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Vikram Nath Appointed NALSA Executive Chairman

- In a key judicial development, President Droupadi Murmu has nominated Justice Vikram Nath, a senior judge of the Supreme Court, as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- The appointment follows the established convention of assigning the role to the senior-most judge after the Chief Justice of India (CJI). The Ministry of Law and Justice confirmed the nomination via a notification dated November 19, 2025 under the Legal Services Authorities Act.
- Background of Justice Vikram Nath
- Supreme Court Judge since 2021
- Former Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court
- Previously a Judge at the Allahabad High Court
- In a parallel appointment, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has nominated Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC). A gazetted notification was issued by NALSA on November 20, 2025.
- The SCLSC plays a vital role in extending legal aid to underprivileged individuals seeking justice in the Supreme Court. Justice Maheshwari will be responsible for policy direction, committee operations, and implementation of legal support programs as per the Legal Services Authorities Act.



ICC T20 World Cup 2026

- The ICC T20 World Cup 2026 is set to bring cricket fever back to South Asia. Scheduled from February 6 to March 8, 2026, this edition will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, marking a landmark collaboration between two cricket-loving nations.
- After the 2024 T20 World Cup in the West Indies and USA, the upcoming ICC T20 tournament promises even greater excitement, fresh talent, and world-class cricketing action.
- According to the ICC T20 World Cup 2026 schedule, the tournament will begin on February 6, 2026, and conclude with the final on March 8, 2026.
- While the venue for the final match has not yet been officially announced, early reports suggest that Colombo (Sri Lanka) or Ahmedabad (India) are the frontrunners. The choice will depend on the final qualification scenario, as Pakistan may not play matches in India due to bilateral conditions.



Intl Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

- Every year on November 25, the world observes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, setting the stage for the 16 Days of Activism to combat gender-based violence.
- In 2025, the theme **“UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls”** captures the urgency of tackling emerging forms of online abuse, such as cyberstalking, doxxing, deepfakes, and coordinated harassment, which are affecting women globally.
- Helpline Numbers: 181 (national), 7827170170 (NCW), 112 (emergency), 7217735372 (WhatsApp)
- Key Legal Reforms: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, PWDVA 2005, POSH Act 2013
- Flagship Schemes: Mission Shakti, Swadhar Greh, One Stop Centres, Digital Shakti
- Digital Tools: ITSSO, NDSO, Cri-MAC, SHe-Box
- Number of Women Help Desks: 14,658
- Fast Track Courts: 773 (incl. 400 e-POCSO courts)
- Swadhar Greh Scheme: Revised from April 2016



Italy Clinches Fourth Davis Cup Title

- In a historic moment for Italian tennis, Italy secured its fourth Davis Cup title by defeating Spain 2-0 in the final, marking its third consecutive championship victory. The triumph cements Italy's position as a powerhouse in international tennis, joining the ranks of elite tennis nations with consistent success on the Davis Cup stage.
- The final was played in front of an enthusiastic home crowd, and Italy rose to the occasion with composed, clinical performances in the singles matches.
- Italy displayed top-tier tennis throughout the tournament, defeating formidable opponents with balanced team strength and strategic clarity.



Max Verstappen wins the 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix

- Max Verstappen delivered a commanding performance to win the 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix, closing the gap in the Formula 1 Drivers' Championship standings with just two races remaining in the season.
- The Red Bull driver, who started second on the grid, quickly took control of the race and never looked back, claiming his second win in the last four races.

- 1st – Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing)
- 2nd – Lando Norris (McLaren)
- 3rd – George Russell (Mercedes)



Ethiopia's Hayli Gubbi Volcano Erupts

- The ash clouds have travelled thousands of kilometres, now drifting toward northern India and Pakistan, affecting international air traffic and triggering alerts from aviation authorities.
- The event has prompted India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and multiple airlines to issue advisories, while meteorological agencies monitor the evolving plume trajectory.
- An ash cloud is formed when volcanic material is explosively ejected into the atmosphere during an eruption. It consists of,
 - Fine ash particles
 - Volcanic gases, like sulphur dioxide
 - Microscopic rock and glass fragments



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Hayli Gubbi volcano, which recently erupted, is located in which country?

- A. Kenya
- B. Ethiopia
- C. Tanzania
- D. Uganda

Answer: B. Ethiopia

Explanation: The article states that the Hayli Gubbi volcano in *Ethiopia* erupted after 12,000 years.

2. How long had the Hayli Gubbi volcano been dormant before its sudden eruption?

- A. 1,200 years
- B. 5,000 years
- C. 10,000 years
- D. 12,000 years

Answer: D. 12,000 years

Explanation: The volcano had been dormant for about 12,000 years.

3. The volcanic ash from the Hayli Gubbi eruption is drifting toward which regions?

- A. Eastern Africa
- B. Northern India and Pakistan
- C. South-East Asia
- D. Arabian Peninsula

Answer: B. Northern India and Pakistan

Explanation: The ash clouds have travelled thousands of kilometres and are now drifting toward northern India and Pakistan.

4. Justice Vikram Nath was nominated as the Executive Chairman of which organisation?

- A. National Human Rights Commission
- B. National Commission for Women
- C. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
- D. Bar Council of India

Answer: C. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

Explanation: President Droupadi Murmu nominated Justice Vikram Nath as the Executive Chairman of NALSA.

5. Who nominated Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC)?

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. President of India
- C. Union Law Minister
- D. Chief Justice of India

Answer: D. Chief Justice of India

Explanation: CJI Surya Kant nominated Justice Maheshwari to head the SCLSC.

6. Which two countries will co-host the ICC T20 World Cup 2026?

- A. India and Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka and Pakistan

- C. India and Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

Answer: C. India and Sri Lanka

Explanation: The 2026 ICC T20 World Cup will be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

7. When will the ICC T20 World Cup 2026 take place?

- A. January–February 2026
- B. February–March 2026
- C. March–April 2026
- D. April–May 2026

Answer: B. February–March 2026

Explanation: It is scheduled from February 6 to March 8, 2026.

8. Who won the 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Lando Norris
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Charles Leclerc

Answer: C. Max Verstappen

Explanation: Verstappen delivered a dominant performance to win the race.

9. What is observed worldwide on November 25 every year?

- A. World Social Justice Day
- B. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- C. UN Anti-Terrorism Day
- D. Global Human Rights Day

Answer: B. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Explanation: November 25 marks the global observance to eliminate violence against women.

10. What is the 2025 theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women?

- A. Stop Violence Against Women
- B. Empower Women Digitally
- C. UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls
- D. Women's Safety First

Answer: C. UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls

Explanation: This is the official theme for 2025.