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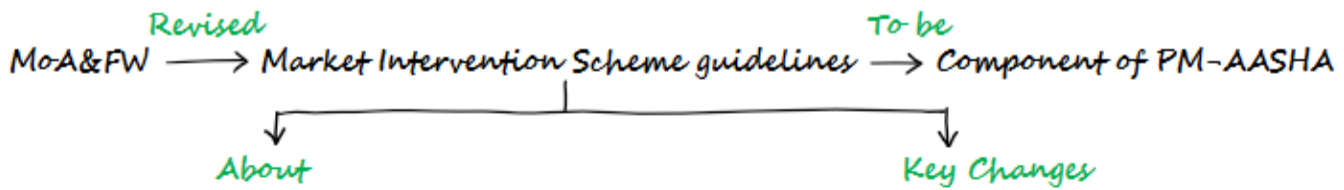
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To protect growers of horticultural/ agricultural commodities from making distress sales

Implemented by - DoA&C (MoA&FW)

→ MIS will be implemented only if market price drops by at least 10%.

→ Procurement limit of crops under MIS ↑ to 25% ↻ 20%

→ State to pay diff b/w MIP & selling price to farmers bank account

→ NAFED & NCCF (CNAs) will refund diff in price of TOP crops

Key point: Govt approved NCCF to cover transportation costs for up to 1,000 MT of Kharif tomatoes from Madhya Pradesh to Delhi

MoA&FW - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

PM-AASHA - Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan

DoA&C - Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

MIS - Market Intervention Scheme

MIP - Market Intervention Price

NAFED - National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India

NCCF - National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India

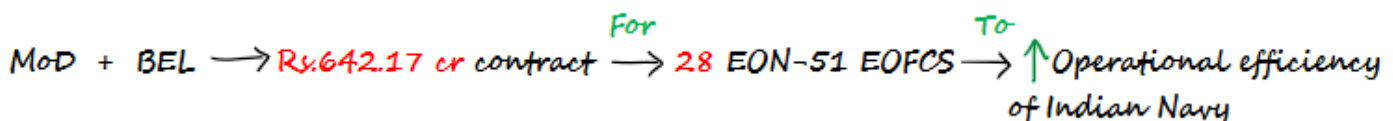
CNA - Central Nodal Agency

Govt - Government of India

MT - Metric Tonne

TOP - Tomato, Onion and Potato

5)



MoD - Ministry of Defence

BEL - Bharat Electronics Limited

EOFCS - Electro-Optical Fire Control Systems

6)

IN Chiefs' Conclave 2025 $\xrightarrow{\text{To}}$ Warfare & maritime strategy $\xrightarrow{\text{Held}}$ Nausena Bhawan
New Delhi
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Book released \rightarrow Legacy of Leadership: Naval Chiefs through Time

IN - Indian Navy

BANKING & FINANCE

1)

RBI $\xrightarrow{\text{Released}}$ 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy for FY 2025 $\xrightarrow{\text{During}}$ 53rd meeting of the MPC

Rates	Projection	
Repo Rate - 6.25%	GDP growth	CPI inflation
Reverse Repo Rate - 3.35%	FY2026 - 6.7%	FY2026 - 4.2%
SDF Rate - 6.00%	FY2026 Q1 - 6.7%	FY2025 Q4 - 4.4%
MSF Rate - 6.50%	FY2026 Q2 - 7.0%	FY2026 Q1 - 4.5%
Cash Reserve Ratio - 4.00%	FY2026 Q3 - 6.5%	FY2026 Q2 - 4.0%
SLR - 18.00%	FY2026 Q4 - 6.5%	FY2026 Q3 - 3.8%
Bank Rate - 6.50%		FY2026 Q4 - 4.2%

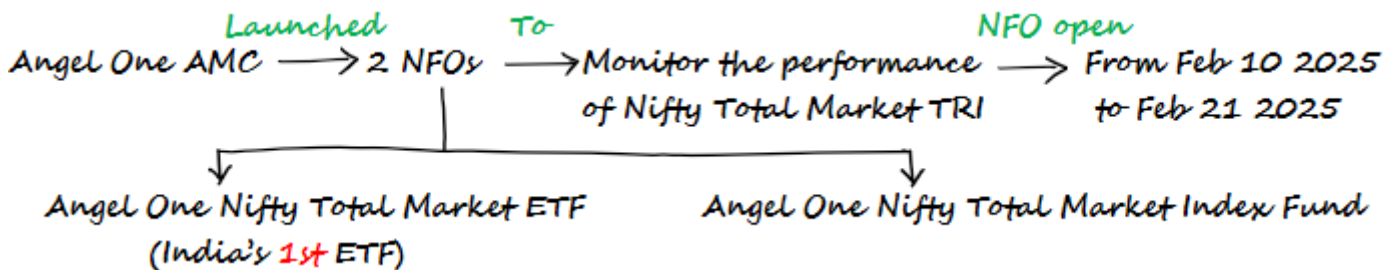
Highlights

RBI

- Introduced \rightarrow 2 internet domains \rightarrow bank.in (For Indian banks) \rightarrow fin.in (For NBFCs) $\xrightarrow{\text{To}}$ Cybersecurity in financial sector
- To implement \rightarrow AFA for Cross-Border Digital Transactions
- Allowed \rightarrow Non-bank brokers to directly access NDS-OM platform
- Established \rightarrow 9 member panel $\xrightarrow{\text{Headed by}}$ Radha Shyam Ratho $\xrightarrow{\text{To}}$ Review trading & settlement timings for financial markets
ED of RBI
- Approved \rightarrow Bond Forwards $\xrightarrow{\text{To}}$ Strengthen Long-Term Investment Strategies
- Postponed \rightarrow Implementation of LCR and Project Financing Norms $\xrightarrow{\text{Until}}$ March 31, 2026
- Implementation of Additional Reserve Requirement $\xrightarrow{\text{Until}}$ March 2026 for Digital Deposits

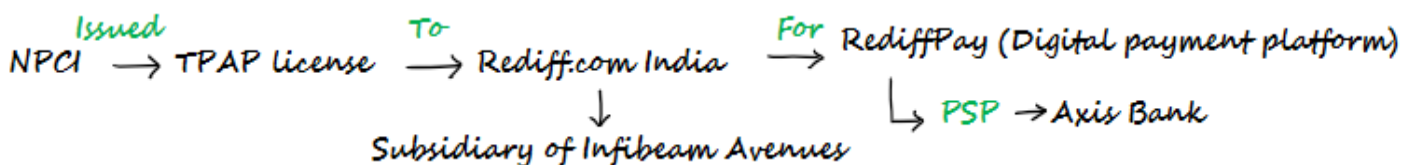
RBI - Reserve Bank of India
MPC - Monetary Policy Committee
SDF - Standing Deposit Facility
MSF - Marginal Standing Facility
SLR - Statutory Liquidity Ratio
GDP - Gross Domestic Product
CPI - Consumer Price Index
NBFCs - Non-banking financial companies
AFA - Additional Factor of Authentication
NDS-OM - Negotiated Dealing System - Order Matching
ED - Executive Director
LCR - Liquidity Coverage Ratio

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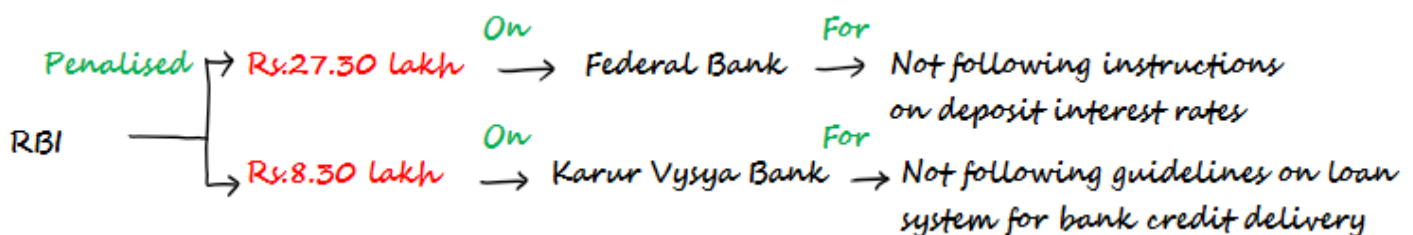
AMC - Asset Management Company
NFO - New Fund Offering
TRI - Total Return Index
ETF - Exchange Traded Fund

3)



TPAP - Third-Party Application Provider
NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India
PSP - Payment System Provider

4)



RBI - Reserve Bank of India

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1)

SBI Mutual Fund stake $\xrightarrow{\text{In}}$ Axis Bank $\rightarrow \uparrow$ To **5.0238%** $\xrightarrow{\text{Via}}$ Open market operation
 \wedge 0.036%

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1)

SUPARCO + CNSA $\xrightarrow{\text{To Include}}$ Pakistan's **1st** Lunar rover $\xrightarrow{\text{In}}$ China's Chang'e-8 $\xrightarrow{\text{In}}$ 2028
 Pakistan China Lunar mission
 \downarrow \downarrow
Aim **Payload**
 To explore the Moon's south pole 10 scientific payloads

SUPARCO - Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission

CNSA - China National Space Administration

SPORTS

1)

Para Archery Asia Cup 2025 \rightarrow India bagged **12** medals \rightarrow Gold - 6
 (Topped medal tally) Silver - 3
 Bronze - 3
 \downarrow
 Held Bangkok, Thailand

Sarita Kumari (Gold) in Women's Compound Open category $\xrightarrow{\text{Defeated}}$ Nur Syahidah Alim (Singapore)

Shyam Sundar Swami (Gold) in Men's Compound Open $\xrightarrow{\text{Defeated}}$ Ken Swagumilang (Indonesia)

Rakesh Kumar (Bronze) in Men's Compound Open $\xrightarrow{\text{Defeated}}$ Wiro Julin (Malaysia)

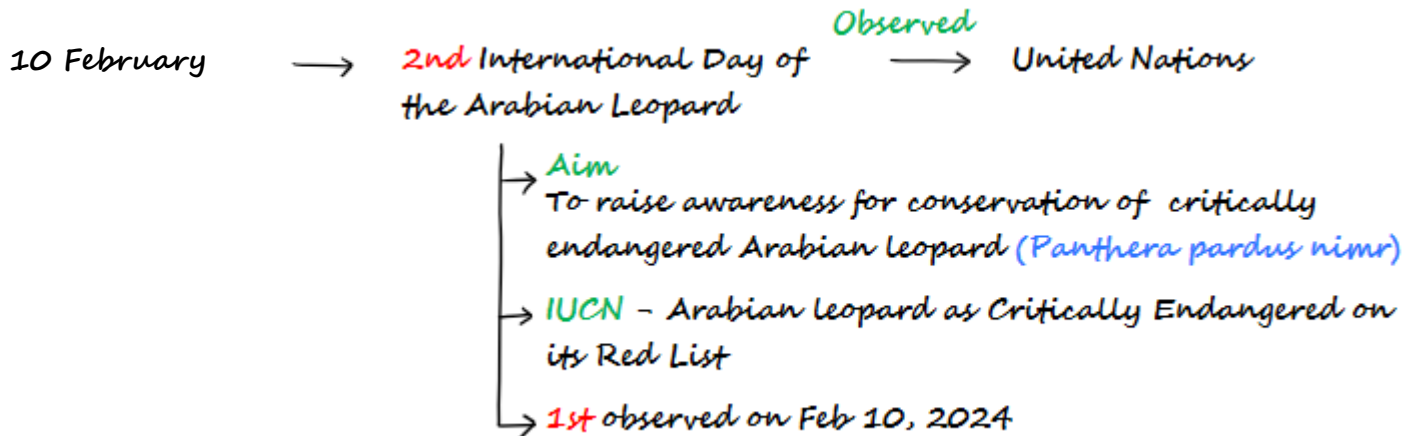
Zina Larrine (Slovakia) (Gold) in Women's Recurve Open final $\xrightarrow{\text{Defeated}}$ Pooja Jatyan (India)

Harvinder Singh (Bronze) in Men's Recurve Open $\xrightarrow{\text{Defeated}}$ Nurfaizal Hamzah

Adil Mohamed Nazir Ansari (Bronze) in Men's W1 (Recurve/Compound) $\xrightarrow{\text{Defeated}}$ Yung Man Tai (China)

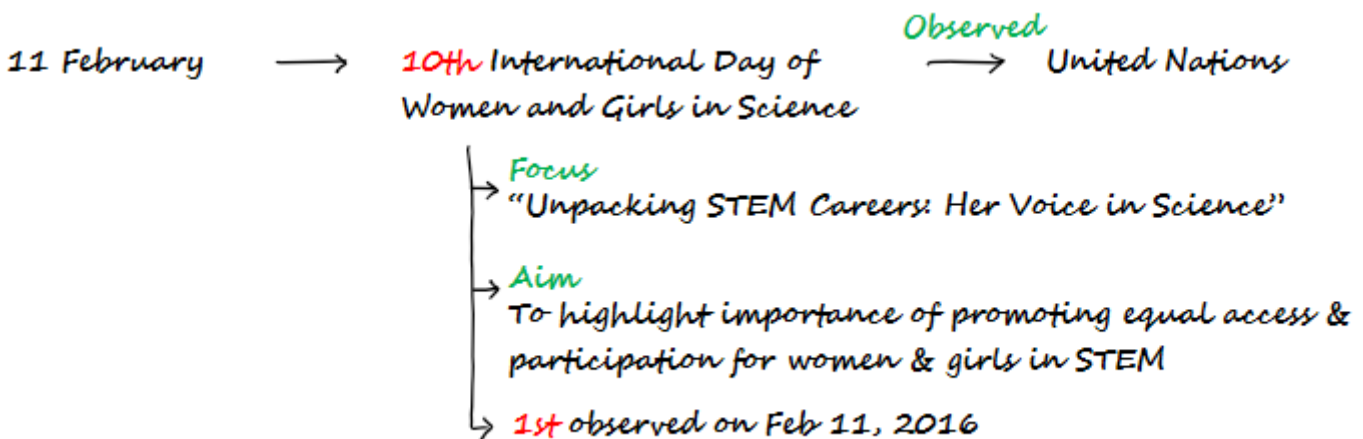
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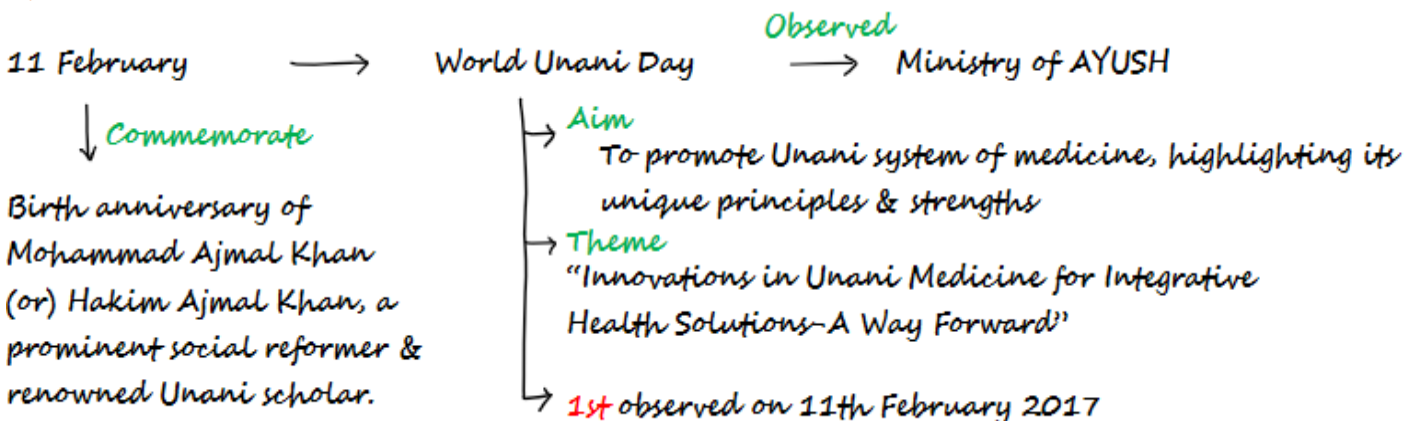
IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature

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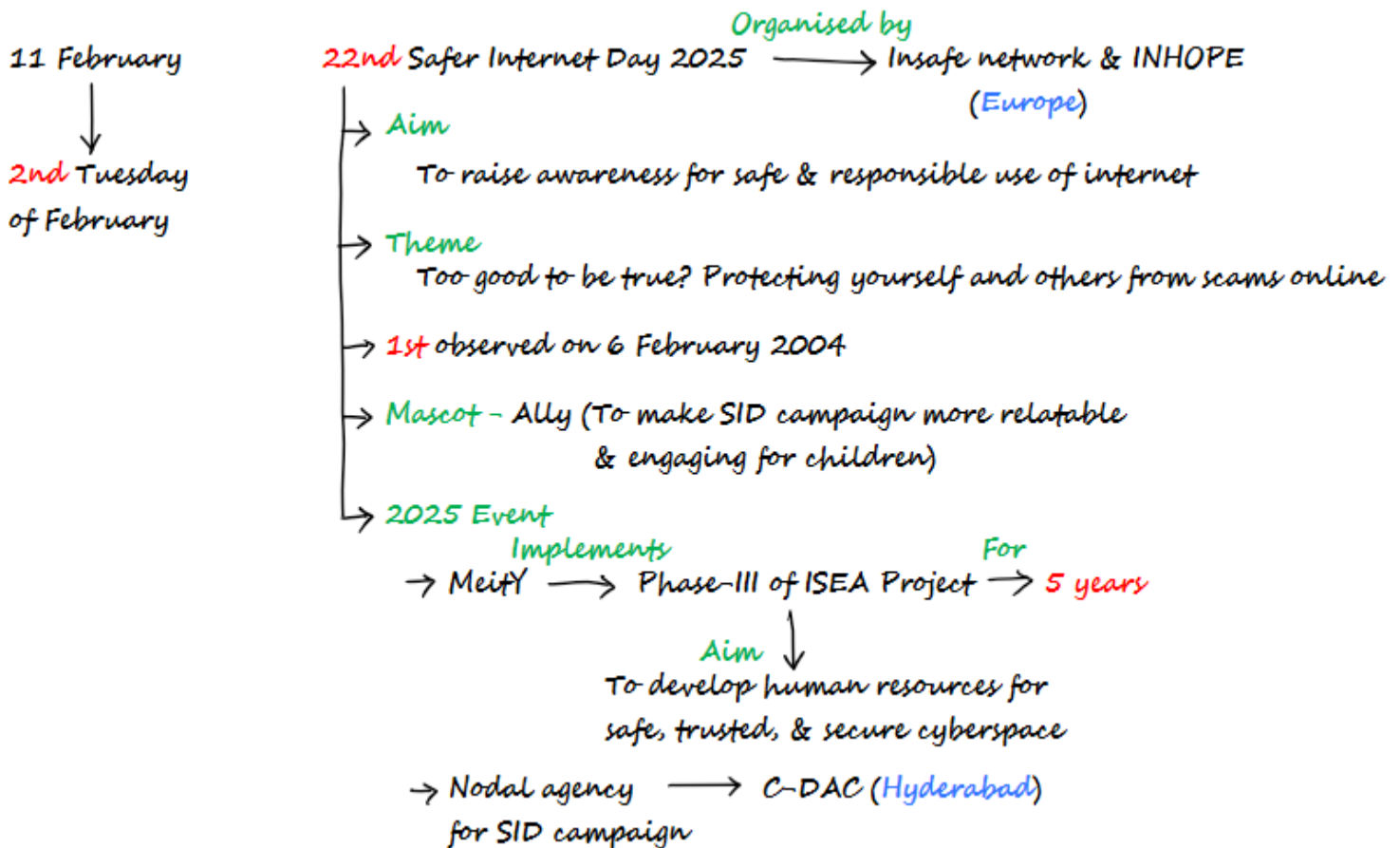
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

3)



AYUSH - Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy

4)



INHOPE - International Association of Internet Hotlines

SID - Safer Internet Day

MeitY - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

ISEA - Information Security Education and Awareness

C-DAC - Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

India & Egypt Begins 3rd Joint Military Exercise 'Cyclone 2025' in Rajasthan

The 3rd edition of the India-Egypt joint military exercise 'Cyclone 2025' commenced at the Maharajan Field Range, Rajasthan, aiming to enhance defence cooperation and improve special forces interoperability in desert conditions. The exercise will run for 14 days from February 10-23, 2025.



- Exercise 'Cyclone 2025' also aims to improve cooperation between the two armies and strengthen their relationship by holding discussions and practicing military drills together.

Background:

- Exercise Cyclone is a joint military exercise conducted between India and Egypt since 2023.
- This exercise is aligned with Chapter VII of the United Nations(UN) Charter.
- The 2nd edition of the exercise was conducted at Anshas, Egypt from 22nd January to 1st February 2024.

About Cyclone 2025:

- Focus:** The joint Military exercise will focus on combat in urban areas and rescuing hostages.
 - Participants:** The Indian Army is represented by the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces), while the Egyptian contingent consists of the Egyptian Commando Squadron and the Egyptian Airborne Platoon.
 - Motto:** "Together we train, together we excel," is the motto of Cyclone 2025.
 - Operation:** It will include counter-terrorism operations, raids, reconnaissance, and other specialized missions, along with special forces skills such as sniping, combat free fall, surveillance, reconnaissance, and target designation.
 - Features:** The exercise will feature military demonstrations and discussions, with training on Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)s, countering them, and providing first aid in combat.
- Note:** 'Exercise Desert Warrior' is another joint exercise carried out by the air forces of India and Egypt.

About Egypt:

President – Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil El-Sisi

Capital – Cairo

Currency – Egyptian pound(EGP)

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi Announced India Achieved Historic Milestone of 100 GW Solar Power Capacity

In February 2025, Union Minister **Pralhad Joshi**, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) announced that India has achieved a historic milestone of surpassing **100 Giga Watt (GW)** installed solar energy capacity. With this, India consolidates its position as a global leader in Renewable Energy (RE).

- This achievement reflects India's commitment to a cleaner, greener future and marks a major step toward realizing its ambitious target of **500 GW** of non-fossil fuel-based energy capacity by **2030** set by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi.

**India Achieves
Historic Milestone
of 100 GW Solar
Power Capacity**

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Key Progress made in Solar Sector:

- i. As per MNRE, India's solar power sector has witnessed an exponential increase of **3450%** in capacity over the last 10 years, increasing from 2.82 GW (in 2014) to 100 GW (in 2025).
- ii. As of January 31, 2025, total installed solar energy capacity of India stands at **100.33 GW**, with 84.10 GW under implementation and an additional 47.49 GW under tendering.
 - Also, India's hybrid and Round-the-Clock (RTC) RE projects are making significant progress, with 64.67 GW under implementation and tendered. Thus, combined total of solar and hybrid projects in India stands at 296.59 GW.
- iii. Solar energy emerged as the key contributor to India's RE growth, representing **47%** of the total installed RE capacity.
 - As per MNRE, 24.5 GW of solar capacity was added in 2024, which is more than two-fold increase in solar installations compared to 2023.
 - The year 2024 also witnessed the installation of 18.5 GW of utility-scale solar capacity, nearly 2.8 times increase compared to 2023.
 - Top 5 performing Indian states, contributing significantly to India's total utility-scale solar installations are: Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu (TN), Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh (MP).
- iv. India's rooftop solar sector saw remarkable growth in 2024, with 4.59 GW of new installed capacity, registering an increase of 53% compared to 2023.
 - This growth is mainly driven by Prime Minister-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), launched in 2024, which is nearing 9 lakh rooftop installations, which enables households across India to adopt clean energy solutions.



About Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE):

Union Minister- Pralhad Joshi (Constituency- Dharward, Karnataka)

Minister of State (MoS)- Shripad Yesso Naik (Constituency- North Goa, Goa)

Recent Related News:

In January 2025, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued operational guidelines for implementation of various components such as: 'Payment Security Mechanism' component and 'Central Finance Assistance' component for Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) models/ Utility Led Aggregation (ULA) models under the 'Prime Minister-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY)'.

- Rs 100 crore corpus fund has been allocated under this scheme component, for the Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) to reduce investment risks in RESCO-based grid-connected rooftop solar models for the residential sector.

India Introduces New HS Code for GI-Recognised Rice Varieties

On February 1, 2025, Union Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Minister of Finance (MoF) proposed an amendment to the **Customs Tariff Act** to assign Harmonized System of Nomenclature (**HSN**) codes to Geographical Indication (**GI**) recognized rice varieties during the Union Budget for the financial year 2025-26 (FY26). The HSN code is a numerical classification used in global trade.



- This amendment introduces specific Harmonized System (HS) codes for the export of rice varieties recognised under the GI registry.
- This marks the first instance globally of assigning HS codes to GI-tagged rice, aiming to streamline exports and ensure traceability.

Details of the Amendment:

i. The newly introduced HS codes are: **1006-30-11** for Parboiled rice and **1006-30-91** for White rice.

ii. These codes pertain to rice varieties that have received GI recognition, facilitating their export without the need for special notifications from the MoF.

iii. As of March 2020, the Indian Patent Office has granted GI tags to **20 rice varieties**, including:

Navara, Palakkadan Matta, Pokkali, Wayanad Jeerakasala, Wayanad Gandhakasala, Kalanamak, Kaipad, Ajara Ghansal, Ambemohar, Joha, Gobindobog, Tulapanji, Katarni, Chokuwa, Bhadara Chinoor, Mushqbudji, Marcha, Khaw Tai (Khamti), Lal Chawl and Kalonunia.

iv. Subsequently, between **April 2023** and **March 2024**, additional varieties such as Bhadara Chinoor, Mushqbudji, Marcha, Khaw Tai (Khamti), Uttarakhand's Lal Chawl, Kalonunia, and Koraput Kalajeera received GI tags.

- Andaman Karen Musley Rice Musley rice, grown by the Karen community in the Andaman Island, recently received GI tag.

About Harmonized System (HS):

i. The HS is a globally recognized product classification system developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO).

- HS assigns specific **6-digit codes** to various commodities, facilitating international trade.

ii. The HS is governed by "The International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System."

iii. The HS classifies approximately **98%** of international trade, encompassing over 5,000 commodity groups.

iv. It is implemented by more than 200 countries and economies worldwide.

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About World Customs Organization (WCO):

Secretary-General – Ian Clifton Saunders (United States of America, USA)

Headquarters– Brussels, Belgium

Established- 1952

MoA&FW Revised Market Intervention Scheme Guidelines

On February 10 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (**MoA&FW**) has revised guidelines for the Market Intervention Scheme (**MIS**). As per the revised norms, the Government of India (GoI) has made MIS, a component of the integrated scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (**PM-AASHA**).



- The MIS is implemented on the request of states or Union Territories (UTs) government for procurement of various perishable agricultural commodities such as tomato, onion, potato, among others, and there is reduction of minimum 10% in market prices in state/UTs as compared to the rates of the last normal season.

Note: The PM AASHA was launched in 2018 with an aim to Provide price assurance for pulses, oilseeds and copra, ensuring financial stability for farmers. In 2024, the Government of India(GoI) extended the PM-AASHA scheme until 2025-26, with an allocation of Rs.35,000 crore.

About Market Intervention Scheme (MIS):

i.It is an ad-hoc scheme which includes horticultural commodities and other agricultural commodities, which are perishable in nature and are covered by the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme.

ii.The scheme aims to protect the growers of these horticultural/ agricultural commodities from making distress sales in the event of increased production of crops during the peak harvest period.

- The scheme is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DoA&C), MoA&FW.

iii.Under MIS, losses suffered are shared between the Central Government and the concerned State government in the ratio of 50:50.

- For North-East (NE) states, losses suffered are shared between the Central Government and the concerned State government in the ratio of 75:25, respectively.

Key Changes:

i.It has been mandated that MIS will be implemented only when there is minimum reduction of **10%** in the existing market price as compared to the last normal year.

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ii. As per the revised guidelines, procurement limit of crops under MIS has been increased from the existing **20% to 25%**.

iii. Now, state governments have been given the option to directly pay the difference between the Market Intervention Price (MIP) and the Selling Price (SP) into the bank accounts of the farmers instead of physical procurement.

iv. Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) like: National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (**NAFED**) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (**NCCF**), will reimburse the operational cost incurred in storage and transportation of crops from the producing state to other consuming states, where there is a difference in the price of **TOP crops** (Tomato, Onion and Potato) between the producing and consuming states.

Points to Note:

i. The GoI has given its approval to NCCF for reimbursement of transportation cost of Kharif tomato **up to 1,000 Metric Tonne (MT)** from Madhya Pradesh (MP) to Delhi.

ii. Also, it is being proposed to include other than NAFED and NCCF, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), state nominated agencies, and other CNAs, with the responsibility of undertaking procurement of TOP crops under MIS.

- These agencies will also be entrusted with the responsibility to make transportation and storage arrangements from the producing state to the consuming state in case of price difference between the producing state and the consuming state, in co-ordination with the implementing state.

Recent Related News:

In January 2025, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, (Tamil Nadu, TN) partnered with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) to launch the Project Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources (VISTAAR) to revolutionize the agricultural extension system through digitalization for farmers across India.

About Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW):

Union Minister- Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Constituency- Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, MP)

Minister of State (MoS) – Ram Nath Thakur (Rajya Sabha- Bihar); Bhagirath Choudhary (Constituency- Ajmer, Rajasthan)

MoD inks Rs 642 crore contract with BEL for 28 EON-51 systems for IN

In February 2025, the Ministry of Defence (**MoD**) has inked a **Rs.642.17 crore** contract with Bengaluru (Karnataka) based Bharat Electronics Limited (**BEL**) for the procurement of 28 EON-51 Electro-Optical Fire Control Systems (EOFCS) for the **Indian Navy (IN)**.

- This agreement was signed in New Delhi (Delhi), aligns with the 'Buy (Indian-IDD (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured))' category, emphasizing indigenous design, development, and manufacturing.
- The EON-51 systems are slated for installation on 11 New Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) and three Cadet Training Ships (CTS).

i. The EON-51 is a fully indigenously developed system, designed to bolster the Indian Navy's operational efficiency by enabling the search, detection, and classification of all types of targets through its electro optical and thermal imagers.

ii. These advanced systems enhance the IN's operational capabilities by providing superior search, detection, classification, and engagement of targets through state-of-the-art electro-optical and thermal imaging devices.

IN Chiefs' Conclave 2025 for future of warfare & maritime strategy

The Indian Navy (IN) **Chiefs' Conclave 2025** took place at **Nausena Bhawan**, the IN headquarters in New Delhi (Delhi) from **February 8 to 9, 2025**.

- The conclave gathers **eight** Former Chief of Naval Staffs (CNS) alongside the current CNS, Dinesh Kumar Tripathi.
- It took place as the IN works towards full self-reliance by 2047, focusing on strengthening its capabilities in the Indian Ocean region (IOR).

About IN Chief's Conclave 2025:

i. It aimed to leverage the knowledge and collective experience of former CNS while also providing updates on the latest developments and policy initiatives of IN.

- The former CNS were briefed on an operational update, covering policy initiatives, advancements in technology, materials, and operational logistics, as well as perspective plans.

ii. An exclusive session, *Manthan*, was held to discuss key issues, promoting an open exchange of ideas on future warfare, maritime strategy, shifting geopolitical dynamics, and evolving HR frameworks.

iii. It reaffirms the IN's commitment to continuity, drawing on past leadership's wisdom while shaping the future of India's maritime power.

iv. A book titled "**Legacy of Leadership: Naval Chiefs through Time**" was released during the Conclave, showcasing the inspiring journeys of former CNSs.

- It features personal stories, rare photos, and firsthand accounts, this "collector's edition" provides a unique insight into their leadership.

BANKING & FINANCE

Highlights of RBI 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy for FY 25

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met from February 5 to 7, 2025 and released the [6th bi-monthly monetary policy for the financial year 2024-25 \(FY 2025\)](#). This was the first meeting chaired by Sanjay Malhotra after assuming charge as RBI Governor on December 11, 2024. This session marked the 53rd meeting of the MPC and was the last one for FY 25.



- The **six-member committee** revised the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for FY 2025-26 (FY 26) to **6.7%**, up from the earlier estimate of 6.6% for FY 25.
- The meeting was attended by MPC members Nagesh Kumar, Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh, Rajiv Ranjan, and M. Rajeshwar Rao.

Key Highlights:

i. The committee unanimously decided to:

Reduce the policy **repo rate** under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to **6.25%**, from 6.5 % effective immediately.

- ii. Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate was adjusted to **6.00%**, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the **Bank Rate** were set at 6.50%.
- iii. RBI projected real GDP growth for FY 26 for **Quarter 1** (Q1 April-June 2025) expected at **6.7%**, **Q2** (July-September 2025) at **7.0%** and **Q3** and **Q4** at **6.5%** each.
- iv. RBI decided to **maintain a neutral** monetary policy stance and remain focused on ensuring inflation aligns with the target while fostering economic growth.
- v. The next MPC meeting is scheduled to take place from April 7 to 9, 2025.

RBI's policy Rate:

Category	Rate
Repo Rate	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate	6.00%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate	6.50%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.00%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.00%
Bank Rate	6.50%

RBI Projects Retail Inflation at 4.2% for FY 26, Retains 4.8% Forecast for FY 25

The RBI has projected retail inflation at **4.2%** for the financial year 2025-26, while maintaining its forecast for 2024-25 at 4.8%.

- i. Target for Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation is **4%** within a band of +/- 2%.
CPI inflation for FY 25 remains at 4.8%, with the fourth quarter (Q4) estimated at 4.4%.
- ii. For the FY 26, assuming a normal monsoon, the RBI expects inflation to be 4.2%, with quarterly estimates as follows:
Q1: 4.5%, Q2 : 4.0%, Q3 : 3.8%, Q4 : 4.2%.
- iii. Retail inflation, measured by CPI, fell to **5.22% in December 2024**, marking a four-month low due to a decline in food prices, particularly vegetables. In November, inflation stood at 5.48%.

RBI to Introduce 'bank.in' and 'fin.in' Domains to Enhance Cybersecurity

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the launch of exclusive internet domains, '**bank.in**' and '**fin.in**', to strengthen cybersecurity in the financial sector.

- This move **aims** to counter rising cyber threats, particularly phishing attacks and fraudulent activities in digital transactions.
 - The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) based in Hyderabad, Telangana will serve as the official registrar for these domains.
- i. The '**bank.in**' domain will be exclusively assigned to **Indian banks**, offering them a secure and easily identifiable online presence. The registration process for 'bank.in' is **expected** to begin in **April 2025**.
- ii. The '**fin.in**' will be introduced as a dedicated domain for **non-banking financial entities**. This initiative aims to further enhance security and a more reliable digital ecosystem.

RBI to Implement AFA for Cross-Border Digital Transactions

The RBI has announced plans to implement Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) for cross-border Card Not Present (CNP) transactions.

- i. Unlike domestic transactions, where AFA is already mandatory, international online payments have so far lacked this additional security check. This has left **Indian consumers vulnerable** when making purchases from overseas merchants.
- ii. To bridge this gap, RBI has **proposed** extending AFA to international CNP transactions, ensuring the same level of security as domestic payments.
- iii. This step aims to bring international online payments made with Indian-issued cards under the same security framework as domestic transactions by introducing an extra layer of authentication, such as a One-Time Password (OTP) or **biometric verification**, to reduce the risk of fraud.

RBI Allows Non-Bank Brokers Access to NDS-OM, Forms Panel on Market Timings

The RBI has announced that non-bank brokers registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra can now directly access the Negotiated Dealing System – Order Matching (NDS-OM) platform.

- This will enable them to execute secondary market transactions in government securities on behalf of their clients.
- i. The RBI has established a **nine-member** working group to conduct a comprehensive review of trading and settlement timings for financial markets under its regulation.
 - ii. The panel is led by RBI Executive Director (ED) **Radha Shyam Ratho** and is expected to submit its findings by April 30, 2025.

Note: Currently, NDS-OM access is limited to regulated entities, banks, and standalone primary dealers. SEBI-registered brokers can participate in the platform, **subject to guidelines** set by the central bank.

RBI Approves Bond Forwards to Strengthen Long-Term Investment Strategies

RBI has announced **plans to allow trading in bond forwards**, a financial instrument expected to strengthen an existing USD 12 billion.

- i. Bond forwards will enable long-term investors, such as insurance companies and pension funds, to **hedge interest rate** risks over different interest rate cycles.
- ii. These contracts allow investors to agree on purchasing government bonds at a predetermined future date and price, offering a structured way to manage market volatility.
- iii. From March 2024 to January 2025, the notional value of bond forward rate agreements (FRA) transactions cleared through the official clearing house stood at Rs 1.1 trillion (USD 12.2 billion).

RBI Defers Implementation of LCR and Project Financing Norms to 2026

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to **postpone the implementation** of the proposed Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) norms and project financing guidelines by a year, with the new deadline set for no earlier than **March 31, 2026**.

- i. This decision was made to provide sufficient time for adaptation, as the earlier timeline of April 2025 was considered too short for a smooth transition.
- ii. The move aims to prevent disruptions in the financial system and ensure a stable adjustment to regulatory changes.
- iii. As part of the LCR framework, banks were instructed to allocate an **additional 5% as a run-off factor** for retail deposits linked to internet and mobile banking (IMB). Stable retail deposits with IMB would carry a 10% run-off factor, while less stable IMB-enabled deposits would have a 15% run-off factor.
- iv. LCR requires banks to maintain sufficient high-quality liquid assets (HQLAs), primarily government securities, to manage liquidity.

RBI Delays Implementation of Additional Reserve Requirement for Digital Deposits Until 2026

The RBI has decided to **postpone** the **implementation** of new guidelines requiring banks to allocate additional funds for **digitally-linked deposits**. Initially planned for an earlier rollout, these norms will now take effect no sooner than March 2026.

Important Definitions:

Repo Rate : The rate at which the RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks.

Reverse Repo Rate : The rate at which the RBI borrows funds from commercial banks.

Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) : The percentage of bank deposits that banks must keep as reserves with the RBI.

Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) : The percentage of bank deposits that banks must maintain in liquid assets like cash, gold, or government securities.

Monetary Policy Stance : Whether the policy is accommodative , neutral , or tightening , depending on inflation and growth dynamics.

Angel One AMC Launched India's 1st Nifty Total Market ETF & Index Fund

In February 2025, Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based **Angel One** Asset Management Company (AMC) Limited, wholly-owned subsidiary of Angel One Limited, has launched two New Fund Offerings (NFOs) namely, **Angel One Nifty Total Market ETF**, which is India's 1st Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) and the **Angel One Nifty Total Market Index Fund**.



- The funds are passively managed; aim to monitor the performance of the Nifty Total Market Total Return Index (**TRI**), delivering a low-cost and efficient investment strategy.
- Both these NFO of the scheme were opened on February 10 2025 for subscription and will close on **February 21, 2025**.

Key Features:

i. Both formats aim to track **750 stocks** from the Nifty 500 and Nifty Microcap 250 indices across 22 sectors, including large (60%), mid (19%), small (10%) and microcap segments (4%), accounting 93% of India's total market capitalization.

ii. The NFO is priced at Rs 10 per unit with no exit load, and minimum investment amount will be **Rs 1,000** with subsequent investments allowed in multiples of **Re 1**.

iii. Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) options are available in daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly and quarterly basis for the index format.

iv. The fund will be available under both direct and regular plans, with a growth option.

- The Angel One AMC Limited has appointed Mehul Dama, who is currently serving Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of the company; and Kewal Shah as Fund Managers.

v. The scheme is an open-ended ETF, and units of ETF will be listed on the National Stock Exchange Limited (NSE) within 5 working days after allotment.

About Angel One Nifty Total Market Index Fund:

- i. Nifty Total Market Index aims to track the performance of 750 stocks covering large, mid, small and microcap segments via a single index.
- ii. Stocks that are part of the Nifty 500 index and the Nifty Microcap 250 index form part of the Nifty Total Market index.
- iii. This allows for diversified exposure and growth potential, reflecting the overall health and expansion of the Indian stock market.

Angel One Nifty Total Market ETF:

- i. The Angel One Nifty Total Market ETF, an open ended scheme replicating/tracking Nifty Total Market Index.
- ii. The aim of the scheme is to replicate Nifty Total Market Index with an aim to provide returns before expenses that track the total return of Nifty Total Market Index, subject to tracking errors.
- iii. However, there can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved.

About Angel One Asset Management Company (AMC) Limited:

Executive Director (ED) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Hemen Bhatia

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Incorporated- 2023

Infibeam Avenues' RediffPay Secures TPAP License from NPCI to Enter India's UPI Ecosystem

In February 2025, Infibeam Avenues Limited, a leading Indian fintech company headquartered in Gandhinagar (Gujarat), has announced that its subsidiary, **Rediff.com India Ltd.**, has obtained a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) license from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for its digital payment platform, **RediffPay**.

- This approval enables RediffPay to offer Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services, positioning Infibeam as a new entrant in India's consumer-facing digital payments sector

i. Axis Bank as Payment System Provider (PSP) : Axis Bank Limited will serve as the PSP bank for RediffPay, facilitating UPI-based transactions. This partnership aims to ensure secure, real-time inter-bank payments, leveraging Axis Bank's infrastructure and Infibeam's fintech expertise

ii. Strategic Acquisition of Rediff.com: The license follows Infibeam's acquisition of a 54% stake in Rediff.com in August 2024 for Rs.500 million (USD 5.7 million).

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is the umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.

Regulated by: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA)

Ownership: NPCI is a non-profit organization owned by a consortium of major Indian banks, including public sector, private sector, and foreign banks.

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Dilip Asbe

Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded – 2008

RBI Imposes Rs.35.60 Lakh Penalty on Federal Bank & Karur Vysya Bank for Regulatory Non-Compliance

In February 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties totaling **Rs.35.60 lakh** on Federal Bank Limited and Karur Vysya Bank Limited for non-compliance with specific regulatory directions.

Reason for penalty.

i. Federal Bank has been fined **Rs.27.30 lakh** for not complying with RBI directions on **interest rates of**

deposits. An inspection revealed that the bank had opened certain savings deposit accounts in the names of entities that were not eligible to hold such accounts.

ii. Karur Vysya Bank has been penalized **Rs.8.30 lakh** for not complying with RBI directions on **the loan system for bank credit delivery**. The bank did not ensure that the outstanding loan amounts met the specified percentage of the sanctioned working capital limits for certain borrowers.

iii. Legal Framework and Penalty Imposition: The penalties were imposed under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The RBI conducted statutory inspections and reviews of compliance reports for both banks.

About Karur Vysya Bank Limited:

Managing Director **(MD)** & Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)** – Ramesh Babu

Headquarters – Karur, Tamil Nadu(TN)

Year of Establishment – 1916

Tagline – Smart Way to Bank

About Federal Bank Limited:

Managing Director **(MD)** & Chief Executive Officer **(CEO)** – Krishnan Venkat Subramanian (KVS) Manian

Headquarters – Aluva, Kerala

Year of Establishment – 1931

Tagline – Your Perfect Banking Partner

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

SBI MF expanded its stake in Axis Bank to 5.0238%

In February, 2025, Mumbai (Maharashtra) based **SBI Mutual Fund (MF)** managed by SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML) expanded its stake by **0.036%** in Mumbai (Maharashtra) based **Axis Bank Limited**. This expansion, made through open market operation (OMO), amounts to 11,44,160 equity shares.

i. Before this acquisition, SBI MF held a 4.9878% stake in Axis Bank, equivalent to 15,44,18,049 shares

ii. After the acquisition, SBI Mutual Fund (SBI MF) stake in Axis Bank was raised to 5.0238%, equivalent to 15,55,32,209 shares.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Pakistan Partners with China for Chang'e-8 Lunar Mission in 2028

On February 5, 2025, the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) of Pakistan and the China National Space Administration (CNSA), China signed a Memorandum of Understanding **(MoU)** to include **Pakistan's first** lunar rover in **China's Chang'e-8 mission**, scheduled for 2028.



- The Chang'e-8 mission aims to explore the Moon's south pole, a region of scientific interest due to its potential resources and unique environment.
- This mission is a precursor to the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) project, which China plans to establish in the 2030s.

About China's Chang'e-8 mission:

i.Chang'e-8 is a planned Chinese lunar mission set for 2028, focusing on exploring the Moon's south pole.

ii.**International Collaboration:** Pakistan's SUPARCO will contribute a 35-kilogram (kg) (440 lb) rover to the mission.

iii.**Objective:** The mission aims to study lunar soil composition, radiation levels, plasma properties, and test new technologies for sustainable human presence on the Moon.

iv.**Payload:** The lander will carry **10 scientific payloads**, including landing and topography cameras, a seismometer, a moon-based Earth radiometer, a multispectral imager, a soft X-ray telescope, and instruments for ecosystem and in-situ resource utilization (**ISRU**) studies.

v.**Landing Sites:** Preliminary landing sites for Chang'e-8 include regions around Leibnitz Beta, Amundsen crater, Cabeus crater, and the Shackleton-de Gerlache Ridge at the lunar south pole.

Note:

In May 2024, Pakistan launched the **iCube Qamar CubeSat satellite** aboard China's Chang'e-6 mission, which successfully entered lunar orbit.

About China:

President– Xi Jinping

Prime Minister (PM)– Li Qiang

Capital- Beijing

Currency- Renminbi or Chinese Yuan (CNY)

About Pakistan:

President– Asif Ali Zardari

Capital- Islamabad

Currency- Pakistani rupee (PKR)

SPORTS

Para Archery Asia Cup 2025: India Tops with Six Gold Medals

India concluded its participation in the '2025 Para Archery Asia Cup' in Bangkok, Thailand with an outstanding performance of securing **6 Gold Medals** and topping the medal tally.



- India's Para-Archers bagged a total of **12 medals** in the competition: 6 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze.

- India's Para Archery contingent, consisting of 27 members, participated in the Asia Para Cup – World Ranking Archery Tournament 2025 features 11 events which was held from February 2-11, 2025.

Highlights:

i.Sarita Kumari secured gold in the Women's Compound Open category, narrowly defeating Nur Syahidah Alim from Singapore with a score of 143-142.

ii.Shyam Sundar Swami triumphed in the Men's Compound Open, overcoming Ken Swagumilang from Indonesia with a score of 143-141 to win India's sixth and final gold.

He also won the silver

iii.Rakesh Kumar earned bronze in the Men's Compound Open following a shoot-off victory against **Wiro Julin** from Malaysia after both archers scored 140.

iv.Pooja Jatyan fell short in the Women's Recurve Open final, losing 6-0 to Zina Lavrinc of Slovakia (Slovak Republic), settling for silver.

v.Paralympic champion Harvinder Singh claimed bronze in the Men's Recurve Open, defeating Nurfaizal Hamzah with a 6-2 scoreline.

vi.Adil Mohamed Nazir Ansari secured a bronze in the Men's W1 (Recurve/Compound) with a 120-116 win over Yung Man Tai from Hong Kong, China.

About Paralympic Archery:

i.Para-archery classification ensures fair competition by grouping athletes based on the severity of their impairments. This system allows athletes with different disabilities to compete equitably.

ii.Para-archery features 3 primary classification categories:

- Recurve Open:** For athletes with impairments affecting one side or either the top or bottom half of their bodies, typically maintaining core muscle function.
- Compound Open:** Similar to Recurve Open, this category allows athletes to use compound bows.
- W1:** For athletes with more severe impairments affecting at least three limbs, the torso, and both upper and lower body function.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of the Arabian Leopard 2025 – February 10

The United Nations (UN's) **International Day of the Arabian Leopard** is observed annually on **February 10** worldwide to raise awareness for the conservation of the critically endangered Arabian leopard (*Panthera pardus nimr*).



- 10 February 2025 marks the **2nd** observance of International Day of the Arabian Leopard
- The UN aims to restore the Arabian leopard as a flagship species for conservation and sustainability in its native region, emphasizing the importance of biodiversity for maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems.

- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified the Arabian leopard as **Critically Endangered** on its Red List.

Background:

- Arabian Leopard Day was first launched by the Royal Commission for AlUla (RCU) in 2022.
- In June 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) unanimously adopted a resolution [77/295](#) designating February 10 as the International Day of the Arabian Leopard to support RCU and its conservation partners.
- The **first** International Day of the Arabian Leopard was observed on **February 10, 2024**.

Significance:

- This day promotes public involvement in efforts to restore leopard populations and other endangered species, benefiting ecosystems.
- It also encourages individuals to learn about and contribute to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

Arabian Leopard:

- The Arabian leopard (*Panthera pardus nimr*) is a critically endangered subspecies found in the Arabian Peninsula and is the largest wild cat in the region.
- It is one of the smallest leopard subspecies, with male's average weight of 30-40 kilogram (kg) and female's 25-35 kg in weight.
- Its fur is pale and buff-colored, featuring small, closely spaced rosettes.
- It is found only in a few isolated pockets of habitat in Saudi Arabia, Oman, Yemen, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- Threats:** Urbanization, farming, overgrazing by livestock, poaching, and the illegal wildlife trade
- Conservation efforts:** Habitat protection, restoration of natural prey populations, public education to reduce human-leopard conflict, stronger law enforcement, and active management of remaining populations are essential.

About Royal Commission for AlUla (RCU):

Chairman– HRH Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud

Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Abeer Al Akel

Headquarters – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Established – 2017

International Day of Women and Girls in Science – February 11 2025

The United Nations (UN's) International Day of Women and Girls in Science (**IDWGIS**) is observed annually on **February 11** across the globe to highlight the importance of promoting equal access and participation for women and girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (**STEM**). The day also emphasizes gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls within the scientific community.



- February 11 2025 marks the **10th anniversary** of the IDWGIS and the **30th anniversary** of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

- These represent two significant milestones in the ongoing global effort to promote gender equality and empower women.

Note: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and UN-Women lead the celebration, in collaboration with numerous institutions and civil society organizations dedicated to advancing women and girls in science.

Background:

i. On December 20, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution on science, technology, and innovation for development.

- This resolution recognized that full and equal access to science, technology, and innovation for women and girls of all ages is essential for achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls.

ii. Building on these efforts, on December 22, 2015, the UNGA adopted resolution **A/RES/70/212**, officially proclaiming February 11th as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

iii. The **first-ever** IDWGIS was observed on **February 11, 2016**.

India's STEM Empowerment:

India has made notable strides in promoting gender parity in STEM through the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T) implemented the **WISE-KIRAN** (Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN) scheme. The government of India (GoI) launched several initiatives under this scheme,

i. **Women in Science and Engineering-Doctorate of Philosophy (WISE-PhD)**: Supports women pursuing Ph.D. in 5 subject areas of basic and applied sciences.

ii. **WISE-Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)**: Offers opportunities for women to continue research post-Ph.D. with independent project grants.

iii. **Women's Instinct for Developing and Ushering in Scientific Heights & Innovations (WIDUSHI)**: Assists women scientists nearing retirement or without permanent positions but excelling in research.

iii. **WISE-Societal Challenges with Opportunities (SCOPE)**: Encourages women scientists to tackle societal challenges using Science & Technology (S&T) interventions.

iv. **WISE-Internship in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**: Provides 1-year training in IPR for women to develop core professional skills.

v. **Women International Grant Support (WINGS)**: Offers opportunities for Indian women scientists to undertake research in international labs and institutions.

vi. **Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence (CURIE)**: Supports women's institutions in establishing cutting-edge research infrastructure to foster innovation and excellence in S&T.

vii. **Vigyan Jyoti**: Encourages girls to pursue STEM education and careers, in underrepresented fields.

viii. **Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI)**: Develops a Charter for Gender Equity in STEMM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics & Medicine) to drive institutional transformation.

National Challenge:

i. India has the highest percentage (%) of women STEM graduates globally about **40%** in 2021-22.

Only **14%** of STEM jobs in India are held by women.

ii. Almost half of science PhD students in India are women, yet they make up fewer than 20% of working scientists. Women represent only 9.2% of engineering faculty and 25.5% of biology faculty in India.

iii. There is an 81% gender gap in research and development in India and only 19% of scientists are women.



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iv. Women are predominantly in entry-level roles (29%) in STEM, with representation dropping to just 14% in leadership roles.

Note: As of 2024, women account for only **27%** of India's STEM workforce.

2025 Events:

i. On 11 February 2025, UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France hosted a hybrid celebration marking the 10th anniversary of IDWGIS, focusing on the title "**Unpacking STEM Careers: Her Voice in Science**".

ii. The event brought together governments, scientists, industry leaders, journalists, and students to reflect on women's contributions to science and the importance of gender equality in STEM.

iii. Key sessions include:

- **Unpacking STEM Careers:** Speakers discussed the power of diversity in scientific innovation and the opportunities STEM careers provide.
- **Her Voice in Science:** A roundtable exploring the media's role in reshaping perceptions of women in science.

iv. The event concluded with a screening of the documentary 'Women of Science: These Women Who Change Our Lives', showcasing the journeys of **6 women scientists**.

About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Director-General (DG)– Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters– Paris, France

Established– 1945 (came into force in 1946)

World Unani Day 2025- February 11

World Unani Day is observed annually on **February 11** across the globe to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Mohammad Ajmal Khan**, also known as Hakim Ajmal Khan, a prominent social reformer and renowned Unani scholar. He is widely recognized as the pioneer of Unani medicine in India.



- This day serves to promote the Unani system of medicine, highlighting its unique principles and strengths.
- The theme for World Unani Day 2025 is "**Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions-A Way Forward**".

Background:

i. In recognition of Hakim Ajmal Khan's contributions to the advancement of Unani medicine, the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy), Government of India (GoI), designated his birth anniversary (11th February) as World Unani Day.

ii. The inaugural World Unani Day was celebrated on **11th February 2017** at the Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM) in Hyderabad, Telangana.

iii. In 2019, CRIUM, Hyderabad was upgraded to the National Research Institute of Unani Medicine in Skin Disorders (**NRIUMSD**) in Hyderabad, Telangana.

About Hakim Ajmal Khan:

i. Hakim Ajmal Khan was born on 11th February 1868 in British India (Now Delhi) and a renowned physician and scholar of Unani medicine.

ii. He was a key founder of Jamia Millia Islamia (**JMI**), a public research-intensive central university in New Delhi (Delhi).

- Hakim Ajmal Khan served as the first Chancellor of JMI from 1920 until his passing in 1927.

iii. In 1905, he established the Hindustani Dawakhana in New Delhi, a prominent facility dedicated to the manufacturing of Unani and Ayurvedic medicines.

iv. In 1910, he founded the Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbi Conference, with the aim of uniting **Vaidyas** and **Hakims** to resist British colonial efforts to ban indigenous systems of medicine.

About Unani:

i. **Unani-tibb**, or **Unani Medicine**, is a traditional system of medicine widely practiced in the Middle East and South Asian (MESA) countries.

ii. It is rooted in Graeco-Arabic medical traditions, drawing primarily from the teachings of the Greek physician **Hippocrates Asclepiades** and the Roman physician **Claudius Galenus**.

iii. Unani medicine was introduced to India around the 12th or 13th century, coinciding with the rise of the Delhi Sultanate (1206-1527) and the subsequent spread of Islamic rule across North India.

iv. The Unani System of Medicine is officially recognized under the Indian Medicine Central Council (IMCC) in New Delhi, as per the IMCC Act of 1970.

2025 Events:

i. On February 11, 2025, President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated the two-day International Conference focusing on “Innovations in Unani Medicine for Integrative Health Solutions – A Way Forward” at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

ii. The conference was organized by the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (**CCRUM**) under the Ministry of AYUSH, aimed to highlight the pivotal role of Unani medicine in promoting global health and well-being.

iii. **Key People:** Union Minister of State (MoS), **Jitendra Singh**, (Independent Charge, IC), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and **Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav**, MoS (IC), Ministry of AYUSH, MoS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

Key Highlights of the Conference:

i. **Scientific Sessions:** The conference featured expert-led scientific sessions on integrating Unani medicine into modern healthcare.

ii. **Exhibition:** A vibrant display of innovations in Unani and herbal pharmaceuticals, educational institutions, research organizations, and service providers.

iii. **Global Participation:** Delegates from countries including the United States of America (USA), South Africa (SA), Iran, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh contributed to insightful deliberations.

iv. During the event, several publications by the CCRUM were released, including the ‘Souvenir of the International Conference’.

v. National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (**NABL**) and National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (**NABH**) certificates were awarded to CCRUM institutions, and a short video showcasing the Council’s initiatives was launched.

vi. Additionally, Certificates of Appreciation were presented for the best research papers, outstanding contributions to Unani medicine, and the best-performing institutions.

About Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy):

Minister of State (**MoS**) (Independent Charge, IC) - Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav (Constituency: Buldhana, Maharashtra)

Safer Internet Day 2025 – February 11

Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated globally on the **second Tuesday of February** to raise awareness and promote safe and responsible use of the internet, especially for children and young people. The day also aims to raise awareness about emerging online issues and current concerns.



- SID 2025 is observed on **11th February 2025**, marks the **22nd** edition of SID
- In 2024, SID was observed on 6th February 2024 and in 2026, SID will be observed on 10th February 2026.

SID 2025 Theme:

- The theme of SID 2025 is “Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.”

Background:

- In 2004, SID was originally launched by the European Union (EU) SafeBorders project and was later adopted by the Insafe network, a European Network of Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in 2005
- SID is organised by the Insafe network and INHOPE (the International Association of Internet Hotlines) on behalf of the European Commission, as part of the Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL).
- The SID was first observed on **6 February 2004** and was celebrated in 14 countries, including 13 EU countries and Australia.

Global Observance of SID:

- SID is now celebrated in over 200 countries, growing beyond its original area. The creation of SID Committees in 2009 helped to strengthen global connections and create a more unified campaign.
- More than 160 global SID committees work together with the Safer Internet Day Coordination Team in Brussels, Belgium, to promote SID worldwide.

Kids Initiative:

On 11 May 2022, the European Commission adopted a new strategy called **Better Internet for Kids (BIK+)**, aimed at improving age-appropriate digital services and to ensure that every child is protected, empowered, and respected in the online space.

SID Mascot for 2025:

The 2025 edition of SID introduces a new mascot, ‘**Ally**’ which was created in collaboration with young people to make the campaign more relatable and engaging for them.

Digital Well-Being Index (DWBI):

India topped the Digital Well-Being Index (**DWBI**), for the third consecutive year, released by the United States of America(USA) based **Snap Inc.**, ahead of SID 2025

- India emerged as the leader in digital well-being, securing the highest score of 67.
- India ranks first in online satisfaction, with 58% of respondents expressing contentment with their digital experiences, surpassing the USA (53%) and the United Kingdom(UK) (42%).

Points to Note:

- According to the United Nations(UN), Young people are the driving force of connectivity globally, with 79% of 15 to 24-year-olds online in 2023, compared with 65% for the rest of the world’s population.

ii. Over a third of young people in 30 countries report being cyberbullied, with 1 in 5 skipping school because of it.

iii. The Child Online Protection (COP) Initiative is a multi-stakeholder network launched by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to promote awareness of child safety in the online world and to develop practical tools to assist governments, industry and educators.

2025 Event:

i. As part of SID 2025, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) under the Government of India (GoI) is implementing **Phase-III** of the Information Security Education and Awareness (**ISEA**) **Project**, for **5 years** which focuses on developing human resources to ensure a safe, trusted, and secure cyberspace.

- It aims to raise awareness campaign at Pan India level on 11th February 2025 (SID 2025) about cyber hygiene and security (Cyber Aware Digital Naagrik) by reaching out to school children, teachers, college students, faculty, women, senior citizens, government employees, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and other groups through various activities, both directly and indirectly.

ii. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**) in **Hyderabad** (Telangana) is designated as a nodal agency for creating mass awareness.

iii. It is also proposed to celebrate the SID annually under the aegis of the ISEA Project

iv. The proposed awareness activities to be organized include:

- Awareness Workshops
- Awareness Campaign through Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- Online Awareness Workshops for Government Personnel
- Online Safety Awareness Campaign
- Public Awareness Campaign on Online Safety for the BHARAT

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