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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy Launches 'KOYLA SHAKTI' Dashboard and CLAMP Portal

1. Union Minister **G. Kishan Reddy**, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines virtually launched the '**KOYLA SHAKTI**', a Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard (**SCAD**) and the Coal Land Acquisition, Management and Payment(**CLAMP**) **Portal** in New Delhi.
2. The aim to provide equitable, transparent, and time-bound compensation to all affected stakeholders.
3. **It is developed by the Ministry of Coal** to digitize land acquisition, compensation, and rehabilitation & resettlement processes for coal projects.

TCoE India Signed Pacts to Roll Out Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Pilot Project in 3 States

1. Telecom Centres of Excellence (TCoE) India, under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communication, has signed agreements with leading implementation partners Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) in Ari & Umri in Madhya Pradesh I-Novate Infotech Private Limited in Chaurawala

in Uttar Pradesh and Corpus Enterprises Private Limited in Narakoduru in Andhra Pradesh to roll out the Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Pilot.

2. Each village will host Samriddhi Kendra (SK) which will serve as an integrated digital service hub for a period of 2 years.

India Commenced Tri-Services Exercise ‘Ex Trishul’ in Coordination with IAF & IN

1. **India commenced the large scale tri-services military exercise ‘Ex Trishul’** conducted along the western border with Pakistan border and will **run till November 10, 2025.**
2. The Southern Command under the leadership of Lieutenant (Lt.) General Dhiraj Seth.
3. The exercise is being held in close coordination with the Indian Army(IA), Indian Navy (IN) and Indian Air Force (IAF).

Union Minister Piyush Goyal Launches Rs.1 Lakh Crore Anusandhan Fund

1. Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry **launched Anusandhan National Research Fund (Anusandhan Fund) worth Rs.1 lakh crores (approximately USD 12 billion)** during The Indus Entrepreneurs Conference(TiEcon) Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) in **New Delhi.**
2. The fund aims to provide sustained financial support for transformative research and innovation projects, enhancing the technological and industrial growth of India.
3. The fund focuses on areas, including advanced manufacturing, deep tech, green technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductors, and biotechnology.
4. The fund will be implemented by Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), under Ministry of Science and Technology .

SBI Foundation & ICRISAT Launch “SMART-CROP” Project to Support Smallholder Farmers

1. **SBI Foundation**, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of State Bank

of India (SBI), in collaboration with the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), and Agribridge, **launched the SMART-CROP (Sustainable Monitoring and Real-time Tracking for Crop Resilience and Optimal Practices) project, in Hyderabad, Telangana.**

2. It aims to strengthen the **resilience and productivity of over 8,000 smallholder farmers in Karnataka and Telangana.**
3. The three-year initiative is supported under SBI Foundation's LEAP (Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Programme).
4. It focus on the crops like Pulse crops, specifically chickpea and pigeonpea.

APPOINTMENTS

Cameroon President Paul Biya Becomes World's Oldest President



1. Incumbent President of Cameroon, Paul Barthélemy Biya'a bi Mvondo, representing the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (CPDM), won the Cameroon's 2025 Presidential Election, securing 53.7% of the votes against Issa Tchiroma Bakary, who received 35.2% of the votes.
2. Paul Biya became the world's longest-serving and oldest President at the age of 92 years.

BANKING & FINANCE

U.S.A, Singapore accounted for one-third of FDI during FY25

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the provisional result of the 2024-25 round of the annual census on foreign liabilities and Assets (FLA).
2. As per the census, the United States of America (USA) and Singapore accounted for over one-third of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India during 2024-25.
3. The other top sources included Mauritius, the United Kingdom (UK) and Netherlands.
4. Of the total FDI during 2024-25 was Rs 68,75,931 crore, the share of the US

was 20 per cent, followed by Singapore (14.3 per cent), Mauritius (13.3 per cent), the UK (11.2 per cent) and the Netherlands (9 per cent).

ADB Approved USD 460 Million Loan for Agricultural Solarization

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 460 million results-based loan for the ‘Maharashtra Power Distribution Enhancement Program for Agricultural Solarization’ to strengthen rural power infrastructure and promote solar-powered irrigation.
2. An additional USD 40 million concessional loan from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF), administered by ADB, will complement the program.
3. It is Aligned with Maharashtra’s Power Sector Vision 2030 to boost renewable energy and rural energy access.
4. The program will deliver daytime solar power to 900,000 farmers by 2028, cut 3 million tons of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, lower costs and losses, and reduce transformer failures by 25%.

BPCL and OIL Signs MoU to Build Greenfield Refinery in AP

1. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oil India Limited (OIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to explore collaboration for BPCL’s upcoming greenfield refinery and petrochemical complex near Ramayapatnam Port, Nellore district Andhra Pradesh (AP).
2. The 9–12 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) facility will be developed with an estimated investment of Rs 1 lakh crore (USD 11 billion).

SPORTS

Punjab’s Namitbir Singh Walia Achieves International Master Title in Chess



1. Punjab’s Namitbir Singh Walia from Jalandhar achieved an International Master (IM) in Chess after securing the 4th position at the 3rd Annemasse International Masters Tournament, held in France.

2. Dushyant Sharma made history on 1st February, 2022, by becoming Punjab's first IM in chess.
3. The title was awarded by the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

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