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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Overview of 18th UMI Conference & Exhibition

1. Union Minister, **Manohar Lal Khattar**, Ministry of Power (MoP), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) inaugurated the **18th** edition of the Urban Mobility India (**UMI**) Conference & Exhibition, in **Gurugram**, Haryana.
2. It was organized under the **theme “Urban Development and Mobility Nexus”**.
3. The event was **jointly organized by MoHUA, Government of India (GOI), and the Government of Haryana, in collaboration with Institute of Urban Transport (IUT) (India) and Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL)**.
4. During the event, Union Minister **Manohar Lal** launched the **logo and website of Pradhan Mantri (PM) e-Bus Sewa Scheme**.

C-DOT and IIT Gandhinagar partners to Establish CoE for Indigenous Telecom and Cybersecurity Research

1. The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), Ministry of Communications, and the IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, signed a MoU to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) focused on telecom and cybersecurity innovation.

NHAI collaborates with Google India to enhance safety and improve user convenience

1. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) partnered with Google India to provide near real-time, authoritative highway information through Google Maps via the API Setu (Application Programming Interface) platform.

Tamil Nadu to Launch India's First 'Women's Wellness on Wheels' Vehicle

1. The Tamil Nadu government announced the launch of India's inaugural "Women's Wellness on Wheels" (WWW) initiative, aiming to enhance women's health through mobile medical units.
2. A Rs.41 crore initiative providing mobile cancer screening for women, ensuring early detection and accessible breast and cervical cancer tests, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.
3. Rs 50,000 maturity funds will be given to 118 girls from South Chennai and Puducherry at age 18, with annual income eligibility expanded from Rs 72,000 to Rs 1,20,000.
4. Girls aged 14 and below receive free Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to prevent cervical cancer, implemented through schools, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and private hospitals via Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC), with a budget of Rs.36 crore.
5. The state plans to deploy 38 mobile units, one in each district, to provide comprehensive cancer screenings for women, including cervical and breast cancer tests.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bangladesh Joined UN Water Convention

1. Bangladesh became the 1st South Asian country as well as 56th country globally, to join the United Nations (UN) Water Convention which is

officially known as the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary

Watercourses and International Lakes.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju Signed Bilateral Haj Agreement with Saudi Arabia for Haj 2026

1. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA), signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj 2026 with Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
2. The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen bilateral coordination on Haj management and enhance facilities for Indian pilgrims.

Quad Naval Exercise MALABAR 2025

1. The 29th edition of the multilateral Exercise Malabar(2025) began at Guam in the Northern Pacific Ocean (NPO), hosted by the United States of America.
2. The exercise involves the navies of India, the USA, Japan, and Australia and will run until 18 November 2025.
3. The IN's indigenously built Shivalik-class Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, Indian Naval Ship(INS) Sahyadri, represented India in Exercise Malabar 2025.
4. The warship was built by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

BANKING & FINANCE

AU Small Finance Bank Launched 'M Circle' for Women

1. AU Small Finance Bank Limited (AU SFB) launched 'M Circle', a specialized banking proposition designed exclusively for women to address evolving financial, lifestyle, and healthcare needs of modern Indian women.
2. It is available to women who hold AU SFB's premium accounts, including AU Ivy, AU Eternity, AU Royale, and AU Platinum.

SPORTS

Taiwan's Olympic Medallist Tai Tzu-ying Announces Retirement from Badminton



- 1. Taiwan's badminton star and Olympic silver medallist Tai Tzu-ying announced her retirement from professional badminton at the age of 31.**
- 2. She won the silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics (Japan),** becoming the first woman from Taiwan to secure an Olympic medal in badminton.
- 3. Clinched the gold medal at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games(Indonesia),** becoming a continental champion.
- 4. World Championships: Secured silver in 2021 (Spain) and bronze in 2022 (Japan).**

UAE to Host 2026 Asian Youth Archery Championship

- 1. UAE Archery Foundation won the bid to host the 2026 Asian Youth Archery Championship, which will take place in Khorfakkan, UAE.**
- 2. Virendra Sachdeva, President of the Archery Association of India (AAI),** has been elected as an Executive Member of World Archery Asia (WAA)
- 3. It was led by Hanadi Khalifa Al Kaboori, President of the UAE Archery Federation.**

Sheetal Devi Becomes First Indian Para Archer in Able-Bodied National Team



- 1. 18-year-old para-archer Sheetal Devi, from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir became the first Indian para-athlete selected for an able-bodied national archery team at an event held from 3-6 November 2025, at the National Centre of Excellence, Sonipat , Haryana**

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