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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS BANKING

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#### **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

#### Pradhan inaugurates Agritech Innovation hub in Meerut

1. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub at SVPUAT, Meerut aiming to modernize agriculture using digital tools.

2. IIT Ropar will provide IoT, AI and CPS technologies as part of a Centre of Excellence on AI in agriculture.

#### Delhi launches 'Saheli card' for free bus travel

#### 1. DTC will launch 'Saheli Cards' to replace pink tickets for free bus rides.

2. Only women and transgenders of Delhi residents will be eligible for free travel using these cards.

3. Aadhar and Delhi-based address proof will be required to apply.

#### Stamp released to honour Syama Prasad Mookerjee's 125th birth anniversary

1. The Department of Posts released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

2. The stamp was launched at a special event held at Siri Fort Auditorium, Delhi.

3. The event was organized by the Ministry of Culture.

#### Pandit Deenadayal Upadhyay poverty-free village scheme

- 1. Rajasthan government has launched a new scheme called the "Pandit Deenadayal Upadhyay Poverty-Free Village Scheme".
- 2. The aim of the scheme is to improve the economic condition of rural families living below the poverty line (BPL).
- 3. In it's first phase, the scheme covers 5,000 villages with a total financial outlay of Rs.300 crore.
- 4. Each identified BPL family can receive upto Rs.1 lakh for self-employment or livelihood activities.
- 5. Women in Self-help groups are eligible for working capital support of upto Rs.15,000 per family.
- 6. Families that have moved above the poverty line on their own will get a one-time incentive of Rs.21,000.
- 7. The incentive will be directly transferred to their verified bank accounts.
- 8. Till now, 17,891 out of 22,400 eligible bank accounts have been verified in the incentive.

#### Nistar, India's first indigeneous diving support ship

1. The Indian Navy has received its first indigeneously designed and built Diving Support Vessel (DSV), INS Nistar from Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL) at Vishakapatnam.

2. The warship measuring 118m with a tonnage of nearly 10,000 tonnes is equipped with state-of-art driving equipment and can undertake deep sea saturation diving for upto a depth of 300 m.

#### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

India and Namibia sign key deals during PM Modi's visit

- 1. India and Namibia signed an MoU to set up an Entrepreneurship **Development Center in Namibia.**
- 2. MoU was signed for co-operation in the field of Health and Medicine.
- **3.** Namibia became the first country globally to sign a licensing agreement to adopt India's UPI technology. **BENEVOLENT IAS ACADEMY**

#### **AWARDS & HONOURS**

#### Kasaragod wins Kerala fisheries department's excellence award 2025

- 1. Kasaragod district was awarded the Fisheries Department Excellence Award 2025 for its top performance under the Popular Fish Farming Project.
- 2. Ravi PP from Padanna and Sea Pearl Aquafarm of Kumbala were also honoured for excellence in fish seed production and innovative fish farming.
- **3.** The district previously won the Best district award in the Matsya Karshaka award and became the first Indian district to declare its own biodiversity symbols.

#### PM Modi gets Namibia's top civilian honour



1. PM Modi was conferred with Namibia's highest Civilian honour, "The Order of the most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabills" during his one-day visit.

2. It was presented by the Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah at a special ceremony.

# Sarankumar wins Chintha Raveendran award 2025

1. Marathi writer and critic Sarankumar Limbale has been selected for the Chintha Raveendran Award 2025.

2. The award includes Rs.50,000 cash, a momento and a citation.



3. It will be presented during the Chintha Raveendran commemoration event in Kozhikode.

#### **OBITUARY**

#### Umpire Bismillah passes away at 41



**1. ICC International Panel Umpire Bismillah JanShinwari passes away** atthe age of 41 in Peshawar.

2. He officiated 34 ODIs, 26 T20Is and over 175 domestic matches since his debut in 2017.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### Sabih Khan appointed as Apple's next COO

Sabih Khan has been appointed as Apple's new Chief Operating Officer (COO) succeeding Jeff Williams.



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