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41,000 SCHOOLS ACROSS INDIA TO HOST SCHOOL CINEMA FESTIVAL FROM NOVEMBER 14



More than 100 carefully selected films from 25 countries, including France, Spain, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, and the UAE will soon light up classrooms across India as part of the eighth edition of the School Cinema International Film Festival (SCIFF).

Scheduled to run from November 14 to 30, the festival will be screened in over 40,000 government and 1,000 private schools nationwide, making it one of the largest educational film outreach programmes in the world.

DELHI SCHOOLS CLOSED DOE ORDERS HYBRID CLASSES FOR STUDENTS UP TO CLASS 5

Like every year, this year too, the national capital of India, New Delhi, is struggling to control the rising air pollution in Delhi-NCR. As the second week of November begins, a thick smog has taken over the capital as the Air Quality Index (AQI) has fallen into the 'very poor' category across several parts of the city. In some areas, it even plunged to the 'severe' category, with people facing hazardous respiratory problems.



The recent implementation of GRAP 3 in the capital city, students and parents should know that the schools in Delhi-NCR will shift to hybrid mode.



Nation's news



JEE (Main)

Joint Entrance Examination

JEE EXAM CITIES TIED TO AADHAAR

Starting with the 2026-27 academic session, the National Testing Agency (NTA) will assign JEE exam centers based on the address on a candidate's Aadhaar card. While this means exam city allocation is now linked to your Aadhaar address to improve transparency and logistics, candidates will still be able to choose a limited number of preferred cities within their home state during registration. The NTA urges students to verify and update their Aadhaar details before applying to avoid potential issues.

CENTRE INVESTS 21,000 CRORE IN NE EDUCATION

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday announced that the central government has invested Rs 21,000 crore in the education sector in the Northeast over the past 11 years. The statement came during her two-day visit to Assam, where she laid the foundation stone for the state's first university dedicated to technical and vocational education and training at Bholaguri in Gohpur, Biswanath district.



67 NAMED WORD OF THE YEAR

In a surprising twist, Dictionary.com has declared "67"-a number not a word-as its Word of the Year for 2025. The choice reflects how digital culture and Gen Z slang continue to reshape language, proving that even numbers can become global expressions. The viral "67" trend began with rapper Skrillex's track Doot Doot (67) and was amplified by NBA star LaMelo Ball's playful online use. From there, it swept across TikTok, memes, and student chats, becoming a shorthand for mixed emotions like "maybe," "whatever," or "it is what it is." By October, searches for "67" had risen more than six times, showing its meteoric rise in pop culture.

News from around the schools



AI LESSONS ENTER SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

CBSE has drafted a new AI curriculum for students from classes 3 to 12, marking one of India's biggest updates to school learning in recent years. The proposal has been sent to NCERT for review and is aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, with plans for rollout in the 2026-27 academic year. Lessons will be tailored by age, starting with basic computational thinking in primary grades and advancing to real-world AI applications in senior classes.

CBSE LAUNCHES ECO CLUBS IN SCHOOLS

CBSE has launched an eco club initiative, often called the "Eco Clubs for Mission Life" to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices among students, aligned with the goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. These clubs focus on educating students about healthy lifestyles, sustainable food systems, waste and e-waste reduction, and avoiding single-use plastics, with a portal in place to monitor and support their activities.





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WHY STUDENT
MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT?

How Schools Can Support
Student Mental Health

Area of Focus	What Schools Can Do	Expected Impact
 1. Supportive Culture	• Encourage open conversations about emotions • Celebrate Mental Health Awareness days	• Builds trust, reduces stigma, • Creates a safe emotional environment
 2. Teacher Training	• Train teachers to recognize signs of stress or anxiety • Provide classroom strategies for emotional support • Create a clear referral process to counselors	• Helps in early identification • Timely support
 3. Professional Counseling	• Hire or collaborate with mental health professionals • Offer confidential counseling sessions • Provide crisis management support	• Gives students a safe space to seek help and cope better
 4. Curriculum Integration	• Introduce Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programs • Teach coping skills, mindfulness, empathy • One group projects, art and sports to promote collaboration	• Builds resilience, emotional intelligence and self-confidence • Strengthens school-home partnership for holistic support
 5. Parent & Family Engagement	• Organize wellness clubs, yoga, art, or sports sessions • Promote balanced routines (sleep, screen time, diet) • Encourage peer support	• Improves mental, physical, and emotional balance
 7. Regular Check-ins	• Conduct well-being surveys or one-on-one sessions	• Ensures continuous monitoring and early intervention