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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

MoPR Launches First-of-Its-Kind 'Model Youth Gram Sabha' Initiative

1. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj in collaboration with the Department of School Education & Literacy **launched the Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) initiative in New Delhi.**
2. During the launch, the MYGS Portal and a Teacher Training Module were unveiled to support the initiative's nationwide implementation.
3. The MYGS will be rolled out in a phased manner across more than 1,000 schools nationwide.
4. **An amount of Rs. 20,000 per school will be provided to each participating school as a one-time financial assistance for conducting each mock.**
5. The fund can be utilised for arrangement of Sabha, logistics support and refreshment.

EPFO Celebrates 73rd Foundation Day

1. **Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E), celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.**

2. On the occasion of EPFO Foundation Day 2025, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Employee Enrollment Scheme 2025, designed to encourage employers to voluntarily declare and enrol eligible employees under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF).
3. He also unveiled the revamped EPFO homepage with a new user-friendly domain www.epfo.gov.in
4. A Special Postal Cover was also launched to mark the occasion.
5. **The scheme was operational from 1st November 2025, exempts employers from paying the employee's share of contributions if it was not deducted earlier and imposes only a nominal penalty of Rs.100 per establishment.**

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia Inaugurated Sohra Tourism Circuit Project

1. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Ministry of Communications along with Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, **laid the foundation stone for the Integrated Development of the Sohra (Cherrapunji) Tourism Circuit in Sohra, Meghalaya.**
2. It aims to transform Sohra into a model for sustainable and community-led tourism in the Northeast.
3. **The total investment of the project is over Rs. 650 crore, including Rs. 221 crore contributed by the MDoNER.**

WAVES Animation Bazaar and 8th Edition of IndiaJoy Inaugurated in Hyderabad

1. **Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), inaugurated the WAVES (World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit) Animation Bazaar and the 8th edition of IndiaJoy at Hyderabad International Convention Center(HICC), Hitex, in Hyderabad, Telangana.**
2. An MoU was signed between IICT and T-Hub (Technology-Hub) to support startup incubation and innovation in the media and entertainment sector.

3. A new multilingual film certification system is introduced to simplify and streamline the approval process of film certification.

Indian Army hosts Young Leader Forum “Veer Yuva”

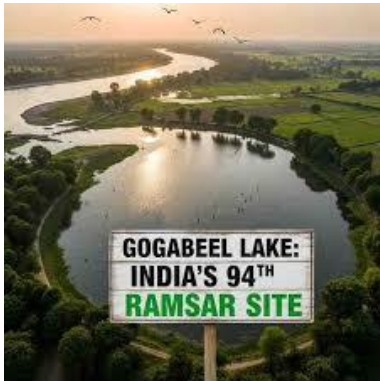
1. The Indian Army in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), hosted the Young Leaders Forum (YLF)-VEER YUVA at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
2. It aimed to empower youth as the torchbearers of change in shaping Viksit Bharat @2047 through leadership, innovation, and national service.

Delhi Govt Launches ‘Pink Saheli Smart Card’ for Free Bus Travel for Women and Transgenders

1. Rekha Gupta, CM of Delhi, launched the ‘Pink Saheli Smart Card’ initiative to provide free and convenient travel for women and transgender commuters on Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses, promoting safer, more inclusive, and accessible public transport in Delhi.
2. The smart card replaces the older pink-paper ticket system and is issued under the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) framework.
3. The digital smart card system securely delivers benefits to eligible users while allowing the card to be recharged for use across other transit systems in Delhi, ensuring efficient, integrated, and flexible commuting.
4. The initiative reduces travel costs, enhances safety and accessibility, promotes financial inclusion and sustainability, and helps decongest roads by encouraging public transport use.
5. Applicants are required to be bona fide residents of Delhi, be women, girls, or transgender individuals aged 12 years and above, and provide valid identification proof during the application process.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Gogabeel Lake in Bihar Designated as India's 94th Ramsar Site



1. Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change **announced that Gogabeel Lake in Katihar district of Bihar has been officially designated as Ramsar Convention Sites of International Importance, bringing the total number of internationally recognised Ramsar sites in India to 94.**
2. With this addition, **Bihar now has six Ramsar Sites, ranking third in India after Tamil Nadu(TN) (20 sites) and Uttar Pradesh(UP) (10 sites).**
3. Gokul Jalashay (448 ha) in Buxar district and Udaipur Jheel (319 ha) in West Champaran district were designated as India's 92nd and 93rd Ramsar Sites, respectively.
4. **India now hosts 94 Ramsar sites**, covering a total area of 13,60,805 hectares.
5. With the latest additions, **India holds the highest number of Ramsar Sites in South Asia and ranks first in Asia, while globally, it stands third, after the UK (176 sites) and Mexico (144 sites).**

Sunil Kant Munjal Conferred France's Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite

1. **Sunil Kant Munjal**, Chairman of Hero Enterprise and Founder of the Serendipity Arts Foundation, was **conferred the Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit), by the Ambassador of French to India H.E. Thierry Mathou, in New Delhi.**
2. The award recognises his contributions to education, culture, and innovation, and his efforts in strengthening cultural and institutional ties between France and India through arts and philanthropy.



APPOINTMENTS

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Felicitated Rohit Shetty, Harbhajan Singh, and Saina Nehwal as Fit India Icons

1. Union Minister Dr. Mansukh

Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports(MYAS) and Ministry of Labor & Employment felicitated **Bollywood**

filmmaker Rohit Shetty, World Cup-winning

cricketer Harbhajan Singh, and Olympic medallist **Saina Nehwal** as **Fit**

India Icons during the ‘**National Fitness & Wellness Conclave 2025**’ held at **The Trident, Mumbai, Maharashtra.**



2. Fit India Champions such as **Karan Tacker**, **Vishwas Patil**, and **Krishna Prakash** were recognized as **ambassadors** for their efforts to inspire citizens toward active lifestyles.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO Launched India’s Heaviest Military Communication Satellite ‘CMS-03’



1. ISRO has successfully launched India’s heaviest military communication satellite named ‘**CMS-03**’ or also known as **GSAT-7R**.

2. This weighs 4,410 kilogram (kg), aboard its indigenously made ‘**Launch Vehicle Mark-3**

(LVM3-M5)’ rocket, also dubbed as ‘**Bahubali**’ from the Second Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

3. This marked the **5th operational flight of LVM3 launcher**, previously used for ‘**Chandrayaan-3** mission in which India became the world’s 1st country to land successfully near the lunar South Pole.

4. This newly launched communication satellite is designed to **provide services for at least 15 years.**

SPORTS

New Zealand's Former Captain Kane Williamson Announced T20I Retirement

1. Former captain of New Zealand's men's cricket Team **Kane Stuart Williamson** announced his retirement from T-20 International (T20I) cricket format.
2. However, he will continue to play Test and One Day International (ODI) cricket for New Zealand.
3. Kane Williamson's innings of 85 runs in the 2021 T20 World Cup final against Australia stands as the highest individual score by a captain in any edition of the Men's T20 World Cup.



Indian Women's Cricket Team Won First-Ever ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 Title



1. The Indian Women's Cricket Team won first-ever International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's One Day International (ODI) World Cup 2025 title, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the final match held at the Dr. DY Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).
2. It was the 13th edition of the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 which was held from September 30 to November 2, 2025.
3. Total prize pool of Rs. 37.3 crore, reflecting a 239% rise from the previous edition.
4. India claimed USD 6.58 million (over Rs. 55 crore), while South Africa, the runners-up, received USD 3.24 million (around Rs. 27 crore).

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