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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid nominated in the organising committee of the 2030 Commonwealth Games
- Jatin Kumar Nayak appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA, providing new leadership to finance the clean energy sector.
- Central Government constitutes High Level Committee for Banking Reforms towards the vision of Developed India @ 2047
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- Air Marshal Inder Pal Singh Walia becomes the new Vice Chief of Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force, will assume charge from November 1, 2026.
- Census of India 2027: House listing and population enumeration to be conducted from January 25 to February 28, with emphasis on digital self-enumeration for the first time.
- World Jellyfish Day 2026: Raising awareness about the role and conservation of jellyfish in the marine ecosystem

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1. Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid Named to the 2030 Commonwealth Games Organizing Committee



Olympic medalist Saina Nehwal and former Indian cricket captain Rahul Dravid have been named as representatives of the sports community on the organizing board for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Harsh Sanghavi, Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat, has been proposed as the Chairperson, while P.T. Usha and Hari Ranjan Rao have been designated as Vice-Chairpersons. Jinal Mehta and Ananya Birla from the private sector have also been included on the board. The 2030 Commonwealth Games are set to be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, with 17 sports proposed for the event.

2. Jatin Kumar Nayak Appointed as New Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA; Clean Energy Financing to Get New Leadership



Jatin Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA). Prior to this, he served as the Executive Director (Finance) at REC Limited. He brings over 30 years of experience in the power, mining, and metals sectors, with expertise in corporate finance, project appraisal, and debt management. Established on March 11, 1987, IREDA is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) operating under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

3. Central Government Constitutes High-Level Committee for Banking Reforms Towards the Goal of 'Viksit Bharat@2047'



The Government of India has constituted a 'High-Level Committee on Banking for a Developed India' (Viksit Bharat), to be chaired by former Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel. The committee includes experts from the banking sector—such as RBI Deputy Governor Shirish Chandra Murmu, Padmaja Chunduru, and N.S. Vishwanathan—and is tasked with submitting its recommendations within six months. The committee will review aspects including banking structure, capital adequacy, regulatory norms, private investment, AI-based technology, priority sector lending, and the Lead Bank Scheme.

4. Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence (Dakshata Medal) 2026: 490 Police and Security Personnel Across the Country Honored for Outstanding Service



On October 31, 2026, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced the recipients of the 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence' (Dakshata Medal)—an award established on February 1, 2024, to recognize outstanding contributions in police and security services. For the year 2026, a total of 490 personnel were honored across the fields of Special Operations, Investigation, and Forensic Science, with 358, 123, and 9 recipients respectively.

5. IIFA Awards 2026: 'Dhurandhar' Makes History with 12 Wins; Ranveer Singh and Aditya Dhar Receive Top Honors



The 26th edition of the IIFA Awards 2026 celebrated outstanding achievements in Indian cinema and the OTT landscape, with the film 'Dhurandhar' leading the pack by securing 12 awards. Aditya Dhar was honored as Best Director, and Ranveer Singh won the award for Best Actor, while Aneet Padda was named Best Actress for her performance in 'Sayara'. In the digital categories, 'Baramulla' was awarded Best Film, and 'The Bads of Bollywood' took home the prize for Best Series.

6. Air Marshal Indrapal Singh Walia appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force; to assume charge on November 1, 2026



On October 30, 2026, the Ministry of Defence appointed Air Marshal Indrapal Singh Walia as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force. He will assume office on November 1, 2026. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Air Marshal Walia was commissioned as a fighter pilot on June 11, 1988. He possesses extensive experience flying various fighter aircraft, including the MiG-21, MiG-27, Jaguar, and Sukhoi-30 MKI. Throughout his career, he has held several key operational and administrative positions, including serving as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command.

7. Census of India 2027: House-listing and population enumeration to take place from January 25 to February 28; emphasis placed on a new digital self-enumeration facility.



The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India announced the schedule for the 2027 Census on October 30, 2026. The process will include a self-enumeration phase from January 10–24, followed by a house-to-house enumeration phase from January 25 to February 28, 2027. The reference date for this census has been set as midnight on March 1, 2027, and a digital self-enumeration facility will be available. The census will be conducted by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner under the Ministry of Home Affairs, governed by the Census Act, 1948, and the Census Rules, 1990.

8. World Jellyfish Day 2026: The Role of Jellyfish in Marine Ecosystems and Awareness for Their Conservation



World Jellyfish Day is observed annually on November 3rd to raise awareness about the importance of jellyfish in marine biodiversity and ecosystems. Jellyfish are marine invertebrates belonging to the phylum Cnidaria; they possess specialized cells called 'cnidocytes' within their tentacles, which assist in capturing prey and providing defense. They play a significant role in the marine food web, though a rapid, large-scale increase in their population—known as a "jellyfish bloom"—can impact marine ecology and fisheries.

1. Who have been nominated as representatives of the sports community on the organizing board for the 2030 Commonwealth Games?



A - P.T. Usha and Abhinav Bindra
B - Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid
C - Saina Nehwal and P.T. Usha
D - Neeraj Chopra and Rahul Dravid

Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid have been nominated as representatives of the sports community on the organizing board for the 2030 Commonwealth Games, while Harsh Sanghavi has been designated as the proposed Chairperson, and P.T. Usha and Hari Ranjan Rao as Vice-Chairpersons. The proposed hosting of 17 sports in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in 2030 aims to promote sports infrastructure, transparency, private sector participation, and India's international sporting reputation.

2. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA?



A - N.S. Vishwanathan
B - Shirish Chandra Murmu
C - Suresh N. Patel
D - Jatin Kumar Nayak

Jatin Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA); he previously served as Executive Director (Finance) at REC Limited. Established on March 11, 1987, IREDA operates as an NBFC under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), providing financial assistance to solar, wind, hydroelectric, and green hydrogen projects.

3. Who will chair the 'High-Level Committee on Banking for a Developed India' (Viksit Bharat)?



A - Suresh N. Patel
B - Padmaja Chunduru
C - Shirish Chandra Murmu
D - N.S. Vishwanathan

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4. How many personnel were awarded the 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence' (Kendriya Grihamantri Dakshata Padak) in the year 2026?



A - 450
B - 490
C - 500
D - 475

On October 31, 2026, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced the 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence' for outstanding contributions to police and security services. A total of 490 personnel were awarded this medal in 2026. This includes 358 personnel for special operations, 123 for investigations, and 9 for forensic science. The CRPF received the highest number of these medals, with 114 of its personnel being honored.

5. Which film won the highest number of awards—12 in total—at the 26th edition of the IIFA Awards 2026?



A - Baramulla
B - Dhurandhar
C - Sayara
D - Chhava

At the 26th edition of the IIFA Awards 2026, the film 'Dhurandhar' won the highest number of awards (12). Aditya Dhar received the award for Best Director, Ranveer Singh for Best Actor, and Aneet Padda for Best Actress (for the film 'Sayara'). In the digital categories, 'Baramulla' was named Best Film and 'The Bads of Bollywood' was chosen as the Best Series—a reflection of the growing global recognition of Indian cinema and the OTT industry.

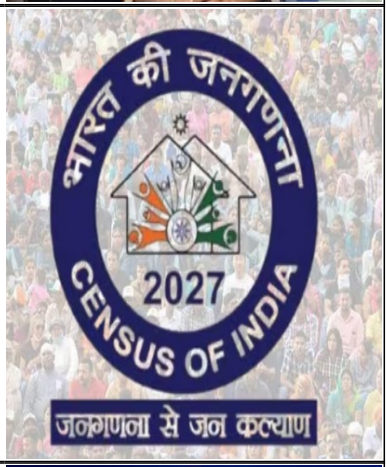
6. Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force?



A - Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
B - Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
C - Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
D - Air Marshal Indrapal Singh Walia

The Ministry of Defence has appointed Air Marshal Indrapal Singh Walia as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force; he will assume office on November 1, 2026. An alumnus of the NDA, Walia possesses extensive experience in flying fighter aircraft and serving across various commands of the Indian Air Force. He was awarded the Vayu Sena Medal in 2008 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2018.

7. What is the designated period for self-enumeration under the 2027 Census?



A - 1–15 January 2027
B - 5–20 January 2027
C - 10–24 January 2027
D - 15–30 January 2027

The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India announced the schedule for the 2027 Census on October 30, 2026. Under this, self-enumeration will take place from January 10–24, and house-to-house enumeration will be conducted from January 25 to February 28, 2027. The reference date for this census has been set as March 1, 2027, and it will include a facility for digital self-enumeration. The data obtained will assist in the formulation of government schemes and policies for inclusive development.

8. To which phylum do jellyfish belong?



A - Mollusca
B - Cnidaria
C - Arthropoda
D - Annelida

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One Liner

1. Which film won the highest number of awards—12 in total—at the IIFA Awards 2026? - Dhurandhar

2. How many personnel were awarded the ‘Union Home Minister’s Medal for Excellence’ in the year 2026? - 490 personnel

3. Which two Indian personalities have been nominated as representatives of the sports community on the organizing board for the 2030 Commonwealth Games? - Saina Nehwal and Rahul Dravid

4. When was the ‘Union Home Minister’s Medal for Excellence’ (Kendriya Grihamantri Dakshata Padak) instituted? - February 1, 2024

5. Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force? - Air Marshal Indrapal Singh Walia

6. What is the designated reference date for the 2027 Census? - March 1, 2027, at 12:00 midnight

7. Who will chair the ‘High-Level Committee on Banking for a Developed India’ (Viksit Bharat)? - Suresh N. Patel

8. When is World Jellyfish Day observed annually? - November 3

9. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA? - Jatin Kumar Nayak

10. In which Indian city are the 2030 Commonwealth Games proposed to be held? - Ahmedabad, Gujarat