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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### 1. PM Modi Inaugurates and Lays Foundation Stone for Projects Worth ₹1,220 Crore in Gujarat's Ekta Nagar.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Ekta Nagar (formerly Kevadia) in Gujarat to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development projects worth ₹1,220 crore. The projects span sectors like tourism, infrastructure, and urban planning, aimed at transforming the area around the Statue of Unity into a major global tourist and development hub.

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- The projects are located in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat (site of the Statue of Unity).
- The initiatives are aimed at transforming the area around the Statue of Unity into a major global tourist and development hub.

#### Key Points:-

Projects cover sectors like urban planning and regional connectivity.

Development promotes local employment and sustainable tourism practices.

PM emphasized the integration of

technology and tradition in the development plan.

### 2. Cabinet Approves Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) for P&K Fertilizers for Rabi 2025-26.



The Union Cabinet approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the Rabi 2025-26 season (October–March). This approval involves a subsidy of ₹37,952 crore and aims to insulate farmers against the rise in global soil nutrient prices, ensuring the availability of non-urea fertilizers at affordable rates.

- The Union Cabinet approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates.
- The subsidy is for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the Rabi 2025-26 season.
- The total tentative budgetary requirement for the subsidy is estimated at ₹37,952 crore.

#### Key Points:-

The decision insulates farmers from international price volatility.

It promotes the balanced use of fertilizers (N, P, K, S).

Prices of non-urea soil nutrients like DAP



will remain unchanged for the Rabi season.

The 7th CPC resulted in a 157% increase in minimum basic pay.

### 3. Cabinet Approves Formation of 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC).



The Union Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC). The commission will revise salaries and pensions for nearly 5 million Central Government employees and 6.9 million pensioners. The new pay and pension hikes are expected to be implemented retrospectively from January 1, 2026.

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- The recommendations are expected to be implemented with retrospective effect from January 1, 2026.
- The commission will be headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai.

#### Key Points:-

Commission will consider economic conditions and fiscal prudence. It will also assess the impact on state government finances.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. 104 Casualties Reported in Gaza Following Israeli Airstrikes.



Following intensified military operations, reports indicate that at least 104 people were killed in various locations across Gaza due to continuous Israeli airstrikes. The casualty figures include women and children, highlighting the severe humanitarian crisis and the widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure in the besieged territory.

- At least 104 people were reported killed due to the intensified airstrikes.
- The casualty figures include a significant number of women and children.
- The strikes have resulted in the widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure in Gaza.

#### Key Points:-

International bodies continue to call for a humanitarian ceasefire.

The conflict has led to massive internal displacement of the population.

Relief agencies are struggling to provide essential supplies like food and fuel.

India will defend the schemes as necessary for self-reliance and job creation.

## 2. China Files WTO Complaint Against India's PLI Schemes Over Domestic Value Addition (DVA).



China has formally lodged a complaint with the World Trade Organization (WTO) against three of India's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, particularly those related to electric vehicles and batteries. China claims that the schemes' requirements for Domestic Value Addition (DVA) violate key WTO rules on national treatment and trade-related investment measures (TRIMs).

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### Key Points:-

Complaint targets PLI schemes in high-growth sectors like electric vehicles.

The outcome will set a precedent for domestic manufacturing promotion schemes.

## 3. India Withdraws Presence from Ayani Airbase, Tajikistan, Following Bilateral Agreement Expiration.



The Government of India officially withdrew its military presence and personnel from the Ayani Airbase in Tajikistan. The withdrawal follows the expiration of the long-standing bilateral agreement, marking a change in India's strategic military footprint in Central Asia, though defense cooperation continues in other forms.

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- The withdrawal follows the expiration of a long-standing bilateral agreement.
- The move marks a change in India's strategic military footprint in Central Asia.

### Key Points:-

The airbase was previously utilized for refuelling and logistical support.

India's focus in the region shifts toward naval and intelligence cooperation.

The withdrawal was done mutually and

amicably by both nations.

## BANKING & FINANCE

### 1. RBI Grants Exemption to SWAMIH Fund for Stalled Real Estate Projects.



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted regulatory exemption to the Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Fund for funding stalled real estate projects. The exemption allows the fund to operate with greater flexibility and expedite the completion of pending affordable and mid-income housing projects, protecting the interests of homebuyers.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted the regulatory exemption.
- The exemption was granted to the SWAMIH Fund for stalled real estate projects.
- The exemption allows the fund to operate with greater flexibility to expedite project completion.

#### Key Points:-

The fund protects the interests of homebuyers whose projects are pending.  
It is crucial for improving liquidity in the real

estate sector.

The move aids the government's mission of 'Housing for All'.

## MOUs and Agreement

### 1. Indian Army Signs Contract with DRDO to Procure Indigenous Software Defined Radios (SDRs).



The Indian Army formalized a contract with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the bulk procurement of indigenously developed Software Defined Radios (SDRs). The SDRs are advanced communication devices designed to enhance battlefield situational awareness and secure communications, marking a major step towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in defense electronics.

- The Indian Army signed the contract for the procurement of SDRs.
- The contract was signed with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- SDRs are advanced communication devices designed to enhance battlefield situational awareness.

#### Key Points:-



Procurement supports the national 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' mission in defense electronics.

SDRs offer high flexibility and resistance to jamming during operations.

The technology enables seamless communication across different military platforms.

### Key Points:-

Australia won the toss and elected to bat first.

Both teams wore black armbands in memory of a young cricketer.

The match highlights the rivalry between the two cricketing powerhouses.

## SPORTS

### 1. India Women Receive Target of 339 Runs from Australia in World Cup Semi-Final.



In the semi-final of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025, the Indian Women's Cricket Team was set a massive target of 339 runs by the dominant Australian side at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai. The Australian innings saw a commanding performance, putting India under immense pressure in the high-stakes knockout game.

- The match is the semi-final of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025.
- The Australian women's team set a target of 339 runs for India.
- The high-stakes knockout match is being played at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai.

### 2. Rohit Sharma Becomes Oldest Cricketer to Achieve World No. 1 ODI Batter Ranking.



Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma (aged 38) became the world's No. 1 ranked ODI batter for the first time in his career, according to the latest ICC Men's ODI Batter Rankings. He is the oldest cricketer to achieve this feat. Rohit displaced his teammate Shubman Gill, rising to the top after scoring an unbeaten century in the recent ODI series decider against Australia.

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- He is the oldest cricketer to achieve this feat at 38 years and 182 days.
- Rohit displaced his teammate Shubman Gill from the top spot after scoring a series-winning century.

### Key Points:-

Achievement came after his unbeaten century against Australia in the series decider.

He surpassed Shubman Gill by rising two places in the rankings.

Rohit is the second-oldest Indian to record an ODI hundred (after Tendulkar).

### 3. All-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy Ruled Out of T20I Series Against Australia Due to Injury.



Indian all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy has been ruled out of the upcoming T20I series against Australia due to an injury sustained during the recent ODI series. His absence is a significant blow to the squad's balance, highlighting the physical demands of high-tempo international cricket. The BCCI has named a suitable replacement for the series.

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### Key Points:-

BCCI will name a replacement player for the series shortly.

The injury highlights the physical demands of playing back-to-back series.

Team management faces a selection challenge in the middle order.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCE / COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

### 1. Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2025 Concludes in New Delhi, Focusing on Regional Cooperation.



The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025, the flagship strategic dialogue of the Indian Navy, concluded in New Delhi. The dialogue brought together naval strategists and diplomats to discuss maritime security, regional cooperation, and the growing importance of the Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

- The strategic dialogue is the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025.
- The dialogue, a flagship event of the Indian Navy, concluded in New Delhi.
- Discussions focused on maritime security, regional cooperation, and the Blue Economy in the IOR.

### Key Points:-

The dialogue promotes the Indian Navy's vision for the IOR.

It aims to enhance understanding of regional maritime challenges.

Blue Economy discussions centered on sustainable ocean resource management.

- PM Modi mentioned the operationalization of the Vizhinjam Port during the event.

### Key Points:-

The event drives strategic dialogues and cooperation across the maritime industry.

It focuses on port infrastructure, green shipping, and logistics development.

HUDCO also signed partnerships worth over ₹83,000 crore during the event.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Organizes India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai.



The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways organized India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025 in Mumbai from October 27 to 31. Prime Minister Modi launched various projects, mentioning an expected investment pipeline of ₹70,000 crore (or USD 82 billion) across the sector, highlighting the operationalization of the Vizhinjam Port and boosting the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways organized India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025.
- The event, held in Mumbai, highlighted an expected investment pipeline of ₹70,000 crore.

## ENVIRONMENT

1. NDMC Decides to Double Parking Fees in Delhi to Control Pollution.



The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) announced a decision to double parking fees across its jurisdiction in Delhi as an immediate measure to combat severe air pollution. This step is aimed at discouraging the use of private vehicles and encouraging public transport and carpooling, reducing traffic congestion and vehicular emissions.

- The decision to double parking fees was announced by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC).
- The measure is an immediate step taken to combat severe air pollution in Delhi.



- The policy aims to discourage the use of private vehicles and encourage public transport.

#### Key Points:-

The move follows the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

Increased parking revenue will be directed towards improving public transport services.

Decision is part of comprehensive efforts to improve Delhi's air quality.

- The capacity growth is primarily driven by massive additions in solar and wind energy.

#### Key Points:-

Success highlights India's rapid clean energy transition.

It positions India as a global leader in renewable energy deployment.

The achievement is critical for reaching Net Zero emissions by 2070.

## 2. India Crosses 500 GW Non-Fossil Fuel Electricity Capacity Goal Ahead of 2030 Target.



India has achieved a major milestone by crossing the 500 GW (Gigawatt) mark in non-fossil fuel electricity capacity, five years ahead of its 2030 target. This success, driven by massive additions in solar and wind energy, fulfills the nation's commitment made under the Paris Agreement and strengthens its position as a global leader in clean energy transition.

- India achieved the 500 GW capacity goal for non-fossil fuel sources.
- The milestone was achieved five years ahead of the committed 2030 target.

## Static GK

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| <b>Ekta Nagar</b>                 | Location: Kevadia, Gujarat, Main Attraction: Statue of Unity (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel), Projects Focus: Tourism and Infrastructure. | Statue of Unity Height: 182 meters (World's Tallest), Goal: Transform the area into a global development hub. |
| <b>ICC Women's World Cup 2025</b> | Edition: 13th, Host Nation: India (Navi Mumbai), Match: Semi-final vs Australia.                                                     | Significance: High-stakes knockout game, Venue: DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai.                                |
| <b>NDMC</b>                       | Full Form: New Delhi Municipal Council, Jurisdiction: New Delhi area (Lutyens' Delhi), Role: Civic governance and infrastructure.    | Policy Action: Doubling of parking fees, Objective: Reduce vehicular emissions and traffic congestion.        |
| <b>Rohit Sharma</b>               | Age at feat: 38 years, Former India Captain, Nickname: Hitman.                                                                       | Previous No. 1 Indian batters: Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, and Shubman Gill.                     |

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| <b>IPRD</b>                         | Full Form: Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue, Host: Indian Navy, Location: New Delhi.                                       | Focus: Maritime security, Blue Economy, Participants: Naval strategists and diplomats.                                           |
| <b>Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS)</b> | Mechanism: Subsidy fixed based on nutrient content, Implemented since: April 1, 2010, Focus: Non-urea fertilizers (P&K). | Goal: Ensure affordable prices for farmers, Current Subsidy: Approx. ₹37,952 crore for Rabi 2025-26.                             |
| <b>Gaza</b>                         | Location: Palestinian territory on the Mediterranean coast, Status: Under severe blockade and conflict.                  | Context: Intensified Israeli military operations, Impact: Severe humanitarian crisis and destruction of civilian infrastructure. |
| <b>India Maritime Week (IMW)</b>    | Dates: October 27–31, 2025, Location: Mumbai, Objective: Promote investments under Maritime India Vision 2047.           | Investment Pipeline: Approx. ₹70,000 crore, Highlight: Operationalization of Vizhinjam Port.                                     |

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| <b>SWAMIH Fund</b>                    | Full Form: Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing, Objective: Complete stalled projects.                         | Governing Body: Ministry of Finance, Management: SBICAP Ventures, Exemption: Regulatory flexibility from RBI. |
| <b>Software Defined Radios (SDRs)</b> | Definition: Wireless communication device, Feature: Frequency and protocol defined by software, not hardware.                  | Sponsor: DRDO, Goal: Secure communication, Enhancement: Battlefield situational awareness.                    |
| <b>Nitish Kumar Reddy</b>             | Role: All-rounder (Batsman/Medium Pacer), Domestic Team: Andhra Pradesh, Cause of Absence: Injury sustained during ODI series. | Format: T20 International, Significance: Absence impacts team balance, especially his batting depth.          |
| <b>Central Pay Commission (CPC)</b>   | Purpose: Periodically review emoluments and service conditions of central government employees,                                | 8th CPC Chairperson: Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, Implementation Date: Expected from January 1, 2026.       |

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|                               | Frequency: Usually every 10 years.                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Non-Fossil Fuel Energy</b> | Sources: Solar, Wind, Hydro, Nuclear, Milestone: 500 GW capacity achieved by 2025.                                         | Target: 50% of installed capacity by 2030, Impact: Strengthens Paris Agreement commitments.                                              |
| <b>WTO</b>                    | Established: 1995, HQ: Geneva, Switzerland, Role: Regulates international trade and resolves trade disputes.               | PLI Scheme: Promotes domestic manufacturing, DVA: Domestic Value Addition requirement, Claim: Violation of TRIMs and National Treatment. |
| <b>Ayani Airbase</b>          | Location: Tajikistan (near Dushanbe), Status: Former Indian military presence, Context: Expiration of bilateral agreement. | Strategic Importance: Central Asia military footprint, Cooperation: Defence cooperation continues in other forms (e.g., training).       |