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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking observed on June 26th

1. The day was observed to strengthen action and co-operation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
2. The theme of the day is “The evidence is clear: Invest in Prevention. Break the cycle #StopOrganizedCrime”.
3. A central event will be held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi with BL Verma as Chief Guest (Union MoS for Social Justice and Empowerment).



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bihar to host its 1st Nuclear Power Plant under India's new SMR mission

1. Bihar's first nuclear power plant was announced under the Union Government's Nuclear Energy Mission.
2. The plant will be based on Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology.
3. It was launched in Union Budget 2025-26 with a funding of Rs. 20,000 cr.

India's 1st Quantum Computing Valley to launch in Amaravati



1. India's 1st Quantum Computing Valley will be launched in Amaravati.

2. The project was lead by Andhra's ITE&C Secretary Katamneni Bhaskar.

3. The initiative is called "Amaravati Quantum Valley Tech Park".

4. It will benefit educational institutions, pharma, healthcare, agritech and med-tech sectors.

5. Andhra government is collaborating with the Rata Tata Innovation Hub for youth training and upskilling.

INDEX & RANKINGS

SDG Index 2025

1. India for the first time secured a position among the top 100 countries in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index.

2. India ranked 99th out of 167 nations with a score of 67 in the 2025 edition of the Sustainable Development Report (SDR) which was released by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

3. The countries which hold the top three spots are,

❖ **Finland**

❖ **Sweden**

❖ **Denmark**

4. The index measures overall progress towards achieving the 17 SDGs adopted by the UN member states in 2015 with a score of 100.

BUSINESS NEWS

EPFO raises advance withdrawal limit to Rs.5 lakh for faster fund access

Union Labour Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** announced that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has raised the limit of auto-settlement of

advance withdrawal claims from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh which will be disbursed within three working days.

Bharat Biotech to supply GSK's malaria vaccine to GAVI

1. Bharat Biotech International will start supplying world's first malaria vaccine RTS.S which was developed by Global Biopharma major GSK to vaccine alliance Gavi from 2026.



2. RTS.S was the first malaria vaccine recommended by the WHO in 2021.

IRDAI slaps Rs.1 cr fine on Edelweiss Life

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a penalty of Rs. 1 cr on Edelweiss Life Insurance Company for violations of certain corporate governance guidelines.

SPORTS

Khelo India University games in Jaipur



1. The 5th Khelo India University games will be hosted jointly by Poornima University and Rajasthan University in Jaipur in November.

2. The games are expected to feature about 4,000 athletes from 200 Universities.

3. Chandigarh had topped the table in the last edition.

Indian wrestlers won four gold at U-17 wrestling

1. Indian wrestlers won four gold medals at the Asian U-17 wrestling championships which held in Vung Tau, Veitnam.

2. Rachana (43 kg), Moni (57 kg), Ashvini Vishnoi (65 kg) in Women's section and

Gourav Punia (65 kg) in men's freestyle claimed the **gold medals**.

3. Kajal (73 kg) won **silver** while Anjali (49 kg) won a **bronze** medal.

Neeraj wins at Ostrava golden spike

1. Javelin Ace Neeraj Chopra won at his maiden **Golden Spike meet in Ostrava, Czech Republic**.

2. He emerged on top in a nine-man field of 85.29m in the World Athletics Continental Tour gold event.



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