

Ministry of Tribal Affairs today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, ONGC, in New Delhi. This MoU is being signed for the execution of Corporate Social Responsibility-supported infrastructure development and capacity building of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS). On the occasion, Tribal Affairs Secretary, Ranjana Chopra said that under the agreement, ONGC has committed 28 crore rupees to strengthen EMRS, helping provide quality education to children from tribal communities. This amount will be implemented in various disciplines. Tribal Affairs Secretary said that Eklavya Model Schools are aspirational that aim to provide high quality education to the tribal students.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the Indian Coast Guard's first indigenously designed and built pollution control vessel Samudra Pratap in Goa today. At the commissioning, Mr Singh hailed the vessel as a symbol of country's collective resolve and maritime confidence.

The Defence Minister emphasized that protecting marine biodiversity is a "moral responsibility" in the face of climate change, noting that the ship will safeguard coral reefs and coastal communities. He highlighted India's commitment to inclusivity with the deployment of two women officers, while urging the industry to aim for 90 percent indigenization in future projects. The Samudra Pratap has over 70 per cent domestic content. Beyond detecting and recovering oil spills, it will strengthen search-and-rescue efforts and safeguard the country's Exclusive Economic Zone.

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Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan today said that the National Cadet Corps (NCC) has played a commendable role during Operation Sindoor. Addressing the NCC Republic Day Parade Camp 2026 in New Delhi, he said, the operation showed the country's resolve to protect its national honour, sovereignty and people.

Mr Radhakrishnan said, the NCC has consistently nurtured generations of responsible and patriotic citizens, expressing confidence that cadets will remain at the forefront of nation-building and social responsibility.

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The year 2025 stands as a defining chapter in India's development journey. It saw policies translate into progress and intent into impact. Today, in this Special Series, 'Year of Reforms', we bring you India's progress in the Energy Sector in 2025.

(V/C - India's energy sector in 2025 marked a year when long-pending reforms across power, nuclear energy, clean transition, and strategic materials finally converged into execution. With the passage of the SHANTI Bill, India ended a decades-long stagnation in civil nuclear sector. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is moving ahead with the plan to increase nuclear energy capacity by more than 10 times, by 2047. In 2025, India introduced The National Critical Mineral Mission and the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025. Meanwhile in renewable energy, from large solar parks and wind corridors to rooftop solar under PM Surya Ghar and farmer-focused PM-KUSUM schemes, clean energy expansion reached homes, farms, and industries alike. Non-fossil fuel sources now account for around 44 percent of installed power capacity, surpassing the 2030 target. India enhanced its energy security and strengthen its position in the global clean energy sector in 2025.)

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Akashvani Kohima has extended the last date for submission of applications for engagement of Part-Time Correspondents (PTCs) in 11 districts of Nagaland till January 20. The districts include Chümoukedima, Longleng, Meluri, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Tseminyu, and Zunheboto. Interested candidates who meet the prescribed criteria may apply for engagement as PTCs. The necessary details and prescribed proforma may be accessed from the www.newsonair.gov.in under the vacancies section, issued on 19th December 2025. Application containing full bio-data along with self-attested copies of supporting certificates, testimonials and one recent photograph must reach the office on or before 20th of this month.

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Taekwondo athlete Rupa Bayor from Arunachal Pradesh has made history by becoming the first Indian to achieve World Rank 6 and Asia Rank 1. Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia extended his heartfelt congratulations to Ms Bayor on the achievement. Calling her rise from the hills of Arunachal to the top of world sport as truly inspiring, the Minister extended his best wishes to Ms Bayor.

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In local sports, Genesis CC, Old Riphym lifted the 30th Winter Cricket Challenge. In the final match played today, Genesis CC Old Riphym faced Waxen CC. Opting to bat first, Waxen CC set a target of 115 runs in 20 overs. In reply, a strong partnership between Lijanbemo Patton and Nchumbemo Humtsoe guided Genesis CC Old Riphym to victory by seven wickets. Lijanbemo Patton was named Man of the Match for his 51-run knock. Nchumbemo Kikon of Genesis CC Old Riphym was named the Man of the Tournament and the highest wicket taker with 13 wickets. Hiketo Aye of Lancer CC won the Highest Run Scorer award with 167 runs in four matches.

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