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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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#### IMPORTANT DAYS

##### World Senior Citizen day 2025



1. It is observed every year on August 21<sup>st</sup>
2. It is observed to honour and acknowledge the valuable contributions of senior citizens to society.

3. The theme of the day is “Empowering elderly voices for an inclusive future” (not an official theme)

##### International day of Remembrance and tribute to victims of terrorism 2025

1. The day was observed annually on August 21<sup>st</sup> and this year it is the 8<sup>th</sup> Commemoration.

2. It is observed to honour victims, support survivors and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms.

3. The theme of the day is “United by Hopes: Collective Action for Victims of terrorism”.



## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **SASCI scheme boosts tourism development with Rs.3,295.76cr**

- 1. The SASCI scheme aims to develop iconic and lesser-known tourist destinations across India.**
- 2. It focuses on creating a comprehensive and responsible tourist experience, promoting sustainability and local economic upliftment.**
- 3. 40 projects were sanctioned under this scheme with a total outlay of Rs.3,295.76cr.**
- 4. These projects are 100% centrally funded for capital investment.**

### **CCPA imposes Rs.10 lakh penalty on rapido**

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) **has imposed a Rs.10 lakh** penalty on Rapido for misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices.

### **Yamuna water pipeline project**

- 1. Haryana and Rajasthan have signed an MoU to jointly prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Yamuna water pipeline project.**
- 2. Phase-1 plans to transfer upto 577 MCM(Million Cubic Metres) of water.**

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### **India successfully test fired ‘Agni-5 ballistic missile’**

- 1. India successfully test fired its indigenously developed Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Agni-5 from the Integrated Test range, Chandipur, Odisha.**
- 2. The test was conducted under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) under the nuclear Command Authority (NCA).**

### **NASA & IBM created ‘Surya’ Advanced AI**

**NASA has introduced ‘Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)’**, an advanced AI system designed to understand and forecast space weather.

## **BANKING & FINANCE**

### **AU SFB launched UPI for NRE, NRO account holders**

**AU Small Finance Bank launched UPI services for Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) account holders using International mobile numbers following the directive of NPCI.**

### **Thomas cook India partners with Mastercard**

Thomas Cook partnered with Mastercard to enable contactless cross-border payments via G-pay allowing users to make secure payments at merchant locations worldwide.

## **ECONOMY & BUSINESS**

### **SBI projects India's GDP**

1. SBI Research released its Ecowrap report.
2. The report has estimated that the Indian Economy may have recorded a growth rate of around 6.8% - 7.0% in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY26 which is higher than RBI's forecast of 6.5%

## **SPORTS**

### **Ahmedabad to host three major International Sports events in 2025**



1. Ahmedabad will host three major International Sports Events in 2025 which includes **the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, the Asian Aquatics Championship and the AFC U-17 Asian Cup Football Qualifiers.**
2. India has been chosen to host the World Police and Fire Games in 2029 across Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Ekta nagar.

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