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**Ques: NaBFID is planning to raise up to how much from international markets in FY26?**

NaBFID FY26 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजारों से कितनी राशि जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$750 million
- C. \$5 billion
- D. \$2 billion
- E. \$1 billion

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) will raise \$1 billion from international markets in FY26.
- The fundraising will be done through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) and bond issuance.
- Rajkiran Rai, MD of NaBFID, mentioned that the launch is expected within a month, but the final outcome depends on market conditions.
- Purpose: The funds will primarily support infrastructure projects in India.
- NaBFID was established in 2021 as India's Development Finance Institution (DFI).

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## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) sanctioned a term loan of Rs. 199.70 crore to Surat Integrated Transportation Development Corporation Limited (SITCO) for developing India's first international standard Multi-Modal Transport Hub in Surat
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has invested USD 40 million in the "Global Supply Chain Support Fund", which is managed by Aavishkaar Capital
- India Exim Bank signed a \$40 million commercial credit line agreement with ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- Bharat Earth Movers Limited secured its first overseas rail and metro contract worth USD 1 million from Malaysia for retrofitting and reconditioning its Mass Rapid Transit system.
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest \$150 million (about Rs.1,300 crore) as an anchor equity investment in the H-DREAM Fund (HDFC Capital Development of Real Estate Affordable and Mid-Income Fund).
- 38 Million euros loan Given by German Export Finance Bank to CEF Group, an Indian cleantech company for the construction of two CBG plants as part of CEF Group's wider plant to construct 22 such facilities across India
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a loan of Rs.975.26 crore for infrastructure development in nine industrial belts of Tripura
- BITS Pilani will invest a total of Rs.2,319 crore to expand its presence and academic offerings
- Interorient Navigation Co Limited and Danship & Partners Limited, two major shipping firms based in Cyprus, announced a Rs.10,000 crore investment in India's shipping industry in 2025
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) provide \$100 million loan to IIFL Home Finance Limited to help more low-income families in India get access to affordable housing
- The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has provided a USD 200 million loan (approximately Rs.17.07 billion) to support an Asian Development Bank (ADB)-led programme aimed at investing in high-impact and emerging clean energy sectors in India
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of Rs 460 crore (USD 55 million) to IndiGrid Trust (IndiGrid) for the construction of India's largest 180 MW standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) project in Gujarat



**Ques: Which electric vehicle company partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers in India?**

**कौन सी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (EV) कंपनी ने अपने ग्राहकों के लिए भारत में वित्तीय समाधान प्रदान करने हेतु स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (SBI) के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- A. Tesla / टेस्ला
- B. VinFast Auto India / विनफास्ट ऑटो इंडिया
- C. BYD / बीवाईडी
- D. Mahindra Electric / महिंद्रा इलेक्ट्रिक
- E. Ola Electric / ओला इलेक्ट्रिक

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- VinFast Auto India, a subsidiary of the Vietnam-based electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, has partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers.
- The collaboration is part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer a “seamless suite of credit solutions” ahead of VinFast’s official product rollout in India.
- The agreement allows VinFast to leverage SBI’s extensive network of nearly 23,000 branches, making it easier to reach customers in urban and rural areas.
- This collaboration is particularly significant as VinFast prepares to launch its VF 6 and VF 7 electric vehicle models in India.

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## Recently signed banking agreements

- SBI Card and Flipkart have launched a co-branded credit card called the 'Flipkart SBI Credit Card'.
- L&T Finance Limited (LTF) has collaborated with Google Pay(GPay), a mobile payment application(app) developed by Google, to offer personal loans to eligible users
- Thomas Cook (India) Limited, an omnichannel travel company, partnered with Mastercard to enable contactless cross-border payments via Google Pay (GPay), allowing users to make secure payments at merchant locations worldwide.
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, collaborated with SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE, and NSE to open three Niveshak Seva Kendras in Hyderabad
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance partnered with PhonePe to launch 'Suraksha Sankalp', an affordable health insurance scheme
- IndiGo and IDFC FIRST Bank jointly launched the IndiGo IDFC FIRST Credit Card. The card provides access to both Mastercard and RuPay networks through a single application
- Indian Overseas Bank announced signing a partnership with Mumbai Metro One for ticketing solutions.
- National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed MoUs with several private sector banks under its MSME Credit Facilitation Programme to streamline financing, improve last-mile connectivity, and support the growth and formalization of the MSME sector
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited has partnered with PhonePe to launch an affordable health insurance product
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank, and Aqua Exchange Agritech Pvt. Ltd. signed an MoU to launch a pilot IoT-enabled loan model for shrimp farmers in Andhra Pradesh.
- RBL Bank has partnered with CAMSPay, the payments arm of CAMS, to introduce a new digital payment gateway platform for Indian enterprises.
- Bank of Baroda signed an MoU with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to launch 'FSSAI Payment Solution'.





**Ques: Which global investment banking firm has been appointed as the sole transaction advisor for the stake sale in four Indian public sector banks (UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Indian Overseas Bank)?**

कौन सी वैश्विक निवेश बैंकिंग फर्म को भारत सरकार ने चार सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों (यूको बैंक, सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक और इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक) में हिस्सेदारी बिक्री के लिए एकमात्र लेनदेन सलाहकार नियुक्त किया है?

- A. Morgan Stanley / मॉर्गन स्टेनली
- B. JP Morgan / जेपी मॉर्गन
- C. Citigroup / सिटीग्रुप
- D. Goldman Sachs / गोल्डमैन सैक्स
- E. Barclays / बार्कलेज

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has appointed Goldman Sachs as the sole transaction advisor for stake sales in UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).
- Goldman Sachs will handle structuring of the deal, identifying potential investors, and smooth execution of the stake sale.
- The government plans to dilute up to 5% equity stake in each of the four banks.
- The disinvestment will be carried out in tranches starting FY26, spread over two to three years.
- The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has already approved Offer for Sale (OFS) transactions for five PSBs, including the four mentioned banks.
- Bank of Maharashtra will instead meet the 25% minimum public shareholding (MPS) requirement through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) route.
- Currently, government holdings in all four PSBs stand at 89% or higher.





**Ques: RBI has recently asked banks to increase scrutiny on funds flowing indirectly from which country due to high-risk concerns?**

**RBI ने हाल ही में किस देश से अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से आने वाले धन की कड़ी जांच करने का निर्देश बैंकों को दिया है, उच्च-जोखिम की आशंका के चलते?**

- A. China / चीन
- B. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- C. Afghanistan / अफगानिस्तान
- D. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- E. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Indian banks to tighten checks on funds indirectly flowing from Pakistan.
- This step follows a Reuters report highlighting a “high risk” that such funds could be misused for arms purchase or terror financing.
- RBI has asked lenders to enhance monitoring and ensure that the Indian financial system is not misused.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI granted 'in-principle' approval to Aditya Birla Capital Digital (ABCD), the digital arm of Aditya Birla Capital, on 20 August 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Japan, to acquire up to 24.99% stake (voting rights) in Yes Bank
- RBI has announced premature redemption for 28 Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2018 and March 2021
- According to RBI & NABARD, India has 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs). Maharashtra (458) has the highest number, followed by Karnataka (250) and Gujarat (211).
- RBI survey revealed that foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund (MF) industry rose 19.9% in FY25, reaching \$30.5 billion
- RBI's Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks requires all customer-facing materials at branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks to be available in Hindi, English, and the concerned regional language
- RBI had set up a committee under Pushpak Bhattacharya to prepare a framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI).
- RBI will implement a new cheque clearance mechanism from October 4, 2025, reducing the settlement cycle from the current T+1 days (up to 2 working days) to just a few hours
- RBI granted Equirus Group a non-deposit taking NBFC license, enabling the launch of Equirus Finance.
- RBI has proposed that banks must settle deposit account claims of deceased customers within 15 calendar days from receipt of all required documents
- RBI released a draft circular proposing easier claim settlement after the death of an account holder, covering deposit accounts, lockers, and articles in safe custody.
- RBI introduced Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) for Treasury Bills and Auto-Bidding facility on its Retail Direct platform. SIP allows small, periodic investments in T-Bills instead of lump sums.
- RBI's final co-lending norms mandate that each entity in a Co-Lending Agreement (CLA) must retain at least 10% of individual loans in its own books
- AU Small Finance Bank applied to the RBI for voluntary transition from a Small Finance Bank to a Universal Bank. The RBI has granted 'in-principle' approval for the transition





**Ques: Which country launched Ryt Bank, the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered bank developed for local users?**

किस देश ने Ryt Bank लॉन्च किया, जो स्थानीय उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए विकसित दुनिया का पहला कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) संचालित बैंक है?

- A. Singapore / सिंगापुर
- B. Malaysia / मलेशिया
- C. India / भारत
- D. Japan / जापान
- E. South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Malaysia launched Ryt Bank, the world's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users.
- The initiative was led by YTL (Malaysia) in partnership with Sea Limited (Singapore), marking a significant step in Malaysia's digital banking future.
- The Ryt AI app is available in Bahasa, Malaysia, and English, with Mandarin support expected by September 2025.
- Ryt Bank is licensed by Bank Negara Malaysia, the country's central bank.

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## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has launched UPI services for its NRE and NRO account holders using foreign/international mobile numbers
- Bank of Maharashtra SBI Card Launched by Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Cards & Payment Services Limited in Three variants -ELITE, PRIME, and SimplySAVE.
- According to people familiar with the matter, fintech unicorn CRED is working with IndusInd Bank to launch its first co-branded credit card.
- ICICI Bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system
- ICICI Bank has increased the minimum average monthly balance (MAB) in metros & urban areas for new savings accounts from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000.
- Bank of Baroda has launched its new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) application named 'bob e-Pay' to provide secure, seamless, and real-time cross-border digital payments
- Tata AIA Life Insurance has launched "Shubh Shakti", a term insurance plan specifically designed for women
- RemitFIRST2India is a modern digital remittance platform launched by IDFC First Bank in collaboration with SingX
- Axis Bank has launched the 'Lock FD' feature to protect customers' Fixed Deposits from premature closure through digital channels
- Bank of Baroda has launched 'bob FxOne', a digital foreign exchange platform designed for corporate and MSME customers
- IDFC First Bank Limited and IndiGo have launched new credit card named 'IndiGO IDFC FIRST Dual Credit Card'.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new and modernized website under the project PFRDA CONNECT initiative
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based Face Authentication facility for customer transactions
- Federal Bank Limited has launched India's first-ever biometric authentication solution for e-commerce transactions using credit and debit cards
- Sagarmala Finance Corp Ltd (SFCL), India's first maritime NBFC, is planning to raise Rs.4,000 crore in its first tranche within the next six months





**Ques: Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won gold in the women's 48kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 held in which Indian city?**

भारतीय भारोत्तोलक मीराबाई चानू ने 2025 राष्ट्रमंडल भारोत्तोलन चैम्पियनशिप में महिला 48 किग्रा वर्ग में स्वर्ण पदक किस भारतीय शहर में जीता?

- A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- B. Chennai / चेन्नई
- C. Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- D. Patna / पटना
- E. Pune / पुणे

Answer: Option C

**Explanation:**

- Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu clinched gold at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad.
- She lifted a total of 193kg (84kg snatch + 109kg clean and jerk).
- Both lifts set new Commonwealth Championship records in snatch, clean & jerk, and total.
- With this win, Mirabai also secured direct qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 was held at the Dal Lake, Srinagar (J&K) from 21–23 August 2025
- Cricket South Africa (CSA) confirmed that the 2027 ODI World Cup will be held in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe
- The first World Humanoid Robot Games concluded in Beijing, China, at the National Speed Skating Oval, originally built for the 2022 Winter Olympics
- The U20 World Wrestling Championships 2025 was held in Samokov, Bulgaria, from August 17 to 24. Indian wrestlers finished the Bulgaria meet with nine medals - two gold, four silver and three bronze medals.
- Liverpool's Mohamed Salah became the first man to win the PFA Player of the Year award three times (2018, 2022, and 2025)
- The 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025) was held in Jining, China. India's Performance (2025) : Total: 7 medals + 1 special award
- Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, clinched the \$1 million top prize at the US Open mixed doubles tournament
- Real Madrid has been crowned the world's most valuable football club in the Brand Finance Football 50–2025 report
- Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz lifted his first-ever Cincinnati Open title after rival Jannik Sinner (Italy) was forced to retire just 23 minutes into the final.
- The Iga Świątek, Polish star defeated Jasmine Paolini (Italy) 7-5, 6-4 to claim the 2025 Cincinnati Open title, her first hard-court trophy in over a year.
- The Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 was the third edition of India's premier classical super chess tournament. It carried a record prize pool of ₹1 crore (~\$85,600) – ₹75 lakh for the Masters and ₹25 lakh for the Challengers
- Tanya Hemant from Bangalore clinched the Women's Singles title at the Saipan International 2025 Badminton Tournament
- Bihar is hosting the 12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey for the first time. The tournament will be held from 29th August to 7th September 2025 at the Rajgir International Stadium, Rajgir (Bihar). The mascot is named "Chand"
- India will host the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 for the first time at Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) started from 20–23 August 2025





**Ques: The Central Government has revised wheat stock limits applicable till which date?**

केंद्र सरकार ने गेहूं की स्टॉक सीमा किस तारीख तक के लिए संशोधित की है?

- A. 31st March 2025
- B. 31st December 2025
- C. 31st March 2026
- D. 30th June 2026
- E. 31st March 2027

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- To ensure food security and prevent hoarding and speculation, the Central Government revised wheat stock limits for Traders/Wholesalers, Retailers, Big Chain Retailers, and Processors.
- Revised limits will remain in force until 31st March 2026.
- Entities holding stock above prescribed limits must reduce it within 15 days of notification.
- Total wheat production in 2024-25 was 1175.07 LMT, ensuring ample availability in the country.
- Act: Essential Commodities Act, 1955; Implementing Body: Department of Food and Public Distribution; RMS 2025-26 Procurement: 300.35 LMT wheat by FCI & State Agencies.

**Key revisions include:**

- Traders/Wholesalers – reduced from 3000 MT to 2000 MT.
- Retailers – reduced from 10 MT to 8 MT per outlet.
- Big Chain Retailers – reduced from 10 MT to 8 MT per outlet (max. stock = number of outlets × 8 MT).
- Processors – reduced from 70% to 60% of Monthly Installed Capacity × remaining months of FY25-26.





**Ques: How many teachers have been selected for the National Teachers' Awards 2025, to be conferred on 5th September 2025?**

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षक पुरस्कार 2025, जो 5 सितंबर 2025 को प्रदान किया जाएगा, के लिए कितने शिक्षकों का चयन किया गया है?

- A. 35
- B. 40
- C. 42
- D. 45
- E. 55

**Answer: Option D**

*Explanation:*

- The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has selected 45 teachers for this year's National Teachers' Awards 2025.
- The awards will be conferred on 5th September 2025 (Teachers' Day).
- The selection process was rigorous, transparent, and online, conducted in three stages – District, State, and National level.
- The 45 selected teachers are from 27 States, 7 Union Territories, and 6 organizations.
- Out of the total, 24 are male teachers and 21 are female teachers.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Best KVK in the North Eastern Region : ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha, Nagaland
- Miss Universe India 2025 : Manika Vishwakarma, a model from Ganganagar, Rajasthan
- 'Institution Building' and 'Best Inclusion Recruitment Programme' Awards Under Asia's Best Employer Brand Awards 2025 held in Singapore : Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 64th National Exhibition of Art 2025 : Sculptor Premchandra Pukhrambam from Manipur's Kakching district for his wooden sculpture titled "Made Me Change"
- Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) : documentary filmmaker Rakesh Sharma
- Equator Prize 2025 : Bibi Fatima
- Apex Bank award for the 23rd time : South Canara District Central Cooperative (SCDCC) Bank
- International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport Category : Terminal 2 (T2) of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, also known as Guwahati International Airport
- M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace : Dr. Arenare, a Nigerian scientist
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award : Telangana
- 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award : Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM) : Andhra Pradesh
- PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign' : Kerala Tourism
- PEN Translates award : Hindi author Geetanjali Shree for her book Once Elephants Lived Here
- "Emerging Coastal and Heritage Award" by the U.S.-based International Tourism Conclave and Travel Awards (ITCTA) : Andhra Pradesh Tourism
- GP Birla Memorial Award 2025 : Dr. V. Narayanan, the current Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space
- Mrs Earth International 2025. : Vidhu Ishiqa





**Ques: Which premier telecom R&D centre of India celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day in Delhi in 2025, marking 41 years since its founding?**

भारत का कौन सा प्रमुख टेलीकॉम अनुसंधान और विकास (R&D) केंद्र 2025 में दिल्ली में अपने 42वें स्थापना दिवस का जश्न मना रहा है, जो इसकी स्थापना के 41 वर्षों को चिह्नित करता है?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. C-DOT
- D. BEL
- E. BARC

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D Centre under the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India, celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day at the C-DOT Campus, Delhi.
- Founded in 1984, the event marked 41 years since its establishment.
- Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, presided as the Chief Guest.
- He appreciated C-DOT's delivery of 4G core for BSNL network and urged engineers to scale it to a world-class product.
- Highlight: Recognition of 10 women-led startups under the NIDHI initiative, launched by C-DOT to promote women entrepreneurship in ICT.

**About C-DOT :**

- Established : 1984
- HQ : New Delhi
- Executive Director : Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay





**Ques: Till which year has the Union Cabinet extended the PM SVANidhi Scheme after restructuring?**

पुनर्गठन के बाद केंद्र सरकार ने पीएम स्वनिधि योजना को किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाया है?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2030
- E. 2035

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved restructuring and extension of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme till 31st March 2030.
- The scheme has a total outlay of ₹7,332 crore and aims to benefit 1.15 crore beneficiaries, including 50 lakh new beneficiaries.
- Implementing bodies – Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Department of Financial Services (DFS).
- UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card after 2nd loan repayment, and digital cashback up to ₹1,600 on retail & wholesale transactions.
- Scheme coverage expanded to census towns and peri-urban areas.
- Focus on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, digital skills, marketing, and food safety & hygiene training in collaboration with FSSAI.
- Since launch on 1st June 2020, the scheme has disbursed 96 lakh loans worth ₹13,797 crore to 68 lakh street vendors (as of 30th July 2025).

**Enhanced loan structure:**

- 1st tranche: ₹15,000 (earlier ₹10,000)
- 2nd tranche: ₹25,000 (earlier ₹20,000)
- 3rd tranche: ₹50,000 (unchanged)





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Government of India has sanctioned 23 chip-design projects under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to strengthen semiconductor design capabilities
- The Made in India Label Scheme is a voluntary certification scheme that allows manufacturers to demonstrate their products are manufactured in India with good quality
- "One Freezone Passport," a new program launched by Dubai (United Arab Emirates (UAE)), enables businesses licensed in one free zone to expand operations into other free zones within the emirate without needing a second license.
- The Shakti Scheme was implemented by the Karnataka Government on June 11, 2023. It provides free bus travel for women across all state-run transport corporations
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee launched the Shramshree Scheme for migrant workers returning to Bengal after facing harassment in other states
- The SASCI scheme (Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure and Investment) was launched in FY21 with an initial allocation of ₹12,000 crore (COVID pandemic support)
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched the Garuda Drishti scheme at Police Bhavan, Nagpur. It is a social media monitoring and cyber-intelligence initiative
- The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee-Chevening Uttar Pradesh State Government Scholarship Scheme.
- The BJP government in Chhattisgarh will relaunch the Congress-era 'Gothan' scheme under the new name 'Gaudham' to Reduce road & highway accidents caused by stray cattle by keeping them in Gaudham centres.
- The Union Cabinet approved ₹12,000 crore for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in FY26
- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu formally launched the Annadata Sukhibhava-Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme at Veerayapalem in Prakasam district
- The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is a Central Sector merit-based scholarship scheme launched by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education



**Ques: Who will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Barbados (October 2025)?**  
68वें कॉमनवेल्थ संसदीय सम्मेलन (CPC) में (अक्टूबर 2025, बारबाडोस) भारतीय संसदीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व कौन करेंगे?

- A. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- B. Om Birla / ओम बिरला
- C. Harivansh / हरिवंश
- D. Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC).
- The event will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from 5–12 October 2025.
- The theme of the conference is “The Commonwealth: A Global Partner”.
- Apart from the Speaker, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Presiding Officers and Secretaries of States and Union Territories, and representatives of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) – India Region will also participate.

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**Ques: Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Lithuania in 2025?**

2025 में लिथुआनिया के नए प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- A. Gintautas Paluckas / गिंटौतस पलुकस
- B. Inga Ruginiene / इंगा रुगीनीने
- C. Gitanas Nausėda / गितानस नॉउसेदा
- D. Dalia Grybauskaitė / डालिया ग्रिबॉउस्काइते
- E. Jonas Savickas / जोनास साविकस

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Lithuania's Parliament elected Inga Ruginiene as the new Prime Minister in August 2025.
- She replaced Gintautas Paluckas, who resigned in July 2025 after less than a year in office due to investigations.
- Ruginiene, 44, is a former Labour Union leader and later joined the Social Democratic Party before the 2024 general election.
- She also served as Minister for Social Affairs and Labour in the previous cabinet.

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## Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Prime Minister of Rwanda : Justin Nsengiyumva (succeeds Edouard Ngirente)
- Prime Minister of Ukraine : Yulia Anatoliivna Svrydenko
- First female President of Suriname : Jennifer Simons (Replaced Chandrikapersad Santokhi)
- 34th Prime Minister (PM) of Mongolia : Gombojav Zandanshatar
- 14th President of South Korea : Lee Jae-myung (Replaced Yoon Suk-yeol)
- 7th President of Poland : Karol Nawrock (Replaced Andrzej Duda)
- 119th Prime Minister (PM) of Portugal : Luis Filipe Montenegro Cardoso de Morais Esteves
- President of Romania : Nicusor Dan
- 48th President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- Prime Minister of Sudan : Kamil al-Taib Idris
- President of Togo : Jean-Lucien Kwassi Lanyo Savi de Tové (Replaced Faure Gnassingbe)
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Salem Saleh Bin Braik (replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak)
- Prime Minister of Australia : Anthony Albanese
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Kamla Persad-Bissessar (replaced Stuart Young)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia : Djuro Macut (Replaced Milos Vucevic)
- President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon : Junta chief Brice Oligui Nguema
- Prime Minister (PM) of Tunisia : Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (2nd Women)
- first female President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Stuart Richard Young (Replaced Dr. Keith Rowley)
- Prime Minister of Canada : Mark Carney (Replaced Justin Trudeau)
- 65th President of Uruguay : Yamandú Orsi (Replaced Luis Lacalle Pou)
- President of Greece : Constantine Tassoulas (Replaced Katerina Sakellaropoulou, Greece's first female president)
- Prime Minister of Vanuatu : Jotham Napat (Replaced Charlot Salwai)
- Interim President of Romania : Ilie Bolojan ( Replaced Klaus Iohannis )
- Prime Minister of Lebanon : Nawaf Salam (Replaced Najib Mikati)





**Ques: Which country, along with the United States and allied nations, is hosting the multinational military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025?**

कौन सा देश, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका और सहयोगी देशों के साथ मिलकर, बहुराष्ट्रीय सैन्य अभ्यास सुपर गरुड़ा शील्ड 2025 की मेजबानी कर रहा है?

- A. Philippines / फिलीपींस
- B. Japan / जापान
- C. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
- D. South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- E. Singapore / सिंगापुर

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indonesia, along with the United States and allied nations, launched the annual military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025.
- The exercise will be held from August 25 to September 4, 2025 across Jakarta, Baturaja (South Sumatra), and Dabo Singkep (Lampung).
- It is a large-scale multinational military exercise conducted annually since 2009.
- The exercise is jointly hosted by the Indonesian National Armed Forces and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.
- Participants (2025): Australia, Japan, Singapore, UK, France, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Brazil, and South Korea.
- Activities include joint combat training, interoperability drills, and combined live-fire exercises, strengthening coordination in air, land, and maritime operations.





**Ques: Scientists from which Indian research institute have developed a new method using gold nanoclusters to enable early detection of Parkinson's disease?**

भारत के किस अनुसंधान संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों ने पार्किंसंस रोग का प्रारंभिक पता लगाने के लिए गोल्ड नैनोक्लस्टर्स का उपयोग करते हुए एक नई विधि विकसित की है?

- A. INST Mohali / आईएनएसटी मोहाली
- B. CSIR-NCL Pune / सीएसआईआर-एनसीएल पुणे
- C. IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
- D. AIIMS New Delhi / एम्स नई दिल्ली
- E. TIFR Mumbai / टीआईएफआर मुंबई

Answer: Option E

### Explanation:

- Scientists from INST Mohali (Institute of Nano Science and Technology, under Govt. of India) have found a new way to detect Parkinson's disease early using gold nanoclusters.
- Parkinson's occurs when a brain protein called alpha-synuclein changes its shape, becomes toxic, and clumps together, damaging brain cells.
- The project was led by Dr. Sharmistha Sinha, Senior Scientist at INST Mohali.

Researchers coated gold nanoclusters with:

- Proline → binds to the normal (harmless) protein.
- Histidine → binds to the toxic (harmful) protein.
- If Proline sticks → normal protein → no Parkinson's.
- If Histidine sticks → harmful protein → possible early Parkinson's.





**Ques: The Supreme Court formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe allegations against which wildlife facility?**

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने किस वाइल्डलाइफ फैसिलिटी के खिलाफ आरोपों की जांच के लिए SIT का गठन किया है?

- A. Nandankanan Zoological Park / नंदनकानन प्राणि उद्यान
- B. Vantara Wildlife Facility / वंतारा वाइल्डलाइफ फैसिलिटी
- C. Bannerghatta Biological Park / बनरगट्टा बायोलॉजिकल पार्क
- D. Arignar Anna Zoological Park / अरिग्नर अन्ना प्राणि उद्यान
- E. Gir National Park / गिर राष्ट्रीय उद्यान

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Supreme Court of India ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate allegations against the Vantara Wildlife Facility in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- The SIT will examine animal acquisitions (especially elephants), compliance with the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, veterinary care, animal welfare, and financial irregularities.
- Allegations include illegal wildlife transfers, unlawful elephant captivity, misuse of water or carbon credits, and private collection.
- The case arose after protests in Kolhapur over the relocation of a 36-year-old elephant Mahadevi (Madhuri) to Vantara in July 2025, leading to PILs.
- The SIT, chaired by Justice Jasti Chelameswar (Retd.), includes former Chief Justices, ex-Mumbai Police Commissioner Hemant Nagrale, and senior IRS officer Anish Gupta.
- SIT must submit its report by 12 September 2025, with PILs listed for hearing on 15 September 2025.





**Ques: Where will the Chess World Cup 2025 be hosted?**

शतरंज विश्व कप 2025 की मेजबानी कहाँ की जाएगी?

- A. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- B. Tbilisi / त्बिलिसी
- C. Goa / गोवा
- D. Chennai / चेन्नई
- E. Moscow / मॉस्को

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Chess World Cup 2025 will be hosted in Goa from 1 to 26 November 2025.
- India is hosting this prestigious event for the second time, the first being in 2002 at Hyderabad, where Viswanathan Anand became the champion.
- More than 90 countries are expected to participate.
- The Top 3 players from this World Cup will qualify for the Candidates Tournament, which leads to the World Chess Championship.

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**Ques: Which city in Tamil Nadu became the first to adopt the globally recognized City Biodiversity Index (CBI) framework, also known as the Singapore Index?**

तमिलनाडु का कौन सा शहर वैश्विक स्तर पर मान्यता प्राप्त सिटी बायोडायवर्सिटी इंडेक्स (CBI) ढांचे, जिसे सिंगापुर इंडेक्स भी कहा जाता है, को अपनाने वाला पहला शहर बना?

- A. Coimbatore / कोयंबटूर
- B. Madurai / मदुरै
- C. Salem / सलेम
- D. Tiruchirappalli / तिरुचिरापल्ली
- E. Chennai / चेन्नई

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- On August 25, 2025, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin released the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) of Chennai, making it the first city in Tamil Nadu to adopt this framework.
- The CBI, also known as the Singapore Index, was developed in 2008 and endorsed at COP-9 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- The assessment was conducted by ICLEI South Asia, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Greater Chennai Corporation, and other agencies.
- The index evaluated Chennai across 23 indicators, grouped under three components: native biodiversity, ecosystem services, and biodiversity governance & management.
- Chennai scored 38 out of 72 points, performing strongest in native biodiversity, while its weakest score was in governance (17/36).







## Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- OpenAI, the provider of ChatGPT, confirmed that it will open its first India office in New Delhi by late 2025
- India's first urban ropeway is undergoing a three-month trial run in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Suzlon Group has become the first Indian company from the energy sector to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative
- Kerala has been declared India's first fully digitally literate state, marking the completion of Phase I of the Digi Kerala project
- Mumbai-based XED Executive Development Ltd, a global executive education provider, became the first company to file for an IPO at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat, targeting \$12 million
- For the first time in South-Central Railway (SCR) history, five key departments – Operations, Commercial, Finance, Security, and Medical – are being led by women officers
- Champa Raspeda, a student from Odisha's Malkangiri district, has made history by becoming the first member of the Didayi, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), to clear NEET 2025.
- India's first Hydrogen ( $H_2$ ) powered train has cleared load tests under the Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- NTPC Limited has become the 1st Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) in the Indian power sector to adopt a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan (BCP) aligned with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 22301:2019, global standard for Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS).
- India's first detachable solar panel system between railway tracks was put into service by Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), situated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant advancement in green energy innovation, according to the Ministry of Railways (MoR)
- The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has become India's first railway zone to adopt compostable bio-plastic on trains
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched India's first voluntary star-based property rating system focused on digital connectivity
- Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) has become the 1st Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM).





**Ques: Bimalendra Mohan Pratap Mishra, popularly known as ‘Raja Ayodhya’, who passed away recently, held which significant role related to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi site?**

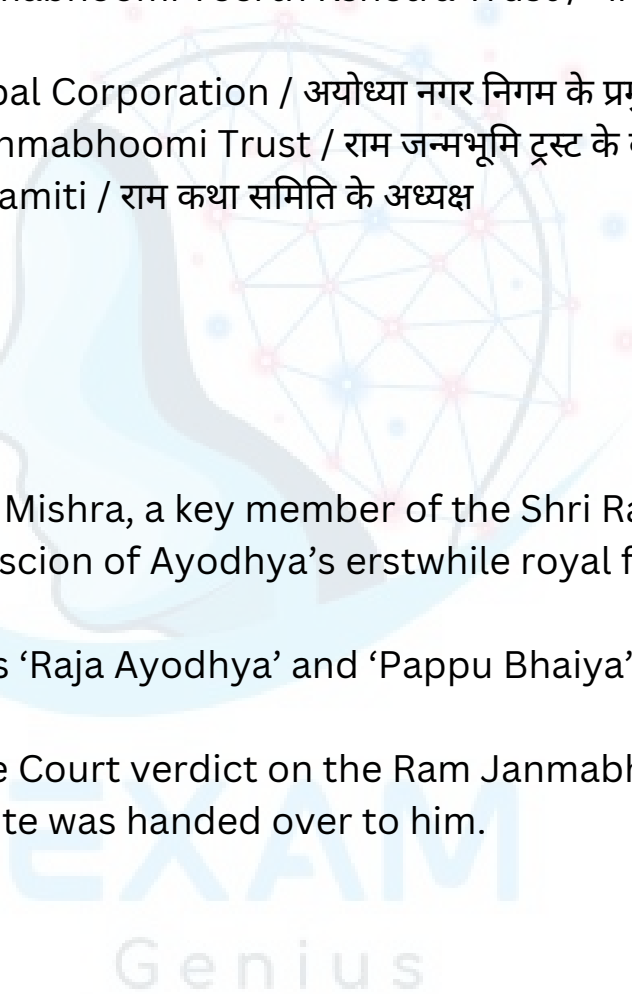
हाल ही में निधन हुए बिमलेन्द्र मोहन प्रताप मिश्रा, जिन्हें ‘राजा अयोध्या’ के नाम से जाना जाता था, ने श्री राम जन्मभूमि स्थल से संबंधित कौन सी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई थी?

- A. Chief Priest of Ram Janmabhoomi / राम जन्मभूमि के मुख्य पुजारी
- B. Member of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust / श्री राम जन्मभूमि तीर्थ क्षेत्र ट्रस्ट के सदस्य
- C. Head of Ayodhya Municipal Corporation / अयोध्या नगर निगम के प्रमुख
- D. Legal Advisor for Ram Janmabhoomi Trust / राम जन्मभूमि ट्रस्ट के कानूनी सलाहकार
- E. President of Ram Katha Samiti / राम कथा समिति के अध्यक्ष

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Bimalendra Mohan Pratap Mishra, a key member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, was a scion of Ayodhya’s erstwhile royal family and head of Rajsadan, Ayodhya.
- He was popularly known as ‘Raja Ayodhya’ and ‘Pappu Bhaiya’ among the people of Ayodhya.
- In 2020, after the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi–Babri Masjid dispute, the charge of the site was handed over to him.





**Ques: PM Modi flagged off Maruti Suzuki's first global strategic battery electric vehicle (BEV) e-VITARA from which Indian city?**

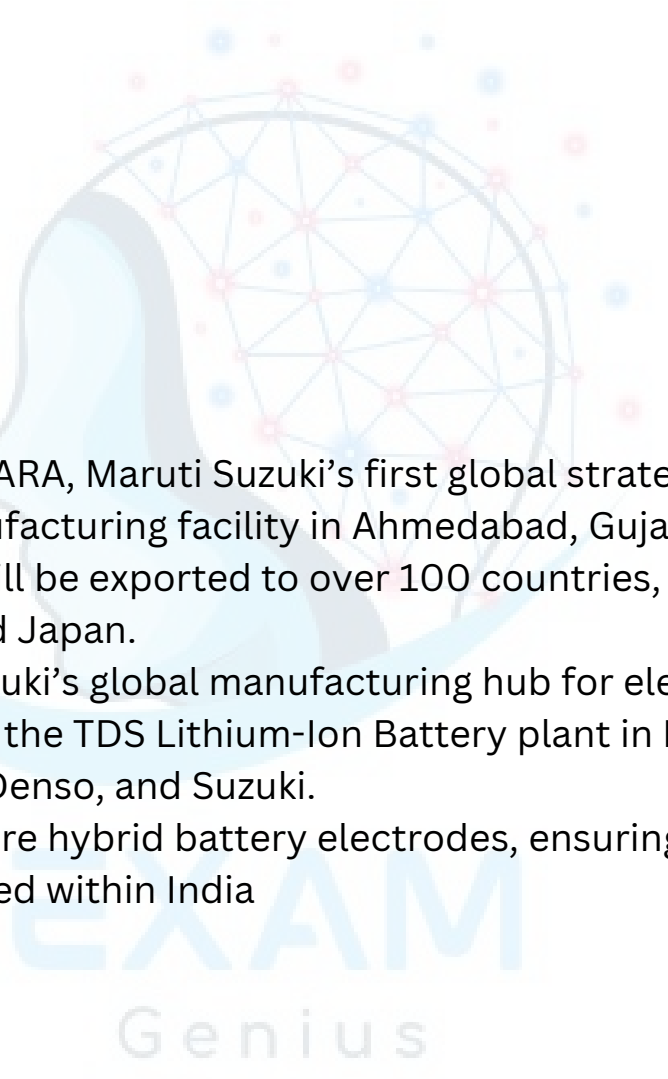
प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने मारुति सुजुकी के पहले वैश्विक रणनीतिक बैटरी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (BEV) e-VITARA को भारत के किस शहर से हरी झंडी दिखाई?

- A. Hansalpur (Ahmedabad) / हंसलपुर (अहमदाबाद)
- B. Gurugram / गुरुग्राम
- C. Pune / पुणे
- D. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- E. Chennai / चेन्नई

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- PM Modi flagged off e-VITARA, Maruti Suzuki's first global strategic BEV, from the company's Hansalpur manufacturing facility in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The Made-in-India BEVs will be exported to over 100 countries, including advanced markets such as Europe and Japan.
- India will now serve as Suzuki's global manufacturing hub for electric vehicles.
- PM Modi also inaugurated the TDS Lithium-Ion Battery plant in Hansalpur, a joint venture between Toshiba, Denso, and Suzuki.
- The facility will manufacture hybrid battery electrodes, ensuring that over 80% of the battery value is produced within India





**Ques: From 2025 onwards, Ayurveda Day in India will be observed on a fixed date every year. What is this date?**

**2025 से, भारत में आयुर्वेद दिवस हर साल एक निश्चित तारीख को मनाया जाएगा। यह तारीख क्या है?**

- A. 23 September
- B. 24 September
- C. 25 September
- D. 26 September
- E. 27 September

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- For the first time since its inception in 2016, Ayurveda Day will be observed on a fixed date: 23 September every year, as notified by the Government of India through a Gazette Notification in March 2025.
- Earlier, Ayurveda Day was celebrated on Dhanvantari Jayanti (Dhanteras).
- The fixed date provides Ayurveda a universal calendar identity and enables greater participation globally.
- Theme for 2025: “Ayurveda for People & Planet”.
- Previous celebrations included the 9th Ayurveda Day (2024), when PM Modi inaugurated Phase II of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, launched four Centres of Excellence, and initiated the nationwide “Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan” along with health initiatives worth ₹12,850 crore.

**Key Centres of Excellence in Ayurveda (examples):**

- Diabetes & Metabolic Disorders (IISc Bengaluru): Focus on prediabetes, diabetes research, and Ayurvedic formulation validation.
- Sustainable Ayush (IIT Delhi): Developing tech solutions, supporting start-ups, and net-zero sustainable solutions for Rasaushadhis.
- Fundamental & Translational Research (CDRI Lucknow): Advanced research in Ayurvedic botanicals like Ashwagandha.
- Ayurveda & Systems Medicine (JNU, New Delhi): Researching molecular mechanisms of Ayurvedic treatments for rheumatoid arthritis using systems medicine approaches.





### Important days :

- August 1-7 (first week of August) : World Breastfeeding Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Prioritize Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems")
- 1 August : World Lung Cancer Day (Theme 2025 Stronger Together: United for Lung Cancer Awareness)
- 1 August : World Wide Web Day (Theme 2025 Empowering the Future: Building an Inclusive, Safe, and Open Web)
- 1 August : World FinTech Day 2025 (Theme 2025 GFF Empowering Finance for a Better World, Powered by AI)
- 1 August : National Mountain Climbing Day
- 3rd August (first Sunday of August) : National Friendship Day (Theme 2025 Building Bridges: Celebrating Diversity, Solidarity, and a Culture of Peace)
- 3 August : Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day
- 3 August : 15th Indian organ donation day - Angdaan Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyaan
- 5 August : Article 370 abrogation
- 6 August : International Day of Awareness of the Special Development Needs and Challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries
- 6 August : Hiroshima Day
- 7 August : National Javelin Day
- 9 August : World Sanskrit Day
- 9 August : Nagasaki Day
- 9 August : World Tribal Day, also called World Indigenous Day (2025 Theme: "Indigenous Peoples and Artificial Intelligence – Defending Rights, Shaping the Future".)
- 10 August : World Lion Day 2025
- 10 August : World Biofuel Day
- 12 August : International Youth Day (Theme 2025 - Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond.)
- 12 August : World Elephant Day (2025 Theme - "Matriarchs & Memories")
- 12th - 26th August : World Photography Week
- 13 August : World Organ Donation Day (Theme 2025 Answering the Call)
- 13 August : International Left Handers Day 2025







## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Navy will conduct the 'Emerging Leaders Panel Discussion' under the aegis of 'Indian Ocean Naval Symposium' (IONS) on 27 and 28 August at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala.

Dao Division of the Indian Army signed a MOU with Bharti Airtel to enhance digital and mobile connectivity in the forward areas of Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Govt Forms Panels to Mark 150th Birth Anniversaries of Sardar Patel, Birsa Munda & Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Centenary

Tommy Fleetwood, from England, not only secured his first-ever PGA Tour title, but he did so by winning the Tour Championship, which also awarded him the FedEx Cup crown – plus a staggering \$10 million prize

India Maritime Week to Be Held in Mumbai from October 27 to 31

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## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

नौसेना 27 और 28 अगस्त को केरल के कोच्चि स्थित दक्षिणी नौसेना कमान में 'हिंद महासागर नौसेना संगोष्ठी' (IONS) के तत्वावधान में 'उभरते नेताओं पर पैनल चर्चा' आयोजित करेगी।

भारतीय सेना के दाओ डिवीजन ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश के दिबांग घाटी और अंजॉ ज़िलों के अग्रिम क्षेत्रों में डिजिटल और मोबाइल कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ाने के लिए भारती एयरटेल के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

सरकार ने सरदार पटेल, बिरसा मुंडा और अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी की 150वीं जयंती मनाने के लिए पैनल गठित किए हैं।

इंग्लैंड के टॉमी फ्लीटवुड ने न केवल अपना पहला पीजीए टूर खिताब जीता, बल्कि उन्होंने टूर चैंपियनशिप जीतकर भी ऐसा किया, जिससे उन्हें फेडेक्स कप का ताज भी मिला - साथ ही 10 मिलियन डॉलर का शानदार पुरस्कार भी मिला।

भारत समुद्री सप्ताह 27 से 31 अक्टूबर तक मुंबई में आयोजित किया जाएगा।

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