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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS BANKING

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## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

#### India becomes 4<sup>th</sup> largest biofuel user in 2024

# 1. India has become the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest biofuel user in the world in 2024 surpassing China as per the latest world energy report.

2. India used 77 thousands barrels of oil equivalent per day (kbbloe/d) of biofuel in 2024 while China used 60 kbbloe/d.

#### Himachal becomes 1<sup>st</sup> state to use face ID for ration

1. Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to use face recogniton linked to Aadhar to give ration under the Public Distribution system (PDS).

2. This change is to help people easily verify their identity and avoid problems caused by old systems like fingerprint scans or OTPs.

#### India launches National biobank for health research

## 1. Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated a new National Biobank at CSIR-IGIB in New Delhi under the Phenome India project.

2. It will store health, genetic and lifestyle data from 10,000 people across India.

#### Government cuts toll rates by 50% on key highways

#### 1. The Road Transport Ministry announced a new rule that cuts toll fees by

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# upto 50% on parts of National Highways with structures like bridges and tunnels.

2. This decision is aimed at reducing travel costs and boosting highway usage.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Jennifer Geerlings becomes Suriname's 1st woman President



Jennifer Geerlings-Simons, a 71-year old doctor and congresswoman was chosen by Suriname's Parliament to become the first woman President in the country's history.

#### EU sets new 2040 climate target with flexibility

The EU announced its plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by 2040 which aims to reach carbon neutralilty by 2050.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Sukanya becomes Commonwealth youth peace ambassador

1. Sukanya Sonowal, an IIT-Guwahati student has been appointed as the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador.

2. She is from Lakhimpur district in Assam.

**3.** She will serve as Lead-Communications & Public Relations in the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network

(CYPAN) for the **2025-2027 term.** 



#### ICC appoints Sanjog Gupta as CEO



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1. Sanjog Gupta has been appointed as the new CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

2. He replaces Geoff Allardice.

3. He currently serves as the CEO of Sports and Live experiences at JioStar.

Sahil Kini named new CEO of RBI Innovation Hub

 Sahil Kini has been appointed as the new CEO of the Reserve Bank of India Innovation Hub (RBIH).
He succeeds Rajesh Bansal who is the founding CEO of RBIH.



#### **AWARDS & HONOURS**

#### SRN Mehta school wins in NASA contest

1. SRN Mehta CBSE school in Kalaburagi were declared winners of the NASA-NSS Space Settlement Design Contest 2025 international contest in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade category.

2. Their project created by a team of 11 students, stood out for its creative ideas and focus on building a sustainable space colony.

#### Deepika Padukone gets hollywood walk of fame star

Decepika Padukone has made history as the first Indian actress to be honoured with a Hollywood Walk of Fame Star.

#### **SPORTS**

#### Lando Norris wins Rainy British Grand Prix



Lando Norris won the British grand Prix 2025 at Silverstone, the UK.

#### Mexico beats USA in final to win 10<sup>th</sup> Gold Cup

- 1. Mexico beat the US at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas to win the 2025 CONCACAF Gold Cup Final.
- 2. This marks Mexico's 10<sup>th</sup> Gold Cup title.

#### India to bid for 2029 & 2031 WAC

# 1. India will submit a strategic bid to host either the 2029 or 2031 World Atheletics Championships.

2. This decision was confirmed by Adille Sumariwalla, Vice-President of World Athletics and former AFI President.

- 3. The host cities for both editions will be announced in September 2026.
- 4. Asia is already hosting 2025 and 2027 in Tokyo and Beijing.

#### India wins 11 medals at World Boxing Cup 2025

- 1. India won 11 medals at the World Boxing Cup 2025 in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- 2. Three Indian Women Boxers Sakshi (54kg), Jaismine (57kg) and Nupur (80+kg) won gold medals.
- 3. India's final medal tally was 3 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals.

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