

The week from 16th March 2026 to 22nd March 2026

Renowned Tamil poet, lyricist and writer R. Vairamuthu has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award for 2025, India's highest literary recognition. Winner of seven National Film Awards for best lyrics, Vairamuthu becomes the third Tamil writer to receive this honour, following P.V. Akilan (1975) and D. Jayakanthan (2002).

UN official Kaveh Madani has been awarded the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize for his innovative work in water management and diplomacy. Aged 44, the youngest laureate in the prize's history, he is renowned for the concept of "water bankruptcy," highlighting systemic water depletion.

India won 5 medals at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 in Bangkok. Chandrika Pujari clinched gold in the women's 51 kg category, defeating Uzbekistan's Mardonova Nazokat. Silver medals were won by Gunjan, Joyshree Devi and L. Ambekar Meetei, while Radhamani Longjam secured bronze.

Kimi Antonelli won the 2026 Chinese Grand Prix at Shanghai — his first F1 victory becoming the youngest polesitter in F1 history during qualifying. Teammate George Russell finished second, while Lewis Hamilton claimed his first podium for Ferrari in third.

The Indian Navy has joined the U.S.-led Exercise Sea Dragon 2026 in Guam, a premier multinational anti-submarine warfare (ASW) drill focused on tracking live and simulated submarines. Featuring the Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft alongside partners like Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, the exercise enhances interoperability and maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

India now has the world's third-largest metro network, with over 1,143 km operational and 936 km under construction. India's metro network has expanded from 5 cities in 2014 to 29 today, catering to around 11.5 million passengers daily. Strong government support and policy initiatives have driven this growth, focusing on sustainable urban mobility.

The Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has integrated advanced open-sourced Sarvam AI models into the BHASHINI platform, India's AI-powered language technology initiative. Operating on India's first vendor-agnostic sovereign AI cloud, BHASHINI manages over 350 optimized models, powers 500+ government websites, and processes 15 million inferences daily — surpassing 6 billion total inferences.



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