

The week from 30th November 2025 to 06th December 2025

India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu to assist Sri Lanka to recover from the effects of Cyclone Ditwah. A total of 27 tonnes of relief material were delivered to Colombo by air and sea. Additionally, two Urban Search and Rescue Teams comprising 80 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel were deployed for rescue missions.

The Darjeeling Mandarin Orange has officially received India's Geographical Indication (GI) tag, recognizing its unique identity and boosting local farmers' income. Supported by initiatives like 'Mission Suntala', this recognition strengthens cultivation, preserves heritage, and enhances the region's economy, marking it West Bengal's 11th agricultural product with GI protection.

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), located in Golaghat district, Assam, has been granted Navratna status, becoming the 27th Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) to receive this recognition. It has a capacity of 3 million metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) and an annual turnover of ₹25,147 crore with net profits of ₹1,608 crore for FY 2024-25.

Lok Sabha has approved the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and the Health & National Security Cess Bill, introducing a revised tax regime for tobacco, cigarettes and pan masala. The move replaces the GST compensation cess, which ends on March 31, 2026. The new structure maintains high taxation on sin goods, ensures revenue continuity and directs funds toward health and national security.

Rohit Sharma made history during India's first ODI against South Africa in Ranchi by becoming the highest six-hitter in ODI cricket, hitting 352 sixes and surpassing Pakistan's Shahid Afridi (351). The 38-year-old opening batsman, also known as the 'Hitman', achieved this milestone while scoring 57 runs off 50 balls, including three sixes.

At just 29, Luana Lopes Lara has become the youngest self-made woman billionaire in the world, according to Forbes. She is the co-founder of Kalshi, a cutting-edge prediction market platform that recently raised \$1 billion in Series E funding, valuing the company at \$11 billion. Luana's personal net worth now stands at \$1.3 billion, reflecting her rapid rise in the fintech sector.

India has confirmed the rediscovery of the bamboo shrimp *Atyopsis spinipes* in Karnataka and Odisha, seven decades after it was last recorded. Surveys by the Centre for Climate Change Studies traced the species to mangrove-lined, sandy waterways. As an amphidromous filter-feeder, it highlights India's hidden freshwater diversity, now threatened by sand mining and habitat loss.

The 56th International Film Festival of India concluded with Vietnamese feature 'Skin of Youth' winning the Golden Peacock Award for Best Film. Directed by Ashleigh Mayfair, the film explores transgender identity and love in 1990s Saigon, earning praise for its emotional depth and visuals and furthermore Norway's 'Safe House' received the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal.



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