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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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#### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### International Day of Rural Women 2025



1. The United Nations (UN's) International Day of Rural Women (IDRW) is annually observed across the world on October 15 to honor the contributions of rural and indigenous women to agriculture, food security, and rural development.
2. The theme of the day is “The Rise of Rural Women: Building Resilient Futures with Beijing+30”.
3. The day was first First Observed in October 15, 2008.

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **MoM Classified 'Limestone' as Major Mineral to Boost Ease of Doing Business**

1. The Ministry of Mines (MoM) officially reclassified 'Limestone' as a 'Major Mineral' by removing end-use restrictions and issued a notification under Section 20A of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957).
2. Existing mining plans approved by state governments will remain valid until March 31, 2027, after which fresh approvals must be obtained.

### **IAF & UK's CSG Conducted Joint Aerial Exercise**

1. The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United Kingdom (UK)'s Carrier Strike Group (CSG) conducted a joint aerial exercise over the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
2. The objective is to enhance interoperability, mutual trust, and operational coordination between the forces of two countries.

### **MoL&E partners with Zomato to Boost Employment**

1. **The Ministry of Labor and Employment signed a MoU with Zomato** to enhance access to flexible and technology-enabled livelihood opportunities through the National Career Service (NCS) portal.
2. Under the new 'Aggregator' category, **Zomato will list around 2.5 lakh flexible livelihood opportunities annually on the NCS portal**, providing structured access to real-time income avenues for delivery partners and gig workers.

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **INS Sahyadri Participates in Inaugural of IN-RoKN Bilateral Naval Exercise**

1. **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri participated in the inaugural edition of Indian Navy-Republic of Korea bilateral exercise, held from October 13 to 18, 2025, making a port call in Busan, South Korea.**

2. INS Sahyadri, the third ship of the Shivalik-class stealth frigates, was built and commissioned in 2012.

### **India Elected For 7th time to UNHRC for 2026-28 Term**

1. India was elected unopposed to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) with 177 out of 188 votes for the 2026–28 term (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028), marking its seventh tenure on the Council.
2. UNHRC consists of 47 member states, serving three-year terms. They are elected by the UNGA.

### **BANKING & FINANCE**

#### **IMF raises India's FY26 growth forecast to 6.6%**

1. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its October 2025 World Economic Outlook (WEO) report titled 'Global Economy in Flux, Prospects Remain Dim'.
2. The IMF revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 upward by 20 basis points to 6.6 %. As per IMF India's growth for FY25 is 6.5%
3. Similarly, the growth for FY27 is projected at 6.2%

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Tarun Garg Appointed as MD and CEO of Hyundai India**



1. Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) appointed Tarun Garg as the new MD & CE) of the company, effective from January 1, 2026.

**2. He succeeds Unsoo Kim.**

### **OBITUARY**

#### **Goa Agriculture Minister and former CM Ravi Naik passed away**

1. Goa's Agriculture Minister and former Chief Minister (CM) Ravi Sitaram Naik passed away at the age of 79 in Ponda, Goa.

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