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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Union Cabinet approved 4 new semiconductor units

1. The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of 4 new semiconductor assembly and testing facilities in states namely **Punjab, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh** under its **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** with a total financial budget of **Rs.4,600 cr.**
2. ISM was officially launched by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) in 2021 with a total budget outlay of **Rs.76,000cr.**

India's defence production surged to record high of Rs.1.51 lakh cr

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh informed that annual defence production has surged to an all-time high of **Rs.1.51 lakh** in **FY25.**

DPIIT signs MoU with Zepto

Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) signed an **MoU** with **Zepto** to launch '**Zepto Nova**' innovation challenge with an aim to support the startups at their early stage in the manufacturing sector.

Titbits of Zepto

CEO - Aadit Palicha

Headquarters - Bengaluru, Karnataka

Established - 2021

India's 1st Drone - AI powered rain experiment

- 1. India's first Drone-AI cloud seeding experiment was conducted in Ramgarh Dam, Jaipur to trigger artificial rain.**
- 2. The project aims to revive the 129-year old reservoir, dry for the last 20yrs and improve water supply, agriculture and biodiversity.**
- 3. GenX AI and the Rajasthan govt are leading the initiative using Taiwan-made drones to spray sodium chloride in clouds.**



APPOINTMENTS

Odisha govt appointed Madhuri Dixit as brand ambassador



- 1. CM Mohan Charan Majhi of Odisha announced the appointment of Padma Shri awardee Madhuri Dixit as the brand ambassador of the state's handloom industry.**
- 2. She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2008 for the category of Arts.**

BANKING & FINANCE

NABARD, APGB & Aqua exchnage signed MoU

- 1. NABARD, Andhra Pradesh Grameena bank (APGB) and Aqua Exchange Agritech Pvt Ltd signed an MoU in Vijayawada to launch a pilot Internet of Things (IoT) enabled loan model for shrimp farmers.**
- 2. The total disbursement of loan will be Rs.25cr in collateral-free loans to around 100 shrimp farmers within 3-6 months with an initial sanction of Rs.1.25cr to 5 farmers.**
- 3. Rs.100 cr will be disbursed in FY26 and Rs.250cr in FY27.**

RBL partnered with CAMSPay to launch digital payment gateway

RBL bank has partnered with CAMSPay to launch a new digital payment gateway platform targeting Indian enterprises.

LTIMindtree joins India's first Quantum valley

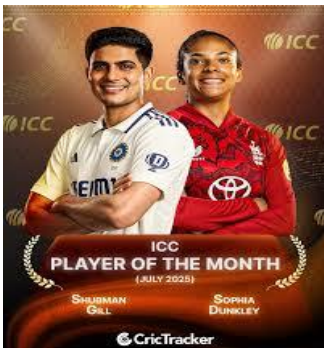
LTIMindtree announced a strategic collaboration with Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to develop India's first Quantum Valley Tech Park in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

SPORTS

India's U-20 football women's team qualifies for Asian Cup 2026

1. India's U-20 women's football team qualified for Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-20 Women's Asian Cup 2026 by defeating Myanmar which held in Thuwunna Stadium, Yangon, Myanmar.

ICC Players of the month - July 2025



The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced Shubman Gill (India) as the Men's player of the month and Sophia Dunkley (England) as the Women's player of the month for July 2025.

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