

# Current Affairs

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- **Microsoft** tops the list of the Top 500 Global Brands, followed by **NVIDIA** in second place and **Apple** in third.
- At the **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2025**, the film **Homebound** won the Best Film award. Its director, Neeraj Ghaywan, also won the Best Director award for the same film.
- **IIT Guwahati** has partnered with the **NFR** (Northeast Frontier Railway) to produce environmentally friendly **Bed-Roll Bags**.
- The '**Ulchi Freedom Shield 2025**' joint military exercise will be conducted between **South Korea and the United States**.
- The **Central Government** has launched the '**PM Viksit Bharat Scheme**' to provide a one-time payment of ₹15,000 to young people getting their first job in the private sector.
- The **GRSE** (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers) has provided the '**Ikshak**' survey vessel to the Indian Navy.
- **ISRO** has inaugurated a **Space Laboratory** in the town of Mechuka, located in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The 1st **Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF)** will be held at **Dal Lake** in Srinagar.
- The **Governor of Nagaland**, La Ganesan, has recently passed away at the age of 80.
- **Mathematician Rajula Srivastava** has won the **Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prize** for her contributions to **Harmonic Analysis and Analytic Number Theory**.