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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Govt launches Rs.3,000 FASTag annual pass for private vehicles

1. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced Rs.3,000 FASTag annual pass only for non-commercial private four wheelers.
2. It has a validity period of 1 year from activation or 200 trips, whichever comes first.
3. Flat Rs.3,000 upfront payment and no further toll deductions until usage or validity ends. It applies across National Highways in India.

Indian Navy inducts INS Arnala strengthening Coastal defence

1. Indian Navy to commission INS Arnala, the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) at Naval Dockyard, Vishakapatnam.
2. This ceremony will be headed by the Chief of Defence staff General Anil Chauhan.
3. INS Arnala is the first of 16 ASW-SWC vessels planned for induction into the Navy under this class.
4. It is designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata in collaboration with L&T shipbuilders under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.



Bihar pioneers India's first mobile based e-voting system

1. **Bihar is the first Indian state** to launch a mobile based e-voted system.
2. Advanced technologies like blockchain, face recognition and audit trials are integrated to ensure tamper-proof voting.
3. **Estonia is the only European country which has previously implemented this system.**

HAL's New Nashik facility to conduct maiden test flight

1. The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk-1A is manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) with a new production facility in Nashik preparing for its maiden test flight in July.
2. It is the first aircraft built outside Bangalore with delivery to the IAF expected between July and August 2025.

Hyderabad becomes Google's Cybersecurity hub

1. Google inaugurated its first Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad.
2. It is the 4th global safety centre and the other three centres are **Germany, the US and Ireland.**

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India-France joint exercise 'Shakti 2025'



The 8th edition of the biennial **India-France joint exercise 'Shakti 2025'** will be held from **June 18 to July 1, 2025** at **Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France**

India-Ukraine hold first working group meeting

- 1. The 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting was held virtually on Agriculture between India and Ukraine.**
- 2. The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu (India) and Ms. Oksana Osmachko (Ukraine).**

51st G7 Summit 2025



- 1. The 51st G7 summit was held from June 15 to June 17, 2025 in the mountain resort town of Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.**
- 2. The host of the summit was the Canada PM Mark Caney.**
- 3. Three key objectives are,**
 - ❖ Protecting communities and the world
 - ❖ Building energy security and accelerating digital transition
 - ❖ Securing the partnerships of the future

AWARDS & HONOURS

IndiGo ranked among Skytrax 2025 awards

- 1. IndiGo ranked 3rd in the Skytrax 2025 list of World's Best Low-Cost Airlines.**
- 2. Qatar Airways won the title of World's best Airline in 2025 for the 9th time.**
- 3. The award ceremony held at the Le Bourget Airport during the Paris Air Show.**
- 4. The Skytrax awards began in 1999 and are called the 'Oscars of the aviation industry'.**



BUSINESS NEWS

OpenAI secures \$200 million AI contract with US Defense Dept

OpenAI has secured a \$200 million contract from the US Department of Defense to develop AI tools for national security.

IFC invests \$60 million in Motilal Oswal alternates fund to support mid-market business growth

1. International Finance Corporation (IFC) has signed an agreement to invest \$60 million (about 150 cr rupees) in Motilal Oswal alternates.
2. This investment aims to help mid-market companies in India.

SPORTS

Andrea Kimi claims first F1 Podium at Canadian grand Prix



1. **Andrea Kimi Antonelli (Italy)**, an 18-year old Mercedes Rookie claims his **first Formula 1 podium** by finishing **3rd** in the **2025 Canadian Grand Prix** in **Montreal**.
2. He is also the **3rd youngest driver** to start a F1 race.

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