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EDUCATION/INSTITUITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **♣** Single regulator to replace UGC, AICTE & NCTE The New Indian Express
- ₩ Ministry of Education celebrates Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 PIB
- ♣ Panel flags UGC leadership vacuum, seeks faster equity rules and NAAC overhaul The Times of India
- ♣ Bias against OBCs must be counted as caste discrimination, panel urges UGC The Hindu
- Tezpur University Registrar-in-charge seeks reply from MoE on enquiry against absentee VC IndiaToday NE

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (FULL-TEXT ARTICLES/ PUBLICATIONS)

- ♣ Non-linear models for microbial inactivation kinetics in kiwifruit juice using cold plasma treatment: the combined impact of applied voltage, juice depth and treatment time Springer Nature Link
- Layered MXene-transition metal oxide nanocomposite revealing its versatility in methanol oxidation and PVA/KOH hydrogel-based symmetric supercapacitor World Scientific Connect
- Optimising novel methanol/diesel blends as sustainable fuel alternatives: Performance evaluation and predictive modelling ScienceDirect

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Department of Science and Technology rolls out INSPIRE programs to boost STEM learning across India
 The Times of India
- **↓** ISRO lines up 7 launches, including uncrewed Gaganyaan mission by March 2026 The Hindu
- 4 'Publication retractions from India have skyrocketed since 2022' The Hindu
- **↓** India-made human-like robot The Hindu Businessline

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- ♣ Union Cabinet allows for exporting coal up to 50% of received allocation The Hindu
- RBI Deputy Governor rules out stablecoins in India The Hindu
- India-US trade talks: DPDP Act, Information Technology rules dominate Business Standard

LAW & JUDICIARY

Supreme Court panel to conceptualise, implement, monitor AI use in judiciary, Law Minister tells RS – The Hindu

EDITORIAL/OPINION

FTAs for a start: On India and trade pacts – The Hindu

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

- **♣** Cabinet approves scheme of Conduct of Census of India 2027 PMINDIA
- ↓ India offers 'final' deal to U.S., but tariff removal is focus The Hindu
- **↓** India sets its own air standards; global rankings not official: Government tells Parliament The Hindu
- Microsoft invests US\$17.5 billion in India to drive AI diffusion at population scale Microsoft

NORTH-EAST REGION

- 4 The Centre is committed to Manipur's progress: President Murmu The Assam Tribune
- Mizoram, Assam agree to work together to boost tourism The Assam Tribune
- Union minister hails Assam's cooperative reforms at 4th Cooperative Mela The Assam Tribune

ENVIRONMENT/ WILD-LIFE

Scientists describe a new species of burrowing shieldtail snake – Mongabay India

SPORTS

- Messi's India outing: Laser-lit skylines, packed stadiums, frenzied fans Business Standard

LINUX/ OPEN SOURCE

↓ openSUSE Empowers Linux Developers With Intel NPU Access – OpenSourceForU

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