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1. An Indian fighter jet, Tejas, crashed during an aerobatic display at the Dubai Airshow. The Wing Commander Namansh Sayal (37) from Himachal Pradesh, who was piloting the aircraft, died.
 - i. More than 150 countries participated in the exhibition, which began on November 17, 2025. India's Tejas fighter jet and the Suryakiran Air Force performed aerobatic displays. The Tejas fighter jet, which was performing an aerobatic display on Friday afternoon, crashed while flying too low and trying to take off.
 - ii. The domestic development of the Tejas fighter jet was started in 1984. It was inducted into the Indian Air Force in 2016.
 - iii. In February 2021, the Ministry of Defence signed a deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to procure 83 Tejas Mk-1A fighter jets for Rs.48,000 crore. Preliminary approval has also been given to procure another 97 Tejas fighter jets in 2023.
2. Since most women are reluctant to go to hospitals to get cervical cancer diagnosed, the Public Health Department has decided to provide self-test kits to them through health workers at their homes.
 - i. The National Health Commission has said that it will provide the kits to 25,000 women under the age of 35 in Dharmapuri as a pilot project.
 - ii. The Cervical cancer is caused by a virus called Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). Cancer cells spread to the cells of the cervix of those affected by this disease and affect its tissues. If not detected and treated on time, it is likely to spread to other organs including the lungs, liver, bladder, rectum.
 - iii. According to the data of the Adyar Cancer Research Center, Cervical Cancer is most common in Dharmapuri and Perambalur in Tamil Nadu. That is, 36 out of every lakh women are affected in those districts. Next to that is Ariyalur, which is 29.9. Statistics show that the incidence rate of Cervical Cancer in Chennai is 13 and the overall incidence rate of Cervical Cancer in Tamil Nadu is 14 per lakh.
 - iv. The Government is continuously urging women to undergo the test. However, many women are reluctant to go to hospitals and undergo the vaginal swab test.
3. India's eight core infrastructure sectors recorded zero growth in October, 2025. The Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement:
 - i. The eight core infrastructure sectors – coal, power, manufacturing, crude oil, natural gas, cement, steel and petroleum refining – recorded zero growth in October, 2025.
 - ii. This was due to a decline in coal and power production. This is the first time in

a year that the core infrastructure sectors have recorded zero growth.

4. The Supreme Court Chief Justice B.R.Gavai retired on Friday (Nov. 21).
 - i. B.R. Gavai took oath as the 52nd Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on May 14.
 - ii. K.G. Balakrishnan was the first Chief Justice from the Scheduled Caste to hold the office in the Supreme Court. Following him, B.R.Gavai took oath as the second Chief Justice from the Scheduled Caste. He also became the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from the Buddhist religion.
 - iii. Surya Kant is set to take oath as the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on Monday (Nov. 24). He will hold the office till February 9, 2027.
 - iv. It has been reported that the Chief Justices and Judges of the Supreme Courts of Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Malaysia, Mauritius and Nepal will participate in the swearing-in ceremony of Justice Surya Kant. This is the first time that a large number of people from the foreign judiciary will participate in the swearing-in ceremony of a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, informed sources said.
5. The Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he was ready to work with the United States on a plan to end the war with Russia.
 - i. The draft plan, developed after meetings between US White House Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and Russian Ambassador Kirill Dmitriev, included provisions such as Ukraine giving up much of the Donetsk region which it still controls, reducing its military to 600,000, and promising not to join NATO.
 - ii. However, Ukraine has rejected all of these as unacceptable.
6. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in South Africa on a 3-day official visit to participate in the G20 Summit.
 - i. The Prime Minister said that he will present India's perspective in the summit in line with the vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The world is one family) and One Earth, One Family, One Future.
 - ii. The G20 summit, which includes developing and developed countries including the US, Russia, Britain, Japan and India, will be held for two days in Johannesburg, South Africa. This is the first time that the G20 summit is being held on the African Continent.
7. Over 4,400 suspects were rounded up and 877 arrested during a 48-hour operation against online cyber frauds under the Delhi Police's "Operation Cy-Hawk".
8. The Central Government announced the coming into force of four labour laws.
 - i. The Government has consolidated 29 labour laws into four comprehensive Labour Codes : the Wages Act, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020. They have come into force from Friday (Nov. 19, 2025).
 - ii. 'Gig work', 'Platform work', and 'Aggregators' have been defined for the first time..

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- v. Introduction of Aadhaar-linked Universal Account Number.
- vi. Extension of all benefits to Digital and audio-visual workers, including journalists in electronic media, dubbing artists, and stunt persons.
- vii. Facility for women to work night shifts in all establishments.
- viii. Equal pay for equal work without gender discrimination.
- ix. Free annual medical check-up for workers above 40 years of age.
- x. Introduction of a single registration system for obtaining licenses.
- xi. Extension of Provident Fund (PF), ESIC, insurance, and other social security benefits to all workers including 'gig workers', 'platform workers' (temporary contract workers) under the Social Security Code, 2020.
- xii. Legal minimum wage and timely release of wages to all workers under the Wages code, 2019.
- xiii. Establishments with less than 10 employees can apply for ESIC coverage on a voluntary basis. However, it is mandatory for establishments to apply for ESIC coverage with even one employee engaged in hazardous processes.