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- Kimi Antonelli has secured his maiden Formula 1 World Championship, making history as the youngest champion in F1 history at the age of 20. This monumental achievement in international motorsports highlights his exceptional skill and consistency throughout the racing season. His victory marks a significant milestone for young athletes in global competitive racing and redefines the age benchmarks for the sport.
- Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinched the men's singles title at the Hylo Open in Germany by defeating Indonesia's Jonatan Christie in the final. In a remarkable display of dominance at the same tournament, PV Sindhu also secured her title at the Hylo Open by defeating Denmark's Line Kjaersfeldt. These victories significantly boost India's international badminton accolades and showcase the rising prowess of Indian players on the global stage.
- The Government of Mexico has officially implemented a comprehensive ban on the use of mobile phones in all schools across the country. This policy decision was enacted as a dedicated effort to limit children's and teenagers' reliance on electronic devices during academic hours. The move aims to improve student focus, reduce digital distractions, and foster a more conducive learning environment in Mexican educational institutions.
- Major retail giants Ahold Delhaize and Colruyt were recently hit by a severe cyber attack affecting dozens of stores across Belgium and Luxembourg. The breach specifically targeted the operational technology controlling refrigerators and freezers, leading to significant disruptions in daily store operations. This incident underscores the growing vulnerability of critical retail infrastructure to sophisticated digital threats in Europe.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly constructed Pune Metro Line 3, significantly enhancing urban public transportation in Maharashtra. During the same event, he also laid the foundation stone for four new metro corridors under the ambitious Phase III expansion project. This development is poised to decongest city traffic and provide a sustainable, efficient transit solution for the residents of Pune.
- The United States is holding its crucial midterm elections today, where citizens will cast their ballots to determine the political composition of the government. These elections will decisively determine which political party will control the US Congress for the remainder of the presidential term. The outcome is expected to have profound implications on future legislative agendas and domestic policies in America.
- India's manufacturing sector activity growth eased in October 2026 as both output and new orders rose at softer rates compared to the previous month. Consequently, the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) declined to 54.7 in October from 55.1 in September. Despite this moderation, the index remained well above the 50.0 mark that separates growth from contraction, indicating a continued, albeit slower, expansion in the domestic industrial sector.
- Gopal Vittal, Managing Director and CEO of Bharti Airtel, has been re-elected as the Chair of the GSMA for a second term extending until December 2028. He will continue to lead this prominent global mobile industry association, which represents the interests of mobile network operators worldwide. This re-election recognizes his ongoing

leadership in driving critical global initiatives focused on digital inclusion, advanced connectivity, and sustainable technological growth.

- The Indian contingent topped the overall medal tally at the prestigious Tammer Tournament 2026 held in Tampere, Finland. The participating athletes delivered an exceptional performance, securing a total of 14 medals for the country. This dominant showing highlights the rising global competitiveness and rigorous training standards of Indian sportspersons in international sporting arenas.
- Indian cricketer Prema Rawat has set a new global record for the fastest half-century in Women's T20 cricket by scoring a remarkable 14-ball fifty. This monumental achievement shattered the previous benchmark, highlighting her exceptional batting prowess and aggressive stroke play during the match. The record marks a historic milestone in women's cricket, drawing widespread acclaim from the sporting community and inspiring future generations of female athletes.
- International Day for Biosphere Reserves 2026 observed annually on 3 November, a day designated by UNESCO to promote the sustainable development and conservation of biosphere reserves worldwide.
    - Official Theme: “Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife”