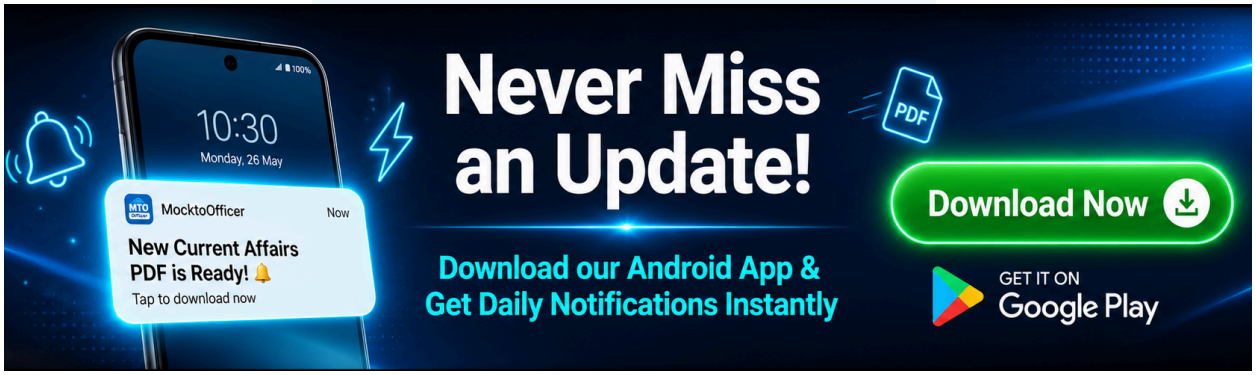
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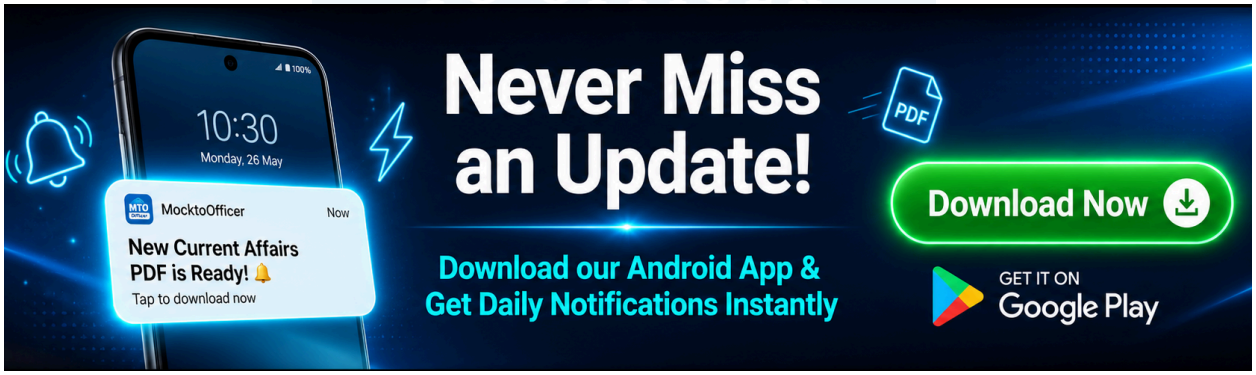
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PIB News

News Title Index of Core Industries Records Four Point Eight Percent Growth in August 2026

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RBI Grade B, SBI PO, IBPS Bank PO, UPSC Economy, and SSC CGL — critical for questions on macroeconomic indicators, core sector weightages, and monthly industrial growth trends.

News in One Liner India's Index of Core Industries recorded a year-on-year growth of four point eight percent in August 2026, driven primarily by strong performance in cement, electricity, and iron ore.

Detailed News

●Ministry of Commerce and Industry released provisional estimates for the Index of Core Industries (ICI), showing 4.8% year-on-year growth for August 2026 compared to August 2025.
●Five out of eight core sectors observed positive year-on-year expansion: Cement surged by 12.5%, Electricity grew by 11.6%, Iron Ore expanded by 5.5%, Steel rose by 3.4%, and Refinery Products increased by 2.6%.
●Four core segments recorded negative growth in August 2026: Coal, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, and Fertilizers.
●The final Index of Core Industries YoY growth rate for July 2026 was revised downward to 5.0% from the provisional estimate of 5.4%.

Connect the Dots The Index of Core Industries accounts for 40.27% of the total weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), making it a leading indicator for broader industrial output and GDP calculations.

Static Points Related to News

●Index of Core Industries (ICI) is released monthly by the Office of the Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
●The base year for the Index of Core Industries is 2011-12 (currently transitioning towards 2022-23 base framework updates).
●Electricity holds the highest weightage (30.93%) among the core industries, followed by Refinery Products (22.57%) and Steel (17.58%), while Fertilizer holds the lowest weightage (2.73%).

Points to Remember

●The YoY growth rate of ICI for August 2026 stands at 4.8%.

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●Cement registered the highest individual sectoral growth rate at 12.5%.
●Core sectors represent 40.27% of the total weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

News Title Ministry of Defence Signs Rupees Five Hundred Eighty-Six Crore Contract for Auxiliary Power Units for T-72 and T-90 Tanks

Exam Radar Exam Radar: CDS, NDA, AFCAT, SSC CGL, and Banking Mains — relevant for direct questions on defence procurement contracts, Make-II indigenization schemes, and armoured vehicle modernization.

News in One Liner Ministry of Defence inked a contract worth rupees five hundred eighty-six crore with Accurate Industrial Controls Private Limited to procure indigenous Auxiliary Power Units for T-72 and T-90 main battle tanks.

Detailed News
●Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a rupees five hundred eighty-six crore procurement contract with Accurate Industrial Controls Private Limited in New Delhi in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.
●The contract covers the supply of indigenously developed Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) for the Indian Army's T-72 and T-90 main battle tank fleets.
●APUs serve as an independent auxiliary source of electric power to operate fire control systems, gun stabilization systems, firing circuits, and operational electronics without running the main engine.
●The procurement was processed under the industry-led Research and Development (Make-II) route to boost indigenous manufacturing of critical subsystems for armoured platforms.

Connect the Dots This procurement falls under the Make-II scheme of the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, which promotes prototype development of equipment/system/sub-system funded by industry for import substitution.

Static Points Related to News
●Make-II procedure involves industry-funded prototype development of equipment or sub-systems primarily aimed at import substitution and self-reliance.
●T-90 'Bhishma' and T-72 'Ajeya' form the primary armored backbone of the Indian Army's Mechanised Infantry and Armoured Corps.
●Ministry of Defence maintains its headquarters at South Block, New Delhi.

Points to Remember
●Total contract value signed by the Ministry of Defence is rupees five hundred eighty-six crore.

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●The contract was awarded to Accurate Industrial Controls Private Limited under the Make-II procurement route.
●APUs supply electric power for fire control, firing circuits, and gun stabilization on T-72 and T-90 tanks.

News Title Union Ministry of Health Launches Seventh National Formulary of India 2026 and Announces Biovigilance Programme

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, State PSCs, TNPSC, and Banking Mains — important for questions on public health initiatives, pharmacovigilance networks, medical device monitoring, and clinical guidelines.

News in One Liner Union Minister of State for Health Smt. Anupriya Patel launched the 7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026 and announced the government-approved Biovigilance Programme of India.

Detailed News
●Union MoS for Health and Family Welfare Smt. Anupriya Patel inaugurated the 7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI 2026) in New Delhi during the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week (17–23 September 2026).
●NFI 2026 comprises 34 chapters, 20 appendices, and 653 drug monographs (including 42 fixed-dose combinations and 30 immunologicals) aligned with the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM).
●The government formally approved the Biovigilance Programme of India (BiVPI), designating the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) to monitor adverse events linked to organ, tissue, and cell transplantation.
●The Ministry launched the 'ADR-PvPI 2.0' mobile app for iOS devices alongside a national guidance document for safety monitoring of medical device-related adverse events (Materiovigilance).
●India improved its global standing in the World Health Organization (WHO) patient safety database (VigiBase), rising from 123rd position to 8th globally in total safety contributions.

Connect the Dots The integration of Pharmacovigilance (PvPI), Materiovigilance (MvPI), and the newly launched Biovigilance (BiVPI) creates a comprehensive three-tier surveillance mechanism under the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission to enforce post-market medical safety standards.

Static Points Related to News
●Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, headquartered in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

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●IPC became a member of the Pharmacopoeial Discussion Group (PDG) in 2023, enhancing global harmonization of drug standards.
●National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) guides national procurement and price regulation of vital pharmaceuticals.

Points to Remember
●The 7th Edition of NFI contains 653 drugs, 42 fixed-dose combinations, and 30 immunologicals.
●The Biovigilance Programme of India (BiVPI) will monitor adverse events in organ and tissue transplantations.
●India climbed to 8th position globally in contributions to the WHO patient safety database.

News Title Indian Shooters Win Silver Medal in Women's Ten Meter Air Rifle Event at Asian Games 2026

Exam Radar Exam Radar: SSC CGL, RRB NTPC, State PSCs, and Banking Exams — highly relevant for direct questions on international sports tournaments, medal winners, and sports disciplines.

News in One Liner Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Indian shooting trio Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan, and Vidarsa K. Vinod for winning the Silver Medal in the Women's 10m Air Rifle team event at the Asian Games 2026.

Detailed News
●The Indian women's shooting team comprising Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan, and Vidarsa K. Vinod secured the Silver Medal in the 10-meter Air Rifle team event at the Asian Games 2026.
●Prime Minister Narendra Modi commended the shooters for their teamwork and outstanding performance, noting that their dedication will inspire aspiring athletes across the nation.

Connect the Dots Shooting remains one of India's most successful sporting disciplines at major international multi-sport events, supported directly under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and Khelo India infrastructure.

Static Points Related to News
●National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) was founded in 1951 to promote and govern target shooting sports in India.
●Asian Games are governed by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and held quadrennially.
●Elavenil Valarivan is a former world number one in the 10m Air Rifle discipline and an Arjuna Award recipient.

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Points to Remember
●The Silver Medal was won in the Women's 10m Air Rifle team event at the Asian Games 2026.
●The three medal-winning shooters are Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan, and Vidarsa K. Vinod.

News Title India and Sri Lanka Commence Thirteenth Edition of Annual Maritime Exercise SLINEX-26

Exam Radar Exam Radar: CDS, NDA, AFCAT, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — highly relevant for direct questions on bilateral military exercises, participating naval platforms, and naval command locations.

News in One Liner The 13th edition of the Sri Lanka-India bilateral maritime exercise, SLINEX-26, kicked off at Visakhapatnam under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command.

Detailed News
●The 13th edition of the annual bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka, SLINEX-26, is taking place in Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026.
●Indian Navy is represented by indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette INS Kavaratti and Fleet Tanker INS Jyoti, while Sri Lanka Navy deployed SLNS Sindurala.
●The exercise features a Harbour Phase involving professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sports, and cultural events, followed by a Sea Phase focused on tactical operational maneuvers.
●SLINEX-26 operates in alignment with India's regional maritime framework MAHASAGAR to bolster regional security and mutual interoperability.

Connect the Dots First conceptualized in 2005, SLINEX forms a core pillar of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) framework to enhance Indian Ocean security.

Static Points Related to News
●Eastern Naval Command is headquartered in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
●INS Kavaratti is an indigenously designed Kamorta-class anti-submarine warfare corvette built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).
●The acronym MAHASAGAR stands for Maritime Security and Growth for All in the Region.

Points to Remember
●The 13th edition of SLINEX-26 is being hosted at Visakhapatnam.
●Indian participating naval ships include INS Kavaratti and INS Jyoti.

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●Sri Lankan Navy participated with the offshore patrol vessel SLNS Sindurala.

News Title Prime Minister Distributes Over Fifty-One Thousand Appointment Letters at Twentieth Rozgar Mela

Exam Radar Exam Radar: IBPS Bank PO, SBI Clerical Main, SSC CGL, and RRB NTPC — worth watching for questions on flagship government employment schemes, skill development targets, and administrative capacity building.

News in One Liner Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed out more than 51,000 appointment letters to new recruits at the 20th Rozgar Mela, highlighting PM-SETU and employment linkage schemes.

Detailed News

●Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed over 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited government personnel during the 20th edition of the Rozgar Mela via video conferencing.
●The Prime Minister emphasized key skilling initiatives including the PM-SETU scheme, which is modernizing 1,000 government ITIs with an outlay of rupees 60,000 crore alongside direct industry involvement.
●The address highlighted the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana, a rupees one lakh crore initiative targeting formal workforce entry for two crore youth with incentives up to rupees 15,000 for first-time employees.
●Fresh recruits were encouraged to continuously upgrade their administrative skills through Mission Karmayogi and the Karmayogi Prarambh module on the iGOT platform.

Connect the Dots Rozgar Mela functions as a central catalyst supporting the broader Skill India Mission and National Education Policy 2020 objectives to align administrative governance with youth empowerment and economic expansion.

Static Points Related to News

●Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building) was approved in September 2020 to transform civil service capacity building.
●iGOT (Integrated Government Online Training) Karmayogi is a digital portal offering continuous learning opportunities to civil servants.
●The PM-SETU (Skill Ecosystem Transformation and Upgradation) scheme targets modernization of ITIs nationwide.

Points to Remember

●Over 51,000 appointment letters were handed out at the 20th Rozgar Mela.

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●PM-SETU features an investment of rupees 60,000 crore to modernize 1,000 ITIs.
●PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana carries a rupees one lakh crore allocation to bring two crore youth into formal employment.

News Title Prime Minister Inaugurates International Conference on Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, State PSCs, and RBI Grade B — critical for questions on climate jurisprudence, non-fossil energy achievements, and environmental judicial institutions.

News in One Liner Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Green Tribunal's two-day International Conference in New Delhi and released the official NGT Mobile Application.

Detailed News
●Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the two-day International Conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics' organized by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in New Delhi.
●Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, Attorney General R. Venkataramani, and NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava attended the inauguration.
●Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav highlighted that non-fossil energy sources now account for 54.18% of India's total installed electricity generation capacity, surpassing the COP26 target nine years early.
●The Prime Minister formally launched the NGT Mobile Application to enhance digital access to environmental legal proceedings and case tracking.

Connect the Dots This conference reflects India's climate commitments under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) submitted to the UNFCCC, reinforcing constitutional mandates under Article 48A and Article 51A(g) for environmental protection.

Static Points Related to News
●National Green Tribunal (NGT) was established on 18 October 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010 for effective disposal of environmental protection cases.
●India is only the third country in the world—and the first developing nation—to establish a specialized environmental tribunal like the NGT.
●NGT maintains its Principal Bench in New Delhi, with zonal benches in Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata, and Chennai.

Points to Remember

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●Non-fossil sources now constitute 54.18% of India's installed electricity capacity.
●The official NGT Mobile Application was launched during the conference.
●The international conference saw participation from delegates representing 17 countries along with UNEP and ADB.

News Title Ministry Mandates Biometric Aadhaar Authentication for Subsidised Domestic LPG Refills

Exam Radar Exam Radar: SBI PO, IBPS Bank PO, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — highly relevant for questions on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanisms, Aadhaar mandates, and energy subsidies.

News in One Liner Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas announced that Biometric Aadhaar Authentication will become mandatory for domestic LPG consumers to obtain subsidized refills from October 1, 2026.

Detailed News
●Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas mandated Biometric Aadhaar Authentication (BAA) starting 1 October 2026 for domestic LPG consumers seeking subsidized Retail Selling Price (RSP) refills.
●The authentication measure aims to streamline subsidy distribution, curb commercial misuse of domestic cylinders, and eliminate fake or ghost connections.
●Consumers who choose not to undergo biometric verification can opt out via OMC digital applications, portals, or WhatsApp to purchase non-subsidized 5 kg or 10 kg cylinders at market price.
●Over 27.43 crore active consumers (representing 89.9% of the total domestic user base) have already completed biometric authentication.

Connect the Dots This initiative expands the PAHAL (Pratyaksh Hanstantrit Labh) scheme framework, which leverages the JAM (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile) trinity to eliminate leakages in central subsidy delivery.

Static Points Related to News
●PAHAL scheme was introduced nationwide in 2015 to transfer LPG subsidies directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts.
●Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) handling domestic LPG distribution in India include IOCL (Indane), BPCL (Bharatgas), and HPCL (HP Gas).
●Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) manages Aadhaar identification under the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

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Points to Remember
●Biometric Aadhaar Authentication becomes mandatory for subsidized LPG refills from 1 October 2026.
●Approximately 89.9% (27.43 crore) of active consumers have completed the biometric validation.
●Consumers opting out can purchase non-subsidized 5 kg or 10 kg cylinders at prevailing market prices.

News Title Keel Laying Ceremony Held for First Next Generation Missile Vessel at Cochin Shipyard

Exam Radar Exam Radar: CDS, NDA, AFCAT, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — highly relevant for questions on naval shipbuilding projects, indigenous defence manufacturing, and warship acquisition milestones.

News in One Liner Cochin Shipyard Limited executed the keel laying ceremony for the first vessel of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Missile Vessel project in Kochi.

Detailed News
●The Keel Laying Ceremony for the lead ship of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Missile Vessel (NGMV) project took place at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi on 18 September 2026.
●Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu attended the milestone ceremony as the Chief Guest alongside senior naval and CSL officials.
●Ministry of Defence previously concluded the commercial procurement contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited in March 2023 for constructing these high-speed combat ships.
●The NGMVs are designed to be equipped with advanced indigenous anti-ship weapons, surface-to-air missiles, and state-of-the-art sensors to bolster operational strike power in the Indian Ocean Region.

Connect the Dots This warship construction project aligns directly with the 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' defence mandates aimed at building a fully indigenous blue-water navy.

Static Points Related to News
●Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) functions as a Miniratna Category-I Public Sector Undertaking headquartered in Kochi, Kerala.
●Keel laying represents the formal recognition of the start of a ship's construction lifecycle.
●Indian Navy celebrates Navy Day on 4 December to commemorate Operation Trident during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.

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●Keel laying of the first NGMV took place at Cochin Shipyard Limited on 18 September 2026.
●Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu served as the Chief Guest for the ceremony.
●The initial construction contract for the NGMVs was signed with CSL in March 2023.

News Title Prime Minister Highlights National Climate Progress at International Environmental Summit

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, State PSCs, RBI Grade B, and SSC CGL — critical for direct questions on Paris Agreement targets, renewable energy adoption, and EV expansion numbers.

News in One Liner Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the international environmental conference, underscoring that India achieved all its Paris Agreement COP-21 targets well ahead of scheduled timelines.

Detailed News
●Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India remains the only G20 member nation to have fulfilled its Paris COP-21 climate commitments ahead of deadline.
●India's per-capita carbon emissions remain less than half the global average despite sustained national economic growth.
●National renewable energy capacity from non-fossil sources quadrupled over the past twelve years.
●Rooftop solar installations under PM Surya Ghar reached over five million homes, while PM-KUSUM supported three million farmers with solar irrigation pumps.
●Electric vehicle sales in India recorded sharp growth, expanding from fewer than three thousand units prior to 2014 to nearly two point five million units over the past year.

Connect the Dots These achievements tie into India's long-term 'Panchamrit' strategy announced at COP26 Glasgow, aiming to reach 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity and Net Zero emissions by 2070.

Static Points Related to News
●Paris Agreement (COP-21) was adopted in 2015 to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.
●PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched in 2024 to provide subsidized rooftop solar systems to households.
●Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) maintains its headquarters in New Delhi.

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●India remains the sole G20 nation to meet its Paris COP-21 targets early.
●Rooftop solar installations under PM Surya Ghar crossed five million homes.
●Annual electric vehicle sales in India reached nearly two point five million units.

News Title Ministry of Consumer Affairs Relaxes Sugar Stockholding Limits for Bulk Industrial Users

Exam Radar Exam Radar: IBPS Bank PO, SBI PO, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — relevant for questions on agricultural trade regulations, Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP), and industrial stock limits.

News in One Liner Union Government doubled the sugar stockholding limit for bulk industrial consumers to thirty days while increasing the Fair and Remunerative Price for farmers.

Detailed News
●Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution relaxed the sugar stockholding limit for bulk industrial consumers utilizing over ten metric tonnes monthly from fifteen days to thirty days of consumption.
●Any additional sugar stocks above the permitted limit must be procured exclusively through imported sugar under the Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS) or Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ).
●The Ministry noted a ten percent drop in ex-mill sugar prices from rupees sixty-five down to rupees fifty-eight point five per kilogram, instructing trade channels to pass price cuts to retail buyers.
●Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) payable by sugar mills to sugarcane farmers stands enhanced to rupees three hundred sixty-five per quintal with effect from 1 October 2026.

Connect the Dots The FRP for sugarcane is determined under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, based on recommendations from the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) to ensure income protection for sugarcane growers.

Static Points Related to News
●Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) functions as an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
●India operates as one of the world's largest producers and consumers of sugar.
●Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) is the minimum price that sugar mills are statutorily required to pay to sugarcane farmers.

Points to Remember
●Sugar stockholding limit for bulk industrial users was extended from 15 days to 30 days.

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●Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane rises to rupees 365 per quintal from 1 October 2026.
●Ex-mill sugar prices dropped approximately 10% to rupees 58.50 per kilogram.

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Industry News

News Title India and New Zealand Finalize Bilateral Free Trade Agreement Scheduled for October Implementation

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RBI Grade B, SBI PO, UPSC Economy & IR, and SSC CGL — high probability of direct questions on international trade pacts, tariff waivers, and FDI commitments.

News in One Liner Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the comprehensive India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement will formally enter into force on 20 October 2026.

Detailed News
●Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed that the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will officially come into effect on 20 October 2026.
●The bilateral agreement provides one hundred percent duty-free market access for Indian exports to New Zealand, eliminating peak tariffs up to ten percent on textiles, leather goods, jewelry, and auto components.
●New Zealand committed to injecting twenty billion US dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India over a fifteen-year timeframe.
●Sensitive domestic agricultural sectors in India—including dairy, sugar, chickpeas, and corn—are protected and excluded from tariff concessions.
●The trade pact establishes a target to double bilateral trade in goods and services to seven billion New Zealand dollars by the year 2030.

Connect the Dots This agreement builds upon India's trade expansion strategy across the Indo-Pacific region, joining recent trade deals signed with Australia, the UAE, and EFTA nations to integrate Indian exporters into global value chains.

Static Points Related to News
●Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry formulates India's Foreign Trade Policy (FTP).

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●Wellington serves as the capital city of New Zealand, while the New Zealand Dollar (NZD) functions as its official currency.
●Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) eliminate or reduce tariffs, quotas, and non-tariff barriers on goods and services traded between partner nations.

Points to Remember
●The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement comes into force on 20 October 2026.
●New Zealand pledged twenty billion US dollars in Foreign Direct Investment over 15 years.
●Bilateral trade target is set at seven billion New Zealand dollars by 2030.

News Title Central Board of Direct Taxes Removes Personal Arrest Provisions from Tax Recovery Framework

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RBI Grade B, IBPS Bank PO, SEBI Grade A, and Corporate Law/Taxation Exams — highly relevant for statutory tax amendments, civil enforcement rules, and compliance extensions.

News in One Liner Central Board of Direct Taxes notified the Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, removing arrest and personal detention provisions from tax recovery procedures with retrospective effect.

Detailed News
●Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) issued the Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026, officially removing personal arrest and detention provisions from tax recovery processes.
●The amendment applies retrospectively with effect from 1 April 2026, shifting enforcement focus exclusively toward property attachment and financial asset liquidation.
●The regulatory change aligns with parliamentary legislative efforts aimed at decriminalizing minor tax defaults and establishing a non-adversarial tax administration.
●CBDT granted a six-month extension until 31 March 2027 for registered valuers and authorized tax practitioners to complete formal registration updates under the revised Income-tax Act rules.

Connect the Dots This administrative reform aligns with the 'Taxpayers' Charter' introduced in 2020, which guarantees fair treatment, privacy protection, and objective enforcement mechanisms for all taxpayers.

Static Points Related to News
●Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) functions as a statutory body constituted under the Central Boards of Revenue Act, 1963.

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●CBDT operates under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, headquartered in New Delhi.
●Income-tax Act of 1961 serves as the primary statutory framework governing direct taxation in India.

Points to Remember
●Personal arrest and detention provisions were removed from tax recovery rules retrospectively from 1 April 2026.
●Tax recovery will henceforth proceed strictly through property attachment and asset sales.
●Tax valuers and practitioners received an extension until 31 March 2027 to finalize registration requirements.

News Title BHEL and Titagarh Rail Systems Form Joint Venture for Vande Bharat Sleeper Fleet Maintenance

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RRB NTPC, SSC CGL, SBI PO, and State PSCs — worth watching for questions on railway rolling stock contracts, public-private joint ventures, and long-term maintenance agreements.

News in One Liner BHEL and Titagarh Rail Systems established a equal 50:50 joint venture company to handle the thirty-five-year maintenance contract for eighty Vande Bharat Sleeper trainsets.

Detailed News
●State-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL) executed a 50:50 joint venture agreement for the long-term maintenance of Vande Bharat Sleeper trains.
●The joint venture is formed as part of a larger rupees twenty-four thousand crore contract awarded by Indian Railways covering the manufacturing and maintenance of eighty Vande Bharat Sleeper trainsets.
●The JV agreement mandates comprehensive lifecycle maintenance and depot management across a thirty-five-year operational timeframe.
●The corporate entity will be incorporated as a private limited company in New Delhi with an initial paid-up capital of rupees fifty lakh.

Connect the Dots This rolling stock partnership supports Indian Railways' plan to upgrade long-distance passenger travel through high-speed Vande Bharat Sleeper trains under the National Rail Plan 2030 framework.

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Static Points Related to News

●Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) functions as a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

●Titagarh Rail Systems Limited is a leading private sector railway rolling stock manufacturer headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.

●Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai manufactured the first indigenous Vande Bharat trainset (Train 18) in 2018.

Points to Remember

●BHEL and Titagarh Rail Systems formed a 50:50 joint venture company for Vande Bharat Sleeper maintenance.

●The maintenance contract spans a duration of thirty-five years for eighty trainsets.

●The overall Indian Railways project contract value stands at rupees twenty-four thousand crore.

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Financial News

News Title RBI Issues Final Directions on Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk under Basel III

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, IBPS PO, SBI PO, and Civil Services (Economy) — extremely crucial for regulatory policy, Basel III framework, and risk management guidelines for commercial banks.

News in One Liner Reserve Bank of India issued final directions on minimum capital requirements for market risk under the revised Basel III framework for commercial banks, set to take effect from April 1, 2027.

Detailed News

●The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the *Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk) Directions, 2026* following stakeholder feedback on the draft guidelines released in February 2023.

●The new directions adopt the Simplified Standardised Approach (SSA) for computing market risk capital requirements to align Indian banking standards with the revised Basel III framework while maintaining regulatory simplicity.

●The mandatory guidelines will officially take effect on April 1, 2027, giving commercial banks sufficient transition lead time.

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●Key modifications include deleting trading book definition instructions to reference the 2025 Investment Directions, updating Net Open Position (NOP) and foreign exchange risk rules, revising specific risk tables for interest rate risk, and updating capital treatments for debt mutual funds/ETFs and credit derivative hedges.

Connect the Dots These regulatory directives build on the broader Basel III post-crisis reforms aimed at strengthening capital adequacy, improving risk management standards, and boosting resilience across the Indian banking sector.

Static Points Related to News

●Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established on April 1, 1935, under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
●Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) sets primary international standards for the prudential regulation of banks.
●Central Headquarters of the Reserve Bank of India is located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Points to Remember

●Final Market Risk Directions under Basel III will come into effect on April 1, 2027.
●Capital requirements are calculated using the Simplified Standardised Approach (SSA).
●Draft guidelines for market risk were originally introduced by RBI in February 2023.

News Title Reserve Bank of India Extends Certified KYC Document Facility to Foreign Portfolio Investors

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, IBPS PO, SBI PO, and Civil Services (Economy) — crucial for regulatory compliance, non-resident capital flows, and foreign portfolio investment frameworks.

News in One Liner Reserve Bank of India extended its certified-copy KYC document facility to Foreign Portfolio Investors, allowing overseas bank branches, notaries, and embassies to attest customer verification documents.

Detailed News

●Reserve Bank of India (RBI) amended the Master Direction on Know Your Customer (KYC) through the *RBI (Commercial Banks – Know Your Customer) Amendment Directions, 2026*, taking effect immediately.
●The amendment extends an existing KYC verification facility previously available only to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs).

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●Regulated entities and commercial banks in India can now accept original certified copies of Aadhaar-related proof or officially valid documents for FPI onboarding.
●Document attestation and certification can be conducted overseas by authorized officials of Indian scheduled commercial bank branches abroad, foreign banks partnered with Indian lenders, foreign Notaries Public, Court Magistrates, Judges, or Indian Embassies and Consulates.

Connect the Dots This regulatory relaxation directly supports the Ease of Doing Business framework for foreign institutional investments, helping streamline international capital flows into Indian capital markets alongside SEBI's simplified onboarding norms.

Static Points Related to News
●Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) involves investments by non-residents in Indian securities, including shares, government bonds, and corporate debentures.
●Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) functions as the primary operational regulator for FPI registration and market participation.
●Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintains its headquarters in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Points to Remember
●The certified-copy KYC facility previously reserved for NRIs/PIOs has been extended to FPIs.
●Amended regulations took effect immediately under the RBI (Commercial Banks – Know Your Customer) Amendment Directions, 2026.
●Attestations can be performed by overseas bank branches, foreign notaries, magistrates, or Indian diplomatic missions.

News Title Finance Ministry Reviews Contingency Plans Ahead of Proposed Three-Day Nationwide Bank Strike

Exam Radar Exam Radar: IBPS PO, SBI PO, RRB Officer Scale-I, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — relevant for banking industry affairs, public sector governance, and labor negotiations.

News in One Liner Ministry of Finance convened a high-level meeting with heads of Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, and the Indian Banks' Association to ensure uninterrupted operations during a proposed three-day bank strike.

Detailed News
●Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance called a review meeting with Chief Executives of Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Indian Banks' Association (IBA), and NABARD.

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●The meeting focused on establishing contingency arrangements and digital service continuity ahead of a three-day nationwide bank strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) from September 28 to 30.
●The strike demands focus primarily on implementing a five-day work week for banking staff and expediting pending wage/service conditions issues.
●Ministry officials highlighted that the three-day strike, coupled with the preceding weekend, risks disrupting banking operations for five consecutive days during the crucial half-yearly financial closing.

Connect the Dots Operating continuity during administrative disruptions is vital for public sector banking operations, digital payment clearing systems, and timely execution of government Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) handled by PSBs and RRBs.

Static Points Related to News
●Department of Financial Services (DFS) operates as an arm of the Ministry of Finance overseeing PSBs, insurance sectors, and pension systems.
●Indian Banks' Association (IBA) was formed in 1946 as a representative body of management of banking institutions in India.
●United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) serves as an umbrella body representing major staff and officer unions across the Indian banking sector.

Points to Remember
●The proposed nationwide bank strike is scheduled for September 28 to 30.
●Primary union demands center around five-day banking and service condition reforms.
●DFS reviewed contingency plans alongside PSBs, RRBs, IBA, and NABARD.

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National & State News

News Title Female Cheetah 'Radha' Translocated to Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, State PSCs, and SSC CGL — highly important for questions on wildlife conservation, Project Cheetah, wildlife sanctuaries, and metapopulation management.

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News in One Liner Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released three-year-old female cheetah 'Radha' into a soft-release enclosure at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, expanding Project Cheetah to a second home in Madhya Pradesh.

Detailed News

●Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released female cheetah 'Radha' (formerly designated as CCB-2) into a soft-release enclosure at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.
●The three-year-old female cheetah was originally translocated from Botswana to Kuno National Park before being shifted to Gandhi Sagar.
●Her arrival brings the total cheetah population at Gandhi Sagar to four (two males: Prabhas and Pavak; two females: Dheera and Radha).
●The national cheetah population reached 56 across India, comprising 52 cheetahs at Kuno National Park and four at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.
●The expansion to Gandhi Sagar aims to establish a managed metapopulation across multiple habitats, reducing dependency on a single conservation site.

Connect the Dots Project Cheetah, launched in September 2022, aims to re-establish the extinct Asiatic cheetah's ecological role in Indian grassland ecosystems through translocations from South Africa and Botswana, combined with localized breeding.

Static Points Related to News

●Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated along the Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan border across the Mandsaur and Neemuch districts.
●Kuno National Park is located in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.
●Cheetah was officially declared extinct in India in 1952.

Points to Remember

●Female cheetah CCB-2 from Botswana was renamed 'Radha' upon release into Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary.
●Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary now houses four cheetahs (two males and two females).
●Total cheetah count in India reached 56 (52 at Kuno, 4 at Gandhi Sagar).

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World News

News Title India and Canada to Launch Fifth Round of CEPA Trade Talks on October 5

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Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (Economy & IR), RBI Grade B, SBI PO, and SSC CGL — high probability of direct questions on bilateral Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), negotiation rounds, and trade targets.

News in One Liner Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India and Canada will commence the fifth round of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement talks on October 5.

Detailed News

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal confirmed that the fifth round of negotiations for the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will start on 5 October.
- The announcement followed the conclusion of the fourth round of bilateral negotiations held between Piyush Goyal and Canadian International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu in Mumbai.
- Both countries resolved to fast-track negotiations with a shared goal to formally sign and finalize the trade deal by the end of 2026.
- Bilateral trade in goods and services between India and Canada reached approximately 8 billion US dollars in FY 2025-26, with Indian exports accounting for $4.67 billion.

Connect the Dots Fast-tracking CEPA talks aligns with India's broader foreign trade policy objective to secure balanced trade pacts with major Western economies to diversify supply chains, attract FDI, and boost manufacturing exports.

Static Points Related to News

- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is a free trade agreement covering goods, services, investments, rules of origin, and economic cooperation.
- Ottawa serves as the capital city of Canada, and the Canadian Dollar (CAD) functions as its currency.
- Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry manages India's bilateral trade negotiations.

Points to Remember

- The 5th round of India-Canada CEPA negotiations starts on October 5.
- The 4th round was recently completed in Mumbai.
- Both nations target finalizing the CEPA framework by end-2026.

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Science & Technology

News Title NPCIL Commences Initial Fuel Loading at Rajasthan Atomic Power Project Unit 8

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, SSC CGL, State PSCs, and RRB NTPC — extremely relevant for nuclear energy projects, Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), and AERB regulatory mandates.

News in One Liner Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited initiated Initial Fuel Loading at Unit 8 of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project in Rawatbhata following AERB authorization.

Detailed News

- Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) commenced Initial Fuel Loading (IFL) at Unit 8 of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP-8) located in Rawatbhata.
- The fuel loading process was initiated following formal safety clearance and statutory authorization from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
- RAPP-8 is a 700 MWe indigenously designed Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR), representing the 4th unit in India's series of 16 planned 700 MWe PHWR reactors.
- Following the completion of fuel loading, the reactor will proceed toward its First Approach to Criticality (FAC) and subsequent commercial grid integration.

Connect the Dots Expanding the 700 MWe indigenous PHWR fleet supports India's target to triple its nuclear power generation capacity to 22,480 MW by 2031–32 as part of the transition toward clean energy.

Static Points Related to News

- Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is a public sector enterprise under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), headquartered in Mumbai.
- Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) was established in 1983 as the independent nuclear safety regulator in India.
- Rawatbhata in Rajasthan houses the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS).

Points to Remember

- NPCIL started Initial Fuel Loading at Unit 8 of RAPP in Rawatbhata, Rajasthan.
- RAPP-8 features an indigenously developed 700 MWe Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR).
- The project received regulatory safety approval from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

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Summits & Conferences

News Title External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Lead Indian Delegation at 81st UNGA High-Level Week in New York

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (IR), State PSCs, SSC CGL, and RBI Grade B — critical for questions on international multilateral forums, UN General Assembly sessions, and India's diplomatic engagements.

News in One Liner External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar will lead the Indian delegation to the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Week in New York, addressing the assembly on September 26.

Detailed News

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar is leading the Indian delegation for the High-Level Week at the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, USA.
- Dr. Jaishankar is scheduled to address the High-Level General Debate of the 81st UNGA session on September 26, 2026.
- The 81st session of the UNGA convenes under the overarching theme: "Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all".
- During the visit, the EAM will engage in high-level multilateral forums, G4 ministerial discussions, and bilateral meetings with foreign counterparts on global governance reforms and regional issues.

Connect the Dots This visit reinforces India's vocal leadership of the Global South and its persistent push for comprehensive reforms of the UN Security Council (UNSC) to reflect contemporary geopolitical realities.

Static Points Related to News

- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is one of the six principal organs of the UN, established in 1945 and headquartered in New York City.
- Each of the 193 UN member states holds equal representation with one vote in the General Assembly.
- The President of the 81st UN General Assembly presides over the session's plenary debates and multilateral agendas.

Points to Remember

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●The EAM will address the assembly on September 26, 2026.
●Theme of 81st UNGA: "Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all".

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Defence News

News Title India Successfully Conducts Flight Test of Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone 'KAL' at Pokhran Range

Exam Radar Exam Radar: CDS, NDA, AFCAT, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — highly relevant for direct questions on indigenous defence technology, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and strategic weapons testing.

News in One Liner India's first indigenous long-range attack drone 'KAL', developed by IG Defence, was successfully flight-tested from a vehicle-mounted platform at Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan.

Detailed News
●India's first indigenous long-range attack drone, named 'KAL', was successfully flight-tested from a vehicle-mounted launcher at the Pokhran range in Rajasthan.
●Developed by Noida-based defence tech startup IG Defence, the drone is designed as a long-range precision loitering platform capable of strategic deep strikes.
●The drone features an operational strike range of 1,000 kilometers, a flight endurance of seven to eight hours, and a payload capacity of up to 50 kilograms.
●KAL can operate effectively at altitudes up to 5,000 meters above sea level, providing autonomous strike capabilities across high-altitude border environments.

Connect the Dots This successful flight test marks a major step under the 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives in defence, building autonomous long-range strike capabilities to reduce dependence on foreign loitering munitions.

Static Points Related to News
●Pokhran Firing Range is located in the Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan and served as the site for India's nuclear tests in 1974 (Operation Smiling Buddha) and 1998 (Operation Shakti).

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●Loitering munitions (kamikaze drones) combine features of cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles to locate and strike strategic targets.
●Ministry of Defence manages defence procurement and technology development through its Department of Defence Production.

Points to Remember
●The indigenous long-range attack drone 'KAL' was tested at the Pokhran range in Rajasthan.
●'KAL' boasts a operational strike range of 1,000 kilometers and 7–8 hours flight endurance.
●The platform carries a payload capacity of up to 50 kilograms and can operate up to 5,000 meters altitude.

News Title Indian Army Establishes Six 'AASHVAST' Cybersecurity Labs to Mitigate Electronics Firmware Vulnerabilities

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, CDS, NDA, AFCAT, and SSC CGL — critical for questions on military cybersecurity initiatives, defence technology modernization, and supply-chain security.

News in One Liner The Indian Army is setting up six specialized 'AASHVAST' cybersecurity testing laboratories to analyze electronic systems, drones, and CCTV cameras for hardware and firmware vulnerabilities.

Detailed News
●Directorate General of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (DG EME) of the Indian Army is establishing six dedicated 'AASHVAST' laboratories across tactical commands.
●The AASHVAST (Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware for Vulnerabilities and Security Threats) suite was developed in collaboration with QuickPay Pvt Ltd.
●The facility conducts deep firmware and hardware security testing on drones and surveillance systems to identify Chinese or foreign-origin components, hidden backdoors, and embedded passwords.
●The labs prevent potential cyber risks, location-based kill-code triggers, and unauthorized data leakage prior to military deployment.

Connect the Dots The AASHVAST initiative aligns with India's National Cyber Security Strategy to secure defence supply chains, ensuring military-grade hardware deployed along sensitive borders remains fully untainted by foreign surveillance risks.

Static Points Related to News

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●Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) under the Indian Army handles design, development, maintenance, and testing of military equipment.
●The Corps of EME operates under the leadership of the Director General of EME (DG EME) at Army Headquarters, New Delhi.
●Cyber Security in India is coordinated overall by the National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) under the National Security Council Secretariat.

Points to Remember
●Indian Army is establishing six 'AASHVAST' cybersecurity and hardware analysis laboratories.
●AASHVAST stands for Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware for Vulnerabilities and Security Threats.
●The suite inspects drones, CCTV cameras, and electronic hardware for foreign-origin backdoors and firmware flaws.

News Title India and Japan Air Chiefs Fly Formation Sortie in LCA Tejas During Exercise Veer Guardian 2026

Exam Radar Exam Radar: CDS, NDA, AFCAT, SSC CGL, and State PSCs — high probability of questions on bilateral military exercises, participating air bases, and foreign chief visits.

News in One Liner Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh and JASDF Chief General Takehiro Morita took a joint formation flight in LCA Tejas during Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 at Jodhpur.

Detailed News
●Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh and Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) Chief of Staff General Takehiro Morita flew a historic formation flight in India's indigenous LCA Tejas.
●The flight was conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur during the bilateral air exercise *Veer Guardian 2026*.
●The exercise marked the first time Japanese fighter aircraft, specifically the F-2A jets, operated from Indian soil.
●The exercise focused on enhancing operational interoperability, multi-domain tactical coordination, and military diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific region.

Connect the Dots Exercise Veer Guardian is a key element of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, complementing other joint drills such as Dharma Guardian (Army) and JIMEX (Navy) under the 2+2 Ministerial dialogue.

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Static Points Related to News

●Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas is an indigenous single-engine multi-role supersonic fighter designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

●Air Force Station Jodhpur is one of the primary air bases under the Indian Air Force's South Western Air Command (SWAC).

●Tokyo serves as the capital of Japan, and the Japanese Yen (JPY) acts as its official currency.

Points to Remember

●Indian and Japanese Air Chiefs flew a joint formation flight in LCA Tejas at Jodhpur.

●The flight took place during the bilateral air exercise Veer Guardian 2026.

●Japanese F-2A fighter jets operated from Indian airfields for the first time during this exercise.

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Sports News

News Title 20th Asian Games Officially Opened at Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium in Japan

Exam Radar Exam Radar: SSC CGL, Bank PO, State PSCs, CDS, and Railway Exams — high probability of direct questions on sporting event host cities, flag-bearers, and new sport debuts.

News in One Liner The 20th Asian Games officially commenced at Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with double Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker and kabaddi star Pawan Sehrawat leading India's contingent.

Detailed News

●The 20th Asian Games officially got underway at the Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, opened by Japanese Emperor Naruhito.

●India's 501-member athletic delegation was led during the parade of nations by joint flag-bearers: double Olympic medal-winning shooter Manu Bhaker and star kabaddi player Pawan Sehrawat.

●Pawan Sehrawat was named flag-bearer after shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor experienced logistical delays with ceremonial attire.

●The Games feature historical additions, including Teqball making its official medal sport debut at the Asian Games.

●Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended best wishes to the Indian contingent, applauding their hard work, dedication, and determination.

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Connect the Dots India's expanding sports ecosystem under initiatives like *Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)* and *Khelo India* continues to boost multi-discipline medal tallies in continental multi-sport events like the Asian Games.

Static Points Related to News

●Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) is the governing body for sports in Asia, headquartered in Kuwait City.
●The inaugural Asian Games were hosted by New Delhi, India, in 1951.
●Aichi-Nagoya is hosting the Asian Games for the first time, marking the third time Japan has hosted the multi-sport event (Tokyo 1958, Hiroshima 1994).

Points to Remember

●20th Asian Games opening ceremony was held at Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
●Manu Bhaker and Pawan Sehrawat served as India's parade flag-bearers.
●Teqball made its official debut as a medal sport at the 20th Asian Games.

News Title Indian Men's Team Secures Resounding 3-1 Victory Over Spain at Chess Olympiad in Samarkand

Exam Radar Exam Radar: IBPS PO, SBI PO, SSC CGL, RRB NTPC, and State PSCs — relevant for sports coverage, international chess tournaments, and prominent Indian Grandmasters.

News in One Liner India's men's team registered a convincing 3-1 win against Spain at the Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, led by World Champion D. Gukesh's decisive victory.

Detailed News

●In the men's section of the Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, team India defeated Spain by a 3-1 margin.
●World Champion D. Gukesh led the Indian victory on the top board with a clean triumph over former World Championship challenger Alexei Shirov.
●Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa drew against David Anton Guijarro, while Nihal Sarin held Jaime Santos Latasa to a draw.
●In the women's event, the Indian women's team recorded a matching 3-1 triumph against Mongolia, powered by B. Savitha Shri's fourth consecutive victory.

Connect the Dots India's consistent dominance at international FIDE events demonstrates the depth of the nation's chess talent, built on grassroots academies and early international exposure for young Grandmasters.

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Static Points Related to News
●International Chess Federation (FIDE - Fédération Internationale des Échecs) was founded in 1924 and is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.
●Samarkand is a historic silk road city situated in Uzbekistan.
●D. Gukesh became the youngest challenger and subsequent World Chess Champion in modern chess history.

Points to Remember
●Indian men's chess team defeated Spain 3-1 at the Chess Olympiad in Samarkand.
●D. Gukesh defeated Grandmaster Alexei Shirov on the top board.
●Indian women's team defeated Mongolia 3-1 with B. Savitha Shri scoring her 4th straight win.

News Title India Wins Silver Medal in Men's 10m Air Rifle Team Event at Asian Games

Exam Radar Exam Radar: SSC CGL, Bank PO, State PSCs, CDS, and Defence Exams — worth watching for direct questions on shooting medalists, team event scores, and national achievements.

News in One Liner Indian shooting team comprising Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, and Divyansh Singh Panwar clinched the Silver Medal in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team event at the Asian Games.

Detailed News
●The Indian trio of Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, and Divyansh Singh Panwar secured the Silver Medal in the Men's 10m Air Rifle team event.
●The Indian team delivered a combined score in the qualifying rounds to claim the second spot on the podium.
●President Droupadi Murmu and Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated the shooters for bringing early medal glory to the nation.
●The medal adds to India's strong traditional performance in precision shooting disciplines at continental multi-sport competitions.

Connect the Dots The Indian shooting contingent continues to serve as a major driver of India's overall medal count at multi-sport events like the Asian Games and ISSF World Championships.

Static Points Related to News
●National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) was founded in 1951 to promote and govern shooting sports in India.

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●International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) governs international shooting disciplines and is headquartered in Munich, Germany.
●10m Air Rifle is an Olympic shooting discipline governed under ISSF technical regulations.

Points to Remember
●Indian Men's 10m Air Rifle team won the Silver Medal at the Asian Games.
●Team members included Rudrankksh Patil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, and Divyansh Singh Panwar.
●President Droupadi Murmu commended the trio for their podium finish.

News Title India Wins Silver and Bronze Medals in 10m Air Rifle Events at Asian Games

Exam Radar Exam Radar: SSC CGL, Bank PO, State PSCs, CDS, and Defence Exams — high probability of questions on shooting medalists, team event scores, and international athletic performances.

News in One Liner Indian shooters Himanshu Dhillon, Parth Mane, and Rudrankksh Patil clinched the Silver Medal in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team event, while Dhillon and Patil also picked up individual podium finishes.

Detailed News
●The Indian trio of Himanshu Dhillon, Parth Mane, and Rudrankksh Patil secured the Silver Medal in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Team event with a total score of 1,890.1, finishing behind China (1,899.0).
●In the individual Men's 10m Air Rifle final, Himanshu Dhillon won the Silver Medal with a score of 252.4, while Rudrankksh Patil secured the Bronze Medal with 230.9 points.
●In the Women's 10m Air Rifle Team event, the Indian trio of Elavenil Valarivan, Vidarsa Vinod, and Sonam Maskar claimed the Silver Medal.
●Additionally, Suchika Tariyal clinched a Bronze Medal for India in the Women's 60kg traditional category of Mixed Martial Arts.

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●Elavenil Valarivan, Vidarsa Vinod, and Sonam Maskar won Silver in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Team event.

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Important Days

News Title United Nations Observes International Day of Peace 2026 Under the Theme 'Invest in Peace'

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services, State PSCs, Bank PO, SSC CGL, and Defence Exams — crucial for annual international observances, UN themes, and global peace initiatives.

News in One Liner The United Nations observed the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2026, centering on the official theme "Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day".

Detailed News
●The United Nations celebrated the annual International Day of Peace across the globe on September 21, 2026.
●The 2026 official theme, *"Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day"*, calls on nations, institutions, and individuals to treat peacebuilding as an active daily commitment.
●UN Secretary-General António Guterres highlighted the role of "everyday architects of peace"—grassroots leaders and community builders driving local stability and social cohesion.
●The UN General Assembly emphasizes that building sustainable peace goes beyond ceasefire agreements to encompass human rights protection, rule of law, and inclusive social development.

Connect the Dots This observance aligns with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), promoting non-violence, conflict resolution, and global disarmament.

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Static Points Related to News

●International Day of Peace was established by the UN General Assembly in 1981 and first observed in 1982.

●In 2001, the UN General Assembly unanimously voted to designate September 21 as a 24-hour period of global non-violence and ceasefire.

●United Nations Headquarters is located in New York City, USA.

Points to Remember

●International Day of Peace is observed globally on September 21 every year.

●Official 2026 Theme: "Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day".

●The day calls for a global 24-hour ceasefire and non-violence.

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Miscellaneous

Ranking and Reports

News Title RBI Releases Survey Results on Computer Software and ITES Exports for FY 2025–26

Exam Radar Exam Radar: RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, IBPS PO, SBI PO, and Civil Services (Economy) — extremely important for macroeconomic stats, service sector exports, and balance of payments data.

News in One Liner RBI released its latest survey showing India's computer software and IT-Enabled Services (ITES) exports grew by 8.2% year-on-year to reach $221.4 billion in FY 2025–26.

Detailed News

●The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published the results of its *Survey on Computer Software and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) Exports*.

●India's software services exports (excluding sales through overseas commercial presence/foreign affiliates) grew by 8.2% year-on-year to reach $221.4 billion.

●Including sales through commercial presence abroad (foreign affiliates), total software exports expanded by 9.5% to $239.3 billion.

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●Computer services accounted for over two-thirds of total exports, while IT-Enabled Services (ITES) and BPO segments contributed $68 billion.
●The United States and the United Kingdom maintained their positions as the primary destinations for India's software service exports.

Connect the Dots Strong performance in IT and software exports serves as a vital cushion for India's current account balance, countering merchandise trade deficits and supporting foreign exchange reserve stability.

Static Points Related to News
●Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles balance of payments (BoP) and invisible exports data under foreign exchange management frameworks.
●Services Sector accounts for over 50% of India's Gross Value Added (GVA).
●Central Headquarters of the Reserve Bank of India is situated in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Points to Remember
●India's software services exports grew 8.2% to $221.4 billion (excluding overseas affiliates).
●Total software exports including foreign affiliates reached $239.3 billion.
●USA and UK remain the largest market destinations for Indian IT and ITES services.

News Title Surge in Exports to Core BRICS Members and Major Asian Partners Boosts India's Foreign Trade

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (Economy & IR), RBI Grade B, SBI PO, and SSC CGL — high probability of direct questions on trade trends, export destinations, and economic groupings.

News in One Liner Driven by a 39% growth in shipments to China, India's exports to founding BRICS nations jumped 34% year-on-year to reach $19.9 billion between April and August.

Detailed News
●India’s exports to core founding BRICS partners (China, Russia, Brazil, and South Africa) surged 34% year-on-year to $19.9 billion during April–August.
●China acted as the main driver of the BRICS export surge, with Indian shipments rising 39% to touch $9.8 billion.
●Beyond the BRICS bloc, Indian exports registered strong gains across major bilateral markets, including Japan ($3.43 billion, up 43%), Italy ($3.92 billion, up 30%), and South Korea ($3.21 billion, up 22%).

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●The surge reflects diversified demand for Indian industrial inputs, engineering goods, marine products, and processed agricultural commodities across key global economies.

Connect the Dots Expanding bilateral exports with major Asian and BRICS economies aligns with India's foreign trade policy goal to diversify export destinations beyond traditional Western markets and reduce trade deficits.

Static Points Related to News

●BRICS originally comprised Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa before expanding to include new full member states in 2024.
●Ministry of Commerce and Industry oversees India's foreign trade policies through the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
●New Development Bank (NDB) serves as the multilateral development bank established by BRICS states, headquartered in Shanghai, China.

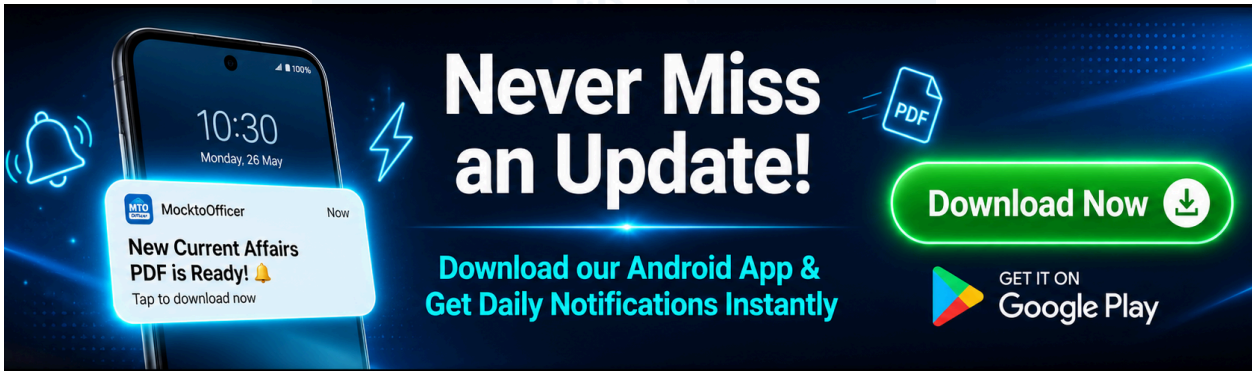
Points to Remember

●Exports to core BRICS nations surged 34% YoY to $19.9 billion (April–August).
●Exports to China increased by 39% to reach $9.8 billion.
●Significant export growth was also recorded with Japan (+43%), Italy (+30%), and South Korea (+22%).

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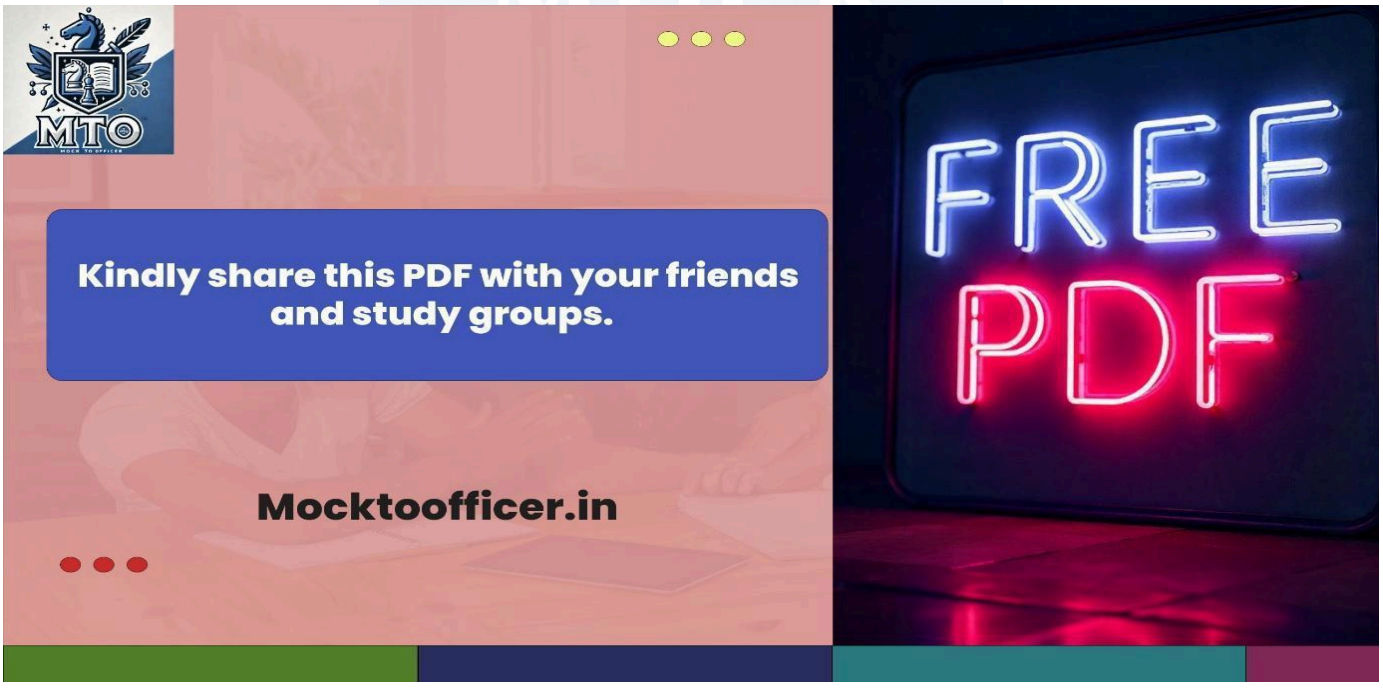




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