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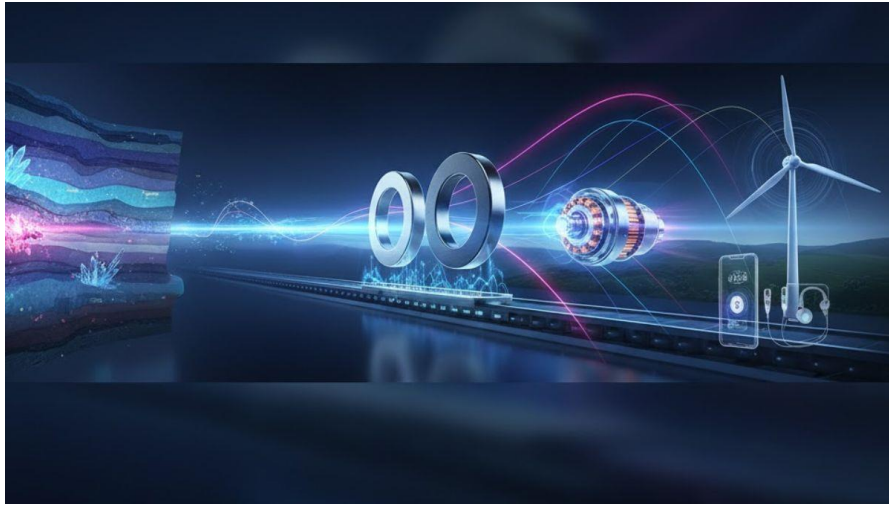
Cabinet Approves ₹2,781 Crore Rail Multitracking Projects

- In a key infrastructure move, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved two critical multitracking railway projects worth ₹2,781 crore. These projects aim to strengthen the Indian Railways network in Maharashtra and Gujarat, enhancing both passenger and freight capacity.
- The approved projects will expand the railway network by approximately 224 km, benefitting over 32 lakh people across 4 districts and 585 villages.
- 1. Devbhumi Dwarka (Okha) – Kanalus Doubling Project
- Length: 141 km
- State: Gujarat
- 2. Badlapur – Karjat 3rd and 4th Line Project
- Length: 32 km
- State: Maharashtra
- Corridor: Mumbai suburban network
- These projects are part of the PM Gati Shakti initiative, aimed at building a multi-modal infrastructure ecosystem in India. The focus is on,
 - Integrated planning
 - Seamless connectivity
 - Improved logistics efficiency
 - Stakeholder collaboration



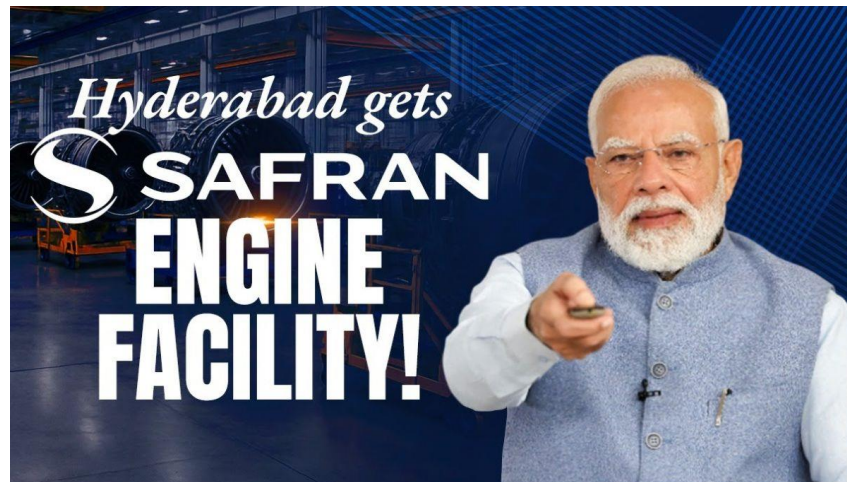
Scheme to Boost Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a ₹7,280 crore scheme to promote domestic manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPMs).
- This is the first-ever initiative of its kind in India aimed at establishing an integrated REPM manufacturing ecosystem, thereby reducing dependency on imports, boosting high-tech industries, and supporting India's Net Zero 2070 commitment.
- REPMs are among the strongest permanent magnets available today. They are essential components in modern technologies, including,
 - Electric vehicles (EVs)
 - Wind turbines and renewable energy systems
 - Aerospace and defence equipment
 - Industrial automation
 - Consumer electronics
- The goal is to set up manufacturing capacity of 6,000 Metric Tons Per Annum (MTPA) of sintered REPMs within India. This includes the complete value chain,
 - Conversion of rare earth oxides to metals
 - Metals to high-performance alloys
 - Alloys to finished REPMs



First Global Aircraft Engine MRO Facility

- On 26 November 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first global-level aircraft engine Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Hyderabad. Developed by Safran, a French aerospace giant, the facility — known as Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) — marks a significant milestone in India's aviation sector.
- Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) — marks a significant milestone in India's aviation sector. The Prime Minister described it as a “new flight” for India's aerospace ambitions, positioning the country to emerge as a global MRO hub and a preferred destination for aviation investments.
- Currently, around 85% of India's MRO work is done overseas. This costs the country significantly in terms of money, time, and operational efficiency.
- By building local capacity, India can,
- Save billions in foreign exchange
- Cut aircraft downtime
- Strengthen supply chain resilience
- Offer competitive MRO services to other nations



44th India International Trade Fair

- India's unique cultural mosaic was on full display at the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi, where the country's rich tribal art and handicrafts took center stage under the theme of '**Ek Bharat: Shreshtha Bharat**'.
- Representing 705 distinct tribal communities, tribal artists and self-help groups from across India showcased their heritage through textiles, paintings, metal crafts, and more.
- Established under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, TRIFED plays a central role in uplifting tribal economies by,
- Capacity Building: Organizing skill training, SHG formation, and sensitization programs.
- Market Development: Expanding national and international exposure for tribal products.
- Brand Creation: Building a unified identity for tribal goods through fairs and exhibitions like Aadi Mahotsav and IITF.
- India's efforts to showcase tribal heritage at events like the IITF align with its broader goal of inclusive development. As the country aims to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2047, integrating tribal arts into the national growth story ensures cultural preservation and economic opportunity go hand in hand.



2025 FIDE World Cup Champion

- The 2025 FIDE World Cup concluded with a thrilling finale as Uzbek prodigy Javokhir Sindarov clinched the championship title after a tense tiebreak battle against Chinese No.1 Wei Yi. This month-long event, featuring 206 players, delivered unforgettable drama, technical brilliance, and historical milestones.
- Sindarov's victory not only earned him the prestigious title but also carved his name in history as the youngest FIDE World Cup Champion.
- The long and challenging event featured elite players from across the world, culminating in a gripping finale between,
- Wei Yi (2752) – China's #1
- Javokhir Sindarov (2721) – Uzbekistan's rising star
- Upcoming Championship
- 2025 FIDE Rapid & Blitz Championships
- Location: Doha, Qatar
- Dates: 26–30 December
- Fans worldwide now look ahead to more fast-paced chess battles.



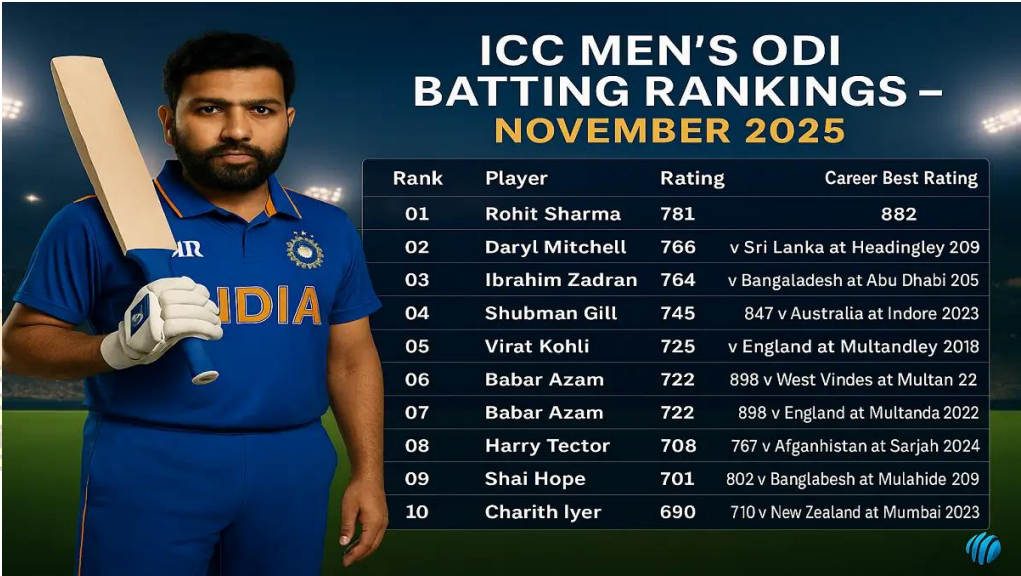
Ahmedabad Officially Secures 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting

- Ahmedabad has been confirmed as the host city for the 2030 Commonwealth Games, positioning India once again at the center of a major global sporting spectacle.
- With the scars of the **Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games** still fresh in global memory, Indian officials have been emphatic in assuring the world that this time will be different.
- The decision was finalized at the Commonwealth Sport's General Assembly in Glasgow on November 26, 2025, with Ahmedabad's bid edging out Nigeria's Abuja.



Latest ICC Men's ODI Batsmen Rankings

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) regularly updates its player rankings to evaluate performances across all formats — Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. These ICC rankings reflect a player's consistency, form, and overall contribution to matches over time.
- In the latest ICC Men's ODI Rankings (October 2025), India's captain Rohit Sharma climbed to the No. 1 position for the first time in his illustrious career. This remarkable achievement highlights his longevity, consistency, and world-class batting form in 2025.

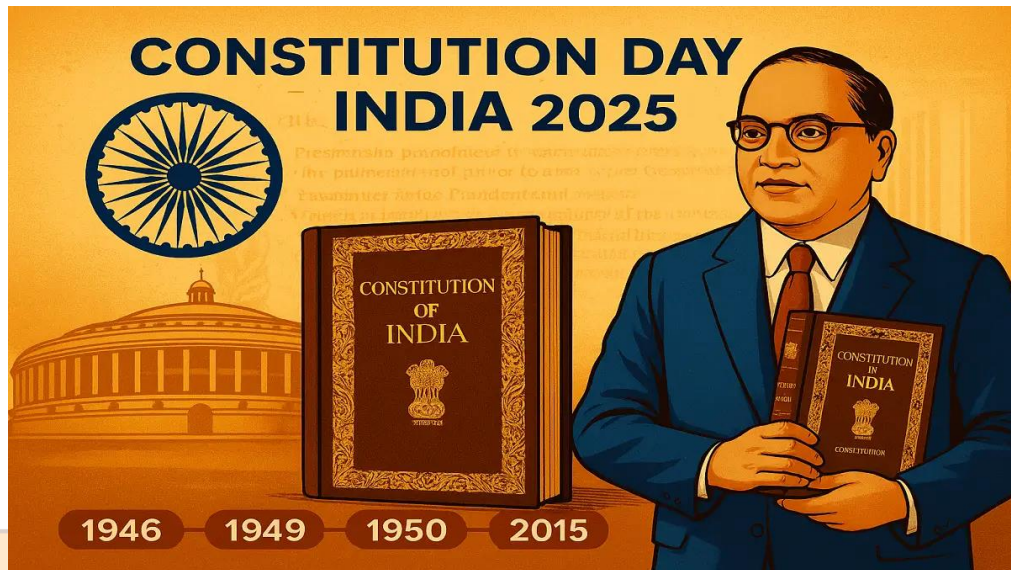


Rank	Player	Rating	Career Best Rating
01	Rohit Sharma	781	882
02	Daryl Mitchell	766	v Sri Lanka at Headingley 209
03	Ibrahim Zadran	764	v Bangladesh at Abu Dhabi 205
04	Shubman Gill	745	847 v Australia at Indore 2023
05	Virat Kohli	725	v England at Multandley 2018
06	Babar Azam	722	898 v West Vindes at Multan 22
07	Babar Azam	722	898 v England at Multanda 2022
08	Harry Tector	708	767 v Afghanistan at Sarjah 2024
09	Shai Hope	701	802 v Bangladesh at Mulahide 209
10	Charith Iyer	690	710 v New Zealand at Mumbai 2023

Constitution Day of India 2025

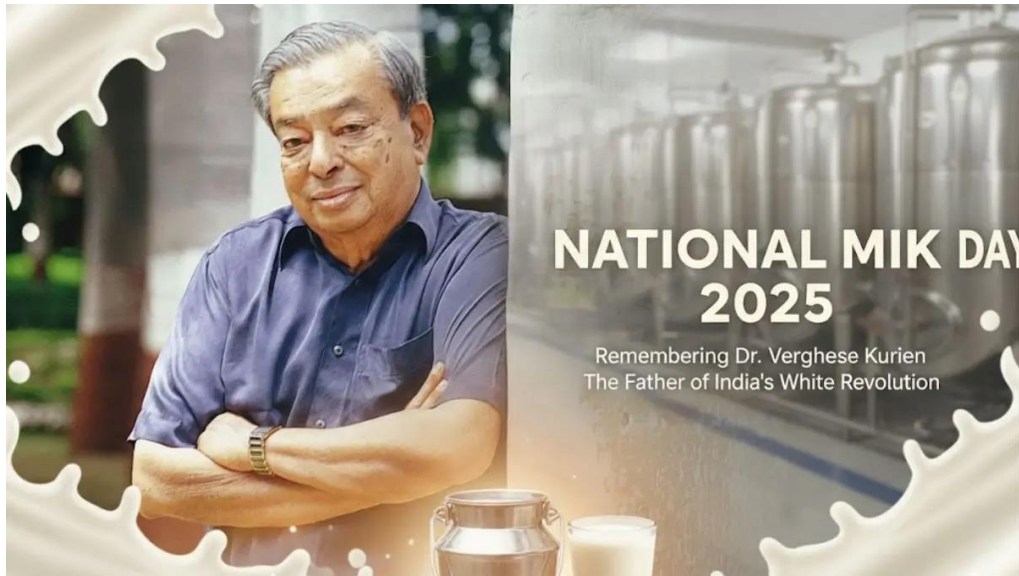
- Constitution Day, observed every year on November 26, commemorates the historic moment when the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India in 1949.
- The year 2025 marks the 76th anniversary of this landmark event—an occasion that not only celebrates India's democratic foundation but also reminds citizens of their commitment to constitutional values, rights, and duties.
- Before 2015, November 26 was observed as National Law Day to honour Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and India's first Law Minister.
- In 2015, the Government of India officially declared November 26 as 'Constitution Day' (Samvidhan Divas) to promote constitutional awareness among citizens. The declaration also coincided with Dr. Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary, paying tribute to the "chief architect of the Indian Constitution".

- The Indian Constitution was adopted on November 26, 1949, and came into force two months later on January 26, 1950, celebrated as Republic Day.
- The drafting process was one of the most extensive and inclusive in history. The Constituent Assembly spent:
- 2 years, 11 months, 18 days drafting the Constitution



National Milk Day 2025

- National Milk Day, celebrated annually on November 26, commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, hailed as the Father of the White Revolution in India.
- The 2025 celebration not only honours his vision and legacy but also reflects the nation's immense strides in transforming from a milk-deficient country to the world's largest milk producer, contributing nearly 25% of global milk output.
- In the 1950s and 1960s, India faced acute milk shortages, despite having the world's largest cattle population. The turning point came with the creation of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in 1965 and the launch of Operation Flood in 1970, modeled on the success of the Anand cooperative.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recently approved multitracking railway projects worth how much?

- A. ₹1,500 crore
- B. ₹2,781 crore
- C. ₹3,500 crore
- D. ₹4,200 crore

Answer: B. ₹2,781 crore

2. The approved railway multitracking projects will expand the network by approximately how many kilometers?

- A. 150 km
- B. 180 km
- C. 224 km
- D. 300 km

Answer: C. 224 km

3. How many people are expected to benefit from the newly approved railway projects?

- A. 12 lakh
- B. 20 lakh
- C. 32 lakh
- D. 50 lakh

Answer: C. 32 lakh

4. The Union Cabinet has approved a scheme worth how much to promote the manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPMs)?

- A. ₹5,000 crore
- B. ₹6,500 crore
- C. ₹7,280 crore
- D. ₹8,100 crore

Answer: C. ₹7,280 crore

5. What was the theme of the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi?

- A. Atmanirbhar Bharat
- B. Digital India
- C. Ek Bharat: Shreshtha Bharat
- D. Vibrant Tribes of India

Answer: C. Ek Bharat: Shreshtha Bharat

6. How many tribal communities were represented at the 44th IITF?

- A. 305
- B. 505
- C. 705
- D. 905

Answer: C. 705

7. Which city has been confirmed to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Ahmedabad

Answer: D. Ahmedabad

8. In the October 2025 ICC Men's ODI Rankings, who became the World No. 1 batsman for the first time?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Shubman Gill
- D. Babar Azam

Answer: B. Rohit Sharma

9. Constitution Day is celebrated in India on which date?

- A. November 14
- B. November 25
- C. November 26
- D. December 26

Answer: C. November 26

10. National Milk Day commemorates the birth anniversary of whom?

- A. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
- B. Dr. Kurumanchal Verma
- C. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- D. Dr. Verghese Kurien

Answer: D. Dr. Verghese Kurien