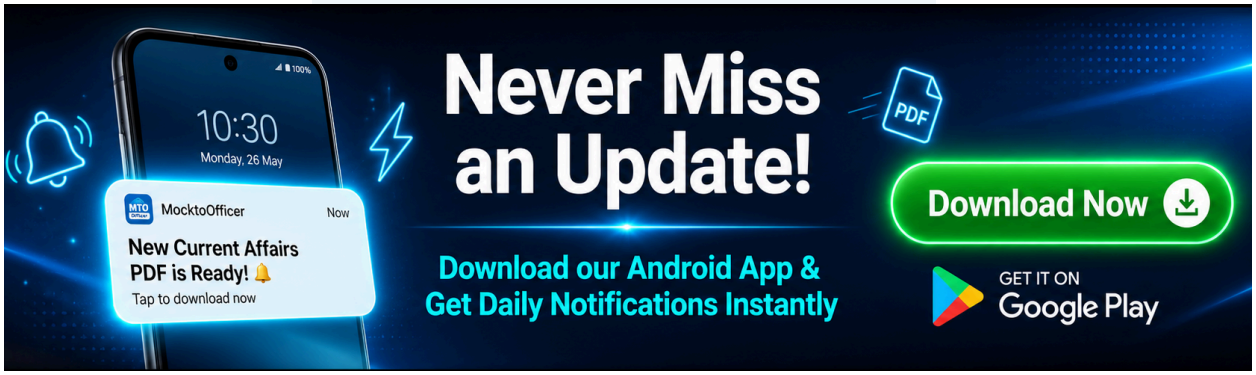
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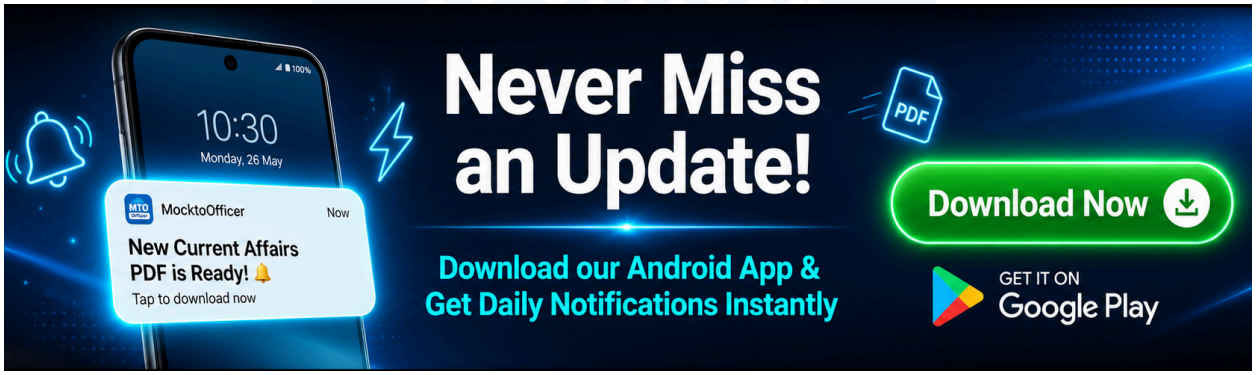
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PIB News

News Title DRDO Inks First High-Value Deep Tech Project Agreement Under TDF Scheme for 20 mK Dilution Refrigerator

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper III - Science & Technology, Indigenous Technology & Deep Tech), RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, and State PSCs — crucial for National Quantum Mission (NQM), cryogenic engineering, and startup funding under the Technology Development Fund (TDF).

News in One Liner DRDO signed its first high-value deep tech agreement under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme with startup Zero mK India Private Limited to indigenously develop a 20 mK Dilution Refrigerator for quantum applications.

Detailed News

- Under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) signed a high-value project agreement with Rajasthan-based startup Zero mK India Private Limited in New Delhi.
- **Project Objective:** Indigenously design and build a 20 mK (millikelvin) Dilution Refrigerator, an ultra-low temperature cryogenic platform vital for operating, testing, and scaling quantum computing platforms and quantum devices.
- **Strategic & Scheme Scope:** This is the first high-value agreement executed under the enlarged ₹500 crore TDF corpus approved by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh to support deep-tech defense and dual-use innovation.
- **Alignment:** The initiative aligns directly with the National Quantum Mission (NQM) to reduce dependence on imported ultra-low temperature cryogenic infrastructure and nurture domestic deep-tech hardware capabilities.

Connect the Dots Building indigenous cryogenic capabilities eliminates reliance on foreign suppliers for critical quantum hardware, providing the foundational backbone necessary for national quantum computing and secure defense communications.

Static Points Related to News

- **Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme:** Executed by DRDO under the *Make in India* initiative to promote self-reliance in defense technology by supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Startups.
- **National Quantum Mission (NQM):** Approved by the Cabinet to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D in Quantum Technology (total budget ~₹6,003 crore).

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● **Dilution Refrigerator:** A cryogenic device that uses a mixture of two helium isotopes (to achieve continuous cooling down to temperatures below 10 millikelvin .

Points to Remember

● Implementing Agency: DRDO (TDF Scheme) & Zero mK India Pvt. Ltd.
● Core Innovation: 20 mK (millikelvin) Dilution Refrigerator for Quantum Technologies.
● Funding Framework: Supported under the ₹500 crore upgraded TDF corpus.

News Title INS Trishul Arrives in Toulon, France for 24th Edition of Bilateral Naval Exercise VARUNA

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper II - International Relations & Bilateral Military Exercises), Defense Services Exams (CDS/NDA/AFCAT), SSC CGL, and Banking Awareness — vital for joint military exercises, defense diplomacy, and Indo-Pacific maritime security.

News in One Liner Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Trishul reached Toulon, France, to participate in the 24th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise 'VARUNA' between India and France.

Detailed News

● Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trishul arrived at Toulon, France, on September 22, 2026, marking the start of the 24th edition of Bilateral Naval Exercise VARUNA between the Indian Navy and French Navy.
● **Exercise Scope:** Features operational harbor planning phases followed by complex sea exercises involving advanced anti-submarine warfare, air defense drills, cross-deck helicopter operations, and tactical maneuvering.
● **Strategic Objective:** Designed to enhance operational interoperability, facilitate cross-learning of tactical best practices, and consolidate the strategic maritime partnership between India and France.

Connect the Dots Joint naval drills with key partners like France strengthen freedom of navigation, expand maritime domain awareness, and solidify India's role as a Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean and broader Indo-Pacific region.

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● **Exercise VARUNA:** Commenced in 1993 and officially named 'VARUNA' in 2001; it serves as a cornerstone of Indo-French strategic defense cooperation.
● **Other India-France Joint Exercises:** *FRINJEX* (Army), *GARUDA* (Air Force), and *SHAKTI* (Army).

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● **INS Trishul:** A *Talwar*-class guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy built by Baltic Shipyard, Russia.

Points to Remember
● Exercise Name: 24th Edition of Exercise VARUNA.
● Host Location: Toulon, France.
● Indian Participating Ship: INS Trishul.

News Title Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Formalises Commercial Launch of Bio-Based Biodegradable Plastic under BioE3 Policy

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper III - Environment, Biotechnology & Sustainable Development), RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, and State PSCs — high probability of questions on the BioE3 Policy, bioplastics (PLA), and circular bioeconomy mechanisms.

News in One Liner Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh formalised the commercial launch of PLA-based bio-degradable plastic manufacturing supported under the BioE3 framework with a ₹75 crore BIRAC grant.

Detailed News
● Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh formalised the commercial translation of Poly Lactic Acid (PLA)-based biodegradable bioplastics under the BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment) policy framework.
● **R&D & Pilot Facility:** Supported by a ₹75 crore grant from the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) under the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), a 100 TPA pilot-scale R&D facility is being established at Balrampur Chini Mills Limited's (BCML) integrated complex at Kumbhi, Uttar Pradesh.
● **Feedstock Transformation:** The process utilizes sugarcane and agricultural biomass to produce lactic acid and high-value PLA biopolymers, creating a new economic value chain beyond traditional bio-ethanol production.
● **Policy Vision:** Advances green manufacturing, helps reduce fossil fuel-based single-use plastic reliance, and demonstrates the practical translation of lab science into commercial scale.

Connect the Dots Transforming agricultural outputs into high-value bioplastics accelerates the transition to a circular bioeconomy, reducing plastic pollution while supporting farmer incomes through non-food industrial crop utilization.

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● **BioE3 Policy:** Approved by the Union Cabinet in 2024 to foster high-performance biomanufacturing across sectors like bio-based chemicals, bioplastics, and smart proteins.
● **Poly Lactic Acid (PLA):** A compostable, bio-based thermoplastic polymer derived from fermented plant starch (such as corn or sugarcane).
● **BIRAC:** Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, a Public Sector Enterprise set up by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to empower bio-innovators.

Points to Remember
● Nodal Policy: BioE3 Policy (Department of Biotechnology).
● Key Partner: Balrampur Chini Mills Limited (BCML), Kumbhi, UP.
● Financial Support: ₹75 Crore BIRAC grant for 100 TPA pilot facility.

News Title India-ASEAN Bilateral Trade Reaches USD 128.38 Billion in FY 2025–26

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper II - International Relations & Regional Groupings; GS Paper III - International Trade), RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, and Banking Awareness — highly important for Act East Policy, ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AITIGA), and foreign trade statistics.

News in One Liner Bilateral trade between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) scaled to USD 128.38 billion during the 2025–26 financial year.

Detailed News
● The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released official trade figures showing that India-ASEAN bilateral merchandise trade reached USD 128.38 billion in FY 2025–26.
● **Economic Significance:** ASEAN remains one of India's largest regional trading blocks, accounting for approximately 11% of India's overall global trade footprint.
● **AITIGA Review Context:** The milestone comes amid ongoing joint negotiations to review and modernize the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) to create a more balanced, simplified, and mutually beneficial trade framework.
● **Key Sector Drivers:** Major trade drivers include engineering goods, petroleum products, electronics, organic chemicals, palm oil, and agricultural commodities.

Connect the Dots Deepening economic integration with ASEAN underpins India's 'Act East Policy', creating resilient regional supply chains and providing enhanced market access for Indian exporters.

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● **ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations):** Established on August 8, 1967 (Bangkok Declaration); comprises 10 member nations (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam). Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia.
● **Act East Policy:** Launched in 2014 as the evolution of the 1991 'Look East Policy' to strengthen strategic, economic, and cultural links with the Asia-Pacific region.
● **AITIGA:** Signed in 2009 and entered into force in 2010; currently undergoing joint review to address trade imbalances.

Points to Remember
● Total Bilateral Trade: USD 128.38 Billion (FY 2025–26).
● Regional Framework: Act East Policy & ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AITIGA).
● Core Trade Share: Represents ~11% of India's total global merchandise trade.

News Title 12 Years of Make in India: Domestic Industrial Production Doubles in Key Strategic Sectors

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper III - Indian Economy & Industrial Growth), RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, and State PSCs — crucial for manufacturing statistics, capital goods expansion, and industrial self-reliance metrics.

News in One Liner The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released a backgrounder marking twelve years of the 'Make in India' initiative (launched September 25, 2014), detailing significant production expansion across capital goods, engineering, electronics, and semiconductor value chains.

Detailed News
● Commemorating twelve years since its rollout on September 25, 2014, the 'Make in India' initiative highlighted a major shift toward high-value domestic manufacturing, deep technology capabilities, and component localization.
● **Capital Goods Surge:** Production across heavy engineering and capital goods sub-sectors nearly doubled from ₹2,87,233 crore in FY 2019–20 to ₹5,69,900 crore in FY 2024–25.
● **Deepening Domestic Capabilities:** Domestic manufacturing expanded beyond final product assembly to intermediate components, integrated structural assemblies, specialty steel, and rare-earth magnets.
● **Targeted Schemes:** The expansion is driven by focused Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) frameworks, simplified FDI compliance, and sector-specific hardware programs in semiconductors and mobile phones.

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Connect the Dots Building localized supply chains for machinery, sub-assemblies, and critical raw materials reduces dependence on imported capital goods, accelerating long-term trade balance stabilization and economic resilience.

Static Points Related to News

- **Launch Date:** September 25, 2014, under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Four Pillars:** New Processes, New Infrastructure, New Sectors, and New Mindset.
- **PLI Schemes:** Encompasses 14 strategic sectors designed to enhance domestic manufacturing competitiveness and export capacities.

Points to Remember

- Milestone Achieved: 12 Years completed (Launched Sept 25, 2014).
- Capital Goods Growth: Production grew from ₹2.87 Lakh Crore (2019-20) to ₹5.70 Lakh Crore (2024-25).
- Core Focus: Transitioning from pure assembly to component, capital goods, and deep-tech manufacturing.

News Title FSSAI Proposes Draft Rule Amendment Restricting Use of Term 'Paneer' Exclusively to Milk-Derived Products

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper III - Food Safety & Public Health), RBI Grade B, FSSAI Central Food Safety Officer (CFSO), State PSCs, and SSC CGL — highly relevant for regulatory standards, food labeling compliance, and dairy sector protection.

News in One Liner The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) proposed a draft amendment prohibiting non-milk-derived analogue products from using the term 'Paneer' on packaging or marketing material.

Detailed News

- FSSAI issued a draft amendment under the *Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations* to address misleading branding practices.
- **Core Prohibition:** Non-milk-derived dairy alternatives and plant-based/vegetable fat analogue products will be strictly barred from labeling, advertising, or marketing themselves as "Paneer".
- **Consumer Protection:** The measure aims to eliminate consumer deception in retail markets where plant-fat imitation products are frequently passed off as conventional dairy-based cottage cheese.
- **Consultation Window:** FSSAI invited feedback, suggestions, and objections from stakeholders and industry representatives within a 60-day window before finalizing the statutory regulation.

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Connect the Dots Establishing clear regulatory definitions for traditional dairy terms safeguards public health, protects consumer rights against misleading food labels, and supports fair market competition for dairy farmers.

Static Points Related to News
- **FSSAI:** Statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare).
- **Dairy Analogues:** Products that replace milk components (such as milk fat or milk protein) with non-dairy substitutes (such as vegetable oil or starch).
- **Codex Alimentarius:** International food standards body jointly established by FAO and WHO that advocates clear product identity labeling to prevent consumer confusion.

Points to Remember
- Regulatory Body: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- Core Rule: The term 'Paneer' is reserved solely for milk-derived products.
- Public Notice Window: 60 days open for public and stakeholder feedback.

News Title Prime Minister Congratulates Seema on Winning Bronze Medal in Women's 10,000m at Asian Games

Exam Radar Exam Radar: SSC CGL, RRB NTPC, State PSCs, and Sports Current Affairs — important for Asian Games athletics achievements, national record holders, and major international track-and-field events.

News in One Liner Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised long-distance runner Seema for securing the bronze medal in the Women's 10,000m track event at the 2026 Asian Games.

Detailed News
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi publicly congratulated Indian athlete Seema for winning the Bronze Medal in the Women's 10,000m long-distance event at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya.
- **Historical Context:** The Prime Minister highlighted that her determined performance brought India a podium finish in the Women's 10,000m track event after a multi-year gap.
- **Official Recognition:** The Prime Minister's Office commended her endurance, discipline, and sustained training effort in securing the medal for the nation.

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Connect the Dots Success in long-distance track events reflects the impact of structured athletic development programs, targeted sports science support, and continuous tournament exposure under national training initiatives.

Static Points Related to News
- **20th Asian Games (2026):** Held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- **Athletics Federation of India (AFI):** The apex body for running, jumping, and throwing events in India, affiliated with World Athletics.
- **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):** Flagship initiative under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports providing customized support to elite athletes.

Points to Remember
- Athlete: Seema.
- Event: Women's 10,000m Track Race.
- Achievement: Bronze Medal at the 2026 Asian Games.

News Title MCA Issues Public Advisory Warning Against High-Return Promises by Non-Compliant Nidhi Companies

Exam Radar Exam Radar: UPSC Civil Services (GS Paper III - Banking, Financial Regulations & Consumer Protection), RBI Grade B, SEBI Grade A, and Banking Awareness — crucial for non-banking financial regulation, NBFC categories, and deposit insurance rules.

News in One Liner The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) issued a public advisory cautioning investors against depositing funds with non-compliant Nidhi companies offering unsustainably high interest rates.

Detailed News
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) cautioned the public against investing money in unauthorized entities claiming to operate as Nidhi Companies.
- **Lack of Insurance Coverage:** The MCA emphasized that deposits placed with Nidhi Companies are **not insured** by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), placing investor capital at full risk.
- **Mandatory Declaration Requirement:** To legally accept deposits and operate, a company must file Form **NDH-4** and secure an official declaration as a Nidhi company from the Central Government.
- **Compliance Gap:** Out of thousands of incorporated entities, only 395 companies have officially fulfilled the statutory NDH-4 compliance requirement to date.

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Connect the Dots Strict enforcement of compliance frameworks like Form NDH-4 protects rural and retail investors from unviable financial models, fostering transparency within mutual benefit societies.

Static Points Related to News

- **Nidhi Company:** A type of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) registered under Section 406 of the Companies Act, 2013, created to cultivate savings habits solely among its members.
- **Regulatory Authority:** Regulated primarily by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA); RBI issues core directions regarding deposit acceptance activities.
- **DICGC:** Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (wholly owned subsidiary of RBI) provides deposit insurance up to ₹5 lakh per depositor across scheduled commercial banks, but **does not** cover Nidhi companies.

Points to Remember

- Regulatory Body: Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
- Crucial Compliance Form: Form NDH-4 (Declaration of Nidhi Status).
- Investor Warning: Deposits with Nidhi companies are NOT covered by DICGC insurance.

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Industry News

News Title: Union Power Ministry Submits Draft National Electricity Policy 2026 to Cabinet for Inter Ministerial Consultation

Exam Radar: Strong fit for Banking Mains General Awareness, Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level General Studies, and Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Group I and II Current Affairs — expect a direct statement-based question on the key objectives and grid management challenges highlighted in the policy.

News in One Liner: The Ministry of Power sent the draft National Electricity Policy 2026 to the Union Cabinet for inter ministerial consultation to enhance power sector viability and ensure reliable quality power.

Detailed News

- The Ministry of Power submitted the draft National Electricity Policy 2026 to the Union Cabinet for inter ministerial consultation, following the aggregation of stakeholder comments on the initial text released in January.

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●Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal highlighted the initiative while addressing the 2nd Indian Power Sector Conference held in New Delhi under the theme of Building a Reliable, Flexible, and Market-Ready Power System.
●The policy aligns directly with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, targeting structural improvements in the financial and commercial viability of the power distribution sector.
●Addressing peak demand and maintaining a high quality, reliable energy supply across the national grid serve as core objectives under the proposed framework.
●Grid management and transmission capacity expansion now present primary operational hurdles, marking a distinct shift from the access and shortage issues tackled by the previous policy of 2005.
●Managing greater fluctuations from variable renewable sources requires enhanced operational flexibility, particularly as non-fossil capacity reaches approximately 300 gigawatts.

Connect the Dots: This policy update is worth revising alongside earlier power sector reforms like the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, as examiners frequently contrast operational goals across consecutive national policy frameworks.

Static Points Related to News
●The Ministry of Power serves as the central node for policy formulation and infrastructure development across the Indian electrical power generation and transmission ecosystem.
●Pankaj Agarwal holds the administrative designation of Union Power Secretary in the Government of India.
●The previous National Electricity Policy received official notification in the year 2005 to address acute generation shortages and expand basic electrification access.
●New Delhi functions as the official administrative capital of India and hosted the 2nd Indian Power Sector Conference.

Points to Remember
●The non-fossil power capacity currently operational in India stands at approximately 300 gigawatts.
●The previous National Electricity Policy governing the country was notified in 2005.
●The draft National Electricity Policy 2026 aligns structurally with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

News Title: Central Government Unveils Second Half Market Borrowing Target of Seven Point Eight Six Trillion Rupees Through Dated Securities for Financial Year 2027

Exam Radar: High relevance for Banking Mains General Awareness, Reserve Bank of India Grade B Economic and Social Issues, and Staff Selection Commission Exams — expect questions testing the exact borrowing figures, Sovereign Green Bond allocations, or Ways and Means Advances limits.

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News in One Liner: The Government of India set its second half market borrowing target at seven point eight six trillion rupees through dated securities to finance the fiscal deficit.

Detailed News

●The Ministry of Finance released the second half borrowing schedule for financial year 2027, setting the target at seven point eight six trillion rupees to be raised via dated securities across twenty-three weekly auctions.
●Combining this with the first half gilt issuance of eight point one four trillion rupees brings the total projected gross market borrowing for financial year 2027 to approximately sixteen trillion rupees.
●The annual gross market borrowing target stands one point two trillion rupees lower than the original Budget Estimate of seventeen point two trillion rupees, reflecting steady fiscal consolidation.
●Included within the second half borrowing plan is a dedicated issuance of fifteen thousand crore rupees through Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrB).
●Issuances will span maturity tenors ranging from three years to fifty years, with ten-year securities forming the single largest share at twenty-six point three percent.
●To meet short-term liquidity mismatches, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) fixed the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for the second half at fifty thousand crore rupees.

Connect the Dots: This issuance plan pairs well with your revision of the Union Budget fiscal deficit target of four point three percent of Gross Domestic Product for financial year 2027, as market borrowings remain the primary financing mechanism for the central deficit.

Static Points Related to News

●The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) functions as the debt manager for the central government and conducts government securities auctions.
●Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrB) represent specialized debt instruments issued by the government to mobilize capital specifically for environmentally sustainable public sector projects.
●Ways and Means Advances (WMA) serve as a temporary credit facility extended by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to help governments bridge temporary receipts and payments mismatches.
●Dated government securities are long-term debt instruments issued by the central government carrying a fixed or floating coupon rate paid on face value.

Points to Remember

●The second half borrowing target through dated securities stands at seven point eight six trillion rupees.
●The allocated amount for Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrB) in the second half of financial year 2027 is fifteen thousand crore rupees.

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●The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for the second half at fifty thousand crore rupees.

News Title: Reserve Bank of India Reports Sharp Fall in Foreign Exchange Reserves by Fourteen Point Eight Eight Billion Dollars

Exam Radar: Prime target for Reserve Bank of India Grade B Officer Examination, Banking Officer Scale I General Awareness, and Staff Selection Commission Exams — watch out for direct questions on the component-wise break-up of reserves or historical trend comparisons.

News in One Liner: The Reserve Bank of India reported that foreign exchange reserves fell by fourteen point eight eight billion dollars to seven hundred sixty-five point nine billion dollars.

Detailed News

●India's total foreign exchange reserves plunged by fourteen point eight eight billion dollars to settle at seven hundred sixty-five point nine zero billion dollars for the week ended September 18.
●This sharp weekly contraction marks the steepest fall in reserve assets since November 2024, following a record high of seven hundred eighty-five point seven billion dollars registered earlier in the month.
●Foreign currency assets (FCA), the largest constituent of the reserve basket, accounted for nearly the entire drop by contracting fourteen point eight two billion dollars to six hundred thirty point nine eight billion dollars.
●Actual dollar sales by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to curb rupee volatility accounted for ten point nine billion dollars of the total decline, with the balance stemming from currency revaluation losses.
●Gold reserves bucked the downward trend by recording a modest gain of sixty-eight million dollars, reaching a total value of one hundred eleven point two nine billion dollars.
●Special Drawing Rights (SDR) dropped by one hundred six million dollars to eighteen point seven four billion dollars, while the reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) dipped by twenty-seven million dollars.

Connect the Dots: Link this statistical movement to the Reserve Bank of India's Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank deposit swap scheme, which previously drove reserves up, as examiners frequently test the mechanisms central banks use to counteract import-driven rupee depreciation.

Static Points Related to News

●Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) include non-United States currency holdings such as the euro, British pound, and Japanese yen, expressed in United States dollar terms.

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●Special Drawing Rights (SDR) represent an international reserve asset created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to supplement member countries' official reserves.
●The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) manages India's foreign exchange reserves under the statutory provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
●The Reserve Position in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reflects a member nation's quota subscription portion that can be drawn without service fees.

Points to Remember
●The drop in total foreign exchange reserves for the week stood at fourteen point eight eight billion dollars.
●The overall foreign exchange reserve balance following the drop was seven hundred sixty-five point nine zero billion dollars.
●The value of actual United States dollar sales conducted by the central bank during the week was ten point nine billion dollars.

News Title: Union Cabinet Prepares Approval for Updated Model Bilateral Investment Treaty Framework to Finalize Ongoing Pacts With Key Partner Nations

Exam Radar: Strong fit for Civil Services Mains, Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level, and Banking General Awareness — expect questions regarding the arbitration timelines, tax exclusions, or specific nations involved in current negotiations.

News in One Liner: India finalized an updated model Bilateral Investment Treaty draft for Union Cabinet approval to accelerate investment negotiations with the United Kingdom, European Union, Oman, and Qatar.

Detailed News
●The Ministry of Finance submitted a revised draft note for the Model Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) to the Union Cabinet for official approval, aimed at replacing the strict 2015 treaty template.
●Approval of the new framework will clear the path to conclude bilateral investment pacts currently under negotiation with the United Kingdom (UK), European Union (EU), Oman, and Qatar.
●Here is the detail that matters for the exam: the proposed framework shortens the exhaustion-of-remedies period required before seeking international arbitration to one year from five years.
●The updated Model BIT safeguards sovereign rights on national taxation policies and domestic court jurisdiction, explicitly excluding tax-related provisions from treaty scope.
●Future comprehensive trade agreements, including ongoing negotiations with Australia and Canada, will incorporate investment protection clauses drawn from this updated framework.

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●Since 2018, only six countries—Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Brazil, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Uzbekistan, and Israel—have signed Bilateral Investment Treaties with India under the previous model.

Connect the Dots: This regulatory update is worth revising alongside India's historical termination of fifty-eight older investment treaties post-2015, as examiners often test student understanding of how India balances investor protection mechanisms against sovereign legislative immunity.

Static Points Related to News

●A Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) is a legally binding agreement between two sovereign nations establishing conditions and terms for private investment by nationals of one country in another state.
●Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) serves as an international arbitration mechanism enabling foreign investors to institute dispute proceedings against sovereign host governments.
●The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) maintains the international database tracking global bilateral investment agreements and dispute settlements.
●India revised its foundational Model Bilateral Investment Treaty in the year 2015 to restrict broad investor claims against state actions.

Points to Remember

●The proposed arbitration window requires investors to exhaust local remedies for one year before entering international arbitration, down from five years.
●India is currently negotiating bilateral investment treaties under this framework with the United Kingdom, European Union, Oman, and Qatar.
●Six countries signed Bilateral Investment Treaties with India between 2018 and the present under the earlier framework.

News Title: Government Disburses Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four Crore Rupees Under Production Linked Incentive Schemes

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness, Staff Selection Commission General Studies, and Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Group Current Affairs — expect direct questions on total scheme outlay, incentive disbursals, or sectoral investment figures.

News in One Liner: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade announced that the Union Government has disbursed thirty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-four crore rupees to beneficiary companies under the Production Linked Incentive scheme across fourteen key sectors as of June thirty, twenty twenty-six.

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Detailed News

●The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade released data showing total Production Linked Incentive scheme incentive disbursals reached thirty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-four crore rupees by June thirty, twenty twenty-six.
●Actual private investments generated under the program stood at two lakh fifty-eight thousand crore rupees, leading to total production and sales worth twenty-three lakh seventy-nine thousand crore rupees and exports totaling fifteen lakh fifty-three thousand crore rupees.
●Employment generation resulting from approved manufacturing projects exceeded fourteen lakh fifty-seven thousand direct and indirect jobs nationwide.
●Cumulative sales in the pharmaceutical segment crossed three lakh sixty-four thousand crore rupees while enabling local manufacturing of nineteen hundred thirty-one products, including one hundred ninety-one bulk drugs produced domestically for the first time.
●Global tech firms expanded local assembly operations to build artificial intelligence servers, solid state drives, memory modules, power adapters, display panels, and battery packs.
●Speciality steel manufacturers invested over nineteen thousand crore rupees to build domestic capacity for auto, defence, and renewable energy equipment supply chains.
●Here is the detail that matters for: the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade integrated a digital sponsorship letter service on the National Single Window System to simplify foreign technical expert arrivals.

Connect the Dots: This progress report connects to earlier Union Budget allocations for the Production Linked Incentive program across key manufacturing segments, which civil service and bank examiners frequently test when assessing capital expenditure and industrial output targets.

Static Points Related to News

●Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade: Established in 1995 under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, it functions as the nodal central authority for industrial policy, foreign direct investment, and domestic manufacturing schemes.
●Production Linked Incentive Scheme: Launched in 2020 with an approved budgetary outlay of one lakh ninety-one thousand crore rupees across fourteen strategic sectors to boost domestic manufacturing capabilities.
●National Single Window System: Designed as a digital business portal to give investors a unified platform for clearances, approvals, and regulatory compliance certificates.

Points to Remember

●Thirty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-four crore rupees disbursed as total incentive payouts.
●Two lakh fifty-eight thousand crore rupees achieved in total capital investments.
●Fourteen lakh fifty-seven thousand direct and indirect jobs created.
●June 30, 2026 set as the cut-off date for the reported financial metrics.

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News Title: Ministry of Power Mandates Domestically Designed Chips for Smart Electricity Meters by Mid Twenty Twenty Eight

Exam Radar: Worth watching for Banking Mains General Awareness, Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level, and State Public Service Commission Exams — expect questions on target deadlines, power sector schemes, or cybersecurity initiatives.

News in One Liner: Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal announced that the Ministry of Power plans to mandate the use of domestically designed chips in smart electricity meters by mid-2028 to tackle cybersecurity vulnerabilities in energy infrastructure.

Detailed News

- Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal announced plans to mandate domestically designed chips in smart electricity meters by mid-2028 during the second Indian Power Sector Conference organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- Cybersecurity vulnerabilities in critical power sector infrastructure serve as the primary driver behind reducing dependence on foreign components.
- Chip developers and meter manufacturers are actively validating local chip designs, with the government planning to phase in both designed in India and fabricated in India requirements within the same timeframe.
- Sanctions under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme cover twenty point thirty-three crore smart meters, with five point seventy-three crore units currently installed out of seven point twenty-four crore total smart meters nationwide.
- Localizing chip design and manufacturing aims to bring down input costs for equipment makers, as individual smart meter chips currently cost between eight and ten United States dollars.
- Inter-ministerial consultations are finalizing a new National Electricity Policy to replace the 2005 policy and address grid integration for artificial intelligence data centers and green hydrogen projects.

Connect the Dots: This cybersecurity initiative aligns with earlier Ministry of Power mandates securing thermal and hydro power generation equipment from supply-chain malware, a theme examiners frequently highlight when asking about critical national infrastructure protection.

Static Points Related to News

- Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme: Launched by the Ministry of Power to improve operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of distribution companies by providing result-linked financial assistance.

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●Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry: Founded in 1927, it stands as the oldest and largest apex business organization in India.
●National Electricity Policy: Formulated under Section 3 of the Electricity Act of 2003 to govern the development of the power system, rural electrification, and generation capabilities.

Points to Remember
●Mid-2028 set as the target deadline for mandatory domestic smart meter chip integration.
●Eight to ten United States dollars identified as the current individual cost of a smart meter chip.
●Seven point twenty-four crore represents the total number of smart meters installed nationwide across all schemes.

News Title: Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Sanctioned Loans Cross One Trillion Rupees Milestone

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Officer Exams including Reserve Bank of India Grade B and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, alongside State Public Service Commissions — expect direct questions on scheme milestones, top performing states, or beneficiary shares.

News in One Liner: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare data revealed that total financial support and loans sanctioned under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund crossed one trillion rupees to boost post-harvest infrastructure nationwide.

Detailed News
●Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare metrics showed sanctioned loans under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund surpassed one trillion rupees.
●Targeted funding focuses on building post-harvest management infrastructure, including cold chains, farm storage units, warehouses, ripening chambers, and grading centers.
●Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and Gujarat emerged as the top five beneficiary states in overall project approvals.
●Individual farmers initiated the largest proportion of sanctioned projects, claiming nearly fifty-nine percent of approved ventures.

Connect the Dots: This milestone links directly to the priority sector lending targets set by the Reserve Bank of India for commercial banks, which require specific credit allocation toward agricultural infrastructure and post-harvest management.

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●Agriculture Infrastructure Fund: Launched in 2020 as a medium-to-long term debt financing facility providing interest subvention and credit guarantee support for post-harvest management infrastructure.
●Primary Agricultural Credit Societies: Village-level cooperative credit institutions that provide short-term and medium-term agricultural credit directly to rural farmers.
●National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development: Apex development bank established in 1982 to supervise regional rural banks and provide financial support for rural infrastructure projects.

Points to Remember
●One trillion rupees reached in total sanctioned loan value.
●Fifty-nine percent identified as the project share held by individual farmer applicants.
●Madhya Pradesh ranked among the top five leading beneficiary states.

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Financial News

News Title: Securities and Exchange Board of India Introduces Comprehensive Regulatory Reforms for Mutual Funds and Investment Advisers

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness, Reserve Bank of India Grade B, and Securities and Exchange Board of India Grade A Officers — expect direct questions on Mutual Fund Lite rules, performance fees, and regulatory timelines.

News in One Liner: The Securities and Exchange Board of India approved a series of landmark regulatory reforms introducing Mutual Fund Lite for passive schemes, performance-based fees for portfolio managers, and streamlined registration frameworks for investment advisers.

Detailed News
●The Securities and Exchange Board of India approved a regulatory framework for Mutual Fund Lite, relaxing net worth and track record eligibility criteria for passive scheme managers while simplifying disclosure norms.
●Portfolio managers gained permission to offer performance-based fee structures to clients subject to high-water mark principles and defined sharing ratios.
●Registration processes for Investment Advisers and Research Analysts underwent streamlined revisions, reducing minimum net worth mandates and digital compliance hurdles.
●Settlement cycles for secondary market equity trades face further evaluation under optional instant T+0 settlement schemes to enhance market liquidity and investor security.

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●Here is the detail that matters for: the Securities and Exchange Board of India introduced enhanced cybersecurity compliance metrics for Stock Exchanges and Depositories to prevent market-wide technical disruptions.

Connect the Dots: This regulatory update aligns with earlier Securities and Exchange Board of India measures standardizing Total Expense Ratios and regulating financial influencers, a theme examiners frequently test when assessing capital market governance.

Static Points Related to News

●Securities and Exchange Board of India: Established as a statutory body in 1992 under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act to protect investor interests and regulate securities markets.
●Mutual Fund Lite: A specialized regulatory framework designed to lower entry barriers and compliance burdens for asset management companies managing exclusively passive index funds and exchange-traded funds.
●T+0 Settlement: A trade settlement framework where funds and securities are transferred on the exact same day the transaction takes place.

Points to Remember

●Mutual Fund Lite approved as the passive fund regulatory framework.
●September 24, 2026 marked as the meeting date for the board approvals.
●High-water mark principle mandated for performance-based portfolio management fees.

News Title: Reserve Bank of India Imposes Financial Penalties on Two Financial Institutions for Regulatory Non-Compliance

Exam Radar: Worth watching for Banking Mains General Awareness, Reserve Bank of India Grade B, and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection Specialist Officer — expect direct questions on supervisory enforcement and statutory provisions.

News in One Liner: The Reserve Bank of India imposed monetary penalties on two financial institutions for failing to comply with specific supervisory directions regarding loan accounts and customer protection guidelines.

Detailed News

●The Reserve Bank of India exercised statutory powers under the Banking Regulation Act of 1949 to levy monetary penalties on two non-compliant financial entities.
●Supervisory inspections revealed procedural lapses in income recognition, asset classification, and adherence to interest rate reporting directives.

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●Regulatory action remains strictly confined to statutory compliance enforcement without invalidating any ongoing transactions or contracts entered into by customers with the institutions.
●Failure to report credit information accurately to credit information companies formed a key component of the compliance Lapses identified.

Connect the Dots: Regulatory penalties levied by the central bank connect to the supervisory framework under the Prompt Corrective Action guidelines, which bank examiners regularly question regarding financial health and capital adequacy.

Static Points Related to News
●Reserve Bank of India: Established on April 1, 1935 under the Reserve Bank of India Act of 1934 to regulate currency, credit, and monetary policy across the financial system.
●Banking Regulation Act of 1949: Key legislation empowering the central bank to license, supervise, inspect, and penalize banking companies in India.
●Credit Information Companies: Entities registered with the Reserve Bank of India that collect and maintain credit data on borrowers to assist lenders in credit assessment.

Points to Remember
●Banking Regulation Act of 1949 cited as the primary statutory authority for penalty imposition.
●Income recognition and asset classification Lapses identified as core supervisory violations.
●Customer transaction validity affirmed despite regulatory penalties.

News Title: Reserve Bank of India Cancels Certificate of Registration of Non-Banking Financial Company

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness and State Public Service Commission General Studies — expect questions on Non-Banking Financial Company registration requirements and central bank powers.

News in One Liner: The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the certificate of registration of a non-banking financial institution for violating prescribed capital adequacy and operational norms under the Reserve Bank of India Act.

Detailed News
●The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the Certificate of Registration of a non-banking financial company, prohibiting it from transacting the business of a non-banking financial institution.
●Cancellation measures stemmed from persistent non-adherence to minimum net owned fund requirements and regulatory prudential guidelines.

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●The central bank directed the entity to cease all credit disbursement and deposit-taking activities immediately.

Connect the Dots: This enforcement action links to the Reserve Bank of India's scale-based regulatory framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies introduced to monitor asset quality and prevent systemic risks across non-bank lenders.

Static Points Related to News

●Reserve Bank of India Act of 1934: Section 45-IA governs the mandatory registration and minimum Net Owned Fund requirements for Non-Banking Financial Companies operating in India.
●Non-Banking Financial Company: An institution registered under the Companies Act engaged in the business of loans, advances, and acquisition of shares or stocks without holding a banking license.
●Net Owned Fund: The financial capital requirement mandated for Non-Banking Financial Companies calculated as paid-up capital and free reserves minus accumulated losses.

Points to Remember

●Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act empowers the central bank to cancel non-bank licenses.
●Immediate cessation of financial operations mandated post-cancellation.
●Net Owned Fund shortfall identified as a primary trigger for regulatory action.

News Title: Gold Loans Surge Four Point Four Times Amid Slower Growth in Unsecured Credit Segment

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness and Reserve Bank of India Grade B — expect direct questions on personal credit trends, growth multipliers, and secured lending dynamics.

News in One Liner: Financial data revealed that gold loan disbursements surged four point four times within the personal credit segment as commercial banks and non-bank lenders shifted focus away from slower-growing unsecured credit.

Detailed News

●Gold loans expanded four point four times in overall personal credit volume, reflecting a significant portfolio shift toward asset-backed lending by banks and non-banking finance companies.
●Tighter risk-weight mandates on unsecured personal loans and credit cards prompted financial institutions to reallocate capital toward fully collateralized retail offerings.

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●Rising gold prices enhanced the borrowing capacity per gram for customers, accelerating overall credit demand among self-employed individuals and small enterprises.
●Average loan-to-value ratios remained well within regulatory safety thresholds, limiting credit default risk for lending institutions despite elevated loan volumes.

Connect the Dots: This lending pivot directly connects to the Reserve Bank of India's regulatory hike in risk weights on consumer credit in late 2023, which examiners frequently reference when testing macroprudential measures.

Static Points Related to News
●Loan-to-Value Ratio: The maximum percentage of an asset's appraised value that a lender can extend as a loan, capped at seventy-five percent for gold loans by the Reserve Bank of India.
●Unsecured Credit: Loans granted without collateral backing, such as personal loans and credit card receivables, carrying higher risk weights for banks.
●Macroprudential Measures: Regulatory actions taken by central banks to mitigate systemic financial risks across the broader economy.

Points to Remember
●Four point four times expansion achieved in gold loan credit growth.
●Heightened risk weights on unsecured lending identified as the primary catalyst for the portfolio shift.
●Seventy-five percent set as the regulatory Loan-to-Value ceiling for gold-backed lending.

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World News

News Title: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Chairs Second Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation Foreign Ministers Meeting in New York

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Civil Services Examination, Reserve Bank of India Grade B, and State Public Service Commission Exams — expect questions on diplomatic groupings, regional summits, and bilateral action plans.

News in One Liner: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar chaired the second Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation Foreign Ministers Meeting in New York to review development partnerships and regional climate resilience.

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Detailed News

●External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar chaired the second Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Foreign Ministers Meeting in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Week.
●Delegates reviewed progress made since the third summit held in 2023 and welcomed developments under the 12-Point Action Plan announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
●Discussions focused on expanding cooperation in renewable energy, climate action, disaster resilience, healthcare, education, technology, and capacity building.
●India reaffirmed support for the Pacific Islands Forum 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent through a demand-driven and development-oriented approach.
●Foreign Ministers and high-level representatives from Samoa, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Micronesia, Vanuatu, and Nauru attended the session.

Connect the Dots: This meeting bridges to India's Act East and Indo-Pacific maritime diplomacy strategies, which examiners regularly highlight when asking about India's developmental aid and south-south cooperation frameworks.

Static Points Related to News

●Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation: Launched in 2014 during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Fiji to foster collaboration between India and 14 Pacific Island nations.
●Pacific Islands Forum: Regional intergovernmental organization established in 1971 to enhance cooperation between countries and territories of the Pacific Ocean.
●Ministry of External Affairs: Statutory executive agency responsible for the conduct of India's foreign relations and representation in international organizations.

Points to Remember

●New York hosted the second Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation Foreign Ministers Meeting.
●12-Point Action Plan progress reviewed during the multilateral interaction.
●2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent endorsed by India.

News Title: Foreign Ministers of G4 Nations Call for Early Reform of United Nations Security Council

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Civil Services Examination, Staff Selection Commission General Studies, and Reserve Bank of India Grade B — expect direct questions on G4 member nations, UN body structures, and reform proposals.

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News in One Liner: Foreign Ministers of G4 countries Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan met in New York and demanded urgent comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council.

Detailed News

●Foreign Ministers of G4 countries Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan issued a joint statement in New York calling for immediate reform of the United Nations Security Council.
●The ministers stated that the eight-decade-old architecture prevents the council from effectively discharging its core responsibility of maintaining international peace and security.
●Expansion of the Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent membership categories remains central to the reform process championed by the group.
●The G4 reiterated support for the African Group reform model and expressed concern over the limited progress under the Intergovernmental Negotiations framework.
●Participating Foreign Ministers included Mauro Vieira of Brazil, Johann David Wadephul of Germany, S Jaishankar of India, and Motegi Toshimitsu of Japan.

Connect the Dots: This multilateral position aligns with India's ongoing bid for permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security Council alongside broader Global South representation, a recurrent theme in international relation modules.

Static Points Related to News

●G4 Nations: Alliance comprising Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan established in 2005 to support each other's bids for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council.
●United Nations Security Council: One of the six principal organs of the United Nations, tasked with ensuring international peace and security with 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent members.
●Intergovernmental Negotiations: Group of multilateral discussions within the United Nations General Assembly working toward Security Council reform.

Points to Remember

●Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan constitute the G4 group.
●Expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories demanded by the bloc.
●Eight-decade-old structure cited as the primary obstacle to council efficacy.

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Appointments and Resignation

News Title: Government Appoints Mandeep K Bhandari as New Central Board of Secondary Education Chairperson

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Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level, Banking Mains General Awareness, and State Public Service Commission Exams — expect direct questions on senior bureaucratic appointments, cadre, and host ministries.

News in One Liner: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed 2001-batch Indian Administrative Service officer Mandeep K Bhandari as Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education.

Detailed News

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of 2001-batch Indian Administrative Service officer Mandeep K Bhandari as Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education.
- The Union Government temporarily upgraded the post to the rank and pay of an Additional Secretary to the Government of India for this appointment.
- Mandeep K Bhandari belongs to the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territories cadre.
- The appointment comes under the Ministry of Education following a leadership transition at the national school board.

Connect the Dots: This senior administrative appointment links to key human resource development leadership updates within the Ministry of Education, which general awareness papers frequently test under national appointments and statutory body headers.

Static Points Related to News

- Central Board of Secondary Education: Formed in 1962, it serves as a national level board of education in India for public and private schools, controlled and managed by the Government of India.
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet: Chaired by the Prime Minister of India, it decides key top-level appointments in the central government and major public sector institutions.
- Ministry of Education: Nodal central ministry responsible for the implementation and monitoring of national policies on education across school and higher education sectors.

Points to Remember

- Mandeep K Bhandari appointed as Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education.
- 2001-batch Indian Administrative Service officer from the AGMUT cadre.
- Additional Secretary rank and pay assigned to the upgraded post.

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Sports News

News Title: Pune Selected to Host Union Cycliste Internationale Road World Championships in Twenty Thirty Two

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness, Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level, and State Public Service Commission Exams — expect direct questions on host cities, sporting event years, and international federations.

News in One Liner: Pune secured the hosting rights for the 2032 Union Cycliste Internationale Road World Championships, marking the first time the global cycling event will take place in India.

Detailed News

●The Union Cycliste Internationale Congress in Montreal announced Pune as the host city for the 2032 Road World Championships.
●This selection marks the first time cycling's premier global road racing championship will be held in India.
●The Government of Maharashtra and the Cycling Federation of India jointly presented Pune's candidate bid with support from the Government of India.
●Pune reached the final round against the candidacy of Groningen and Drenthe in the Netherlands after Colombia and Mexico faced elimination in earlier stages.
●Proposed evaluation venues included the Balewadi Stadium complex and the Pune University circuit inspected by international technical teams.

Connect the Dots: This landmark sports hosting win connects to India's broader push to build international sporting infrastructure, building upon previous hosting rights for major world championships and multi-sport tournaments.

Static Points Related to News

●Union Cycliste Internationale: Global governing body for sports cycling established in 1900 with headquarters in Aigle, Switzerland.
●Cycling Federation of India: Pioneer national governing body for cycling in India recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
●Maharashtra: Western Indian state whose major educational and industrial hub Pune serves as a prominent sports infrastructure center.

Points to Remember

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●Pune named host city for the 2032 UCI Road World Championships.
●Montreal served as the venue for the announcement at the official congress.
●Cycling Federation of India co-led the successful bidding delegation.

News Title: Indian Rowers Satnam Singh and Salman Khan Claim Bronze in Men Double Sculls at Asian Games

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness, Staff Selection Commission General Studies, and State Public Service Commission Exams — expect direct questions on medal winners, specific sporting categories, and international venues.

News in One Liner: Indian rowers Satnam Singh and Salman Khan secured a bronze medal in the Men Double Sculls event at the Asian Games held in Aichi-Nagoya by clocking a time of six minutes thirteen point twenty-five seconds.

Detailed News
●Rowers Satnam Singh and Salman Khan won the bronze medal in the Men Double Sculls competition at the Asian Games.
●The Indian pair completed the race at the Nagaragawa International Regatta Course in six minutes thirteen point twenty-five seconds.
●This achievement earned India its first medal in the Men Double Sculls category at the Asian Games.
●China captured the gold medal in the event with a timing of six minutes nine point seventy-seven seconds.

Connect the Dots: This medal effort connects to India's growing multi-sport international footprint across continental tournaments, building upon previous rowing achievements recorded at the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games.

Static Points Related to News
●Rowing Federation of India: Established in 1976, it acts as the national governing body responsible for organizing, promoting, and selecting teams for competitive rowing in India.
●Asian Games: A continental multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from all over Asia, organized by the Olympic Council of Asia.
●Olympic Council of Asia: Regional governing body for sports in Asia founded in 1982 with headquarters located in Kuwait City.

Points to Remember
●Six minutes thirteen point twenty-five seconds recorded as the bronze medal winning timing.

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●Satnam Singh and Salman Khan named as the historic medal-winning rowing pair.
●Nagaragawa International Regatta Course hosted the continental rowing competitions.

News Title: Indian Relay Team Secures Silver Medal in Mixed Four Cross Four Hundred Meter Relay at Asian Games

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level, Banking Mains General Awareness, and State Public Service Commission Current Affairs — expect direct questions on relay quartet members, race timings, and finishing positions.

News in One Liner: The Indian athletics team comprising Poovamma Raju, Vishal Thennarasu, Manu TS, and Vithya Ramraj won the silver medal in the Mixed Four Cross Four Hundred Meter Relay at the Asian Games.

Detailed News
●The Indian quartet of Poovamma Raju, Vishal Thennarasu, Manu TS, and Vithya Ramraj secured the silver medal in the Mixed Four Cross Four Hundred Meter Relay.
●India completed the four-leg track event in three minutes fourteen point forty-six seconds to finish in second place.
●Anchor runner Vithya Ramraj delivered a late surge on the final lap to surpass Vietnam and seal the silver medal position.
●Bahrain took the gold medal in the event with a Games-record timing of three minutes twelve point eighty-seven seconds.

Connect the Dots: This relay podium finish links directly to India's podium defense in the mixed relay event, mirroring the team's silver medal performance achieved during the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou.

Static Points Related to News
●Athletics Federation of India: Apex body for running, throwing, and jumping sports in India, affiliated with World Athletics and the Indian Olympic Association.
●World Athletics: International governing body for the sport of athletics founded in 1912 with headquarters in Monaco.
●Mixed Four Cross Four Hundred Meter Relay: Track event featuring two male and two female athletes per country competing in alternating 400-meter legs.

Points to Remember
●Three minutes fourteen point forty-six seconds registered as the silver medal race time.
●Vithya Ramraj ran the decisive final anchor leg for the Indian relay team.

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●Bahrain won the gold medal in the event.

News Title: Shooters Kamaljeet and Suruchi Inder Singh Clinch Gold Medal in Ten Meter Air Pistol Mixed Team Event

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Officer Exams, Staff Selection Commission General Studies, and State Public Service Commissions — expect questions on gold medal achievements, record scores, and specific shooting categories.

News in One Liner: Indian shooters Kamaljeet and Suruchi Inder Singh won the gold medal in the Ten Meter Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the Asian Games while establishing a new Asian Record.

Detailed News

●Kamaljeet and Suruchi Inder Singh won India's second gold medal of the Asian Games in the Ten Meter Air Pistol Mixed Team event.
●The Indian pair compiled a final score of four hundred eighty-four point six points to set a new Asian Record in the final.
●Kamaljeet and Suruchi equalled the qualification Asian Record by shooting five hundred eighty-seven points during the qualifying round.
●South Korea took the silver medal with four hundred seventy-eight point zero points, while Iran claimed the bronze medal with four hundred fifteen point eight points.

Connect the Dots: This shooting victory connects to India's sustained supremacy in international air pistol events across ISSF World Cups and continental shooting championships over recent competition cycles.

Static Points Related to News

●National Rifle Association of India: Founded in 1951 to promote and organize target shooting sports across India.
●International Shooting Sport Federation: Governing body of international target shooting events established in 1907 with headquarters in Munich, Germany.
●Ten Meter Air Pistol: Standard Olympic and continental shooting discipline where athletes use 4.5 mm caliber air pistols to shoot at a target ten meters away.

Points to Remember

●Four hundred eighty-four point six points scored to establish a new Asian Record in the final.
●Five hundred eighty-seven points achieved to equal the qualification Asian Record.
●Kamaljeet and Suruchi Inder Singh identified as the gold medal winning shooting pair.

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News Title: Shot Putter Manpreet Kaur Wins Bronze Medal in Women Shot Put at Asian Games

Exam Radar: Strongly relevant for Banking Mains General Awareness, Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level, and State Public Service Commission Exams — expect direct questions on medal winners, distance throws, and field event categories.

News in One Liner: Seven-time national champion Manpreet Kaur won the bronze medal in the Women Shot Put event at the Asian Games with a distance throw of seventeen point seventeen meters.

Detailed News

●Experienced Indian shot putter Manpreet Kaur secured the bronze medal in the Women Shot Put event at the Asian Games.
●Manpreet Kaur recorded a best throw of seventeen point seventeen meters to secure third place on the podium.
●China dominated the event as Song Jiayuan won gold with nineteen point forty meters and Zhang Linru took silver with eighteen point fourteen meters.
●The performance earned Manpreet Kaur her first career medal at the Asian Games following her earlier fourth-place finish at the Commonwealth Games.

Connect the Dots: This field medal connects to India's historic track and field achievements at the continental level, making Manpreet Kaur only the third Indian female athlete after Barbara Webster and Kiran Baliyan to win an Asian Games medal in shot put.

Static Points Related to News

●Shot Put: Track and field event involving putting a heavy spherical ball for maximum distance using a throwing circle measuring 2.135 meters in diameter.
●Target Olympic Podium Scheme: Program formulated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 2014 to provide specialized assistance to elite Indian athletes.
●Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports: Nodal agency of the Government of India responsible for sports infrastructure development and elite athlete funding.

Points to Remember

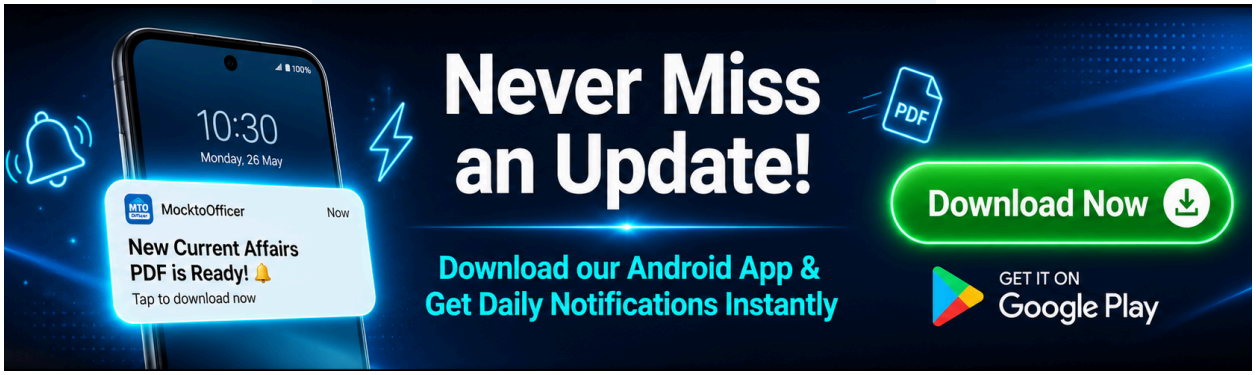
●Seventeen point seventeen meters registered as the bronze-winning throw distance.
●Manpreet Kaur became the third Indian woman to win an Asian Games shot put medal.
●Song Jiayuan of China claimed the gold medal with a throw of nineteen point forty meters.

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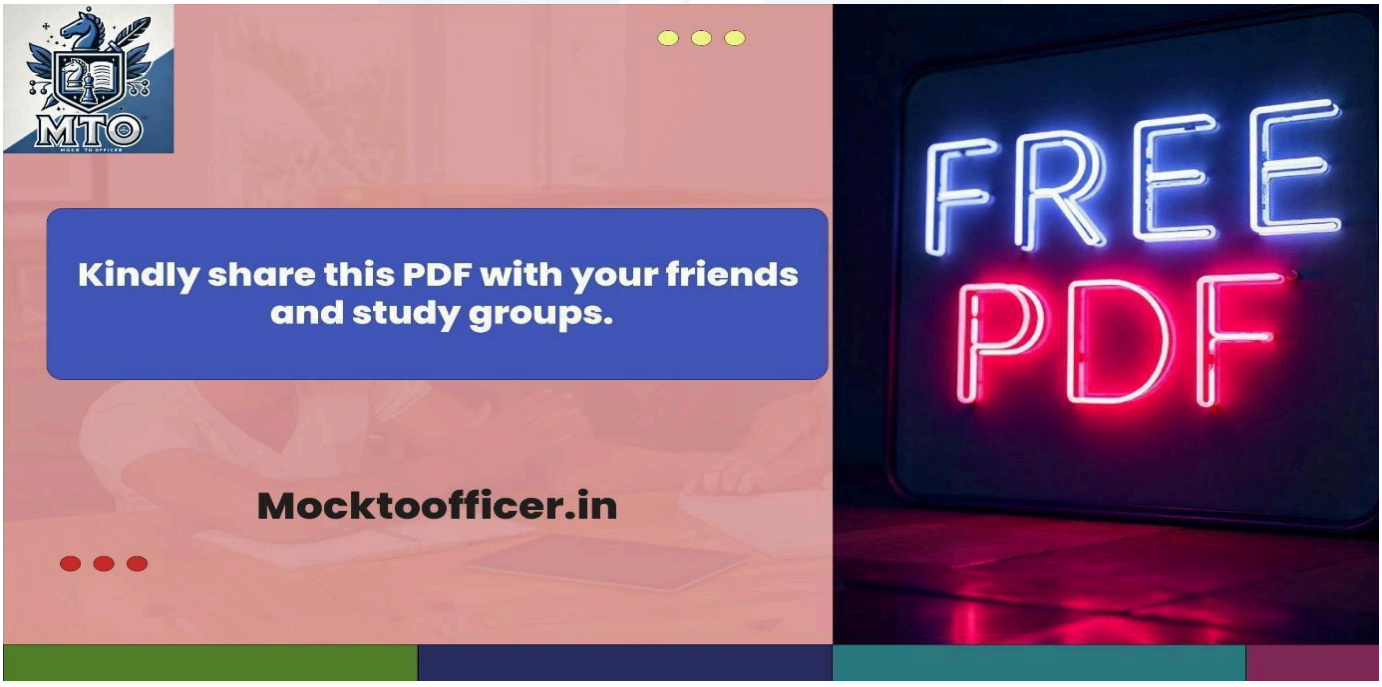
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