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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

World Blood Donor day observed on June 14th

1. The **theme** of the day is “**Give blood, give hope: together we save lives**”.
2. It was observed to **commemorate the birthday of Karl Landsteiner** who was a scientist, physician and immunologist from Austria.
3. In May 2005, the day was created and implemented at the 58th World Health Assembly.



World Elder Abuse Awareness day observed on June 15th

This day was observed to protect the dignity, safety and human rights of older adults.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Punjab launches ‘Udyog Kranti’ to propel industrial growth

1. The CM Bhagwant Singh Mann and Arvind Kejriwal launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative.
2. It was the India’s first comprehensive industrial revolution at the state level.

Shell India & Govt collaborate skill youth in EV technologies and Green Energy

1. Shell India has partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to launch a structured training programme focused on green skills and electric vehicle (EV) technologies.
2. The programme was implemented through the Directorate General of Training (DGT).

Indian Army successfully tests Rudrastra VTOL drone for precision strikes



1. The Indian Army has successfully conducted trials of the Rudrastra, a vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) designed for deep strike missions.
2. This indigenous drone was developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Ltd (SDAL).

AWARDS & HONOURS

Alexander Payne to receive honorary leopard

American Filmmaker Alexander Payne will be conferred with the Honorary Leopard (Pardo d'Onore) at the 78th Lacarno Film Festival which is to be held from August 6th to 16th, 2025.



BUSINESS NEWS

ADB approves \$109.97 million loan to Gujarat

1. The Asian Development bank (ADB) has approved a \$109.97 million results-based loan to support Gujarat's efforts in advanced technical and vocational education and training (TVET).
2. This initiative was executed through the Gujarat Skills Development Program.
3. The loan supports the state's Labor, Skill Development and Employment Department in partnership with Kaushalya, the Skill University (KSU).

DFCC bank becomes first foreign entity to list bond on NSE IX

DFCC bank PLC of SriLanka has become the first foreign corporate to list a bond on India's National Stock Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT city, Gujarat

NPCI and IDRBT signed an MoU

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) signed an MoU aiming to enhance cybersecurity and resilience in India's rapidly evolving digital payments ecosystem.

OBITUARY

Apple Software Bill Atkinson passes away

Bill Atkinson, a pioneering software designer passed away at the age of 74 in California.



SPORTS

Cristiano Ronaldo named Global Ambassador



Football icon Cristiano Ronaldo has been officially announced as the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 (EWC) by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF)

Indian Racewalkers Shine at Austrian racewalking championships

1. Priyanka Goswami clinched gold in the women's 10km race with a timing of 47:54 marking her first win of the season at the Austrian Racewalking Championships in Innsbruck.
2. In the men's 35km event, Sandeep Kumar won silver and Ram Baboo secured bronze.

South Africa claimed their first ever ICC trophy by defeating defending championships **Australia** by five wickets in World Test Championship (WTC) final 2025 at Lord's London.



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