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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Slice launches India's first UPI-powered bank branch

1. Slice launched its first UPI-powered bank branch in Koramangala, Bengaluru.
2. It introduced both a UPI credit card and a physical bank branch with ATM services.
3. The slice UPI credit card has no joining or annual fee.
4. Users can make payments directly from their credit line by scanning QR codes.
5. Customers can earn **upto 3% cashback** on all spends.

India hosts 1st National Conference of Urban Local body chairpersons

1. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the first National Conference of Chairpersons of Urban Local bodies (ULBs) at Manesar, Gurugram.
2. The theme of the conference is “Role of ULBs in strengthening constitutional democracy and nation building”.

Indore launches India's first QR-based Digital House Address system



1. Indore launches India's first Digital House address project using QR code and GPS.
2. The initiative is led by Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) under the Smart City Mission.

3. The project is a pilot project and aims to standardize, digitize and simplify residential addresses.

4. Each house will get a unique QR coded metal plate linked with its GPS location.

Gujarat joins one crore club of stock market Investors

1. Gujarat has officially become the third state in India to cross the milestone of one crore registered stock market investors as per the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

2. The first and second states to cross this milestone are Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.



Nvidia to become the world's most valuable company

1. The global leader in high-end AI chips, Nvidia is set to become the most valuable company in the world.

2. Its market capitalisation soared to 3.92 trillion dollars which surpassed Apple's record of 3.915 trillion dollars.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Pakistan becomes UNSC's President

Pakistan has become the President of the United Nations Security Council for the month of July.

BUSINESS NEWS

Jio becomes world's largest fixed wireless access provider

1. Reliance Jio is set to become the world's largest fixed wireless access (FWA) provider which has surpassed T-mobile.

2. It provides broadband through 4G/5G networks instead of fiber or cable.

India's economy may grow by 6.4% to 6.7% in FY26

India's GDP is expected to grow between 6.4% and 6.7% in FY26 according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) says the President Rajiv Memani.

SBI opens new global trade finance centres

1. SBI has started two new Global trade Finance centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad.

2. These centres will make it easier for people and companies to do inland trade and to buy and sell goods across countries and also helps with import and export.

KVB partners with Kshema GI for bancassurance

1. KVB and Kshema General Insurance have entered into a strategic bancassurance alliance.

2. The partnership aims to offer a specially designed dual benefit insurance product.

3. The initiative is focused on insuring and uplifting the agri and rural economy.

APPOINTMENTS

Air Marshal S. Sivakumar takes charge as Air Officer

Air Marshal S. Sivakumar has now taken over as the Air Office-in-charge Administration (AOA) at Air Force Headquarters in New Delhi.



IndiGo appoints Amitabh Kant as Non-ED

1. IndiGo has appointed Amitabh Kant as a non-executive director.

2. He stepped down as India's G20 Sherpa and joined Canadian investment firm Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd as a senior adviser.

SPORTS

Gukesh beat Magnus Carlsen



World Champion D. Gukesh beat Norway's Magnus Carlsen in the sixth round of the Grand Chess Tour in Zagreb, Croatia.

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