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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Biosphere Reserves 2025



1. The International Day for Biosphere Reserves (BR), also known as the World Biosphere Reserve Day, is observed every year across the world on 3rd November by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to raise awareness about the importance of BR and to promote their conservation and sustainable management.

2. This year it was the 4th edition.

3. The first International Day for BR was celebrated on 3rd November 2022.

4. India has 18 designated BRs covering around 91,425 square kilometers (sq. km), out of which 13 are included in UNESCO's WNNR.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurates NEST cluster and Lays Foundation stone for Rs. 635 cr Development Projects in Assam

1. Union Minister **Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia**, Ministry of Communications and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region inaugurated the North Eastern Science & Technology (NEST) Cluster at Indian IIT Guwahati(Assam) and laid the foundation stone for transformative development projects worth Rs.635 cr across Assam.
2. It was established with an investment of Rs. 22.98 cr.

Kerala Becomes First Indian State to Eliminate Extreme Poverty

1. **Pinarayi Vijayan**, CM of Kerala, declared that Kerala had become the first state in India to eradicate extreme poverty, under the Extreme Poverty Alleviation Project (EPAP).
2. The EPEP was launched in 2021 by the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government to make Kerala free from extreme poverty by 2025.
3. 1,03,099 individuals from 64,006 families identified through local surveys based on food, health, housing, and livelihood indicators.
4. Over Rs. 1,000 crore spent and monitored by Chief Minister's Office (CMO) and the Local Self-Government Department (LSGD).

NITI Aayog Unveiled 'Reimagining Agriculture' Roadmap

1. The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub, an action tank for Viksit Bharat, unveiled a roadmap titled 'Reimagining Agriculture: A Roadmap for Frontier Technology Led Transformation' in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. It aims to enhance agricultural resilience, inclusive rural prosperity, and promote India's international competitiveness in agri-tech innovation.
3. It was developed in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group (BCG); Google, and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

CU-UP Launches India's 1st University led Startup Launchpad 'Campus Tank'

1. Chandigarh University-Uttar Pradesh (CU-UP), India's 1st Artificial Intelligence (AI)-augmented multidisciplinary university, has launched 'Campus Tank' for young innovators.
2. CU-UP has allocated a total fund of USD 6 million (nearly Rs 50 crore) for this initiative.

APPOINTMENTS

Sanjay Garg Appointed as New DG of BIS

1. Sanjay Garg, a 1994-batch Indian Administrative Service(IAS) officer from the Kerala cadre, was appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
2. He succeeded Pramod Kumar Tiwari.
3. His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)



Samia Suluhu Hassan Sworn in for Second Term as Tanzania's President



1. Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in for her second term as the President of Tanzania .
2. She is the first woman to hold the presidency and serves as the 6th President of Tanzania.

BANKING & FINANCE

NIPL Partners with Razorpay to Enable UPI Transactions

1. NPCI International Payments Limited (NPIL) partnered with Razorpay Curlec to enable Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions in Malaysia.

2. Under this partnership, Indian tourists and travelers visiting Malaysia will be able to make real-time UPI payments at local merchants using their existing UPI applications(apps), eliminating the need for carrying foreign currency or international cards.
3. The payment will be made in Indian Rupees (INR), while the Malaysian merchant will receive the amount in Malaysian Ringgit (MYR).

IPPB signs MoU with EPFO for doorstep Digital Life Certificate services

1. The India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), Ministry of Communications , has signed a MoU with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) under the Ministry of Labor & Employment to provide doorstep Digital Life Certificate (DLC) services to pensioners **under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995.**
2. The EPFO will bear the cost of issuing the DLC, **making the service free of cost** for them.

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