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Ques: What is the key change in FDI norms announced by the Government of India in May 2026?

- A) Ban on Chinese investments
- B) Allowing 10% Chinese stake firms via automatic route
- C) Increase in FDI limit to 100%
- D) Removal of FEMA regulations
- E) Mandatory approval for all foreign investments

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India eased FDI norms for companies with up to 10% Chinese shareholding.
- Such firms are now allowed to invest through the automatic route, subject to sectoral conditions.
- The change came into effect from May 1, 2026.
- It is based on amendments to Press Note 3 of 2020.
- The aim is to boost investment in sectors like electronics and manufacturing.
- The relaxation does not apply to entities registered in China, Hong Kong, or other land-bordering countries.
- Higher or controlling Chinese stakes will still require government approval.

Static Part:

- FEMA Full Form – Foreign Exchange Management Act
- Introduced – 1999
- Nodal Ministry – Ministry of Finance
- DPIIT Full Form – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Press Note 3 Year – 2020





Ques: Under RBI's revised loan restructuring guidelines for disaster-hit areas, what is the mandatory provisioning requirement for banks and NBFCs?

- A) 2%
- B) 3%
- C) 5%
- D) 7%
- E) 10%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Reserve Bank of India introduced revised guidelines for loan restructuring in disaster-hit areas.
- The new framework will come into effect from 1 July 2026.
- Lenders can proactively restructure loans without waiting for borrower requests.
- A key feature is the mandatory 5% provisioning requirement on outstanding loan value.
- Borrowers get a 135-day opt-out window from the date of disaster declaration.
- RBI rejected the proposal to reduce provisioning to 2% to ensure better risk coverage.

Eligibility Conditions:

- Only standard accounts are eligible
- Loans should not be overdue by more than 30 days at the time of disaster
- Requests to extend eligibility up to 89 days overdue were rejected

Static Part:

- Effective Date – 1 July 2026
- Provisioning Requirement – 5%
- Opt-out Window – 135 days
- Eligibility – Standard Accounts (≤ 30 days overdue)





Ques: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced a \$70 billion plan for which sectors in the Asia-Pacific region?

- A) Agriculture & Health
- B) Education & Tourism
- C) Energy & Digital Infrastructure
- D) Defence & Space
- E) Banking & Finance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank announced a \$70 billion programme for energy and digital infrastructure.
- The announcement was made during the 59th Annual Meeting in Samarkand.
- The plan targets expansion of energy connectivity and digital networks by 2035.
- It includes \$50 billion for the Pan-Asia Power Grid and \$20 billion for digital connectivity.
- It aims to strengthen cross-border electricity trade and broadband access.
- ADB President Masato Kanda highlighted long-term economic growth.

Static Part:

- Established – 1966
- Headquarters – Manila
- President – Masato Kanda (2026)
- Members – 69 Countries
- Objective – Promote economic development and regional cooperation





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has agreed to extend a ₹13,615 crore loan to the Telangana Government.
- Export-Import Bank of India has extended a \$100 million (approx ₹830 crore) loan to Africa Finance Corporation (AFC).
- World Bank and Asian Development Bank have jointly committed USD 1,600 million for Amaravati Capital Phase-I.
- World Bank has approved a \$225 million loan for Rajasthan.
- Japan International Cooperation Agency signed Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan agreements worth ¥275 billion (approx ₹16,420 crore) with the Government of India.
- Bank of Baroda received a USD 500 million loan from an IFSC Banking Unit located in GIFT City.
- DCM Shriram Limited secured USD 90 million funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- A) Karan Johar
- B) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- C) Rajkumar Hirani
- D) Ashutosh Gowariker
- E) Anurag Kashyap

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has appointed Ashutosh Gowariker as the Festival Director for the 57th edition of International Film Festival of India.
- The festival will be held in Goa.
- IFFI is South Asia's oldest film festival, established in 1952.
- It is jointly organised by National Film Development Corporation and the Entertainment Society of Goa.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Praseon Joshi : Chairman of Prasar Bharati
- Mr. Rajesh Kumar Agarwal : Director at Power Finance Corporation (PFC) (Replaced Sandeep Kumar)
- Herjit S Bhalla : India Business CEO of Dabur
- Parminder Singh : CEO of Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL), a joint venture(JV) between Reliance Intelligence Limited and Meta
- Srikanth Velamakanni : Chairperson of NASSCOM (succeeds Sindhu Gangadharan)
- Ashok Kumar Lahiri : Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog (replaces Suman K. Bery)
- Kishor Patil, Co-founder, MD & CEO of KPIT Technologies : Vice Chairperson National Association of Software and Service Companies(Nasscom)
- John Ternus : CEO of Apple





Ques: Cabinet may approve ₹37,500 crore scheme related to which sector?

- A) Solar Energy
- B) Coal Gasification
- C) Wind Energy
- D) Nuclear Energy
- E) Hydropower

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet of India is likely to approve a ₹37,500 crore incentive scheme for coal gasification projects.
- The aim is to boost clean energy production and reduce import dependence.
- It targets reduction in imports of LNG, urea, methanol, and other fuels.
- Maximum financial assistance will be up to ₹3,000 crore per project.
- The initiative supports India's target of achieving 100 million tonnes coal gasification capacity by 2030.
- It promotes better utilisation of domestic coal resources.
- Coal gasification converts coal into syngas used for fuels and chemicals.

Static Part:

- Coal Gasification – Conversion of coal into gas (syngas)
- Target – 100 Million Tonnes by 2030
- Ministry – Ministry of Coal
- India Coal Reserves – Among the largest in the world
- Major Products – Methanol, Ammonia, Synthetic Fuels





Ques: PRASHAST 2.0, developed by NCERT, is primarily used for what purpose?

- A) Online examination system
- B) Teacher training platform
- C) Digital attendance system
- D) Scholarship distribution
- E) Early identification of children with disabilities

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- National Council of Educational Research and Training developed PRASHAST 2.0 (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool).
- It is a digital platform to identify children with disabilities at an early stage.
- It promotes inclusive education in schools.
- It is a mobile app-based screening tool used by teachers.
- It can identify 21 types of disabilities as defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals :

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is launching the E-PRAAPTI portal for members with old or inactive EPF accounts.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched an AI-powered chatbot named "Abhay".
- Life Insurance Corporation of India launched two mobile apps — MyLIC and Super Sales Saathi.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) is developing the SARAL AI platform.
- The Telangana government has launched the Bhu Bharati portal, an integrated land record management system aimed at simplifying land registration and record services. The new system replaces the earlier Dharani portal.
- The JanSamarth Portal was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2022. The portal integrates 15 credit-linked Central Government schemes. As of March 20, 2026, around 254 lenders have been onboarded on the platform. Since its launch, about 41.14 lakh applications worth ₹1,06,306 crore have been processed.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of HAL?

- A) DK Sunil
- B) Ravi K
- C) Rakesh Sharma
- D) Ajay Kumar
- E) Arvind Saxena

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ravi K has assumed charge as the 22nd Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- He succeeded DK Sunil, who retired on April 30.
- He has over 30 years of experience in aerospace and defence sectors.
- Earlier, he served as Director (Operations) at HAL.
- He played a key role in achieving HAL's 'Maharatna' status.
- He contributed to projects like HAL Tejas and HAL Prachand.
- His vision is to make HAL a globally competitive aerospace company.

Static Part:

- Headquarters – Bengaluru
- Founded – 1940
- Status – Maharatna PSU





Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Hardik Pandya
- D) KL Rahul
- E) Shreyas Iyer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Shreyas Iyer has been appointed as the official brand ambassador for the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- The initiative is backed by Formula 1.
- It is being organised by Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited.
- The company has received rights to host an official Formula 1-sanctioned sim racing competition in India.

Static Part:

- Event – F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026
- Organizer – Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited
- Backed By – Formula 1
- Brand Ambassador – Shreyas Iyer





Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- **Milind Soman** : Brand ambassador of BHIVE Workspace
- **Shivam Dube** : Brand ambassador of Mobilla, one of India's leading mobile accessories and power solutions brands
- **Carlos Alcaraz** : Global Brand Ambassador of Infosys
- **Bollywood actor Ahaan Panday** : First-ever Indian brand ambassador for Davidoff Parfums
- **Ranveer Singh** : Brand Ambassador of Jindal stainless
- **Double Olympic medallist Blanka Vlašić** : International Event Ambassador for the World 10K Bengaluru 2026.
- **Sudarsan Pattnaik**, an internationally acclaimed sand artist : Brand Ambassador for Census 2027 by the Government of India
- **A. R. Rahman** : Yamaha Music India Private Limited





Ques: Which state has become India's first paperless judiciary state?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat
- E) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sikkim has been declared India's first paperless judiciary state.
- The announcement was made by Justice Surya Kant.
- The declaration took place during a conclave in Gangtok.
- Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang called it a historic step toward digital justice.
- The initiative promotes e-filing and digital case management systems.
- It aims to make justice delivery faster, transparent, and accessible.
- The move supports India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Static Part:

- Capital – Gangtok
- Chief Minister – Prem Singh Tamang
- High Court – Sikkim High Court





Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- India is setting up its first green methanol plant in Kutch, Gujarat.
- Rocklink India Private Limited inaugurated India's first integrated lithium-ion battery and rare earth recycling facility.
- Bihar's first-ever structured pulse procurement initiative has been launched under this mission.
- India's first intra-city drone delivery trials were conducted in Bengaluru.
- Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 is set to become India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar has launched India's first fully integrated Agricultural Intelligence Ecosystem.
- Eveready Industries India Ltd. has commissioned India's first dedicated alkaline battery manufacturing facility.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Rajasthan to dedicate India's first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex at Pachpadra to the nation.





Ques: The Samarth Panchayat Portal is primarily used for what purpose?

- A) Agricultural Subsidy Distribution
- B) Digital Revenue Collection by Panchayats
- C) Rural Employment Generation
- D) Health Monitoring System
- E) Education Management

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Samarth Panchayat Portal is designed for digital, UPI-based collection of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Gram Panchayats.
- It is being implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj across multiple states.
- It enables panchayats to collect tax and non-tax revenues digitally.
- The platform supports online payments, record maintenance, and revenue tracking.
- It has been piloted in Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and expanded to Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.
- The initiative enhances financial autonomy, transparency, and efficiency in local governance.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- OSR – Own Source of Revenue
- UPI – Unified Payments Interface
- Objective – Digital Governance & Financial Empowerment





Ques: Under which initiative did India deploy the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica?

- A) Ayushman Bharat Initiative
- B) BHISHM Initiative
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) Make in India
- E) National Health Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India deployed the Aarogya Maitri portable healthcare system in Jamaica under the BHISHM Initiative.
- It is part of India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.
- BHISHM stands for Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri.
- It provides emergency medical aid through portable hospital systems during disasters.
- The BHISHM Cube includes medicines, ICU setup, and surgical equipment.
- It can treat around 200 patients.

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Ques: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) acquired a 51% stake in which company?

- A) Cochin Shipyard
- B) Colombo Dockyard PLC
- C) Hindustan Shipyard
- D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- E) Larsen & Toubro Shipbuilding

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited acquired a 51% controlling stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC.
- This is India's first international shipyard acquisition.
- The deal is valued at around ₹250 crore (\$53 million).
- It strengthens India's strategic presence in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The acquisition benefits both India and Sri Lanka.
- It expands CDPLC's access to global markets and Indian clients.
- MDL plans to expand into ship repair and high-margin maritime services.
- The deal also includes a \$40 million investment infusion.
- It will boost employment, skill development, and R&D capabilities.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

- A) Uday Kotak
- B) T. S. Tirumurti
- C) Rajnish Kumar
- D) Sanjiv Khanna
- E) Anupinder Singh Grewal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Union Government has appointed Anupinder Singh Grewal as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal.
- He will serve a term of 5 years or until the age of 67, whichever is earlier.
- NCLT is a quasi-judicial body that handles company-related disputes in India.

Static Part:

- Formed – 1 June 2016
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Nature – Quasi-Judicial Body

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Ques: The 'Missing Link' project is associated with which expressway?

- A) Yamuna Expressway
- B) Delhi–Mumbai Expressway
- C) Mumbai–Pune Expressway
- D) Purvanchal Expressway
- E) Agra–Lucknow Expressway

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of Maharashtra inaugurated the 13.3-km 'Missing Link' project.
- It is part of the Mumbai–Pune Expressway.
- The project bypasses the accident-prone Khandala Ghat to improve road safety.
- It will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Pune by 20–30 minutes.
- The project aims to reduce accidents and ease traffic congestion.
- It enhances connectivity and transport efficiency.

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Ques: With the addition of 12 new sites in 2026, what is the total number of UNESCO Global Geoparks worldwide?

- A) 200
- B) 215
- C) 230
- D) 241
- E) 260

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- UNESCO designated 12 new Global Geoparks in 2026.
- With this addition, the total number reached 241 geoparks across 51 countries.
- These geoparks cover over 882,000 sq km globally.
- They aim to protect geological heritage and promote sustainable development and education.
- The programme was established in 2015.
- Each geopark is designated for 4 years, after which revalidation is required.

Static Part:

- Total Geoparks (2026) – 241
- Total Countries – 51
- Established – 2015
- Duration – 4 Years (Revalidation required)





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- A) Tata Group
- B) Mittal Family & Adar Poonawalla
- C) Reliance Group
- D) Adani Group
- E) Vedanta Group

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Mittal Family, in partnership with Adar Poonawalla, is set to acquire Rajasthan Royals.
- The deal is valued at approximately \$1.65 billion, one of the largest in Indian Premier League history.
- The Mittal family will hold around 75% stake, while Adar Poonawalla will hold about 18%.
- The remaining stake will be held by existing investors like Manoj Badale.
- The deal also includes associated teams such as Paarl Royals and Barbados Royals.
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- The deal boosts IPL's global investment appeal and franchise valuation.

Static Part:

- Founded – 2008
- Home Ground – Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- IPL Founded – 2008
- BCCI President – Mithun Manhas
- IPL Chairman (2026) – Arun Singh Dhumal





Ques: Indian scientist Parveen Shaikh was awarded the 2026 Whitley Award for conserving which endangered species?

- A) Great Indian Bustard
- B) Snow Leopard
- C) Red Panda
- D) Gangetic Dolphin
- E) Indian Skimmer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Parveen Shaikh received the 2026 Whitley Award for protecting the Indian Skimmer.
- The award is given by the Whitley Fund for Nature.
- She is associated with the Bombay Natural History Society.
- She launched the “Guardians of the Skimmer” initiative involving local communities to protect nesting sites.
- Another Indian awardee, Barkha Subba, is working to protect the Himalayan salamander in the Darjeeling Himalaya.
- The award provides £50,000 funding for one year to support conservation projects.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 4th edition of the GEM Award : Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC), Andhra Pradesh
- 9th Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award : Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao
- Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026 : Indian actress Sayani Gupta
- WWF National Award : Botany researcher N. Alim Yusuf
- Femina Miss India World 2026 : Sadhvi Sail from Goa
- WWF 'Machchli National Award' : Anita Chaudhary, a forest guard at Shergarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mrs International World Classic 2026 : Geetanjali Om Parkash
- President's Police Colour, the highest honour for a police force in India : Odisha Police
- Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Film Festival of Delhi 2026 : Veteran Telugu actor Nandamuri Balakrishna





Ques: Which state has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Karnataka
- D) Telangana
- E) Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Karnataka has launched India's first digital grievance redressal system for gig workers.
- The portal is called Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System.
- It acts as a bridge between gig workers and platform aggregators.
- Workers can file complaints related to pay, working conditions, and disputes.
- The initiative is developed by the Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers Board.
- Platforms are required to form Internal Dispute Resolution Committees (IDRC).
- The system ensures time-bound resolution and transparency.
- It helps formalize the gig economy with a proper dispute resolution framework.





Ques: Where was the world's largest underwater national flag unfurled, setting a Guinness World Record?

- A) Marina Beach
- B) Juhu Beach
- C) Radhanagar Beach
- D) Kovalam Beach
- E) Puri Beach

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration set a Guinness World Record by unfurling the largest underwater national flag.
- The event took place at Radhanagar Beach.
- The tricolour measured approximately 60m × 40m.
- Over 200 divers, including personnel from the Indian Navy, Police, Forest Department, and Indian Coast Guard, participated.
- The initiative aimed to promote the islands as a global diving destination.
- School students were also among the youngest participants.





Ques: Pan-India Fire Safety Week 2026 is observed between which dates?

- A) 1–7 May
- B) 3–9 May
- C) 4–10 May
- D) 5–11 May
- E) 10–16 May

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is observing Pan-India 'Fire Safety Week' from 4–10 May 2026.
- The initiative aims to raise awareness about fire prevention in healthcare facilities.
- It is conducted in collaboration with all States/UTs and relevant departments.
- The week is inaugurated at Kartavya Bhawan under the leadership of Punya Salila Srivastava.
- Activities include awareness campaigns, mock drills, and training.
- It strengthens emergency preparedness, response, and evacuation systems.

Static Part:

- Ministry – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Union Health Secretary – Punya Salila Srivastava
- Objective – Fire Safety Awareness in Healthcare Facilities
- Duration – 4–10 May 2026





Ques: World Tuna Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 1 May
- B) 2 May
- C) 3 May
- D) 5 May
- E) 8 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Tuna Day is observed every year on 2 May.
- It promotes sustainable fishing and conservation of tuna species.
- Tuna is rich in Omega-3 fatty acids, protein, minerals, and Vitamin B12.
- It plays a vital role in global food security and marine ecosystems.

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Important days :

- 6 April : International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (theme for 2026 is “Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers.”)
- 7 April : World Health Day (Theme for 2026: “Together for health. Stand with science.”)
- 7 April : International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
- 9 April : 61st Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day, also known as Shaurya Diwas
- 10 April : World Homoeopathy Day (Theme for 2026: “Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health”.)
- 11 April : World Parkinson’s Day (Theme for the year: “Bridge the Care Gap.”)
- 12 April : International Day of Human Space Flight (First Observance 2011)
- 12 April : International Day for Street Children 2026 (Theme 2026 Protect, not Punish)
- 12 April : Siachen Day (commemorates the success of Operation Meghdoot conducted in 1984)
- 14 April : World Chagas Disease Day
- 14 April : Ambedkar Jayanti
- 14 April : World Quantum Day (First Observance 2022) (Theme 2026 Shaping the Quantum Workforce)
- 15 April : International Wellness Day
- 15 April : World Art Day (2026 theme is “A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community through Art.”)
- 16 April : World Voice Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Caring for Our Voices)
- 17 April : World Hemophilia Day (Theme: “Diagnosis: First step to care”)
- 18 April : World Heritage Day (2026 theme is “Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters”.)
- 19 April : World Liver Day 2026 (Theme 2026 Solid Habits, Strong Liver)
- 20 April : Chinese Language Day
- 21 April : World Creativity and Innovation Day (Theme 2026: “Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress”)





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

India's agriculture exports recorded a growth of 2.8%, reaching \$52.55 billion in 2025–26, up from \$51.12 billion in 2024–25, despite global economic uncertainties.

China National Space Administration launched Pakistan's PRSC-EO3 satellite using a Long March-6 rocket from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center, Shanxi, marking the 640th mission of the Long March series.

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has proposed the creation of a new Index of Service Production (ISP). The index aims to measure the performance of India's services sector on a monthly basis. It will adopt 2024–25 as the base year.

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited signed a Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (LATOT) with Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation, for the Gas Turbine-Infrared Suppression System used in naval vessels.

Nitin Gadkari announced the launch of India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) barrier-less tolling system. The system has been launched at Chorayasi Toll Plaza. The system uses technologies like Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and FASTag.

The Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications has signed a MoU with DTDC Express Limited. The agreement aims to strengthen India's logistics and e-commerce delivery network.

