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1. Vivek Joshi Assumes Charge as Election Commissioner

Vivek Joshi, a distinguished mechanical engineer from IIT-Roorkee and a seasoned 1989-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Haryana cadre, has been appointed as Election Commissioner of India.

On 19 February 2025, Gyanesh Kumar became chief election commissioner of India, replacing Rajiv Kumar.

2. Kerala Unveils nPROUD for Safe Drug Disposal

Kerala has launched nPROUD (New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs) to safely collect and dispose of expired and unused medicines. The initiative, starting as a pilot in Kozhikode and Ulliyeri, involves household collections, pharmacy drop-offs, and special drives.

3. Shami becomes fastest Indian bowler to reach 200 ODI wickets

Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to reach 200 ODI wickets during the ICC Champions Trophy match against Bangladesh.

Mohammed Shami reached 200 ODI wickets in 104 matches, surpassing Ajit Agarkar's record (133 matches).

- Shami is the second-fastest overall, behind Mitchell Starc (102 matches).
- Shami is the eighth Indian to complete 200 wickets in ODI cricket.

4. Rohit Sharma Becomes Second Fastest to 11,000 ODI Runs

Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma reached a significant career milestone by becoming the second fastest player to surpass 11,000 runs in One-Day Internationals (ODIs). He achieved this landmark during India's Champions Trophy 2025.

5. Nagaland's Forest Project Recognized with SKOCH Award

The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) received the SKOCH Award 2024 at the 100th SKOCH Summit in New Delhi. Ango Konyak and Wennyei Konyak accepted the award on behalf of Govt. of Nagaland.

6. Bengal Leads India in Bird Count for Third Consecutive Year

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a major global birdwatching event, and for the third year in a row, Bengal topped India's bird species count. Held from February 14 to 17, 2025, birdwatchers across India recorded 1,068 species, with Bengal leading at 543 species.

7. Bima-ASBA & RBI DATA App

IRDAI has introduced Bima-ASBA, a UPI-based system for life and health insurance premium payments, effective March 1, 2025.

The RBI has launched RBIDATA, a mobile app providing seamless access to 11,000+ macroeconomic and financial data series. Designed for researchers, policymakers, and the public, the app offers interactive charts, a powerful search function, banking outlet locator, and SAARC economic data.

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