

The week from 13 Oct 2025 to 19 Oct 2025

Indian representative Sherry Singh created history by winning the Mrs. Universe 2025 crown, marking India's first-ever victory in this prestigious pageant. The 48th edition was held at Okada Resort, Manila, Philippines, with 120 contestants from across the world. Sherry's victory not only celebrates beauty but also intellect, leadership, and resilience, inspiring women across India and globally.

Jasprit Bumrah has made history by becoming the first Indian fast bowler to play at least 50 matches in Test, ODI and T20I cricket. He achieved this milestone during the ongoing 2nd Test against the West Indies at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, marking his 50th Test appearance. Bumrah has so far taken 222 Test wickets, 149 ODI wickets and 96 T20I wickets.

The Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, recorded the first-ever sighting of the spider species *Araneus nox* in India. Previously, this orb-weaving spider was known only from Southeast Asian countries such as the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. Known for its beautiful circular web and a leathery-textured abdomen, it is also called the "Leathery Garden Orb-weaver."

Uruguay has become the first Latin American country to legalize euthanasia by passing the Dignified Death bill in the Senate, with 20 of 31 legislators voting in favor. The law permits mentally sound adults with terminal, irreversible illnesses to request assisted suicide, which must be performed by a healthcare professional in a painless and respectful manner.

Palau, a Pacific island nation, made history by hosting the world's first-ever live underwater interview. President Surangel Whipps Jr. conducted the conversation underwater with Estonian Olympic swimmer and ocean activist Merle Liivand. The interview used LiFi Talking Mask technology, which transmits sound via light, specially designed for underwater communication.

The Indian Navy hosted the fifth Indo-Indonesian Joint Bilateral Maritime Exercise, 'Samudra Shakti - 2025', at Visakhapatnam from October 14-17, 2025. Participating ships included India's INS Kavaratti and Indonesia's KRI John Lie aiming to strengthen cooperation, interoperability, and tactical coordination between the two navies to ensure peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has announced that the green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) has improved its Red List status from Endangered to Least Concern amid widespread conservation efforts. Green turtles play a crucial role as keystone species in tropical marine ecosystems and hold cultural, culinary and spiritual significance worldwide.

Archaeologists in Thirumalapuram, Tenkasi district, Tamil Nadu have uncovered a large Iron Age burial site dating back to the early to mid-third millennium BCE, making it one of South India's oldest. The 35-acre site features stone slab burial chambers, urns, and pottery alongside 78 other significant artefacts.

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