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### AGRI & RURAL CORNER

#### Centre issues Model Rules to States/UTs to aid Ease of Doing Business in Agroforestry, by streamlining Regulatory Frameworks

- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued the 'Model Rules for Felling of Trees in Agricultural Lands', with the objective of supporting States and Union Territories in simplifying regulatory frameworks and promoting agroforestry.
- As per the model rules, applicants are required to register their plantations on the National Timber Management System (NTMS) portal, which is being developed. This involves submitting basic plantation data including, land ownership information, location of the farm with KML file, species, plantation period etc. The applicants can periodically update the plantation information and upload geotagged photos of the plantation to ensure traceability. Applicants wishing to harvest trees from registered plantations can apply online through the National Timber Management System, providing specific details of the trees intended for felling.
- Verifying agencies will carry out site inspections and based on their verification reports, tree felling permits will be issued for agricultural lands. The Divisional Forest Officers will oversee the performance of these agencies through periodic supervision and monitoring.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change have requested States and UTs to examine the model rules and consider their adoption in order to enhance the ease of doing business in agroforestry and incentivize farmers to integrate trees into their farming systems without facing undue procedural hurdles.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Zou Jiayi Elected as AIIB's First Woman President



- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China, was elected President of the Beijing-based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) during its 10th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.
- She will assume the role for a five-year term starting January 16, 2026.
- She will succeed Jin Liqun

### About AIIB:

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| ESTD    | 16 January 2016   |
| HQ      | Beijing, China    |
| Members | 110 member states |



## Rear Admiral V Ganapathy assumes charge as Commandant of Military Institute of Technology, Pune



- Rear Admiral V Ganapathy, an accomplished Flag Officer of the Indian Navy, has assumed the command of the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune, under the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.

## RBI Appoints Kesavan Ramachandran as ED



- Reserve Bank of India appointed Kesavan Ramachandran as an Executive Director
- As ED, he will lead the Department of Regulation (Prudential Regulation Division), which is responsible for shaping the regulatory framework governing Indian banks.
- Before this elevation, Kesavan Ramachandran was serving as Principal Chief General Manager in the Risk Monitoring Department of RBI.

### About RBI

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| ESTD             | 1 April 1935  |
| HQ               | Mumbai  |
| Governor         | Sanjay Malhotra   |
| Deputy Governors | T. Rabi Sankar, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Poonam Gupta |

## Re-appointment of Ravi Agrawal as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes



- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the re-appointment of Ravi Agrawal as the

Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) effective from 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026.

- In June 2024, Agrawal took charge as CBDT Chairman, succeeding Nitin Gupta

## ACC Appointed Parag Jain as the New Chief of R&AW



- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Parag Jain, as the new Secretary of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)
- He succeeded Ravi Sinha
- He currently serves as the head of the Aviation Research Centre (ARC), the technical wing of R&AW.

## Sudhanshu Mittal Re-elected as KKFI President



- Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) has re-elected Sudhanshu Mittal as President and elected Upkar Singh Virk as the new Secretary
- Sudhanshu Mittal has been serving as the President of the KKFI and the International Kho Kho Federation (IKKF) since 2018.

## ACC Extends FSIB Chairperson Bhanu Pratap Sharma and Members' Tenure



- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet) approved a one-year extension for the Financial Services Institutions Bureau leadership.
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma, who serves as part-time Chairperson, along with six part-time members, will continue in office until 30 June 2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma has led FSIB since 2018, having first been appointed as Chairperson of the Banks Board Bureau (BBB), the predecessor institution.

- This marks the second consecutive year the government has extended the FSIB leadership's term.

**The extension also includes six part-time members:**

1. Animesh Chauhan
2. Deepak Singhal
3. Shailendra Bhandari
4. Usha Sangwan
5. A V Girija Kumar
6. Sujay Banarji

- FSIB's acts as the primary headhunter for top roles in Public Sector Banks, financial institutions and public sector insurance companies
- It recommends candidates for Whole-Time Directors and Non-Executive Chairpersons with final approvals by the ACC (chaired by the Prime Minister)
- Previously known as the Banks Board Bureau (BBB), which was established in April 2016, FSIB was restructured in 2022.

### About FSIB

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| ESTD | 2022   |
| HQ   | Mumbai |

## Sahil Kini Appointed as CEO of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub



- Sahil Kini, co-founder of Setu, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).
- He succeeds Rajesh Bansal
- Setu, a Bengaluru-based Application Programming Interface (API) fintech infrastructure firm, was later acquired by Pine Labs in 2022.
- RBIH was established in March 2022 and operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India

## Sukanya Sonowal Named Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador



- Sukanya Sonowal, fourth-year B.Tech. student in Biosciences and

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Bioengineering at IIT Guwahati in Guwahati was selected as the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador.

- She will lead Communications & Public Relations in the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN) for the 2025–2027 term.
- CYPAN is a youth-led initiative spanning 56 Commonwealth member nations, dedicated to promoting peace, respect, and understanding, and countering violent extremism.

#### APPS & PORTALS

**MoSPI launches GolStats Mobile App for on-the-go access to official statistical data**



- The National Sample Survey Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), launched the GolStats mobile application on Statistics Day 2025. This initiative is a significant milestone in India's commitment to making official statistics accessible and user-centric for all citizens.
- The application features an interactive "Key Trends" dashboard showcasing important socio-economic indicators with dynamic visualizations of critical metrics including GDP, inflation, employment data. Users gain direct access to NSO's database through the "Products" section, featuring one-click CSV downloads. Advanced filtering and search capabilities with comprehensive metadata, and mobile-optimized data tables are also available for seamless viewing.

#### RailOne App launched



- Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav launched a new app, RailOne on 40th Foundation Day of Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).

RailOne is focused on improving passenger interface with railways.

**It is a comprehensive, all-in-one application with a user-friendly interface. It integrates all the passenger services such as:**

- Unreserved UTS Tickets via R-Wallet to Get 3% Discount
- Live train tracking
- Grievance redressal
- E-catering, porter booking & last-mile taxi
- Reserved tickets will continue to be offered on IRCTC.
- RailOne features a single sign-on with login via mPIN or biometric.

#### Union Minister C.R. Patil Launches Unified Flood Forecasting System 'C-FLOOD'



- Union Minister C.R. Patil, Ministry of Jal Shakthi inaugurated the C-FLOOD, a web-based Flood Forecasting System for flood management and disaster response framework.
- C-FLOOD was collaboratively developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Central Water Commission(CWC), Department of Water Resources (DoWR), River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (RD&GR)
- C-FLOOD provides flood forecasts up to village level in two days in advance
- At present, the system covers the Mahanadi (Chhattisgarh and Odisha), Godavari (Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha) and Tapi river basins (Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra).

#### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### ET Edge SCM Fest 2025: Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour to IWA's Jal Marg Vikas Project



- At the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025, held in New

Delhi, the Inland Waterways Authority of India under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways received the 'Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour' for the implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project

- The project, aimed at the capacity augmentation of National Waterway-1 (River Ganga), is currently underway at a 1390 km long stretch of the river from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Haldia in West Bengal, traversing the states of Jharkhand and Bihar.
- Since the implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project, cargo movement on NW-1 has gained momentum, registering a three-fold increase to over 16 MMT per annum from 5 MMT per annum a few years ago.

#### DARPG Notifies the Scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025



- The Scheme for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025 is notified to Central Ministries/Departments, States and Districts on 1st July, 2025 by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances.
- The web portal for registration and submission of nominations on PM's Awards will be formally launched from 2nd October, 2025 and nominations can be submitted thereafter.
- The Awards scheme has been notified to promote greater efforts for holistic development of India, with focus on saturation approach, collation of data/ documentary evidence and focussing on Good Governance and Qualitative aspects with respect to the implementation of 11 priority sector schemes which will be evaluated collectively under the Scheme.

For the year 2025, the Scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration

**aims to recognize the contribution of civil servants under three categories :**

1. **Category I-** Holistic Development of Districts under 11 priority sector programmes. Under this category, 5 awards would be conferred.
  2. **Category II-** Aspirational Blocks Programme. Under this category, 5 awards would be conferred.
  3. **Category III-** Innovations for Central Ministries/Departments, States and Districts.Under this category, 6 awards would be conferred.
- **The PM's Awards, 2025 will consist of:** (i) Trophy, (ii) Scroll and (iii) an incentive of Rs. 20 lakh to the awarded District/organization to be utilized for implementation of project/programme or bridging resources gaps in any area of public welfare.

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conferred with highest national award, the 'Order of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago'**



- In a special ceremony at the President's House in Port of Spain, H.E. Christine Carla Kangaloo ORTT, President of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago conferred upon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the highest national award of Trinidad & Tobago - "The Order of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago"
- Prime Minister is the first foreign leader to be conferred the award.

#### BANKING & INSURANCE

**Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs chaired the annual review meeting with MDs and CEOs of Public Sector Banks**



- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired a high-level meeting in New Delhi to review the performance of Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
- It was noted during the meeting that from FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-

25, the total Business of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) rose from Rs 203 lakh crore to Rs 251 lakh crore. • During the same period (FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25), net NPAs of the PSBs declined sharply from 1.24% to 0.52%, Net Profit increased from Rs 1.04 lakh crore to Rs 1.78 lakh crore, and dividend payouts grew from Rs 20,964 crore to Rs 34,990 crore.

- FM was also apprised that the PSBs are adequately capitalised, with their CRAR standing at 16.15% as of Mar-2025.

#### PhonePe, HDFC Bank Launched Co-branded RuPay Credit Card



- PhonePe Limited in partnership with HDFC Bank Limited, launched the 'PhonePe HDFC Bank Co-branded Credit Card' on the RuPay network.
- This new offering supports Unified Payments Interface-linked credit payments and also marks the entry of PhonePe into the co-branded credit card segment.
- The new co-branded credit card is available in two variants, namely, 'Ultimo' and 'UNO'.

#### About HDFC Bank

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| ESTD     | August 1994             |
| HQ       | Pune                    |
| CEO & MD | Suman Kathpalia         |
| Tagline  | We Make You Feel Richer |

#### Interest rates on Small Savings Schemes unchanged for Q2 FY26



- Department of Economic Affairs under the Ministry of Finance announced that the Small Savings Scheme interest rates will remain unchanged, for 2nd Quarter of the Financial Year 2025-26
- Interest Rates on Small Savings Scheme for Q2FY26:

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**IndusInd Bank Launched Digital Banking Platform "INDIE for Business"**

# IndusInd Bank

- IndusInd Bank Limited has launched 'INDIE for Business', a comprehensive digital banking platform designed to empower India's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
- This newly launched digital platform offers all banking services, across payments, loans, collections, and account insights.

#### About IndusInd Bank

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| ESTD     | 1994                    |
| HQ       | Pune                    |
| CEO & MD | Suman Kathpalia         |
| Tagline  | We Make You Feel Richer |

#### Slice Launches UPI Credit Card



- Slice launched the Slice Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Credit Card and opened India's first UPI powered bank branch in Koramangala, Bengaluru
- The newly launched Slice UPI Credit Card is a RuPay-based card with zero joining and annual fees.
- The new branch and its ATM allow all key banking services via UPI, including digital onboarding, cardless cash withdrawals, and deposits. The model aims to make banking more convenient by combining UPI with branch banking for the first time in India.

#### AU SFB Partners with LIC



- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has entered into a strategic partnership with Life Insurance Corporation of India to distribute LIC's life insurance

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portfolio through AU SFB's extensive network.

#### About AU Small Finance Bank:

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| ESTD     | 2017              |
| HQ       | Jaipur, Rajasthan |
| CEO & MD | Sanjay Agarwal    |
| Tagline  | Badlaav Humse Hai |

#### NCDEX Signs MoU with IMD to Launch India's First Weather Derivatives



Pregati ka Solid Exchange

- National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to launch India's first weather derivatives.
- This strategic collaboration sets the stage for the rollout of weather derivatives, designed to assist farmers and allied sectors in managing climate-related risks such as irregular rainfall, extreme heat, and unseasonal weather conditions

#### SBI Marks 70 Years with Plan to Solarise 4 Million Homes by FY27



- State Bank of India commemorated its 70th anniversary on 1st July with a special event in New Delhi
- During the event, SBI announced the "Solar Rooftop Programme" to support India's Renewable Energy transition.
- SBI's Solar Rooftop Programme aims to solarise 4 million homes by the Financial Year 2026-27
- It has undertaken a mission to plant 9 lakh trees in the Cauvery basin
- The bank also plans to establish a Centre of Excellence focused on project finance for emerging sectors such as RE, e-mobility, data centres, semiconductors, green hydrogen, decarbonisation, and smart infrastructure.
- SBI inaugurated specialized Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata

and Hyderabad. These centres aim to enhance the bank's trade finance capabilities by streamlining domestic and international trade transactions

#### About State Bank of India (SBI):

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Established in | 01 July 1955              |
| HQ             | Mumbai, Maharashtra       |
| Chairman       | Challa Sreenivasulu Setty |

#### AIIB Invests Rs 1,301 Crore in Aditya Birla Capital for Green Infrastructure



- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has subscribed to Rs 1,301.25 crore worth of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issued by Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- The 3-year privately placed investment by NCD, aims to boost financing in the Renewable Energy (RE) and e-mobility sectors to support India's transition toward a sustainable infrastructure ecosystem.

#### About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank:

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| ESTD      | 16 January 2016   |
| HQ        | Beijing, China    |
| Members   | 110 member states |
| President | Zou Jiayi         |

#### KVB, Kshema General Insurance Launches 'Kshema Kisan Sathi' for rural customers



- Karur Vysya Bank Limited and Kshema General Insurance Limited, have entered a strategic bancassurance alliance to introduce 'Kshema Kisan Sathi'
- Kshema Kisan Sathi has been designed with dual objectives, to provide financial security, stability,

and self-reliance to millions of rural families and agri-entrepreneurs

#### About Karur Vysya Bank

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| ESTD     | 1916                |
| HQ       | Karur in Tamil Nadu |
| MD & CEO | B. Ramesh Babu      |

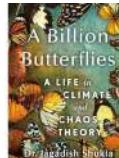
#### BOOKS & AUTHORS

#### Shikhar Dhawan memoir "The One: Cricket, My Life and More"



Former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan has debuted as an author with his memoir, "The One: Cricket, My Life and More", in which he has shared about his professional life as a cricketer, as a champion player and his personal life.

#### Jagadish Shukla's Book "A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory"



Jagadish Shukla, an eminent Indian Meteorologist, has authored a book titled "A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory", a personal memoir as well as a log about the course weather and climate.

- He was conferred Padma Shri in 2012 for his contributions in the field of Science and engineering.
- He currently serves as a Professor in the Virginia, USA based George Mason University.

#### CABINET DECISIONS

#### Cabinet Approves Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme to scale up Research, Development and Innovation in Strategic and Sunrise Domains



The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has

approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a corpus of Rs. One lakh Crore.

#### **Key objectives of the Scheme are as follows:**

- Encourage the private sector to scale up research, development, and innovation (RDI) in sunrise domains and in other sectors relevant for economic security, strategic purpose, and self-reliance;
- Finance transformative projects at higher levels of Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)
- Support acquisition of technologies which are critical or of high strategic importance
- Facilitate setting up of a Deep-Tech Fund of Funds.

#### **Cabinet approves National Sports Policy 2025**



- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025, a landmark initiative aimed at reshaping the country's sporting landscape and empowering citizens through sports.
- The new policy supersedes the existing National Sports Policy, of 2001, and lays out a visionary and strategic roadmap to establish India as a global sporting powerhouse and a strong contender for excellence at international sporting events, including the 2036 Olympic Games.
- The NSP 2025 is the outcome of extensive consultations involving Central Ministries, NITI Aayog, State Governments, National Sports Federations (NSFs), athletes, domain experts, and public stakeholders.

#### **The policy is anchored on five key pillars.**

##### **1. Excellence on the Global Stage**

###### **\* This pillar aims to:**

- \* Strengthen sports programs from the grassroots to elite levels, including mechanisms for early identification and nurturing of talent.
- \* Promote the establishment of competitive leagues and competitions, and develop sports

infrastructure in both rural and urban areas.

- \* Build world-class systems for training, coaching, and holistic athlete support.
- \* Enhance the capacity and governance of National Sports Federations.
- \* Encourage the adoption of sports science, sports science, medicine, and technology to boost athletic performance.
- \* Train and develop sports personnel, including coaches, technical officials, and support staff.

##### **2. Sports for Economic Development**

- \* NSP 2025 recognizes the economic potential of sports and seeks to:
  - \* Promote sports tourism and attract major international events to India.
  - \* Strengthen the sports manufacturing ecosystem, and promote startups and entrepreneurship in the sector.
  - \* Encourage private sector participation through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and innovative funding initiatives.

##### **3. Sports for Social Development**

- \* The policy emphasizes the role of sports in driving social inclusion by:
  - \* Promoting participation among women, economically weaker sections, tribal communities, and persons with disabilities through focused programs.
  - \* Revitalizing and promoting indigenous and traditional games.
  - \* Positioning sports as a viable career option by integrating it into education, encouraging volunteering, and facilitating dual-career pathways.
  - \* Engaging the Indian diaspora through sports.

##### **4. Sports as a People's Movement**

- \* To make sports a national movement, the policy aims to:
  - \* Drive mass participation and a culture of fitness through nationwide campaigns and community-based events.
  - \* Launch fitness indices for schools, colleges, and workplaces etc.
  - \* Enhance universal access to sports facilities.

##### **5. Integration with Education (NEP 2020)**

- \* In alignment with the National Education Policy 2020, the NSP 2025 proposes to:
  - \* Integrate sports into school curricula.
  - \* Equip educators and physical education teachers with specialized training to promote sports education and awareness.

#### **Cabinet Approves Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme**



The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector.

Under the Scheme, while the first-time employees will get one month's wage (up to Rs 15,000/-), the employers will be given incentives for a period of two years for generating additional employment, with extended benefits for another two years for the manufacturing sector.

The ELI Scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 as part of PM's package of five schemes to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 Crore youth with a total budget outlay of Rs 2 Lakh Crore.

With an outlay of Rs 99,446 Crore, the ELI Scheme aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years. Out of these, 1.92 Crore beneficiaries will be first timers, entering the workforce. The benefits of the Scheme would be applicable to jobs created between 01st August 2025 and 31st July, 2027.

The Scheme consists of two parts with Part A focused on first timers and Part B focused on employers:

##### **Part A: Incentive to First Time Employees:**

- \* Targeting first-time employees registered with EPFO, this Part will

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offer one-month wage up to Rs 15,000 in two installments. Employees with salaries up to Rs 1 lakh will be eligible. The 1st installment will be payable after 6 months of service and the 2nd installment will be payable after 12 months of service and completion of a financial literacy programme by the employee. To encourage the habit of saving, a portion of the incentive will be kept in a savings instrument of deposit account for a fixed period and can be withdrawn by the employee at a later date.

- The Part A will benefit around 1.92 crore first time employees.

#### Part B: Support to Employers:

- This part will cover generation of additional employment in all sectors, with a special focus on the manufacturing sector. The employers will get incentives in respect of employees with salaries up to Rs 1 lakh. The Government will incentivize employers, up to Rs 3000 per month, for two years, for each additional employee with sustained employment for at least six months. For the manufacturing sector, incentives will be extended to the 3rd and 4th years as well.
- Establishments, which are registered with EPFO, will be required to hire at least two additional employees (for employers with less than 50 employees) or five additional employees (for employers with 50 or more employees), on a sustained basis for at least six months.
- This part is expected to incentivize employers for the creation of additional employment of nearly 2.60 crore persons.
- All payments to the First Time Employees under Part A of the Scheme will be made through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) mode using Aadhar Bridge Payment System (ABPS). Payments to the Employers under Part B will be made directly into their PAN-linked Accounts.

#### About the incentive structure for (ELI) Scheme

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| EPF Wage Slabs of Additional Employee | Benefit to the Employer (per additional employment per month) |
|---------------------------------------|---|

#### About the incentive structure for (ELI) Scheme

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Up to Rs 10,000*                                     | Upto Rs 1,000 |
| More than Rs 10,000 and up to Rs 20,000              | Rs 2,000      |
| More than Rs 20,000 (upto salary of Rs 1 Lakh/month) | Rs 3,000      |

#### DEFENCE-NEWS

#### Safran Establishes Rafale Engine MRO Facility in Hyderabad



- Paris-based aerospace major Safran Group announced the establishment of Safran Aircraft Engine Services India in Hyderabad (Telangana).
- This entity will specialise in Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) of M88 engines powering the Dassault Rafale fighter jets operated by the Indian Air Force.
- The MRO announcement came after Dassault Aviation, Rafale's manufacturer, signed four agreements with Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) to locally produce the entire fuselage of the fighter jet.
- This will be the first M88 engine MRO facility established outside France.

#### Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Acquires 51% Stake in Colombo Dockyard



- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited announced its first international acquisition of 51% stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC for USD 52.96 million.
- MDL will purchase the shares owned by Onomichi Dockyard Company Limited.

#### About Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

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|------|------|
| ESTD | 1934 |
|------|------|

#### About Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

|     |             |
|-----|-------------|
| HQ  | Mumbai      |
| CMD | Biju George |

#### PROJECT 17A Indigenous stealth frigate UDAYGIRI delivered to indian navy



- Yard 12652 (Udaygiri), the second ship of Project 17A stealth frigate, being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), was delivered to the Indian Navy.

- The Project is a follow-on of the Shivalik class (Project 17) frigates active in service.

- Udaygiri is the second among the seven P17A frigates under construction at MDL, Mumbai and GRSE, Kolkata.

- Udaygiri is a modern Avatar of its predecessor, erstwhile INS Udaygiri which was a steamship, decommissioned.

#### Indian Navy Leads Critical Firefighting and Rescue Operations on Palau-flagged Tanker MT Yi Cheng 6



- Indian Navy undertook a high-risk firefighting and rescue operation onboard Palau-flagged tanker MT Yi Cheng 6 in the North Arabian Sea, successfully stabilising the situation and ensuring the safety of 14 Indian crew members.

- INS Tabar on mission-based deployment, received a Mayday distress call from MT Yi Cheng 6.

- The vessel reported a major fire outbreak in its engine room whilst operating approximately 80 nautical miles east of Fujairah, UAE.

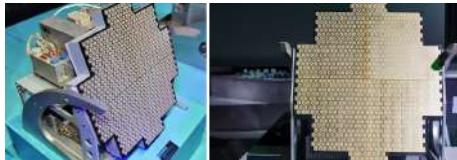
- The crew of MT Yi Cheng 6 was evacuated to safety during the operation, with no casualties reported among the crew or the rescue team.

## QUAD Nations Launch First-Ever 'At Sea Observer Mission' to Boost Maritime Cooperation



- In a significant stride toward strengthening maritime security and interoperability in the Indo-Pacific, the Coast Guards of India, Japan, the United States, and Australia have launched the first-ever 'QUAD at Sea Ship Observer Mission' under the Wilmington Declaration.
- Two officers, including women officers from each country have embarked on board US Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Stratton, which is currently sailing to Guam.
- The mission reflects the vision laid out at the QUAD Leaders' Summit in September 2024 and signifies a deepening of operational ties between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Japan Coast Guard (JCG), US Coast Guard (USCG), and Australian Border Force (ABF).
- India's participation reinforces its strategic maritime vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and complements national efforts under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), with an emphasis on capacity-building, humanitarian outreach, and maritime rule of law.
- The QUAD at Sea initiative thus sets the foundation for a 'QUAD Coast Guard Handshake.'

## DRDO Unveils India's First Indigenous Photonic Radar for Advanced Stealth Detection



- Defence Research and Development Organization has developed India's first indigenous Photonic Radar, marking a significant milestone in India's air defence technology, with ultra-high resolution, stealth detection, and immunity to electronic jamming.
- The radar system has been designed by the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), a laboratory of the DRDO,

with contributions from private partners under the Technology Development Fund

### About DRDO

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| ESTD     | 1958            |
| HQ       | New Delhi       |
| Chairman | Sameer V. Kamat |

### FESTIVALS

## Ladakh Hosts Its First Astro Tourism Festival in Leh



- The Union Territory of Ladakh held its first-ever Astro Tourism Festival at the District Panchayat Resource Centre, Agling in Leh aimed at fostering scientific curiosity and boosting astro-tourism in the region.
- The two-day long festival is an initiative to promote Ladakh as premier destination for astro tourism due to high altitude areas, dry weather, least light pollution, which makes it an ideal place for star gazing, boasting of clear skies and observation of Milky way and other celestial wonders.
- India offers several fantastic locations for astro-tourism, where visitors can enjoy stargazing and exploring the night sky. Some of the most popular spots include Ladakh (Hanle and Pangong Tso), Spiti Valley, Jaisalmer, and the Rann of Kutch.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

## "Statistics Day" is celebrated on June 29, 2025



- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) celebrate the 19th Statistics Day on 29th June 2025
- This day is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a pioneer in the field of statistics and economic planning.

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- Each year since 2007, Statistics Day is celebrated with a theme of national relevance.

- The THEME for 2025 is "75 Years of National Sample Survey", marking the significant contribution of the National Sample Survey in providing reliable and timely statistical data that supports evidence-based decision-making and governance in India.

## All-India Electricity Safe Awareness Programme on Electrical Safety Day- 26th June



- Central Electricity Authority in collaboration with Bombay Suburban Electric Supply organised the Electricity Safety Day 2025 in New Delhi
- THEME:** 'Smart Energy, Safe Nation'
- During the event, Union MoS Shripad Yesso Naik launched the Electricity Safety Mascot named 'Suraksha Shakti', designed to popularize safety awareness in an engaging and relatable manner.
- He also released the 1st edition of the Electrical Safety Handbook.

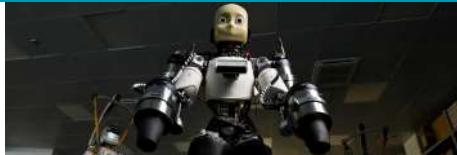
### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## UN Launched 'UN80 Initiative' to Reform Global Governance



- The United Nations has launched the 'UN80 Initiative', led by Secretary-General António Guterres, to reform and modernize the organization as it approaches its 80th anniversary.
- The Initiative aims to streamline UN operations by reducing administrative redundancies, enhancing the implementation of mandates from Member States, and restructuring programmes across the UN system to improve global effectiveness.

## Italy's iRonCub3 Becomes the World's First Jet-Powered Flying Humanoid Robot



- The World's first jet-propelled humanoid robot, iRonCub3, developed by the Italian Institute of Technology, has lifted off the ground by about 50 centimetres (Cm) and remained stable for the entire duration, as a breakthrough in humanoid robotics.
- The iRonCub3 project aims to develop a multi-modal humanoid robot with jet-powered flying and walking abilities to assist in search and rescue operations in disaster-affected or hard-to-reach areas.

### **Suriname Becomes First Amazon Nation to Earn WHO Malaria-Free Certification**



- Suriname has become the first country in the Amazon region to be certified malaria-free by the Geneva (Switzerland) based World Health Organization
- Including Suriname, 46 countries and 1 territory have been certified as malaria-free by WHO to date.

#### **About Suriname:**

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Capital   | Paramaribo      |
| Currency  | Suriname Dollar |
| President | Chan Santokhi   |

### **Critical Minerals Initiative by QUAD**



- QUAD nations announced the launch of ambitious 'Critical Minerals Initiative', following the meeting of Foreign Ministers of QUAD group, held in Washington
- The initiative aims to ensure the availability of critical minerals under a wider goal to bolster economic security and collective resilience by collaborating on securing and diversifying critical minerals supply chains.

It also aims to counter China's dominance in the processing and supply of key critical minerals as it has imposed restrictions on 7 rare earth metals in April 2025.

### **Ghana Launched Climate-Resilient Wheat Initiative in Collaboration with India**



- Ghana has launched a climate-resilient wheat initiative in partnership with India's Arima Farms and Fumesua, near Kumasi (Ghana) based Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI).
- This initiative aims to reduce India's dependence on imports as India's wheat imports crossing USD 400 million annually and also aims to boost local farming.
- This program introduces 'Wheat Pride 999', developed by India's Greenpride

#### **About Ghana**

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| Capital  | Accra         |
| Currency | Ghanaian Cedi |

#### **MOU'S & PARTNERSHIP**

### **World Bank, IAEA Signed Agreement to Collaborate on Nuclear Energy for Safe Development**



- World Bank group and International Atomic Energy Agency signed an agreement to support the safe, secure and responsible use of nuclear energy in developing countries

#### **About World Bank**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| ESTD             | 1944  |
| HQ               | Washington DC   |
| Members          | 189   |
| World Bank Group | International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)<br>International |

#### **About World Bank**

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|--|
| Development Association (IDA)                                      |
| International Finance Corporation (IFC)                            |
| Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)                    |
| International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) |
| President Ajay banga   |

### **SEPC & IAMAI Sign MoU to Boost India's Digital Services Exports**



- Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), established by Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Internet and Mobile Association of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance India's digital services exports and strengthen the global presence of Indian digital businesses.

### **India and UAE Explore Collaboration in Green Steel and High-Grade Aluminium**



- Union Minister of Steel, Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy met with H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, UAE's Minister of Economy, as part of a high-level engagement to advance India-UAE industrial cooperation under the India-UAE CEPA framework.
- The meeting was focused on trade expansion, resource security, and collaborative innovation in steel and aluminium
- SAIL, currently imports approx. 2.5 million tonnes of low-silica limestone annually from Ras Al Khaimah's Stevin Rock LLC.
- The company is exploring long-term supply tie-ups and the potential to serve the UAE's infrastructure and industrial sectors with premium Indian steel.

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## Central Electricity Authority and IIT Roorkee signed MoU to Strengthen Collaboration in Power Sector Research and Capacity Building



- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power, Government of India and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee to foster collaboration in knowledge sharing, capacity building, and interdisciplinary research in the power and energy sector.

## Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Sign MoU with Digital India Corporation to develop MY Bharat 2.0 Platform



- In a major step towards strengthening digital engagement with the country's youth, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India Corporation (DIC), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for the development of MY Bharat 2.0 platform in New Delhi.
- The upgraded national youth platform will leverage technology-driven solutions to empower and connect young people across the country.
- MY Bharat (<https://mybharat.gov.in>) is a dynamic technology platform conceptualized by the Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA) and developed by the Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- It serves as an institutional framework to engage and mobilize the youth of India in a structured and meaningful manner.
- The platform was officially launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 31st October 2023. As of now, over 1.76 crore youth and more than 1.19

lakh organizations have registered on MY Bharat platform.

- With the core objective of empowering youth through the Indian ethos of 'Seva Bhav' and 'Kartavya Bodh', the platform fosters a culture of purposeful youth engagement and civic responsibility by enabling young citizens to create digital profiles, participate in volunteering and learning opportunities, connect with mentors and peers, and contribute meaningfully to build a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

## SatSure and Dhruva Space Sign MoU for EOaaS



- SatSure Analytics Private Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dhruva Space Private Limited to deliver end-to-end Earth Observation-as-a-Service (EOaaS) solutions.
- The partnership will deliver end-to-end EOaaS solutions, covering satellite development, launch services, ground infrastructure, and customised data analytics for industries.

### NATIONAL NEWS

## Status Report on recovery and examination of data from Black Boxes – Air India Flight AI-171



- India, as a signatory to the ICAO Chicago Convention (1944), investigates aircraft accidents in accordance with ICAO Annexure 13 and the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017.
- The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is the designated authority for such investigations.
- Following the unfortunate accident involving Air India Flight AI-171, the AAIB promptly initiated an investigation and constituted a multidisciplinary team on 13 June 2025, in line with prescribed norms.

- Both the Cockpit Voice Recorders (CVR) and Flight Data Recorders (FDR) were recovered

## What Are Black Boxes?

- Despite the name, Black Boxes are usually bright orange in color — so they can be easily found after a crash.
- They are critical devices installed in aircraft, ships, trains, and now even vehicles — designed to record key data and voice information.

## Black Boxes Refer To:

### • Flight Data Recorder (FDR)

- Records information like:

- Altitude
- Speed
- Engine status
- Flight path
- Stores 25+ hours of flight data

### • Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR)

- Records last 2 hours of audio from cockpit microphones and pilot headsets
- Captures pilot conversations, alarms, engine sounds, etc.

## About ICAO Chicago Convention

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Signed    | 7 December 1944  |
| Effective | 4 April 1947   |
| Location  | Chicago, Illinois, United States                                       |
| Parties   | 193 (Cook Islands and all United Nations members except Liechtenstein) |

## MoHUA Launched 'SABB Campaign' Under Swachh Bharat Mission



- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the "Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao" (SABB) campaign under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
- The campaign is being implemented in collaboration with key central ministries and departments, including the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, the Ministry of Rural Development, the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Department of

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- School Education and Literacy, the Ministry of Education
- Encouraging citizens to follow the 6 mantras of SABB: Clean Hands, Clean Homes, Clean Neighbourhood, Clean Toilets, Clean Drains and Waterbodies, and Clean Public Spaces.
  - Special Purpose Vehicles in 100 Smart Cities will clean public spaces using Integrated Command and Control Centres.

#### About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Launched in   | 2nd October 2014   |
| Ministry      | Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)  |
| Aim           | To achieve universal sanitation coverage and maintain cleanliness across urban areas |
| SBM-Urban 1.0 | (2014–2019): Focused on making all urban areas ODF                                   |
| SBM-Urban 2.0 | (2021): Targeting bioremediation of 2,400 legacy landfill sites by 2025–26           |

#### Ministry of Minority Affairs Conducts Biometric Authentication Drive for Jiyo Parsi Beneficiaries in Mumbai



- The Ministry of Minority Affairs conducted a one-day biometric authentication drive for beneficiaries of the Jiyo Parsi scheme in Mumbai

**The Jiyo Parsi scheme, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, comprises three key components:**

- Medical Assistance** – Provides financial aid for infertility treatments such as IVF, ICSI, surrogacy, and post-conception care.
- Health of the Community** – Offers monthly financial support to Parsi couples with children as well as to dependent elderly members.

- Advocacy** – Promotes timely marriage, fertility awareness, and family support within the community.

#### About Ministry of Minority Affairs

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Union Minister    | Kiren Rijiju  |
| Minister of State | George Kurian |

#### New Passenger Reservation System Capable of generating over 1.5 lakh rail tickets per minute



- Indian Railways is committed to making the end-to-end travel experience passenger-centric. A passenger's journey with the railways begins at the stage of ticket reservation.
- Currently, the reservation chart is prepared four hours before the departure of the train. This creates uncertainty in the minds of passengers. Wherever passengers are coming from a nearby area to catch the train, this uncertainty can cause serious problems.
- To remove this uncertainty, the railway board has proposed preparing the reservation chart eight hours before the departure. For trains departing before 1400 hours, the chart will be prepared the previous day at 2100 hrs itself.
- The Railway Minister reviewed the upgradation of the passenger reservation system. The project has been executed for the last few months by CRIS.
- The new upgraded PRS design is agile, flexible, and scalable to handle ten times the current load. It will significantly enhance the ticket booking capacity. The new PRS will allow over 1.5 lakh ticket bookings per minute. This will be an increase of roughly five times from 32,000 tickets per minute in the current PRS.
- The ticket enquiry capacity will jump ten times i.e. from 4 lakh to over 40 lakh per enquiry will be possible in a minute time.
- The new PRS also has a multilingual and user-friendly booking and enquiry interface.

- In the new PRS, users will be able to submit their choice of seat and see the fare calendar. It also has integrated facilities for Divyangjan, students, patients, etc.

- Streamlined authentication for Tatkal bookings Indian Railways will allow only authenticated users to book Tatkal tickets on IRCTC website and mobile app beginning 1st July, 2025.

- Further, OTP-based authentication will be done for Tatkal bookings from the end of July, 2025.

- The Railways Minister instructed officials to broadbase the authentication mechanism for Tatkal bookings. The authentication should be done using Aadhaar or any other verifiable Government ID available in the user's DigiLocker account.

#### Ministry of Power conceives an 'India Energy Stack' to build the Digital Backbone for India's Power Sector



**विद्युत मंत्रालय**  
**MINISTRY OF POWER**

- The Ministry of Power has announced the launch of a task force to conceive the India Energy Stack (IES), a pioneering initiative aimed at creating a unified, secure, and interoperable digital infrastructure for India's energy sector.
- To address these, the Ministry of Power is reimagining the sector's digital foundation through the India Energy Stack — a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) that will provide a standardised, secure, and open platform to manage, monitor, and innovate across the electricity value chain.

#### About Ministry of Power

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Union Minister    | Manohar Lal Khattar |
| Minister of State | Krishan Pal Gurjar  |

#### Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Mandates Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) for all Two-Wheelers



- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways notified draft rules which mandated all two-wheelers manufactured on and after January 1, 2026 to be fitted with Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS).
- It has also directed all two-wheeler manufacturers to supply two protective helmets, adhering to specifications prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards at the time of purchase.
- As per a data from the government, nearly 20% of India's 151,997 road accidents in 2022 were related to two-wheelers.
- Death due to two-wheeler accidents rose by 8% in 2022, claiming nearly 75,000 lives, which is 44% of the 1,68,491 road accident deaths in 2022.
- Currently, ABS is mandatory for two-wheeler models above 150 cubic capacity the lower-capacity models are currently equipped with a Combined Braking System

#### About the MoRTH

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Union Minister    | Nitin Jairam Gadkari       |
| Minister of state | Ajay Tamta, Harsh Malhotra |

#### MNRE Notifies Revised Guidelines for Waste-to-Energy Projects to Enhance Performance Monitoring and Speedier CFA Disbursal



- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued revised guidelines for the Waste-to-Energy Programme under the National Bioenergy Programme.
- These revisions aim to foster a more efficient, transparent, and performance-oriented ecosystem for Bio Waste to Energy deployment in India.
- Under the new framework, Ministry has simplified several processes,

such as cutting down on paperwork and easing approval requirements, which will enable the industry especially MSMEs to enhance their production of CBG, Biogas & Power.

- A key highlight of the revised guidelines is the improved system for releasing Central Financial Assistance (CFA). Considering the challenges faced by the developers to achieve 80% generation, flexible provisions have been made in the Scheme for release of CFA based on plant performance. Previously, companies had to wait until the entire Waste-to-Energy project attains 80% generation to receive support. Moreover, as per the revised guidelines, there is a provision to release the CFA in two stages. Based on performance of the projects, 50% of total CFA will be released after obtaining the Consent to Operate certificate from State Pollution Control Board, against the bank guarantee, while the balance CFA would be released after achieving the 80% of the rated capacity or the maximum CFA eligible capacity, whichever is lesser.

- In notably, even if a plant does not achieve 80% generation for above both conditions during performance inspection, provision is made for pro-rata based disbursement based on the percentage output. However, no CFA will be given if the PLF is <50%.
- The inspection process has also been refined to ensure greater credibility, transparency and accountability. The revised norms mandate joint inspections led by National Institute of Bio-Energy (SSS-NIBE), an autonomous institute of MNRE, along with any one agency among respective State Nodal Agencies (SNAs), Biogas Technology Development Centers (BTDCs), or any agency empaneled by MNRE.
- The revision introduced provides the flexibility to the project developers in claiming CFA either within 18 months from the date of commissioning, or from the date of In-principle approval of CFA, whichever is later.

#### About MNRE:

Union Minister

#### About MNRE:

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                   | Prahlad Venkatesh Joshi |
| Minister of State | Shripad Yesso Naik      |

**Shri Dharmendra Pradhan presides over kick-off programme for distribution of footballs as part of F4S at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Fort William, Kolkata**



- Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, presided over the kick-off programme today for the distribution of FIFA footballs as part of the Football for Schools (F4S) at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Fort William, Kolkata, West Bengal. The event was organised by the Ministry of Education and the All India Football Federation (AIFF). At the event 2487 FIFA footballs were distributed to 349 schools in Kolkata district. The programme was organised in 21 Kendriya Vidyalayas, simultaneously, covering all districts of West Bengal. In total, 88113 footballs will be distributed across the state.
- The Football for Schools (F4S) programme, spearheaded by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), aims to promote football at the grassroots level by making the sport more accessible to students within the school system. In India, the programme is implemented by the DoSEL, with support from the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Under the F4S program, FIFA is contributing more than 9.6 lakh footballs for school students of India besides 129 other countries (as of January 2025).

#### About PM SHRI scheme

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Full form | Prime Minister Schools for Rising India |
| Launched  | 2022                                    |
| Period    | 5 years (2022 – 2027)                   |

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| About PM SHRI scheme |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Aim                  | to improve over 14,500 schools across India            |
| Outlay               | Rs. 27360 crore and central share of Rs. 18,128 crores |

### Union Minister Pralhad Joshi Inaugurates 5 GWh BESS Manufacturing Facility in Bengaluru



- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy inaugurated a Battery Energy Storage Systems manufacturing facility in the Bidadi Industrial Area Bengaluru
- The facility contributes to India's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi announced an additional Rs.5,400 crore in Viability Gap Funding to support building 30 GWh of battery storage systems.
- This new funding adds to the existing Rs.3,700 crore under the current VGF scheme.
- The new BESS facility has an annual manufacturing capacity of 5 Gigawatt hours making it one of the largest and most advanced BESS plants in India.

### Railways Rationalises Basic Fare for Passenger Train Services w.e.f. 1st July 2025



- In a move aimed at streamlining fare structures and enhancing financial sustainability of passenger services, the Ministry of Railways has rationalised the basic fare of Passenger train services, effective from 01 July 2025.
- The revised fares are based on the updated Passenger Fare Table issued by the Indian Railway Conference Association (IRCA).
- No change in Suburban single journey fares and Season Tickets

(for both suburban and non-suburban routes).

- **Second Class:**\* Increased by Half Paisa per Kilometre subject to condition that:
  - No increase up to 500 Km
  - Increase by Rs.5 for distance 501 to 1500 Km
  - Increase by Rs.10 for distance 1501 to 2500 Km
  - Increase by Rs.15 for distance 2501 to 3000 Km
- **Sleeper Class:** Increased by 0.5 paisa per kilometre
- **First Class:** Increased by 0.5 paisa per kilometre
- **For Mail/Express Trains (Non-AC):**\*
- **Second Class:** Increased by 01 paisa per kilometre
- **Sleeper Class:** Increased by 01 paisa per kilometre
- **First Class:** Increased by 01 paisa per kilometre

#### For AC Classes (Mail/Express trains):

- AC Chair Car, AC 3-Tier/3-Economy, AC 2-Tier, and AC First/Executive Class/Executive Anubhuti: Increased by 02 Paisa per kilometre
- The fare revision also applies to premier and special train services such as Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Vande Bharat, Tejas, Humsafar, Amrit Bharat, Mahamana, Gatimaan, Antyodaya, Jan Shatabdi, Yuva Express, AC Vistadome coaches, Anubhuti coaches, and Ordinary non-suburban services, in accordance with the revised class-wise fare structure.

#### No Change in Ancillary Charges:

- Reservation fees, superfast surcharges, and other charges remain unchanged.
- GST will continue to be levied as per applicable rules.
- Fare rounding principles remain as per existing norms.
- Revised fares will apply to tickets booked on or after 01.07.2025. Tickets issued before this date will remain valid at the existing fare without any fare adjustment. PRS, UTS, and manual ticketing systems are being updated accordingly.
- The Ministry of Railways has issued necessary instructions to all Zonal Railways to ensure smooth implementation of the revised fare structure. Zonal Railways have also been directed to update fare displays at all stations.

### Startup Accelerator Platform WaveX Invites Startups to Develop AI-Powered Real-Time Multilingual Translation Solution



- The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched the WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025 under its flagship startup accelerator program, WaveX. The challenge invites startups across the country to participate in a national hackathon to develop an AI-powered multilingual translation solution.
- Titled '**BhashaSetu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat**', the challenge aims to encourage the development of innovative artificial intelligence tools capable of real-time translation, transliteration, and voice localization across at least 12 major Indian languages.
- The winning startup will be provided incubation support under the WaveX Accelerator, including mentorship, workspace, and development assistance until the final product is completed and deployed
- WaveX is the dedicated startup accelerator platform launched under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting's WAVES initiative, aimed at nurturing innovation in the media, entertainment, and language technology sectors.

### India's First Green Data Centre in Ghaziabad



- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath laid the foundation stone for India's first green data centre at Sahibabad, Ghaziabad with an estimated investment of around Rs 1,000 crore.
- The new facility, CEL-ESDS Green Data Centre, is a collaboration between Central Electronics Limited and ESDS Software Solution Limited to enhance digital infrastructure in UP.

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| About Uttar Pradesh |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Capital             | Lucknow         |
| CM                  | Yogi Adityanath |
| Governor            | Anandiben Patel |

### National Turmeric Board HQ in Nizamabad



- Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the headquarters of the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, Telangana
- The board aims to increase turmeric exports to USD 1 billion by 2030

**Module launched on Saral Sanchar portal for carrying out demand survey to identify frequency bands for the direct assignment of spectrum to CNPN**



- The Department of Telecommunications had issued guidelines for the establishment of Captive Non-Public Networks (CNPNs).
- These guidelines allow enterprises to set up their own captive, private 4G/5G networks by either utilizing the spectrum assigned to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) or through the direct assignment of spectrum, thereby ensuring secure, high-reliability, and low-latency connectivity tailored to specific operational requirements.
- Accordingly, the DoT has now launched a module on Saral Sanchar portal to assess a fresh demand for spectrum in various prospective frequency bands and carry out a demand survey, to identify the prospective frequency bands for the direct assignment of spectrum for CNPN based services.
- The portal may be accessed at: <https://saralsanchar.gov.in>.

### Ericsson's First India-Made Antenna Facility at VVDN Innovation Park



- Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Communications and Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), inaugurated Ericsson's state-of-the-art antenna manufacturing facility at VVDN's Global Innovation Park in Manesar.
- The facility, developed in collaboration between Ericsson and VVDN Technologies, is Ericsson's first to produce passive antennas in India for global markets. Shipments are expected to commence in July 2025.

### Nationwide testing of Indigenous Cell Broadcasting system underway to ensure swift dissemination of warnings during natural and man-made disasters



- The Department of Telecommunications in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority has been actively enhancing mobile-enabled disaster communication systems across the country to provide timely information to citizens.
- NDMA has successfully operationalized Integrated Alert System (SACHET), developed by Centre of Development of Telematics (C-DOT), which is based on Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- This system is already operational in all 36 States and Union Territories (UTs) of India and sends various disaster or emergency related alerts through SMS to mobiles of citizens affected in a particular geo-targeted area.
- This system has been extensively used by disaster management authorities to issue over 6,899 crore SMS alerts in more than 19 Indian languages during various natural disasters, weather warnings, and cyclonic events.

- To further strengthen alert dissemination in time-critical disaster situations such as tsunamis, earthquakes, lightning strikes, and man-made emergencies like gas leaks or chemical hazards, Cell Broadcast (CB) technology is being implemented in addition to SMS.

**The content of the test message will be as follows:**

**• English:**

- This is a TEST Cell Broadcast message sent by the National Disaster Management Authority in coordination with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, as part of testing the Cell Broadcast solution for disseminating alerts. During the testing of the Cell Broadcast solution, you may receive this message multiple times on your mobile handset. Please ignore these message(s); no action is required at your end.

### Ministry of Coal to Unveil Exploration Module on Single Window Clearance System Portal



- Ministry of Coal is now set to launch the Exploration Module on the Single Window Clearance System web portal through Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited, scheduled to be inaugurated by the Union Minister of Coal on 4th July 2025.
- This module marks a significant milestone in the end-to-end digitalization of the coal exploration value chain. The Exploration Module will allow allottees to submit their exploration proposals online, which will then be processed and approved by the Ministry through the integrated system.
- Developed in collaboration with CMPDIL (Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited), the module adopts best practices in e-governance and technical validation.

### MPEDA Organises First National Skill Olympiad to Promote Seafood Value Addition



- The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) organised the grand finale of the inaugural National Skill Olympiad on seafood value addition at the Seafood Expo Bharat in Chennai.
- MPEDA is a statutory organisation under administrative control of Department of Commerce. The Olympiad, a pioneering initiative by MPEDA, was launched to promote value addition in seafood exports and create a skilled workforce in the sector.
- Thanseer K R of Abad Foods Malipuram, Kerala, was adjudged the winner.
- The winner received a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000

### **DFS launches 3 months campaign for Saturation of Financial Inclusion Schemes at Gram Panchayat & Urban Local Body level in all districts**



- A nationwide campaign has been launched by Department of Financial Services for the saturation of Financial Inclusion schemes at the Gram Panchayat & Urban Local Body level.
- The launch events were organized at 33 locations across the country
- The campaign will run from 01.07.2025 to 30.09.2025 (3 months) covering all 2.70 lakh GPs & ULBs in the country.
- During this period campaign will cover following activities:
- Re-KYC of all saving bank account holders (wherever due)
- Opening of bank accounts for unbanked adults under PMJDY
- Enrolments under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojna (APY)
- Awareness sessions on digital fraud prevention and ways to access unclaimed deposit & grievance redressal

- Facility of updating nomination in accounts (wherever pending)
- On 1st day of the saturation campaign, camps were held in 2087 GPs across the country. The camps received warm response from the beneficiaries nationwide.

### **Adani Green Energy Surpasses 15,000 MW Renewable Capacity**



- Adani Green Energy Limited has commissioned 1,011.5 megawatts of power projects in Khavda, Gujarat, pushing its total operational capacity beyond the 15,000 MW mark to reach 15,539.9 MW.
- With this AGEL, became the first Indian company in the Renewable Energy sector to cross 15,000 MW or 15 gigawatts of installed operational capacity.

### **Teghbir Singh Becomes World's Youngest to Climb Summit of Mount Elbrus**



- Teghbir Singh at the age of 6 years and 9 months has become the youngest ever in the world to climb Mount Elbrus, the highest peak of the European Continent, located in Russia at a height of more than 18,510 feet
- He set a new world record by surpassing the previous mark held by Wagah Kushagra from Maharashtra, who achieved it in 2024 at the age of 7 years and 3 months.
- Teghbir Singh, from Punjab, became the youngest Sikh to reach Mt Everest Base camp, in Nepal, at 5,364 metres in April 2024.
- In August 2024, he became the youngest Asian to scale Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak of the African continent, and his name features in the Asia Book of Records and the India Book of Records.
- Mount Elbrus, the highest peak of the Caucasus mountains, is located in Southwestern Russia. It is the

highest point in Russia as well as in all of Europe.

- Elbrus is one of the Seven Summits of the world, which are the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.

### **Development Commissioner (Handlooms) launches 'Handloom Hackathon 2025'**



- Development Commissioner (Handlooms) officially launched the "Handloom Hackathon 2025," a pioneering national competition set to revolutionize India's handloom sector.
- Organized in collaboration with the National Design Centre and Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer, IIT Delhi, the hackathon will be one of the key highlights of this year's National Handloom Day 2025 celebrations, reaffirming the government's commitment to preserving and modernizing the sector.

- Under the theme "DREAM IT; DO IT", the hackathon encourages participation from college students, handloom and textile innovators, fashion designers, engineers, researchers, and weavers.
- The Development Commissioner (Handlooms) in the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, is the apex body responsible for the overall development and welfare of the handloom sector in India.

### **MiPhi launches India's first locally designed, manufactured enterprise SSDs**



- MiPhi Semiconductors Private Limited, a joint venture between Micromax Informatics and Taiwan's Phison Technology by becoming the first Indian company to design and manufacture enterprise-grade Solid State Drives (SSDs).
- MiPhi's SSDs offer ultra-fast speeds, durability, and enterprise-grade security, tailored for data centres,

high-performance computing, cloud infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence and edge computing.

### Govt. Renames NIPCCD as Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development



- Union Minister Annapurna Devi, Ministry of Women and Child Development officially renamed the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development as the Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development
- The renaming honours Savitribai Phule, a visionary 19th-century educationist and social reformer
- The institute serves as the apex body for training, research, documentation, and capacity building in women and child development, playing a key role in supporting flagship schemes.

#### OBITUARIES

### Former Chhattisgarh Governor Shekhar Dutt Passed Away



- Shekhar Dutt, former Secretary of the Ministry of Defence and former governor of Chhattisgarh passed away
- He served as the 4th Governor of Chhattisgarh from 2010 to 2014 for a period of five years.
- He was awarded the Sena Medal for gallantry during the war.

#### RBI & SEBI CORNER

### Aadhaar Enabled Payment System – Due Diligence of AePS Touchpoint Operators



- Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) is a payment system operated by National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) that

facilitates interoperable transactions using Aadhaar-enabled authentication.

#### Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)

It is a Payment System in which transactions are enabled through Aadhaar number and biometrics or OTP authentication, providing financial services such as cash withdrawal, cash deposit, fund transfer, and non-financial services such as mini statement and balance enquiry.

**Acquiring bank:** The bank that onboards the AePS touchpoint operators.

**AePS Touchpoint:** The terminal deployed by acquirer banks to facilitate AePS transactions, which shall include both mobile and fixed points.

**AePS Touchpoint Operator (ATO):** The individual onboarded by the acquiring bank who operates the AePS touchpoint.

The acquiring bank shall carry out due diligence of all ATOs before onboarding them, adopting the same process as indicated in the Know Your Customer Direction, 2016.

However, if the due diligence of ATOs has already been done in their capacity as Business Correspondent / sub-agent, then the same may be adopted.

The acquiring bank shall also carry out periodic updation of KYC of ATOs.

In cases where an ATO has remained inactive, i.e. has not performed any financial / non-financial transaction for a customer for a continuous period of three months, the acquiring bank shall carry out KYC of the ATO before enabling him / her to transact further.

The acquiring bank shall monitor the activities of ATOs through their transaction monitoring systems on an ongoing basis and set operational parameters based on the business risk profile of the ATOs.

Aspects such as location and type of the ATO, volume and velocity of transactions, etc. shall form part of the bank's fraud risk management framework.

### India Records Current Account Surplus of USD 13.5 Billion in Q4 FY25



- Reserve Bank of India released data on 'India's Balance of Payments for Q4 (January–March) FY25', showing that India's current account balance posted a surplus of USD 13.5 billion in the fourth quarter of Financial Year 2024–25

- This surplus was higher compared to USD 4.6 billion (0.5% of GDP) in Q4 FY24, and a significant improvement from a deficit of USD 11.3 billion (1.1% of GDP) in Q3 FY25.

#### About RBI

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| ESTD     | 1 April 1935    |
| HQ       | Mumbai          |
| Governor | Sanjay Malhotra |

### Instifi Fintech Secures RBI License to Operate as PA



- Instifi has received Certificate of Authorization, a final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a licensed online Payment Aggregator under the Payments and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007.
- The approval positions Instifi as the only company based in Goa to hold the authorization
- Instifi, operating under Instanow Info Systems Pvt Ltd

### RBI Extends Call Money Market Timings by 2 hours from July 01, 2025



- Reserve Bank of India has extended the trading hours for the interbank call money market by 2 hours with effect from July 01, 2025.

- As per RBI directions, the call money market will now operate from 9 am to 7pm instead of current 9 am to 5 pm.

- RBI has also revised the closing time for Market Repo and Tri-party Repo (TREP) transactions from around 2:30–3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., effective August 1, 2025.
- These revised timings are based on the recommendations of the Working Group chaired by Radha Shyam Ratho, Executive Director RBI.
- At present, Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) are available between 5:30 PM and 11:59 PM on all days.
- In light of the extension of market timings for call money to 7:00 PM, it has been decided that the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) will be available between 7:00 PM and 11:59 PM with effect from July 01, 2025.

#### About RBI

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#### RBI Keeps Interest Rate on Floating Rate Savings Bonds Unchanged for July-December 2025



- The Reserve Bank of India has announced that the interest rate for its Floating Rate Savings Bonds, 2020 (Taxable) [FRSB 2020 (T)] will remain unchanged at 8.05% for the period from July 1 to December 1, 2025.
- This interest will be payable on January 1, 2026.
- The interest rate on FRSB is set at 0.35% higher than the prevailing rate of the National Savings Certificate (NSC), which currently stands at 7.70%.
- The interest rate of the FRSB is revised every six months, depending on changes in the NSC rate. If the NSC rate increases, the FRSB interest rate will also rise.
- FRSB is a government-backed investment instrument, ideal for retail investors seeking capital safety and predictable income.

- The bond has a fixed tenure of seven years, with a minimum investment requirement of ₹1,000 and no upper limit.
- Premature withdrawal is not allowed for investors.
- However, senior citizens are permitted to exit early under certain specified conditions, after completing a lock-in period. In such cases, a penalty of 50% of the interest due for the last six months will be levied.

#### About RBI

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#### SEBI Approved MobiKwik Securities to Operate as Stockbroker & Clearing Member



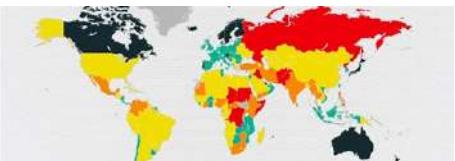
- Securities Exchange Board of India has issued a Certificate of Registration to MobiKwik Securities Broking Private Limited of One MobiKwik Systems Limited, to operate as a stockbroker and clearing member under SEBI's Stock Brokers Regulations, 1992.
- Starting July 1, 2025, this approval empowers MSBPL to carry out activities such as buying, selling, and trading securities, as well as clearing and settling trades.

#### About SEBI

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| Estd     | April 12, 1988     |
| HQ       | Mumbai             |
| Chairman | Tuhin Kanta Pandey |

#### REPORTS & INDICES

#### IEP Releases Global Peace Index 2025



- Institute for Economics and Peace released the 19th edition of Global Peace Index (GPI).

- The 2025 GPI report assessed 163 countries
- The report used 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators

#### Global Unicorn Index 2025



- Hurun Research Institute released the 7th edition of the "Global Unicorn Index" report
- The index is a ranking of the world's unicorns, defined as start-ups founded in the 2000s, worth at least USD 1 billion and not yet listed on a public exchange.
- The data in the index covers the period from January 2024 to January 2025.
- The term "unicorn" was coined in 2013 by American venture capitalist Aileen Lee.
- The index listed a total of 1523 unicorns based in 52 countries.
- The total value of the world's unicorns reached USD 5.6 trillion up by 22%.
- Fintech leads with 197 unicorns, followed by SaaS with 151 and AI with 128.
- The San Francisco(USA) based xAI was the youngest company among the Hurun Global Top 10 unicorns.
- The Tiger global (USA) management retains the crown of 'world's most successful unicorn investor' followed by Softbank (Japan), and Sequoia capital (USA) ranking third.
- As per the index, Poland, Bangladesh, and Iran are the largest economies in the world without a single unicorn.
- San Francisco retained the title of "World's Unicorn Capital" with 199 unicorns followed by New York with 142 and Beijing(China) with 75.
- With respect to India, Bengaluru at 7th rank leads the index among the Indian cities, followed by Mumbai at 22nd and Gurugram entered the list for the first time at 27th position.
- India ranked third with 64 unicorns, led by Zerodha worth USD 8.2 billion, followed by Dream11 worth USD 8 billion and Razorpay worth USD 7.5 billion.

#### Global Satellite Deployment 2025



- According to the data from the satellite tracking website Orbiting, Now there are approximately 12,952 active objects orbiting Earth.
- Of these 145 satellites were launched during the year 2025 alone.
- United States of America with 8,530 satellites in orbit emerged as the country with the highest number of satellites across the world.
- Russia accounts for 1,559 satellites in Earth's orbit
- China accounts for 906 satellites in Earth's orbit
- According to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s data, India accounts about 136 satellites.
- Currently, 22 active satellites are deployed in LEO and 32 in GEO.

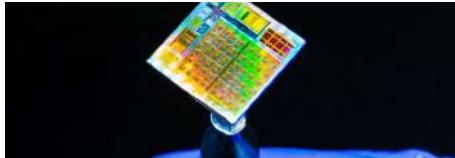
#### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### Japan launches climate change monitoring GOSAT-GW satellite



- Japan had successfully launched a climate change monitoring satellite 'Global Observing SATellite for Greenhouse gases and Water cycle' satellite (GOSAT-GW)
- This marked the 50th and final flight for the H-2A, which has served as Japan's mainstay rocket to carry satellites and probes into space since 2001.

#### World's First Silicon-Free Computer Using 2D Materials



- Researchers at Pennsylvania-based Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) have built a computer from scratch without silicon, a "milestone" in showing the possibility of replacing the material that fueled the bulk of technology advancements, by making devices smaller and faster.
- The computer was built at a nanofabrication unit at Penn State.

- The research team has demonstrated the successful working of the world's first Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor (CMOS) computer, made using Two-Dimensional materials, which are paper-thin, at the nano-level.

#### SPORTS NEWS

#### 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025 in Malaysia



- India won three gold medals in the categories of men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles at the 2nd edition of the Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025 held at Arena Emas, Kuching, Malaysia

**Men's Doubles:** Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar

**Women's Doubles:** Joshna Chinappa and Anahat Singh

**Mixed Doubles:** Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh

#### Inaugural Hockey Masters Cup 2025



- Hockey Association of Odisha (Women) and Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (Men) were crowned Champions of the inaugural edition of Hockey India Masters Cup 2025, held at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai
- Odisha Women team defeated Hockey Punjab (Women) and TN Men's Hockey team defeated Hockey Maharashtra (Men)'s team.

#### ICC Approves New Playing Conditions for International Cricket



- International Cricket Council approved several important changes to the playing conditions for men's international cricket, covering both

red-ball (Test matches) and white-ball formats (One Day Internationals and Twenty20 matches)

- While some rules have already been implemented during the ongoing ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2025–2027 cycle, other rules will come into effect from July 2, 2025.
- The stop clock rule, introduced earlier in white-ball formats to tackle slow over-rates, will now be applied in Test cricket.

#### Under this regulation:

- The fielding side must begin a new over within 60 seconds after the previous over ends.
- If they fail to comply, they will receive two warnings.
- A third failure will result in a five-run penalty awarded to the batting team.
- The two warnings will reset to zero after every 80 overs.
- This rule has already been enforced in the ICC WTC 2025–2027.

#### ODI Ball Usage Revised

- Two new balls will continue to be used for the first 34 overs of an innings. From the 35th over, the fielding team selects one ball (the better-conditioned one) for the remaining 16 overs.

#### Penalty for Deliberate Short Runs

- If a batter deliberately fails to make their ground to attempt an extra run:
- The batting side will face a five-run penalty, which already existed under the previous rule.
- Additionally, the fielding team will now have the right to decide which batter remains on strike.

#### Boundary Catch Clarification

- Fielders who touch the ball while airborne beyond the boundary must:
  - Touch the ball only once while they are in the air outside the field.
  - Land completely inside the boundary to complete a legal catch.

#### Indian GM Praggnanandhaa Clinched UzChess Cup Masters 2025



- Indian Chess Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa won the 2nd UzChess Cup Masters title at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

- With this win, his live elo rating increased to 2778.3, elevating him as India's No:1 chess player and World No: 4.
- The 19-year-old GM defeated Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan

### Austrian Grand Prix 2025



- Lando Norris, British Formula 1 driver, clinched his 3rd Formula One (F1) Grand Prix victory of the 2025 season by winning the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix (GP)
- This victory marked Lando Norris's seventh GP win of his F1 career.

### US Open 2025



- Indian badminton player Ayush Shetty clinched his maiden Badminton World Federation World Tour title by defeating Canada's Brian Yang in the Men's Singles final of the 2025 US Open Badminton Tournament, a BWF Super 300 event, held at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, United States of America
- With this win, he became the first Indian shuttler to win a BWF title in the 2025 season
- In the women's singles final of the US Open 2025, 16-year-old Tanvi Sharma created history by becoming the youngest Indian to reach a BWF World Tour final.
- Although she finished as runner-up, losing to USA's Beiwen Zhang

### Khelo India Water Sports Festival in August



- The first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival will be held at Srinagar's iconic Dal Lake from August 21st – 23rd.
- The inaugural edition of the Water Games in Jammu and Kashmir comes on the back of the first Khelo

India Beach Games which were held in Diu in May.

- The water sports festival will see five sports – kayaking and canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race and dragon boat.

#### STATE/UT NEWS

### Maharashtra launched 'Hedging Desk' in Pune



- Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated a dedicated 'Hedging Desk' in Pune, under the Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project to ensure fair market prices and increased income for farmers in Maharashtra.
- The desk will initially focus on cotton, turmeric and maize crops.

### About Maharashtra

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Capital  | Mumbai              |
| CM       | Devendra Fadnavis   |
| Governor | C. P. Radhakrishnan |

### Telangana Unveils TGDeX, India's first state-led DPI



- Telangana has launched Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), India's first state-led Digital Public Infrastructure to address challenges in Artificial Intelligence innovation.
- TGDeX is aimed at developing cross-domain AI solutions through collaboration between the State, industry partners, research institutions and startups.
- By providing access to high-quality, diverse datasets, TGDeX enables faster development and deployment of AI solutions in domains such as healthcare, agriculture, education, and urban governance.

### About Telangana

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| Capital  | Hyderabad             |
| CM       | Anumula Revanth Reddy |
| Governor | Jishnu Dev Varma      |

#### VISITS & CONFERENCES

### Union Minister Amit Shah Addressed 'Golden Jubilee Celebration' of the Department of Official Language



- Union Minister Amit Shah addressed the "Golden Jubilee Celebration" (50 years) of the Department of Official Language in New Delhi
- Union Minister Amit Shah highlighted, "Hindi Shabdsindhu" is a dynamic repository of vocabulary developed to standardise and enrich the Hindi language by incorporating commonly used words from various languages, thereby making Hindi more flexible and widely acceptable for official use.
- He stated that the Department's 50-year journey (1975–2025) contributes to the revival of India's cultural self-respect by promoting governance in Indian languages.
- DoL is an independent department under the MHA
- Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag is a newly established division aimed at supporting States and Central Government bodies in enhancing the use of Indian languages in administrative functions

### Cyber Security Awareness Workshop organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development



- The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, organised a "Cyber Security Awareness Workshop" at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- It focused on spreading awareness about online safety, cyber threats, and safe internet practices, especially for women and children, who are at the heart of nation-building.

### The Netherlands Hosted NATO Summit



- The Netherlands hosted the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Summit 2025 in its capital city, The Hague
- This was for the 1st time since the formation of NATO in 1949 that the Netherlands hosted a NATO summit.
- NATO countries have agreed to increase defence spending to 5% of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually. All member countries of NATO are expected to achieve this new spending target over the next 10 years (by 2035).
- As part of the agreement, NATO members are expected to spend 3.5% of their GDP on core defence requirements such as troops and weapons, up from the current target of 2% of GDP.
- Also, these countries are now required to spend a further 1.5% of GDP on broader defence and security-related investments like: adapting roads, bridges, and ports for use by military vehicles, and on cybersecurity and protecting energy pipelines.
- Non-NATO members invited for the Event are Australia, European Union, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and Ukraine
- NATO announced that Türkiye will host the next NATO Summit in 2026, while Albania will host the following summit in 2027.
- Previously, Turkey hosted the NATO Summit in June 2004 in Istanbul.

#### About NATO:

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| Formed on         | April 04, 1949 by the foreign ministers of 12 countries, which signed the North Atlantic Treaty (also known as Washington Treaty) |
| Headquarters      | Brussels, Belgium   |
| Members           | 32 (Sweden joined NATO in March 2024 as its 32nd member)  |
| Secretary-General | Mark Rutte  |

## Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Inaugurates First Ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue in Chennai



- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated first-ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue in Chennai
- The meet hosted by India is being attended by all the member nations of ASEAN; i.e., Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam along with Timor Leste.
- The Dialogue aims to strengthen maritime cooperation, enhance cruise connectivity, and promote sustainable tourism across the Indo-Pacific region.
- The meet was held aboard the MV Empress (Cordelia Cruise ship) at Chennai Port

## 22nd SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting



- 22nd Defence Ministers' Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation took place in Qingdao, China.
- The meeting was convened under China's 2025 Chairmanship with the THEME: "Upholding the Shanghai Spirit: SCO on the Move."
- Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence led the Indian delegation
- The next SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting will be held in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2026.

## Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addresses the programme "A Golden Year of Trust in the Justice System" held in New Delhi



- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, today addressed the programme "A Golden Year of Trust in the Justice System" held in New Delhi to mark the successful completion of one year of the new criminal laws, as the chief guest.
- The Home Minister said that after the full implementation of these laws in nearly three years, justice in the country will be delivered all the way up to the Supreme Court starting from filing of the FIR.
- Shri Shah added that the new laws specify deadlines for completing investigations within 90 days, filing charge sheets, framing charges, and delivering judgments.
- Shri Amit Shah said that after studying the justice systems of nearly 89 countries and legally incorporating the use of technology from them, these provisions have been included in the new laws.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that now with the replacement of IPC with Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023 (BNS), CRPC with Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS) and Indian Evidence Act with Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 (BSA), it shows that the goal of these laws is not punishment but justice.
- Shri Shah said that we have made forensic examination mandatory in every crime attracting a punishment of 7 years or more and now National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) is also being used in a very good way.
- Similarly, in the case of POCSO, DNA matching will not let any perpetrator to escape conviction.
- Notification of e-evidence and e-summons has been issued in 11 states and union territories, Nyay Shruti has been notified in 6 states and union territories and community service as punishment has been notified in 12 states and union territories.
- He said that among all the states and union territories, Delhi government has done the best in implementing these laws quickly.

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- For the first time, terrorism has been defined and organised crime has also been defined and provision for stringent punishment has been made.

### Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, chairs a "Manthan Baithak" with Cooperation Ministers of all States and UTs



- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah chaired a "Manthan Baithak" with the Ministers of Cooperation of all States and Union Territories.
- The event marks the celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025.
- The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India.
- The successful organization of the "Manthan Baithak" is a significant step towards strengthening the cooperative sector.
- The main points discussed in the meeting include progress on setting up of 2 lakh Multi-Purpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (M-PACS) across the country and promotion of dairy and fisheries cooperatives to enhance rural service delivery.
- A review of the role of the states in supporting the functioning of the three newly formed national multi-state cooperative societies - National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL), National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL) and Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) - was also discussed in the meeting.
- The White Revolution 2.0 initiative aimed at creating a sustainable and circular dairy economy was also discussed.

### Third Edition of Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE)



- The third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) is

scheduled to be held from 4th to 9th February 2027 in the National Capital Region of Delhi.

- The event aims to bring together various stakeholders from across the mobility spectrum, including industry representatives, policymakers, and technology experts.
- Organised with the support of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the Ministry of Heavy Industries, BMGE has evolved as a comprehensive platform for showcasing developments across the automotive and mobility value chain.

### 2025 Bonn Climate Change Conference



- The 62nd Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) i.e. (SB62) or also known as 2025 Bonn Climate Change Conference was held in Bonn, Germany.
- It is a bi-annual meeting that takes place under the UNFCCC, an international agreement signed in 1992 to combat climate change.

#### WILDLIFE

### Kerala's Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary Become India's First Butterfly Sanctuary



- Kerala State Wildlife Board officially renamed the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, located in Kannur district as the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, making it India's first protected forest dedicated exclusively to butterflies.
- The sanctuary was established in 1984.
- It hosts over 266 butterfly species, which accounts for more than 80% of Kerala's butterfly population.
- A notable record was made at Kurukathodu(Kerala), where over 12,000 Common Albatross

butterflies were recorded within five minutes in the survey of 2025.

#### About Kerala

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|----------|-----------------------------|
| Capital  | Thiruvananthapuram          |
| Cm       | Pinarayi Vijayan            |
| Governor | Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar |

### India's First Wildlife Corridor on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway in Rajasthan



- The National Highways Authority of India developed India's first dedicated wildlife corridor on a national highway, a 12-kilometre stretch of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway passing through the buffer zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in Bundi district, Rajasthan.
- The project was developed in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- It is located in the ecologically sensitive region of Rajasthan, between the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and the Chambal Valley, which is known for its rich biodiversity.
- Five wildlife overpasses, each 500 metres long, and India's longest wildlife underpass of 1.2 km were constructed to ensure safe passage for large mammals.

#### About Rajasthan

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Capital  | Jaipur            |
| Cm       | Bhajan Lal Sharma |
| Governor | Haribhau Bagade   |

### 21st Steering Committee Meeting of 'Project Elephant'



- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change chaired the 21st Steering Committee Meeting of Project Elephant held at the Indira

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Gandhi National Forest Academy in Dehradun

- The committee emphasized on human-elephant conflict which continues to pose a major challenge to human safety and elephant conservation. The discussions focused on community involvement in managing human-elephant conflict.
- During the meeting it was highlighted that as part of the Government of India plans to reduce elephant mortality due to collisions with trains, 3,452.4 kilometer of sensitive railway stretches were surveyed and 77 high-risk areas were identified for mitigation.
- It also reviewed the progress of the Model Elephant Conservation Plan for the Nilgiri Elephant Reserve in Kadanad, Tamil Nadu which is expected to be finalized by December 2025.
- The committee discussed preparations for the World Elephant Day celebrations on August 12, 2025, which is scheduled to be held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu where the Gaj Awards will also be presented.
- In 1992, Gol introduced Project Elephant as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed to preserve habitat and establish elephant corridors across the country.

- The last elephant census was conducted in 2017 which found that India was home to nearly 29,964 elephants.

### 'MEE Report 2020–25 for 438 Protected Areas'



- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change unveiled the Management Effectiveness Evaluation report covering 438 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in India.
- The report, prepared by MoEFCC, was launched during the Indian Conservation Conference (ICCON) 2025 held at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Kerala secured the highest position among all states, achieving a score of 76.22%, becoming the only state rated "Very Good."
- Chandigarh topped among the Union Territories with a score of 85.16%, while Ladakh, with a score of 34.9%, was the only region classified as "Poor."
- Introduced in 2006, each cycle involves detailed tracking through 32 headline indicators, covering

governance, habitat protection, anti-poaching, and more.

- For the first time, 113 Coastal and Marine Protected Areas were also evaluated
- Among 438 PAs assessed, 84 were rated "Very Good," 214 received a "Good" rating, 122 were classified as "Fair," and 18 were marked as "Poor."
- Kerala outperformed other states such as Karnataka (74.24%), Punjab (71.74%), and Himachal Pradesh (71.36%), all of which were rated as "Good."
- Among the individual PAs, Eravikulam NP (Kerala) and Dachigam NP (Jammu & Kashmir) achieved the highest score of 92.97% each.
- The ICCON 2025, held from June 25–27, 2025 under the MoEFCC, centered on the **THEME:** "Breaking Silos – Bridging Divides – Solving Conservation Issues."
- During the conference, TechBridge was launched as a platform to showcase cutting-edge wildlife technologies, offering startups, researchers, and field experts a collaborative space to demonstrate innovations in wildlife monitoring, anti-poaching, habitat restoration, and data-driven conservation efforts.

#### List of Operational National Waterways in India

| National Waterway (NW) No. | Name   | Length (km) | Location (States)                            |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| NW-1                       | Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System                | 1620        | Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal |
| NW-2                       | Brahmaputra River                                    | 891         | Assam  |
| NW-3                       | West Coast Canal, Champakara and Udyogamandal Canals | 205         | Kerala                                       |
| NW-4                       | River Krishna  | 82          | Andhra Pradesh                               |
| NW-10                      | Amba River   | 45          | Maharashtra                                  |
| NW-83                      | Rajpuri Creek  | 31          | Maharashtra                                  |
| NW-85                      | Revdanda Creek - Kundalika River System              | 31          | Maharashtra                                  |
| NW-91                      | Shastri river - Jaigad creek system                  | 52          | Maharashtra                                  |
| NW-68                      | Mandovi  | 41          | Goa  |
| NW-111                     | Zuari  | 50          | Goa  |
| NW-73                      | Narmada River  | 226         | Gujarat & Maharashtra                        |

**List of Operational National Waterways in India**

| National Waterway (NW) No. | Name                 | Length (km) | Location (States)     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| NW-100                     | Tapi River           | 436         | Gujarat & Maharashtra |
| NW-97                      | Sunderbans Waterways | 172         | West Bengal           |

**List of Highest Civilian Honours by Countries**

| Award  | Country              |
|--|----------------------|
| Order of King Abdulaziz Al Saud                                      | Saudi Arabia         |
| State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan                             | Afghanistan          |
| Grand Collar of the State of Palestine                               | Palestine            |
| Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddin                   | Maldives             |
| Order of Zayed   | United Arab Emirates |
| King Hamad Order of the Renaissance                                  | Bahrain              |
| Legion of Merit  | United States        |
| Order of Fiji  | Fiji                 |
| Order of Logohu  | Papua New Guinea     |
| Order of the Nile  | Egypt                |
| Legion of Honour   | France               |
| Order of Honour  | Greece               |
| Order of the Dragon King   | Bhutan               |
| Order of St. Andrew  | Russia               |
| Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer   | Kuwait               |
| Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger                            | Nigeria              |
| Dominica Award of Honour   | Dominica             |
| Order of Excellence of Guyana  | Guyana               |
| Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean | Mauritius            |
| Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana   | Sri Lanka            |
| Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III                             | Cyprus               |
| The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana                        | Ghana                |
| The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago                     | Trinidad and Tobago  |

**Interest rates on Small Savings Schemes unchanged for Q2 FY26**

| Instruments                            | Interest rates from July 1,2025 to September 30, 2025 |
|--|---|
| Post Office Savings Deposit (POSD)     | 4.0%  |
| 1-Year Post Office Time Deposit (POTD) | 6.9%  |
| 2-Year Post Office Time Deposit (POTD) | 7.0%  |



### Interest rates on Small Savings Schemes unchanged for Q2 FY26

| Instruments                                 | Interest rates from July 1,2025 to September 30, 2025 |
|---|---|
| 3-Year Post Office Time Deposit (POTD)      | 7.1%  |
| 5-Year Post Office Time Deposit (POTD)      | 7.5%  |
| 5-Year Post Office Recurring Deposit (PORD) | 6.7%  |
| Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP)                     | 7.5% (will mature in 115 months)                      |
| Public Provident Fund (PPF)                 | 7.1%  |
| Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY)              | 8.2%  |
| National Savings Certificate (NSC)          | 7.7%  |
| Senior Citizen' Savings Scheme (SCSS)       | 8.2%  |
| Post Office Monthly Income Scheme (PO-MIS)  | 7.4%  |
| Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC)    | 7.5%  |

### India Records Current Account Surplus of USD 13.5 Billion in Q4 FY25

| Indicator                                | Value                      |
|--|----------------------------|
| Merchandise Trade Deficit (Q3 FY25)      | USD 79.3 billion           |
| Merchandise Trade Deficit (Q4 FY25)      | USD 59.5 billion           |
| Merchandise Trade Deficit (Q4 FY24)      | USD 52 billion             |
| Net Services Receipts (Q4 FY25)          | USD 53.3 billion           |
| Net Services Receipts (Q4 FY24)          | USD 42.7 billion           |
| Personal Transfer Receipts (Q4 FY25)     | USD 33.9 billion           |
| Personal Transfer Receipts (Q4 FY24)     | USD 31.3 billion           |
| Primary Income Outgo (Q4 FY25)           | USD 11.9 billion           |
| Primary Income Outgo (Q4 FY24)           | USD 14.8 billion           |
| Net FDI Inflows (Q4 FY25)                | USD 0.4 billion            |
| Net FDI Inflows (Q4 FY24)                | USD 2.3 billion            |
| Net FPI Inflows (Q4 FY25)                | USD -5.9 billion (outflow) |
| Net FPI Inflows (Q4 FY24)                | USD 11.4 billion (inflow)  |
| External Commercial Borrowings (Q4 FY25) | USD 7.4 billion            |

### Terminologies: Financial Data

| Component                                  | Description  |
|--|--|
| Balance of Payments (BoP)                  | Summary of all economic transactions with the world    |
| Current Account                            | Records flow of goods, services, income, and transfers |
| Trade Balance (Exports - Imports of goods) | Usually negative for India (trade deficit)             |
| Net Services (IT, tourism, etc.)           | Usually positive due to IT exports                     |
| Net Income (FDI, salaries, interest)       | Outflows > Inflows (negative)                          |



| Terminologies: Financial Data      |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Component                          | Description                                   |
| Net Transfers (Remittances, gifts) | Positive (mainly remittances from NRIs)       |
| Capital Account                    | Records capital movement (investments, loans) |
| FDI                                | Investment in businesses/assets               |
| FPI                                | Investment in stocks and bonds                |
| External Borrowings                | Commercial loans and borrowings from abroad   |
| Errors & Omissions                 | Statistical discrepancies                     |
| Change in Forex Reserves           | Reflects BoP surplus/deficit adjustments      |

**Top 5 in GPI 2025:**

| Rank | Countries   | Region  |
|------|-------------|---------|
| 1    | Iceland     | Europe  |
| 2    | Ireland     | Europe  |
| 3    | New Zealand | Oceania |
| 4    | Austria     | Europe  |
| 5    | Switzerland | Europe  |
| 115  | India       | Asia    |

**Bottom 5 in GPI 2025:**

| Rank | Countries                    | Region                |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 163  | Russia                       | Europe/Asia (Eurasia) |
| 162  | Ukraine                      | Europe                |
| 161  | Sudan                        | Africa                |
| 160  | Democratic Republic of Congo | Africa                |
| 159  | Yemen                        | Middle East           |

**Top 5 countries with Most number of Unicorns:**

| Rank | Country                  | Number of Unicorns |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | United States of America | 758                |
| 2    | China                    | 343                |
| 3    | India                    | 64                 |
| 4    | United Kingdom           | 61                 |
| 5    | Germany                  | 36                 |

**Top 5 Global Unicorns in Global Unicorn Index 2025:**

| Rank | Unicorn | Valuation (USD billion) | Country | Sector    |
|------|---------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1    | SpaceX  | 350                     | USA     | Aerospace |

**Top 5 Global Unicorns in Global Unicorn Index 2025:**

| Rank | Unicorn   | Valuation (USD billion) | Country | Sector       |
|------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 2    | OpenAI    | 300                     | USA     | AI           |
| 2    | ByteDance | 300                     | China   | Social Media |
| 4    | xAI       | 115                     | USA     | AI           |
| 5    | Ant Group | 87                      | China   | FinTech      |

**Austrian Grand Prix 2025**

| Rank | Name of the Driver | Team    | Country            |
|------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 1    | Lando Norris       | McLaren | The United Kingdom |
| 2    | Oscar Piastri      | McLaren | Australia          |
| 3    | Charles Leclerc    | Ferrari | Monaco             |

# Timeline



01/07/2025

- Aadhaar: Due Diligence of AePS Operators
- Finance Minister chairs PSU Banks meeting
- PhonePe, HDFC Bank: Co-branded RuPay Card
- Kerala: First Butterfly Sanctuary in India
- Air India AI-171 Black Box Data
- MoHUA Launched SABB Campaign
- Biometric Authentication: Jiyo Parsi Beneficiaries
- Delhi-Mumbai Expressway: First Wildlife Corridor
- New PRS: 1.5 Lakh Tickets/Minute
- World Bank, IAEA: Nuclear Energy Agreement
- IWAI's Jal Marg Vikas Project Honoured
- Amit Shah: Official Language Jubilee Celebration
- Cyber Security Workshop: Women, Child Development
- Netherlands Hosted NATO Summit
- Safran: Rafale Engine Facility in Hyderabad
- UN Launched UN80 Initiative: Governance Reform
- Zou Jiayi: AIIB's First Woman President
- Italy: First Jet-Powered Flying Robot
- Asian Squash Doubles Championships in Malaysia
- Shikhar Dhawan: Memoir "The One"



02/07/2025

- India: Current Account Surplus in Q4
- Instifi: RBI License as PA
- Agroforestry: Centre issues Model Rules
- India: Energy Stack for Power
- Two-Wheelers: ABS Mandated by Ministry
- Waste-to-Energy: Revised Guidelines Notified
- Footballs distributed at PM SHRI Vidyalaya
- Bengaluru: 5 GWh BESS Facility
- SEPC & IAMAI: Boost Digital Exports
- MoSPI: GolStats Mobile App Launched
- Hockey Masters Cup 2025
- ICC: New Cricket Playing Conditions
- Praggnanandhaa wins UzChess Cup Masters
- Book: "A Billion Butterflies"
- June 29: "Statistics Day"



03/07/2025

- Cabinet approves RDI scheme
- Project Elephant: Steering Committee meets
- Railways rationalises passenger train fares
- WaveX invites AI translation startups
- India's first green data centre
- Turmeric Board HQ: Nizamabad
- Saral Sanchar: Spectrum demand survey
- Maharashtra launches 'Hedging Desk'
- ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue: Chennai
- SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting
- Rear Admiral V Ganapathy assumes charge
- Mazagon acquires Colombo Dockyard stake
- Global Peace Index 2025 released
- Japan launches climate monitoring satellite
- Austrian Grand Prix 2025
- Electricity safe awareness programme: India

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04/07/2025

- Cabinet approves National Sports Policy
- Cabinet: Employment Linked Incentive Scheme
- Ericsson's India antenna facility opens
- Testing indigenous cell broadcast system
- Coal Ministry: Exploration Module unveiled
- MPEDA: Skill Olympiad: Seafood promotion
- DFS: Financial Inclusion campaign launched
- PM's Awards: Public Administration 2025
- RailOne App launched
- Amit Shah: Justice System's Golden Year
- Amit Shah chairs Cooperation "Manthan Baithak"
- India, UAE: Green steel collaboration
- CEA, IIT Roorkee: Power research MoU
- Youth Affairs: MY Bharat 2.0 platform
- Udaygiri Frigate delivered to Navy
- Navy: Tanker MT Yi Cheng rescue
- QUAD: 'At Sea Observer Mission' launched

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DETAILED EXPLANATION

05/07/2025

- RBI Extends Call Money Timings
- Small Savings Schemes Interest Unchanged
- IndusInd Bank Launches INDIE Platform
- Slice Launches UPI Credit Card
- AU SFB Partners with LIC
- MEE Report: Protected Areas 2020-25
- Adani Green: 15,000 MW Renewable
- Teghbir Singh Climbs Mount Elbrus
- SatSure, Dhruva Space Sign EOaaS MoU
- DRDO: Indigenous Photonic Radar Unveiled
- RBI Appoints Kesavan Ramachandran ED
- Ravi Agrawal: Chairman of CBDT Re-appointed
- Parag Jain: New Chief of R&AW
- Suriname: Malaria-Free Certification
- Silicon Free Computer: 2D Materials
- US Open 2025

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DETAILED EXPLANATION

07/07/2025

- RBI: Interest rate unchanged
- SEBI approves MobiKwik as stockbroker
- NCDEX, IMD: Weather derivatives incoming
- SBI to solarise 4 million homes
- AIIB invests in Aditya Birla Capital
- KVB launches 'Kshema Kisan Sathi'
- Minister launches unified flood forecasting
- Handloom Hackathon 2025 launched
- MiPhi launches enterprise SSDs
- NIPCCD renamed after Savitribai Phule
- Ladakh hosts Astro Tourism Festival
- Telangana unveils TGDeX: India's first DPI
- Bharat Mobility Global Expo in 2027
- 2025 Bonn Climate Change Conference
- Global Unicorn Index 2025
- Global Satellite Deployment 2025
- PM Modi gets Trinidad & Tobago award
- Sudhanшу Mittal re-elected KKFI President
- FSIB Chairperson's tenure extended
- Sahil Kini: RBI Innovation Hub CEO
- Sukanya Sonowal: Peace Ambassador Named
- Critical Minerals Initiative by QUAD
- Ghana, India: Climate-resilient wheat initiative
- Khelo India Water Sports Festival
- Shekhar Dutt, ex-Chhattisgarh Governor, Passed

# IMPORTANT Q&A

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | What is the name of the newly established division aimed at enhancing the use of Indian languages?  |
| 2  | What was the CRAR of Public Sector Banks as of March 2025?  |
| 3  | In which district of Kerala is the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary located?  |
| 4  | Who did Zou Jiayi succeed as president of AIIB?   |
| 5  | What percentage of their GDP have NATO countries agreed to increase defence spending to?  |
| 6  | What was the value of India's current account surplus in Q4 FY25?   |
| 7  | Under which act did Instifi receive authorization to operate as a PA?   |
| 8  | According to the model rules issued by the Union Ministry, where are applicants required to register their plantations?                         |
| 9  | Which country did Praggnanandhaa defeat Nodirbek Abdusattorov from at the UzChess Cup Masters?  |
| 10 | What is the annual manufacturing capacity of the new BESS facility inaugurated in Bengaluru?  |
| 11 | What is the approved corpus amount for the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme?  |
| 12 | In which city did Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurate the ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue?   |
| 13 | What is the target for increased turmeric exports by 2030 set by the National Turmeric Board?   |
| 14 | Who assumed charge as Commandant of the Military Institute of Technology, Pune?   |
| 15 | Where did the 22nd SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting take place and what was the THEME?  |
| 16 | Which policy was launched by the Government of India to establish India as a global sporting powerhouse, contending for the 2036 Olympic Games? |
| 17 | Which organisation signed an MoU with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to develop the MY Bharat 2.0 Platform?                           |
| 18 | Where was Ericsson's state-of-the-art antenna manufacturing facility inaugurated?   |
| 19 | Which technology is being implemented to strengthen alert dissemination during disasters?   |
| 20 | Which organization launched a campaign for saturation of Financial Inclusion schemes at the Gram Panchayat level?                               |
| 21 | How many Coastal and Marine Protected Areas were evaluated for the first time in the MEE report and which State secured the highest position?   |
| 22 | Who did Ayush Shetty defeat in the Men's Singles final of the 2025 US Open?   |
| 23 | Which digital banking platform was launched by IndusInd Bank for MSMEs?   |
| 24 | What is the theme of the ICCON 2025?  |
| 25 | Which Indian company first crossed 15,000 MW of installed renewable operational capacity?   |
| 26 | For which period will the interest rate remain unchanged on RBI's Floating Rate Savings Bonds?  |
| 27 | Which organization signed an MoU with IMD to launch weather derivatives?  |
| 28 | What is the target number of homes SBI aims to solarise by FY27?  |
| 29 | Which organization collaborated with C-DAC to develop the unified flood forecasting system, C-FLOOD?  |
| 30 | In which city did Ladakh host its first Astro Tourism Festival?   |

# ANSWERS

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag  |
| 2  | 16.15%  |
| 3  | Kannur district   |
| 4  | Jin Liqun   |
| 5  | 5%  |
| 6  | USD 13.5 billion  |
| 7  | Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007                         |
| 8  | National Timber Management System (NTMS) portal                   |
| 9  | Uzbekistan  |
| 10 | 5 Gigawatt hours  |
| 11 | Rs One lakh Crore   |
| 12 | Chennai   |
| 13 | USD 1 billion   |
| 14 | Rear Admiral V Ganapathy  |
| 15 | Qingdao, China / "Upholding the Shanghai Spirit: SCO on the Move" |
| 16 | National Sports Policy  |
| 17 | Digital India Corporation (DIC).                                  |
| 18 | VVDN's Global Innovation Park in Manesar.                         |
| 19 | Cell Broadcast (CB) technology.                                   |
| 20 | Department of Financial Services.                                 |
| 21 | 113 / Kerala  |
| 22 | Brian Yang  |
| 23 | INDIE for Business  |
| 24 | Breaking Silos – Bridging Divides – Solving Conservation Issues   |
| 25 | Adani Green Energy Limited  |
| 26 | July 1 to December 1, 2025  |
| 27 | NCDEX   |
| 28 | 4 million   |
| 29 | Central Water Commission (CWC)                                    |
| 30 | Leh   |

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