



### **"Anuja" nominated for Best Short film category of Oscars 2025**

Indian short film Anuja has achieved a significant milestone by securing a nomination in the Best Short Film (Live Action) category for the Oscars 2025.

- ❖ Anuja is directed by Adam J. Graves and Suchitra Mattai.
- ❖ The film is backed by two-time Academy Award winner Guneet Monga and actors Priyanka Chopra and Mindy Kaling.
- ❖ Anuja follows a nine-year-old girl who, alongside her sister Palak, faces a life-changing opportunity that tests their bond and mirrors the struggles of girls worldwide.

### **DRDO conducts Scramjet Engine Ground Test**

Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a Hyderabad-based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has taken the initiative in developing a long-duration Supersonic Combustion Ramjet or Scramjet powered Hypersonic technology.

- ❖ DRDL recently developed these technologies and demonstrated a cutting-edge Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor ground test for 120 seconds for the first time in India.
- ❖ Hypersonic missiles travel at speeds greater than Mach 5 (5,400 km/hr or more).
- ❖ Several nations including USA, Russia, India and China are actively pursuing Hypersonic technology.

### **The Khelo India Winter Games 2025**

The Khelo India Winter Games 2025 commenced with great enthusiasm on 23rd January 2025, at the iconic NDS Stadium in Leh, Ladakh.

- ❖ The first phase of the event is being hosted by the Union Territory of Ladakh and will run until January 27th, 2025.
- ❖ The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will host the snow games from February 22nd to 25th.
- ❖ The Khelo India Winter Games were first started in 2020 as part of the Khelo India programme to promote winter sports in India.

- ❖ The inaugural edition was held in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir, from March 7 to March 11, 2020.
- ❖ The event featured sports such as skiing, snowboarding, ice hockey, and other winter sports, with participation from athletes across the country.

### Ayushmann Khurrana announced as ambassador of FICCI Frames

FICCI Frames, India's premier global media, and entertainment convention, is gearing up to celebrate its 25th anniversary this year and Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana has been announced as the brand ambassador for the occasion as the face of the media and entertainment industry of India.

- ❖ The theme for this special edition this year is "RISE: Redefining Innovation, Sustainability, and Excellence" which underscores the transformative impact of FICCI FRAMES in shaping narratives, fostering creativity, and driving the evolution of the Media & Entertainment industry.

### Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025, in the Institutional Category, for its excellent work in Disaster Management.

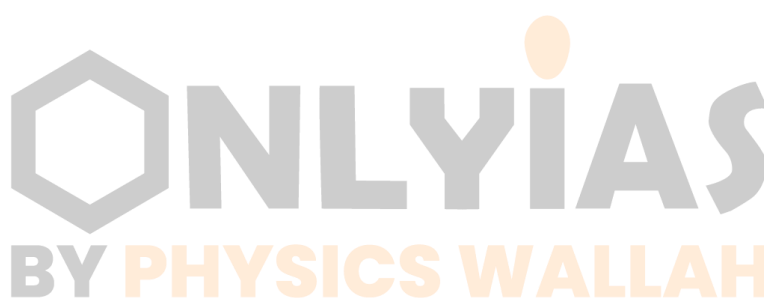
- ❖ The Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has instituted an annual award known as Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar to recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organizations in India in the field of disaster management.
- ❖ The award is announced every year on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- ❖ The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh and a certificate in case of an institution and Rs. 5 lakh and a certificate in case of an individual.

- ❖ The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar was instituted by the Government of India in 2018

### National Girl Child Day 2025

National Girl Child Day, celebrated every year on January 24 in India, is a significant occasion dedicated to highlighting the rights, education and welfare of girls.

Initiated in 2008, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the day aims to raise awareness about the importance of empowering girls and creating an environment where they can thrive without the barriers of gender discrimination.



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