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1. Anup Bagchi's Appointment at HDFC Bank: Annual Target Remuneration of ₹35.9 Crore



Anup Bagchi is proposed to be appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of HDFC Bank on October 27, 2026, succeeding Sashidhar Jagdishan. His target annual remuneration for the financial year 2026–27 has been set at ₹35.9 crore, comprising ₹8.97 crore in fixed pay and ₹26.92 crore in variable pay. Additionally, he is set to receive a share-linked joining bonus of ₹7.35 crore along with other perquisites; the variable pay component will be contingent upon performance. RBI approval, shareholder consent, and corporate governance norms play a crucial role in this appointment.

2. Indian Pilot Captain Smit Machhar to be Honored with Israel's Civilian Bravery Award



On September 30, 2026, during an alleged attack on the cockpit of Flydubai flight FZ1073 en route from Dubai to Tel Aviv, Indian pilot Captain Smit Machhar demonstrated courage and dedication to duty despite sustaining serious injuries. Israeli President Isaac Herzog announced on October 8, 2026, that he would be honored with the Civilian Bravery Award for his indomitable courage. Six Israeli citizens who assisted during the incident were also honored, while the aircraft made an emergency landing in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

3. 57th GST Council Meeting 2026: Focus on Improving Tax Compliance and Providing Relief to Businesses



The 57th meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, was held in New Delhi on October 8, 2026, with a focus on simplifying tax compliance and administrative procedures. The meeting highlighted reforms such as raising the prosecution threshold from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore, reducing penalties, and providing relief to small taxpayers. Proposals to expedite the GST refund process, improve the Input Tax Credit (ITC) mechanism, and simplify registration for small e-commerce sellers were also included. No changes were made to the existing GST tax rates; the reforms aim to enhance the ease of doing business, reduce disputes, and strengthen taxpayer confidence.

4. India's First High-Altitude Wildlife Safari in Ladakh: Boosting Snow Leopard Conservation and Sustainable Tourism



India's first high-altitude wildlife safari has been launched in Ladakh; the pilot project involves operating safaris across the Rumbak, Shang, and Ule regions using six specialized vehicles. The initiative aims to protect the natural habitats of wildlife—including snow leopards—curb illegal off-roading, and promote sustainable tourism. According to India's Snow Leopard Population Assessment (SPAI), the country is home to an estimated 718 snow leopards, with 477 of them found in Ladakh. This project could help boost employment opportunities for local youth, ensure community participation in conservation efforts, and strike a balance between environmental protection and economic development.

5. Nameri Tiger Reserve Receives International CA|TS Recognition; All Four Assam Tiger Reserves Now on the List



Assam's Nameri Tiger Reserve was granted recognition under the international standard CA|TS (Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards) for tiger conservation and protected area management on September 10, 2026. Established in 2013, CA|TS evaluates aspects such as wildlife conservation, anti-poaching measures, habitat management, and scientific monitoring. Located in Assam's Sonitpur district and spanning approximately 344 square kilometers, Nameri Tiger Reserve is home to tigers, elephants, leopards, and other wildlife.

6. World Bank Report 2026: India Among Top 10 Emerging Markets for AI Readiness



According to the World Bank report titled "India and Artificial Intelligence: Harnessing the Development Opportunity," released on October 6, 2026, India has been ranked among the top 10 emerging markets in terms of AI readiness. Private AI investment in India rose from $1.2 billion in 2024 to $4.1 billion in 2025, while the number of professionals employed in Global Capability Centers (GCCs) is projected to reach 2.3 million. India's key strengths include a vast technical workforce, a robust IT industry, digital public infrastructure such as Aadhaar and UPI, and a growing startup ecosystem.

7. Proposal to rename Elon Musk's SpaceXAI to SpaceXSI: The concept of Super Intelligence in focus



On October 4, 2026, SpaceX CEO Elon Musk announced plans to rename his AI unit, SpaceXAI, to SpaceXSI (Super Intelligence). This change follows a September 29, 2026, executive order by US President Donald Trump, which calls for promoting the term "Super Intelligence" in government communications. Super Intelligence refers to a hypothetical form of advanced artificial intelligence capable of surpassing human capabilities across various intellectual tasks; however, the name change itself is not proof of such technological advancement. This development highlights the importance of AI policy and regulation, data security, accountability, and responsible technological development.

8. International Day of the Girl Child 2026: Emphasis on Ending Child Marriage and Investing in Girls' Rights



International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on October 11. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011 through Resolution 66/170 and was first celebrated in 2012. The theme for 2026 is "End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights," aiming to eliminate child marriage and promote investment in girls' rights, education, and health. Child marriage impacts girls' education, health, freedom, and economic opportunities; key causes include poverty, gender discrimination, and social norms.

1. Who is proposed to be appointed as the MD and CEO of HDFC Bank?

A - Sashidhar Jagdishan
B - Anup Bagchi
C - Atanu Chakraborty
D - Sandeep Bakhshi



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2. Who was the Indian pilot who displayed courage on Flydubai flight FZ1073?

A - Captain Smit Machhar
B - Captain Deepak Sharma
C - Captain Abhinandan Singh
D - Captain Arvind Mehta



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3. Who chaired the 57th meeting of the GST Council?

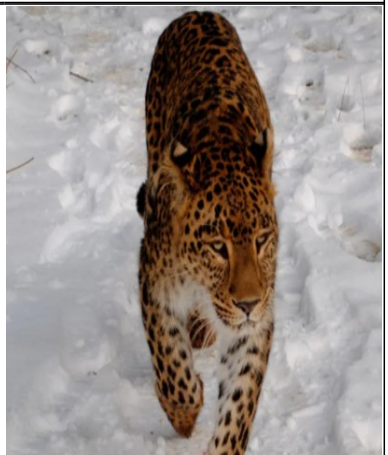
A - Piyush Goyal
B - Nirmala Sitharaman
C - Amit Shah
D - Arjun Ram Meghwal



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4. Where has India's first high-altitude wildlife safari been launched?

A - Sikkim
B - Ladakh
C - Arunachal Pradesh
D - Himachal Pradesh



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5. In which state is Nameri Tiger Reserve, which received accreditation under CA|TS standards, located?



A - West Bengal
B - Assam
C - Arunachal Pradesh
D - Meghalaya

Assam's Nameri Tiger Reserve was granted accreditation under CA|TS (Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards)—an international standard for tiger conservation and protected area management established in 2013—on September 10, 2026. With this accreditation, all four of Assam's tiger reserves—Kaziranga, Manas, Orang, and Nameri—are now covered under CA|TS standards, a significant development for wildlife conservation and biodiversity protection.

6. According to the report, in which category was India placed regarding AI readiness?



A - Among the top 5 developed economies
B - Among the top 10 emerging markets
C - Among the top 20 developed economies
D - Among the top 15 poorest countries

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7. What did Elon Musk announce as the new name for SpaceXAI?



A - SpaceXAI Pro
B - SpaceXSI
C - SuperXAI
D - X Intelligence

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8. Which is the primary law in India regarding the prevention of child marriage?



A - Right to Education Act, 2009
B - Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
C - Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
D - Juvenile Justice Act, 2015

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One Liner

1. On which date is the International Day of the Girl Child observed every year? - October 11

2. Which areas were selected as pilot sites for the high-altitude Himalayan wildlife safari in Ladakh? - Rumbak, Shang, and Ule

3. What is the name of the Indian pilot who displayed courage on Flydubai flight FZ1073? - Captain Smit Machar

4. According to a World Bank report, what is the projected private AI investment in India for 2025? - US$ 4.1 billion

5. Who chaired the 57th meeting of the GST Council? - Nirmala Sitharaman

6. What has Elon Musk announced as the new name for SpaceXAI? - SpaceXSI (Super Intelligence)

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7. In which Indian state is Nameri Tiger Reserve located? - Assam

8. Which tiger reserve in Assam is in the news regarding CA|TS accreditation? - Nameri Tiger Reserve

9. What is the designated theme for the International Day of the Girl Child 2026? - "End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights"

10. Who has been proposed for the position of MD and CEO of HDFC Bank? - Anup Bagchi