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International News

01 India-Italy Year of Culture and Tourism

India and Italy have officially declared 2027 as the 'Year of Culture and Tourism'. This joint initiative is expected to strengthen cultural ties and boost tourism between the two nations.

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- Rome is the capital of Italy and is famously known as the 'City of Seven Hills'.
- Italy is one of the founding members of the European Union.

02 NATO Foreign Ministers Meeting

The NATO meeting held in Helsingborg, Sweden, concluded recently, focusing on global security and the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war. Turkey is set to host the next meeting in 2026.

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- NATO was formed in 1949.
- The headquarters of NATO is in Brussels, Belgium.

03 Venezuela's Rise as a Major Oil Supplier

Venezuela has climbed to the third spot in the list of crude oil suppliers to India, ranking just behind Russia and the UAE.

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- The currency of Venezuela is the Bolivar.
- Venezuela is one of the founding countries of OPEC.

04 Taiwan Becomes the 5th Largest Stock Market

Driven by a boom in the AI and semiconductor sectors, Taiwan's stock market has reached a market cap of 4.95 trillion USD, pushing past India's 4.92 trillion USD to secure the fifth position globally.

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- TSMC is the world's largest semiconductor manufacturer.
- The official name of Taiwan is the Republic of China.

05 UN Blacklists Israel and Russia

For the first time, Israel and Russia have been included in the UN blacklist due to their involvement in sexual violence-related offences.

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- The UN headquarters is in New York.
- Antonio Guterres is the current Secretary-General of the UN.

06 New Prime Minister of Slovenia

Right-wing leader Janez Janša has been elected as the Prime Minister of Slovenia for the fourth time.

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- Slovenia gained independence in 1991.
- Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia.

National News

07 Global Recognition for Kumbhalgarh Fort

UNESCO has recognized the 36 km long wall of Rajasthan's Kumbhalgarh Fort as the second-longest wall in the world.

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- The fort was built by Maharana Kumbha.
- It is located in the Aravalli mountain range of Rajasthan.

08 Arunachal Kiwi Mission

A special mission worth 167 crore INR has been launched to transform Arunachal Pradesh into an organic Kiwi hub.

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- The scientific name of the kiwi fruit is *Actinidia deliciosa*.
- Arunachal Pradesh is known as the 'Land of Dawn-Lit Mountains'.

09 AI Tech for Simhasth 2028

The Madhya Pradesh government has signed an agreement with Google to implement an AI-powered framework for crowd and traffic management during the Simhasth fair in Ujjain.

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- The Simhasth fair is held in Ujjain every 12 years.
- Sundar Pichai is the current CEO of Google.

10 Uniform Civil Code in Assam

The UCC Bill has been introduced in the Assam Assembly. If it passes, Assam will become the fourth state to implement the code.

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- Article 44 of the Indian Constitution mentions the UCC.
- Currently, Goa is the only state in India where a form of the UCC is in effect.

11 India's First Private Medical Museum

Located in Thiruvananthapuram, this unique museum was established by A. Shivanman.

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- Thiruvananthapuram is the capital of Kerala.
- Kerala has the highest literacy rate in India.

12 Largest Battery Energy Storage System

Adani Green Energy has launched a 3.37 GW capacity battery system in Khavda, Gujarat.

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- Gujarat has the longest coastline in India.
- The world's largest solar park is also located in Gujarat.

13 First Women-Led Solar Project

A 1-megawatt solar project in Khammam, Telangana, is now being managed entirely by women from self-help groups.

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- Telangana was formed as India's 29th state in 2014.
- Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana.

Science and Technology

14 Chandrayaan-3 and the AIAA Award

ISRO's historic Chandrayaan-3 mission has been honored with the AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award.

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- ISRO was founded in 1969.
- The lander of Chandrayaan-3 was named Vikram.

15 AI-Based Genome Editing Platform

Indian scientists have developed 'POC 1', an innovative AI-driven genome editing technology.

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- DNA stands for Deoxyribonucleic Acid.
- CRISPR technology is the standard for genome editing.

Sports and Others

16 Sumit Antil's World Record

Para-athlete Sumit Antil has set a new world record with a throw of 74.82 meters.

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- Sumit Antil is a javelin thrower.
- He won a gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

17 Passing of Raja Randhir Singh

Renowned Olympic shooter and the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia, Raja Randhir Singh, has passed away.

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- The headquarters of the Olympic Council of Asia is in Kuwait.
- The first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896 in Athens.

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