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## PM Modi launches ₹24,000-crore project for development of vulnerable tribal groups

PM Modi visits tribal legend Birsa Munda's birthplace in Jharkhand's Khunti

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15 launched the ₹24,000-crore Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM PVTG) Mission for the holistic development of around 28 lakh PVTGs in the country.
- Under the mission, basic facilities such as road and telecom connectivity, electricity, safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition and sustainable livelihood opportunities will be provided to PVTG habitations, which are mostly remote, scattered and inaccessible



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## Edinburgh to Kozhikode: how Kerala got onto UNESCO's City of Literature list

Home to some of India's best-known writers, including M.T. Vasudevan Nair, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer and S.K. Pottekkatt, the city also has a vibrant theatre tradition, several publishing houses, many libraries and bookshops, and hosts the popular Kerala Literature Festival



Unesco releases the latest list of 55 creative cities on World Cities Day.

- Kozhikode is the first City of Literature in India
- Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh gets City of Music tag
- **Do you know?**

It was in 2004 that UNESCO launched the Creative Cities Network to promote cooperation among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development.

- Edinburgh was the first City of Literature.
- Besides literature, the UN agency also recognises cities for their association with other creative fields like film, crafts, folk arts and design. This year, Gwalior has been named a City of Music, an honour that was achieved before by two other Indian cities, Varanasi (2015) and Chennai (2017). A city has to submit a bid explaining why it deserves to be considered.

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## Proposed criminal code gives more immunity to defence personnel



The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) Bill, 2023, expected to replace the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), provides further immunity to armed forces personnel as no case can be registered against them without the sanction of the Union or the State government for acts performed in the line of duty.

- The proposed provision will be in addition to the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) that gives unbridled power to the armed forces deployed in “disturbed areas” to arrest or kill anyone acting in contravention of law, and search any premises without a warrant, and protection from prosecution and legal suits without Central government’s sanction. At present, the AFSPA is applicable in parts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, and whole of Jammu and Kashmir.

### Do you know?

- The CrPC, introduced in 1898 and amended in 1973, provides protection to members of the armed forces only from arrest and there are no conditions regarding registration of a criminal case.

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## FATF team in India to hold on-site review meetings



- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was established in 1989 by the G7 to examine and develop measures to combat money laundering. It originally included the G7 countries, the European Commission and eight other countries.
- The FATF was given responsibility to examine money laundering techniques and trends, review the action already taken at a national or international level, and to set out measures needed to combat money laundering. In 2001, the FATF expanded its mandate to also combat terrorist financing.
- Since 2019, the FATF has had an open-ended mandate, after originally operating under fixed-terms.



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## IMEC a 'win-win situation' for all States involved: Finance Minister



During the recently concluded G20 summit, India, the U.S., UAE, EU, France, Italy and Germany signed a memorandum of understanding to establish the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)

- The proposed IMEC will consist of railroad, ship-to-rail networks (road and sea) and road transport routes (and networks) extending across two corridors, that is, the east corridor – connecting India to the Gulf, and the northern corridor – connecting the Gulf to Europe.

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## NASA, ISRO prepare to launch joint space mission



- NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory being jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.
- NISAR will map the entire globe in 12 days and provide spatially and temporally consistent data for understanding changes in Earth's ecosystems, ice mass, vegetation biomass, sea level rise, ground water and natural hazards including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and landslides. NISAR.
  - It carries L and S dual band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR).
    - Synthetic aperture radar (SAR) refers to a technique for producing fine-resolution images from a resolution-limited radar system.

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## India, US, 12 other IPEF members sign supply chain resilience agreement

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- India, the US and 12 other members of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) on Wednesday entered into a supply chain resilience agreement that aims to cut dependence on China and help shift manufacturing of crucial goods to member nations.
- The 14 countries that are part of IPEF include India, Australia, the US, Japan, Fiji, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand, and make up for 40% of global gross domestic product and about a third of global goods and services trade.
- The IPEF is structured around four pillars relating to trade, supply chains, clean economy and fair economy (issues like tax and anti-corruption). India has joined all the pillars except the trade pillar.
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## Xi-Biden to meet amid US-China tensions: What is APEC, the forum they will be attending?

US President Joe Biden and Chinese President XI Jinping are also set to meet on the summit's sidelines.  
Why was APEC founded and what can be expected at the summit?



- The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific.
- APEC's 21 members aim to create greater prosperity for the people of the region by promoting balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth and by accelerating regional economic integration.
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## Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)

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- The Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), a Central Sector Scheme is being implemented by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) with 100% funding by Government of India.
- The objective of DILRMP is to develop a modern, comprehensive and transparent land record management system