sections.
- 4. The total prize fund for the 40th European Chess Club Cup 2025 is EUR 40,000.
 - A) **Open Section** It features a total prize pool of EUR 26,000, with EUR 8,000 awarded for first place.
 - B) Women's Section It offers a total prize fund of EUR 14,000, with EUR 5,500 for first place.
- 5. **GM D. Gukesh clinched the gold medal on the top board** in the Open section.
- 6. **GM Divya Deshmukh Won the gold medal on the second board** in the Women's section, representing Cercle d'Échecs de Monte-Carlo.

- 7. GM Abhimanyu Puranik Secured the gold medal on the seventh board, representing Alkaloid.
- 8. GM Aravindh Chithambaram Won the bronze medal on the fourth board, representing Alkaloid.

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