

November 25, 2025 – Dinamani Newspaper – Tit bits

1. Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of the India. The President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi. He took the oath in Hindi, saying 'In the name of God'.
 - i. Justice Surya Kant took oath as the new Chief Justice of the India following the retirement of B.R. Gavai. He will hold this post for the next 15 months. He will retire on February 9, 2027.
 - ii. Collegium: Justice Surya Kant, who has taken oath as the Chief Justice of the India, will head the Supreme Court Collegium, which selects names for vacant posts of judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts and recommends them to the Central Government. The Collegium headed by him, which will recommend names for vacant posts of Supreme Court judges, will include Justices Vikram Nath, B.V. Nagaratna, J.K. Maheshwari and M.M. Sundaresh. The collegium headed by him, which will recommend names for vacant posts of High Court judges, will include Justices Vikram Nath and P.V. Nagaratna.
2. Like Australia, Malaysia has announced that it will ban social media accounts for those under 16. Regarding this, the Minister of Communications Fahmi Fadzil said:
 - i. We have decided to ban those under 16 from having social media accounts from 2026. This ban will be implemented as part of a wider effort to protect children from online dangers such as cyberbullying, scams and sexual exploitation.
 - ii. We are reviewing the measures taken by countries including Australia in this regard. He said that they are considering electronic verification methods that confirm the user's age through identity card or passport.
 - iii. Australia's ban on children's use of social media, which was the first in the world, will come into effect from December 10, 2025. Accordingly, if platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X fail to prevent those under the age of 16 from having accounts, those platforms will be fined 50 million Australian dollars (about Rs. 288 crore).
 - iv. It is worth recalling that Denmark and Norway have also announced bans on use by those under the age of 15.
3. Italy defeated Spain 2-0 in the final of the Davis Cup men's tennis tournament to become the Champion.
 - i. This is the team's 3rd consecutive (hat-trick) title, and the 4th overall title (1976, 2023, 2024, 2025). However, this is the first time Italy has won the trophy on home soil.
4. The logo and mascot for the Track Asia Cup 2026 cycling competition, which will be held for the first time in India, has been unveiled.
 - i. The Track Asia Cup International Cycling Competition will be held at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University campus in Chennai from January 29 to 31, 2026.
5. The Ministry of Railways has said in a Right to Information (RTI) query that till September this year, the automatic train safety system 'Kavach 4.0' technology has been installed

on 654 km of railway tracks.

- i. Kavach technology helps in stopping trains by automatically applying the brakes if the drivers fail to operate the trains at a certain speed. It also prevents accidents due to collision of trains on the same track and provides safety while crossing signals.
 - ii. This indigenously developed technology was installed in a passenger train for trial in February 2016. Subsequently, Kavach technology was brought into full use as the National Automatic Train Safety (ATP) system in July 2020.
6. The first anti-submarine warfare ship, INS Mahe, has been commissioned into the Indian Navy.
 - i. INS Mahe has been built by the Kochi Shipbuilding Corporation in Kochi, Kerala.
 - ii. A total of 8 Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare ships are to be commissioned under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat programme to build warships domestically.
7. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hoist the saffron flag on Tuesday (Nov. 25) at the top of the 161-foot-tall main tower of the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, after the completion of the construction.
8. The Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said that India and Canada have agreed to resume negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
 - i. He said that if the agreement is signed, bilateral trade between the two countries will increase to Rs.4.4 lakh crore by 2030.
 - ii. The FTA negotiations between India and Canada were stalled in 2023 during the tenure of Justin Trudeau as the Prime Minister of Canada.