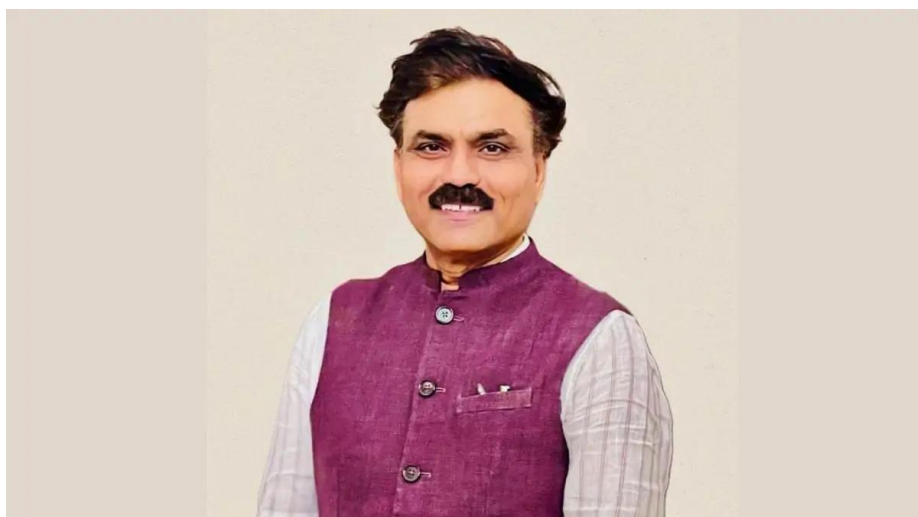


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Kishor Makwana to Receive Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026

- Chairman of NCSC, Kishor Makwana is set to receive the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026 in recognition of the social justice and public service of National Commission for Scheduled Castes on September 9, 2026 at the 16th Sansad Ratna Awards 2026 event.
- Prime Point Foundation and the Sansad Ratna Awards Jury nominated National Commission for Scheduled Castes for the award. As per the information provided by the Press Information Bureau, the jury appreciated the services of NCSC in the cause of social justice and the dedicated service to the nation.
- The role of the NCSC includes the protection of the legal and constitutional rights of Scheduled Castes. The responsibilities of the body are related to the protection of the rights of individuals who belong to these communities.
- The Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026 will be awarded during the 16th edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026 in Delhi on September 9. The award is being organized by civil society organizations, including the Prime Point Foundation and Sansad Ratna Awards Committee.



Sheetal Devi Wins First Individual Gold in Ahmedabad Para Series

- Sheetal Devi of India created her mark in India in her impressive performance at the Hyundai World Archery Para Series, winning her maiden individual gold medal in the compound women's final in Ahmedabad.
- Defeating Kazakhstan's Aizada Seidan in the shoot-off match, Sheetal Devi won the competition. Her victory will further build up the experience in her growing career. Sheetal Devi's triumph was made just before the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games.
- The Indian para archer was challenged by the formidable opponent from Kazakhstan, Aizada Seidan. Both athletes started the competition with an identical score of 30 points each. But the athlete from Kazakhstan scored two Xs with her final two arrows and forced the competition into the shoot-off match.
- The Ahmedabad final also witnessed a career feat for Seidan.
- Seidan, who was ranked 44th in the world in archery, was looking forward to her first-ever title but ended up taking the second prize.
- She nonetheless bagged her first ever silver in the event during the course of her career.



Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026

- The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026, National Nutrition Month, will launch its campaign on 9th September 2026. The theme of this year's campaign will be "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari", which means 'Our Anganwadi Centers, Our Responsibility'.

- The campaign will take place all throughout the month of September, and will include emphasis on dietary diversity, protein intake, nutritional hot cooked meals, community responsibility, and early childhood stimulation.
- Every September, the Rashtriya Poshan Maah campaign takes place in India. It is a national-level platform that aims to raise awareness and bring about behavioral changes related to nutrition, health, and caregiving practices.
- Apart from Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026, another milestone that will be marked by the event will be completion of ten years of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).
- PMMVY is a programme to provide maternity benefits with cash incentives for pregnant women in order to support their good nutrition and health practices.
- In March 2018, the government launched POSHAN Abhiyaan as an inter-ministerial mission against malnutrition through convergence and behaviour change.
- Under Union Budget 2021-22, interventions were integrated under Mission Poshan 2.0. POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anganwadi Services and the scheme for adolescent girls are brought under one roof.



UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has unveiled the Aadhaar Face Authentication Software Development Kit (SDK) and Aadhaar Face Authentication Sandbox at the Global Fintech Fest 2026.

- The newly-launched products aim to enable financial institutions and fintech companies as well as other agencies and organizations to use the Aadhaar Face Authentication in their digital applications.
- This led to the necessity for the user to download and maintain one more application during onboarding. In the case of the new SDK, the dependence on third-party applications is minimized since the authentication features are embedded directly into the participating organisation's application.
- Along with the SDK, the UIDAI has created a special testing environment called Aadhaar Face Authentication Sandbox. There, participating organizations are able to implement and test the full authentication process.
- The software development kit has AI/ML-based liveness detection and anti-spoofing functions. It also includes the capability to securely handle and encrypt the authentication information.
- It is built to work on consumer smartphones, hence enabling it to be used in digital services on a larger scale.
- As per UIDAI, the technology has done more than 500 crore authentication transactions and has been deployed by close to 200 organizations, including government departments, state governments, banks, NBFCs, telecom companies, brokerage agencies, and certification bodies.



India's Carbon Credit Scheme Gets UK Nod for Exporters

- India's CCTS (Carbon Credit Trading Scheme) has been given an approval by the UK to qualify as a carbon pricing scheme under its CBAM. This may help Indian exporters in reducing the carbon costs associated with exporting carbon-intensive products to the UK market.

- Such recognition assumes particular significance for industries like steel and cement, wherein carbon emissions may affect the export cost. This would give a way out for avoiding imposition of carbon cost twice – in India as well as the UK market – depending upon the required verification/documentation.
- Under the CBAM regime of UK, the importers of goods which qualify under CBAM would possibly be able to obtain some relief in respect of the carbon cost paid in the country of origin.
- In the case of Indian goods falling within the purview of CBAM, it implies that carbon costs incurred by the Indian exporters under the CCTS regime would be considered for the purpose of determining the CBAM cost payable in the UK.
- It is happening amid growing trade relations between India and the UK. India and the UK signed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) on July 15, 2026.
- India-UK merchandise trade was worth \$25.1 billion in 2025-26 and bilateral services trade stood at \$35.4 billion in 2024.



ISRO Tests CE20 Cryogenic Engine at 220 kN Thrust

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted a flight acceptance hot test of the indigenous CE20 cryogenic engine at an uprated thrust level of 220 kN on 9 September 2026.
- The test took place at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu, and the engine is linked to the upgraded C32 upper stage of an upcoming LVM3 mission.
- The CE20 is a cryogenic upper-stage engine developed by ISRO for the LVM3 launch vehicle. It uses liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen as propellants, which

are stored at very low temperatures and are used in high-performance rocket stages.

- LVM3 is India's heavy-lift launch vehicle used for large satellite missions and human spaceflight-related applications. The C32 stage is the upgraded upper stage associated with the CE20 engine, and the 220 kN thrust configuration is intended to increase payload carrying capability.
- During the hot test, ISRO also demonstrated the Liquid Oxygen Tank Pressurisation Module, or LTPM, which is designed for the C32 stages of the Gaganyaan missions.
- The test followed an earlier sea-level hot test of the CE20 engine on 10 March 2026, which ran for 165 seconds at 22-tonne thrust with an advanced Nozzle Protection System.



Rani Mukerji Gets Maharashtra's Raj Kapoor Award

- Rani Mukerji received the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award at the 62nd Maharashtra State Film Awards ceremony held at Ravindra Natya Mandir in Prabhadevi, Mumbai, on 9 September 2026.
- The award was presented by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis during the state film event organised by the Maharashtra Government.
- The Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award is a state honour linked to the Maharashtra State Film Awards. It is named after Raj Kapoor, one of the best-known figures in Indian cinema, and is presented for contribution to films and the film industry.
- The Maharashtra State Film Awards are annual awards presented by the Government of Maharashtra. The 62nd edition was held at Ravindra Natya

Mandir, a cultural venue in Prabhadevi, Mumbai, and included special honours for film personalities.

- Salim Khan received the Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award at the same ceremony, and actress Helen accepted it on his behalf. Actor-director Prasad Oak received the Chitrapati V Shantaram Special Contribution Award during the event.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who is set to receive the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026?

- A. Kishor Makwana
- B. Dinesh Trivedi
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Devendra Fadnavis

Answer: A. Kishor Makwana

2. Sheetal Devi won her first individual gold medal at which event?

- A. Asian Para Games
- B. Hyundai World Archery Para Series
- C. World Para Athletics Championship
- D. Paralympic Games

Answer: B. Hyundai World Archery Para Series

3. Whom did Sheetal Devi defeat in the compound women's final?

- A. Deepika Kumari
- B. Aída Román
- C. Aizada Seidan
- D. Jyothi Vennam

Answer: C. Aizada Seidan

4. What is the theme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026?

- A. Poshan Se Pragati
- B. Swasth Bharat, Saksham Bharat
- C. Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari
- D. Poshan Abhiyaan: Jan Bhagidari

Answer: C. Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari

5. Which organisation launched the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox?

- A. NPCI
- B. UIDAI
- C. MeitY
- D. RBI

Answer: B. UIDAI

6. Which technology is incorporated into the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK for detecting fraudulent attempts?

- A. Blockchain encryption
- B. AI/ML-based liveness detection and anti-spoofing
- C. Quantum authentication
- D. GPS-based verification

Answer: B. AI/ML-based liveness detection and anti-spoofing

7. India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) received recognition from the UK under which mechanism?

- A. UK ETS
- B. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- C. Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)
- D. Green Investment Scheme

Answer: B. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

8. At what thrust level did ISRO conduct the CE20 cryogenic engine hot test on September 9, 2026?

- A. 180 kN
- B. 200 kN
- C. 220 kN
- D. 250 kN

Answer: C. 220 kN

9. The CE20 engine is associated with which launch vehicle?

- A. PSLV
- B. SSLV
- C. GSLV
- D. LVM3

Answer: D. LVM3

10. Who received the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award at the 62nd Maharashtra State Film Awards?

- A. Madhuri Dixit
- B. Rani Mukerji
- C. Kajol
- D. Tabu

Answer: B. Rani Mukerji