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1. Leadership Change at Equitas Small Finance Bank: Balaji Nuthalapati Appointed Interim CEO



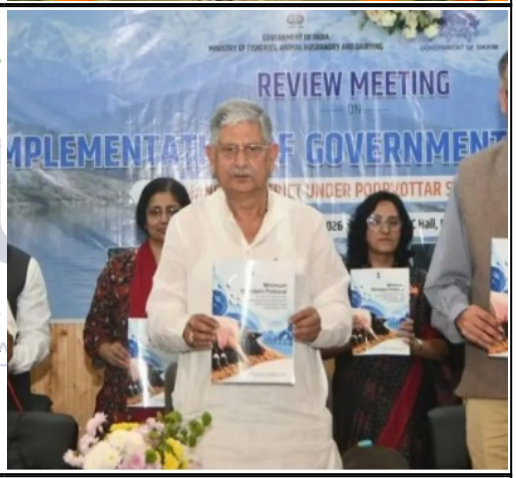
Equitas Small Finance Bank has approved the appointment of Balaji Nuthalapati as Interim CEO, effective upon receiving approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This appointment follows the resignation of the former MD and CEO, P.N. Vasudevan. Nuthalapati brings 28 years of experience from Citigroup and currently serves as a Whole-Time Director and Executive Director of the bank. The bank has also initiated the process for appointing a permanent CEO.

2. Uttarakhand Declares November 28 as 'Disaster Management Day': Initiative to Commemorate the Silkyara Tunnel Rescue Operation



The Uttarakhand government has announced that November 28 will be observed annually as 'Disaster Management Day,' in commemoration of the 2023 Silkyara Tunnel rescue operation. On November 28, 2023, all 41 workers who had been trapped in the Silkyara Tunnel in Uttarkashi since November 12, 2023, were successfully rescued following a 17-day operation. On this day, the state government will focus on disaster awareness, risk assessment, the formation of safety committees, and the conduct of mock drills.

3. Soreng in Sikkim Becomes India's First Notified Organic Fisheries Cluster: Boosting Sustainable Fish Production under PMMSY



Soreng district in Sikkim has been declared India's first notified organic fisheries cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). This initiative aims to promote chemical-free and sustainable fish production while connecting fish farmers to both domestic and international markets. On November 4, 2026, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for organic fisheries certification in Northeast India was also released. Furthermore, the Government of Sikkim has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the ITBP to facilitate the procurement and market availability of locally-reared rainbow trout.

4. QS Asia University Rankings 2027: IIT Delhi is India's top-ranked institution; India holds the second position in Asia



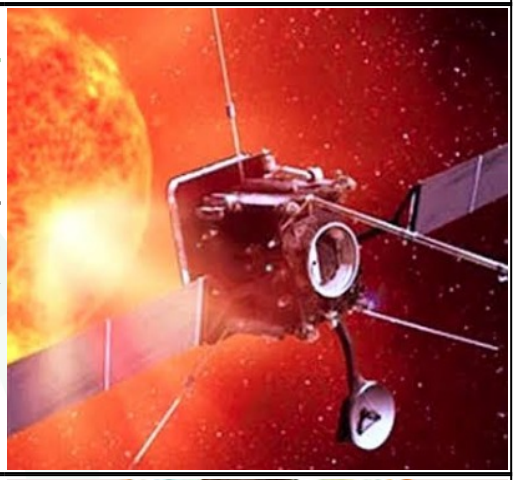
Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) released the QS Asia University Rankings 2027 on November 3, 2026, featuring 1,722 universities from 26 higher education systems. With 325 universities, India remains the second-largest higher education system in Asia. IIT Delhi is the top-ranked Indian university at 66th place, while IISc Bengaluru stands at 79th. Key challenges for Indian universities include improving research quality, international collaboration, the participation of international students, and academic reputation.

5. Boosting Indigenous AI Development in India: Three New Foundation Models—EKA-1, Dhīr 2B, and Dhīr 5B—Launched Under the IndiaAI Mission



On November 3, 2026, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched three indigenous AI models—EKA-1, Dhīr 2B, and Dhīr 5B—under the IndiaAI Mission. EKA-1, developed by Socket Labs, features 26.3 billion parameters and supports all 22 scheduled Indian languages. Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B, developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations, are designed for secure, offline use. These models aim to foster India's AI self-reliance, enhance digital security, and promote multilingual technical services.

6. Aditya-L1 Detects Asymmetrical Expansion of a Solar Coronal Mass Ejection: A Significant Milestone in Space Weather Research



India's first space-based solar observatory, Aditya-L1, has recorded the asymmetrical expansion of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that occurred on August 5, 2024, providing new insights into the dynamics of solar eruptions. This study utilized data from Aditya-L1's VELC instrument, NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, and 3D modeling. A CME is a massive release of plasma and magnetic fields from the Sun's corona, which can trigger geomagnetic storms on Earth. This discovery will aid in better forecasting the potential impacts of solar activity on satellites, GPS, communication systems, and power grids.

7. Keisha Lance Bottoms Becomes America's First Black Female Governor: Democratic Party Returns to Power in Georgia After 24 Years



In the U.S. midterm elections held on November 3, 2026, Keisha Lance Bottoms of the Democratic Party defeated Republican candidate Rick Jackson to win the election for Governor of Georgia. With this, she has become the first Black woman in U.S. history—and the first woman in Georgia's history—to serve as governor. She previously served as the Mayor of Atlanta from 2018 to 2022 and also held the position of senior advisor in the Joe Biden administration. Her victory marks the return of the Democratic Party to power in Georgia after nearly 24 years.

8. Collins Dictionary Names 'Mogging' as Word of the Year 2026: The Growing Influence of Digital Culture and Gen Z Language



Collins Dictionary has selected 'Mogging' as its Word of the Year for 2026. The term refers to outshining or surpassing another person in terms of looks, personality, or performance. Popular among Gen Z and Gen Alpha, the usage of this word saw a 210% increase throughout 2026. Collins Dictionary makes this selection by analyzing a language database comprising approximately 27 billion words. This choice highlights the significant influence that social media, digital culture, and the younger generation are exerting on the modern English language.

1. Whom did Equitas Small Finance Bank approve for appointment as interim CEO on November 4, 2026?

A - P.N. Vasudevan **B - Balaji Nuthalapati**

C - Sanjay Malhotra **D - Sashidhar Jagdishan**

Equitas Small Finance Bank approved the appointment of Balaji Nuthalapati as interim CEO on November 4, 2026, subject to RBI approval. He brings 28 years of experience from Citigroup, and this appointment follows the resignation of P.N. Vasudevan.



2. Which day has the Uttarakhand government announced to be observed annually on November 28?

A - Environmental Conservation Day **B - Disaster Management Day**

C - National Security Day **D - Mountain Development Day**

The Uttarakhand government has announced that 'Disaster Management Day' will be observed annually on November 28, in commemoration of the 2023 Silkyara tunnel rescue operation. Its objective is to strengthen the state's disaster management capacity through disaster awareness, mock drills, risk assessment, and safety measures.



3. In which district has India's first notified organic fisheries cluster been established?

A - Gangtok **B - Soreng**

C - Namchi **D - Mangan**

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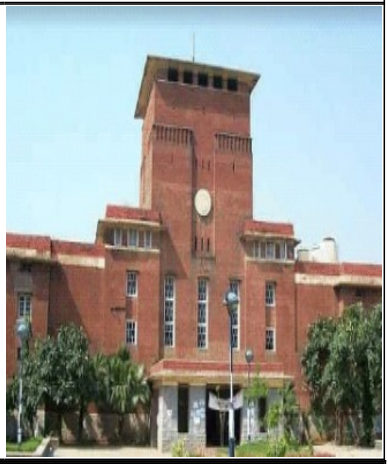


4. What rank did IIT Delhi secure in the QS Asia University Rankings 2027?

A - 66th **B - 56th**

C - 76th **D - 79th**

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5. How many indigenous AI models were launched under the IndiaAI Mission on November 3, 2026?

A - Two **B - Three**

C - Four **D - Five**



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6. Which is India's first space-based solar observatory?

A - Chandrayaan-3 **B - Aditya-L1**

C - Mangalyaan **D - AstroSat**



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7. Who won the election for Governor of Georgia in 2026?

A - Kamala Harris **B - Keisha Lance Bottoms**

C - Stacey Abrams **D - Nikki Haley**



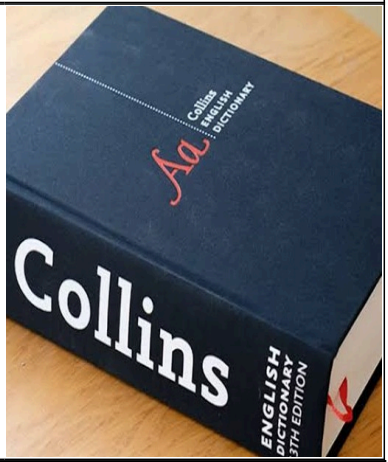
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8. Which word has Collins Dictionary chosen as its 'Word of the Year' for 2026?

A - Ghost Jobs **B - Mogging**

C - Friendslop **D - Carspreading**



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One Liner

1. Which is the highest-ranked Indian institution in the QS Asia University Rankings 2027? - IIT Delhi (66th position)

2. Which day has the Uttarakhand government announced to be observed annually on November 28? - Disaster Management Day

3. In which district has India's first notified organic fisheries cluster been established? - Soreng District, Sikkim

4. Under which central scheme has India's first organic fisheries cluster been announced? - Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

5. What are the three indigenous AI foundation models launched on November 3, 2026? - EKA-1, Dhīr 2B, and Dhīr 5B

6. Who is the leader that became the first Black female governor elected in the history of the United States? - Keisha Lance Bottoms (Georgia)

7. Which word has been chosen as the 'Word of the Year' for 2026 by Collins Dictionary? - Mogging

8. Who has been appointed as the interim CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank? - Balaji Nuthalapadi

9. Which instrument on Aditya-L1 played a crucial role in studying the asymmetric expansion of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)? - Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC)

10. On what date did the Union Cabinet approve the IndiaAI Mission? - March 7, 2024