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“2026 में किसी को साबित करने की ज़रूरत नहीं — बस रोज़ खुद को दिखाना है कि आज भी मैंने हार नहीं मानी।”



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10. Static Booster







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BAHRAIN

QATAR

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Strait of Hormuz

GULF OF OMAN

ARABIAN SEA



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Revision



Q. The Urdu book titled “Khutbat-e-Modi: Lal Qila Ki Faseel Se” features a collection of which particular addresses?

A. Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat speeches

B. Prime Minister's Independence Day speeches from the Red Fort ✓

C. Prime Minister's foreign policy speeches

D. Prime Minister's Parliamentary speeches



Q. Which medical institution has recently become the site for the launch of India's inaugural state-operated AI clinic?

- A. AIIMS Delhi
- B. Safdarjung Hospital
- C. GIMS, Greater Noida ✓
- D. PGIMER Chandigarh



Q. Under a new partnership with NSTFDC to aid students at Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), what specific CSR funding has ONGC committed?

A. ₹15 crore

B. ₹20 crore

C. ₹28 crore ✓

D. ₹50 crore



Q. In which year did the late Manoj Kothari, the celebrated former billiards champion, secure his world title?

A. 1985

B. 1995

C. 2000

D. 1990 ✓



Q. Which city served as the host for the Regional AI Impact Conference 2026?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Jaipur ✓
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Ahmedabad



Q. Who was recently named as the Adviser on Economic Development for the President of Ukraine?

- A. Janet Yellen
- B. Kristalina Georgieva
- C. Chrystia Freeland ✓
- D. Ursula von der Leyen



Q. Which international city is scheduled to host the 3rd International AYUSH Conference and Exhibition in 2026?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Abu Dhabi
- C. Dubai ✓
- D. Muscat



Q. Following a recent agreement with the Delhi Government, which responsibilities will the Reserve Bank of India now assume for the state?

- A. Banker, debt manager, and financial agent ✓
- B. Only tax administrator
- C. Only regulator of private banks in Delhi
- D. Auditor of state finances

RBI Act 1934
└─ Sec. 21 AT
└─ State Gov + RBI



Q. By scoring a century during the Sydney Test, Joe Root reached a milestone of 41 Test hundreds, matching the record of which legendary cricketer?

- A. Steve Smith
- B. Ricky Ponting ✓
- C. Brian Lara
- D. Kumar Sangakkara



Q. Under the proposed third phase of airport privatisation, how many airports are set to be leased out in specific bundled clusters?

A. 6

B. 8

C. 11 ✓

D. 14



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BCT and Weaver Win the 2025 ISG Paragon Award™ for Sustainability

**BCT और वीवर ने सस्टेनेबिलिटी के लिए
2025 ISG पैरागॉन अवार्ड™ जीता**



1. Award

2025 ISG Paragon Award – Sustainability (North America)

2. Winners

Bahwan CyberTek (BCT)

Weaver (accounting & advisory firm)

3. Award Focus

Recognises enterprise–provider partnerships

Uses digital innovation + new operating models

Delivers measurable business & sustainability impact

4. Why They Won

Projects delivered:

Sustainability data consolidation

Stronger governance & controls

Resource optimisation & efficiency gains

5. Measurable Outcomes



Data transparency: unified sustainability data, faster decision-making

Operational efficiency: reduced waste & energy intensity

Governance & reporting: KPIs aligned to leading frameworks; board-level visibility

6. Partnership Approach

BCT: AI-first digital platforms

Weaver: assurance, governance, advisory expertise

7. Key Message

Turning fragmented data into actionable intelligence

Embedding compliance into daily operations

Achieving sustainability + business performance together



Q. Bahwan CyberTek and Weaver won the 2025 ISG Paragon Award in which category?

- A. Innovation in Finance
- B. Digital Inclusion
- C. Cloud Transformation
- D. Sustainability (North America)



Q. ISG Paragon Awards primarily recognize excellence in which area?

- A. Agriculture and food security
- B. Defence and strategic affairs
- C. Public health services
- D. Digital technologies and sourcing partnerships



**Tata Power to set up Rs 6,675 cr
10 GW ingot & wafer
manufacturing facility in AP**

टाटा पावर आंध्र प्रदेश में 6,675 करोड़
रुपये की लागत से 10 गीगावाट क्षमता
वाला इंगॉट और वेफर विनिर्माण संयंत्र
स्थापित करेगी



1. Location

Nellore, Andhra Pradesh

In the IFFCO Kisan Special Economic Zone

200 acres allocated (120 acres initial + 80 acres future expansion)

2. Investment

₹6,675 crore

3. Project Type

Greenfield 10 GW ingot & wafer manufacturing facility

Largest such facility in India

4. Purpose / Significance

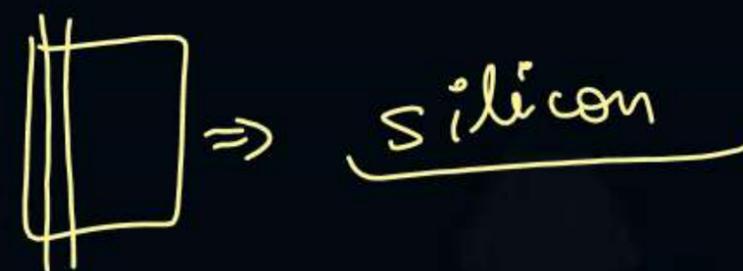
Supports solar & semiconductor ecosystem

Reduces import dependence for key components

Aligns with national push for domestic manufacturing

5. Approvals

Cleared by State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB)





Chaired by CM Chandrababu Naidu

6. Output Importance

Ingots & wafers used in:

Solar cells

Solar modules

Semiconductor applications

7. Employment Impact

Around 1,000 direct jobs

Significant indirect employment during construction

8. Renewable Commitment

200 MW captive green power plant for the facility

ISM?



9. Why AP was chosen

Ready industrial land

Strong infrastructure & port connectivity

Reliable green power availability

Growing solar manufacturing cluster in Nellore

10. Government Reaction

Nara Lokesh: Project boosts confidence, jobs & clean energy growth

11. Bigger Picture

First manufacturing investment by TPREL in Andhra Pradesh

Strengthens India's solar manufacturing leadership



Q. Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited will set up a 10 GW ingot and wafer manufacturing facility at which location?

- A. Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- C. Surat, Gujarat
- D. Nellore, Andhra Pradesh ✓





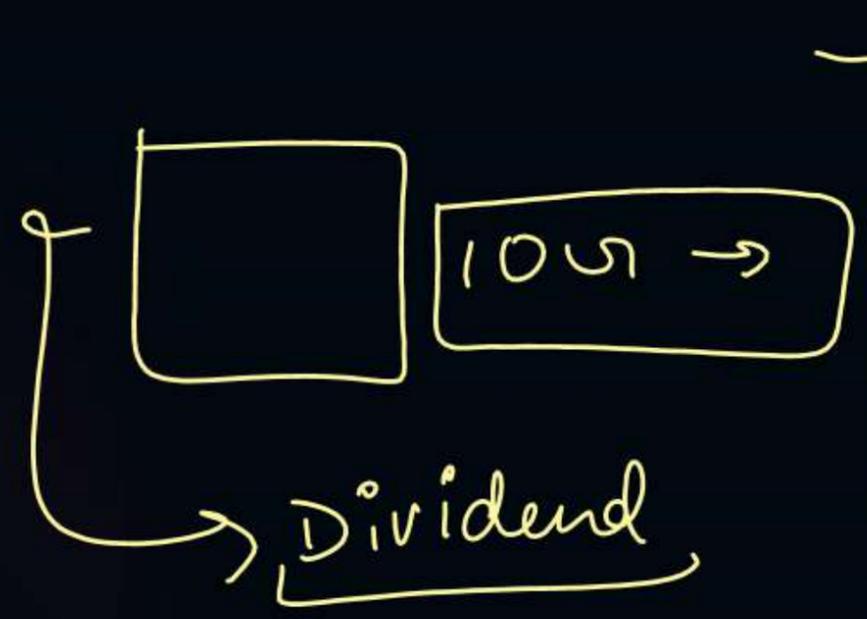
Q. Ingots and wafers are primarily used in the manufacturing of which of the following?

- A. Solar cells and semiconductor devices ✓
- B. Pharmaceuticals
- C. Fertilizers
- D. Cement



Banks can declare dividends only after meeting capital norms: RBI draft framework

बैंक केवल पूंजी मानकों को पूरा करने के बाद ही लाभांश घोषित कर सकेंगे: आरबीआई का मसौदा ढांचा



Banks \Rightarrow Risk
Risk weighted Assets \uparrow 100 %
CRAR / CAR
Capital Risk Weighted
Assets Ratio
Capital Adequacy Ratio

9 %



1. Purpose

To ensure dividend payouts do not weaken banks' financial health.

2. Eligibility to Declare Dividends / Remit Profits

Must meet all regulatory capital requirements in:

Previous financial year, and

The year in which dividend is paid.

Capital must remain above thresholds even after paying dividends.

3. Profit Conditions

Indian banks: Positive adjusted PAT required.

Foreign bank branches: Must have positive profits to remit earnings abroad.

4. Not Eligible

Banks under restrictions by:

RBI, or

Any other authority.



5. Foreign Banks — Remittance Rules

Can remit net profits without prior RBI approval, if:

Accounts are audited.

Any excess remittance must be returned immediately.

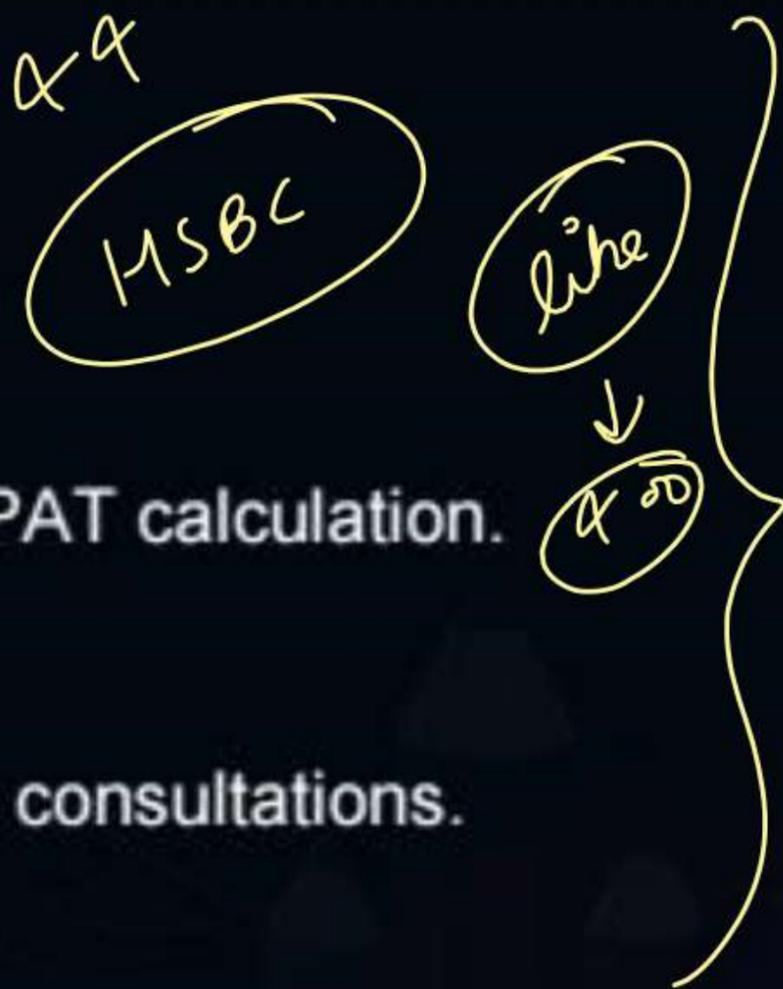
6. Profit Calculation Tightened

Exceptional / extraordinary income must be excluded from PAT calculation.

7. Background

Based on RBI's review of earlier rules.

First draft issued in January 2024; revised after stakeholder consultations.





Q. As per RBI's draft framework, banks can declare dividends only if:

- A. They meet capital requirements and show positive adjusted profits ✓
- B. They have high market share
- C. They receive government approval
- D. They increase loan disbursement



Q. Which institution is responsible for regulating banks and monetary policy in India?

- A. SEBI
- B. NABARD
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. RBI ✓



India's auto retail sales rise 7.7%
in 2025 as demand rebounds in
second half: FADA

2025 में भारत की ऑटो खुदरा बिक्री में
7.7% की वृद्धि हुई, क्योंकि दूसरे छमाही
में मांग में उछाल आया: FADA

Federation of Automobile
Dealers Association



1. Overall Industry Performance

Total retail sales: 28.16 million units (2025)

Growth: +7.71% YoY

Described as a "two-half year":

Weak demand till August ✓

Strong recovery from September onward

2. Why Was Growth Slow Initially?

Cautious consumer spending

Stricter / selective vehicle financing ✓

Higher cost of ownership concerns

3. What Drove the Recovery?

GST 2.0 rate rationalisation

Lower tax burden on:

Small cars

Two-wheelers

Three-wheelers

107.71
100



Some commercial vehicles
Boosted demand from September–December.

4. Segment-wise Performance (2025)

Two-wheelers: +7.24% → 20.29 million+ units

Passenger vehicles: +9.70% → 4.47 million units

Commercial vehicles: +6.71%

Tractors: +11.52%

Three-wheelers: +7.21%

Construction equipment: -6.67% (only segment to decline)

5. Rural vs Urban Trends

Rural PV growth: +12.31%

Urban PV growth: +8.08%

Rural demand outperformed.

Overall retail:

Urban: +8.20%



Rural: +7.31%

6. Electric & Alternate Fuels

EV share (2025):

3-wheelers: >60%

Two-wheelers: 6.31%

Passenger vehicles: ~4%

CNG share:

Passenger vehicles: 21.3%

Commercial vehicles: 11.81%

7. December 2025 Performance

Overall retail growth: +14.63%



Passenger vehicles: +26.64%

Commercial vehicles: +24.60%

Three-wheelers: +36.10%

Rural PV demand: +32.40%

Inventory down to 37–39 days.

Drivers:

Year-end offers

Advance purchases before January price hikes

8. Outlook for 2026

Dealer sentiment positive

70% expect January 2026 growth

~75% expect next-3-month expansion

Supporting factors:

Marriage season & festivals

Better rural liquidity

Easier financing after RBI repo rate cut (Dec 2025)



Q. What was the total automobile retail volume recorded in India in 2025, according to FADA?

- A. 26.5 million units
- B. 28.16 million units ✓
- C. 30.2 million units
- D. 22.9 million units



Q. FADA represents which segment of India's automobile ecosystem?

- A. Vehicle manufacturers
- B. Component suppliers
- C. Automobile dealers
- D. Vehicle testing agencies

Manish Raj Singhania?



Infosys teams up with AWS to push enterprise adoption of Generative AI

इंफोसिस ने जनरेटिव एआई को अपनाने को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एंटरप्राइज स्तर पर उपयोग बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से AWS के साथ साझेदारी की



1. Partnership Announcement

Infosys (India's second-largest IT services company) announced a strategic partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Aim: Accelerate enterprise adoption of generative AI.

2. Core Focus

Use generative AI to:

improve business efficiency ✓

modernize enterprise systems ✓

enable AI-driven decision-making and innovation. ✓

3. Technologies Involved

Infosys Topaz

AI-first services, platforms, and industry solutions using GenAI.

Amazon **Q Developer**

AWS's generative AI-powered developer assistant

helps automate coding, troubleshooting, and application development.

4. Areas & Industries Targeted



Internal Infosys operations

Client solutions across:

manufacturing

telecom

financial services

consumer goods

5. Expected Benefits

Faster AI adoption by enterprises

Improved productivity and automation

Scalable, secure AI deployments on AWS cloud.



Q. Infosys recently partnered with which company to accelerate generative AI adoption for enterprises?

- A. Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- B. Microsoft
- C. Google Cloud
- D. IBM



Q. AWS (Amazon Web Services) primarily provides which type of service?

- A. Social Media Networking
- B. ~~Cloud Computing and Infrastructure~~
- C. E-commerce Delivery
- D. Digital Advertising



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Jaishankar meets Luxembourg PM **Luc Frieden**, discusses finance, technology cooperation

जयशंकर ने लक्ज़मबर्ग के पीएम ल्यूक फ्रीडेन से मुलाकात की, वित्त, प्रौद्योगिकी सहयोग पर चर्चा की



1. Meeting with Luxembourg PM

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Luxembourg PM Luc Frieden.

Focus areas:

Financial services

Investments

Technology & innovation

Conveyed greetings from PM Narendra Modi.

Appreciated Luxembourg's support for stronger India–EU ties.

2. Context of the Visit

Part of a six-day official visit to:

France

Luxembourg

Aim: deepen bilateral partnerships and multilateral cooperation.

3. Engagements in France

Met Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA).

Discussions included:



Oil markets

Nuclear power

Critical minerals

Global energy security

India reiterated commitment to becoming a full IEA member.

4. Interaction with Young Professionals

Engaged with participants of the French–Indian Young Talents Programme.

Themes discussed:

Global transformations

Role of India–France collaboration.

5. Upcoming Diplomatic Meetings



Scheduled meeting with French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot and other leaders.

6. India–Luxembourg Relations (Background)

Diplomatic ties established in 1948.

Cooperation spans bilateral and multilateral forums.

Luxembourg embassy opened in New Delhi (2002).

Honorary consuls located in:

Mumbai

Chennai

Kolkata

Bengaluru.



Q. Which areas were the main focus of discussions between S. Jaishankar and Luxembourg PM Luc Frieden?

- A. Defence and space exploration
- B. Agriculture and tourism
- C. Education and climate refugees
- D. Financial services, investments, technology & innovation



Q. In which year were diplomatic relations between India and Luxembourg established?

- A. 1948
- B. 1950
- C. 1962
- D. 1971



India hosts second phase of cancer care capacity building programme for BIMSTEC countries

भारत ने BIMSTEC देशों के लिए कैंसर देखभाल क्षमता निर्माण कार्यक्रम के दूसरे चरण की मेज़बानी की



1. Venue

Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Visakhapatnam
Under Tata Memorial Centre

2. Organising Ministry

~~Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)~~

3. Objective

Capacity building in cancer care for BIMSTEC countries
Strengthen regional health cooperation

4. Background

Initiative announced by PM Narendra Modi
During the 6th BIMSTEC Summit

5. Duration *↳ Thailand*

Four-week specialized training programme

6. Participants

35 cancer-care experts from BIMSTEC member nations

7. Key Focus Areas



Onco-Pathology

Onco-Nursing

Palliative Medicine

Preventive Oncology

Radiation Oncology

Hands-on workshops on advanced diagnostics & therapies

8. Policy Alignment

Supports:

Neighborhood First

Act East Policy

MAHASAGAR vision

1997
Dhaka



Q. The second phase of the BIMSTEC cancer-care capacity building programme was hosted at which institute?

- A. AIIMS Delhi
- B. PGIMER Chandigarh
- C. Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- D. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Visakhapatnam



Q. Which of the following is NOT a member of BIMSTEC?

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Thailand
- D. Afghanistan



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NHAI Sets Two Guinness World Records During Bengaluru–Vijayawada Expressway Construction

NHAI ने बेंगलुरु–विजयवाड़ा एक्सप्रेसवे के निर्माण के दौरान दो गिनीज़ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड स्थापित किए



1. What Happened?

NHAI set two Guinness World Records in Andhra Pradesh.

Achieved during construction of Bengaluru–Kadapa–Vijayawada Expressway (NH-544G).

2. Record Details

Executed by: Rajpath Infracon Pvt. Ltd. *

Within 24 hours:

- ✓ 28.95 lane-kilometres laid ✓
- ✓ 10,675 MT of bituminous concrete laid

Done under strict NHAI quality standards.

3. Announcement

Announced by AP CM N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Described as:

Proud moment for India & Andhra Pradesh

Reflects central government's highway vision.

4. Upcoming Attempts

Two more Guinness Record attempts

Scheduled by January 11, 2026

Black Road material



On Packages 2 & 3 of the corridor.

5. About the Expressway

Six-lane, access-controlled greenfield expressway

Major benefit:

Reduces Amaravati–Bengaluru travel time

From 11–12 hours → ~6 hours

6. Route Coverage

Passes through:

Guntur

Prakasam

Kurnool

Kadapa

Then enters Karnataka



7. Project Scheme

Developed under Bharatmala Phase-II

Combination of:

Greenfield alignment

Brownfield upgrades

8. Length & Cost

Total estimated length: 518–624 km

Projected cost: ₹19,200–19,320 crore

Break-up

Greenfield section: ~342 km (Kodikonda → Addanki/Muppavaram)

Brownfield:

Bengaluru–Kodikonda: 73 km (NH-44)

Addanki–Vijayawada: 113 km (NH-16)



Q. NHAI recently set two Guinness World Records during construction on which highway corridor?

- A. Delhi–Mumbai Expressway
- B. Mumbai–Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway
- C. Chennai–Bengaluru Expressway
- D. Bengaluru–Kadapa–Vijayawada Expressway



Q. Which programme primarily focuses on developing national highways and expressways across India?

- A. Sagarmala
- B. AMRUT
- C. Smart Cities Mission
- D. Bharatmala Pariyojana



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 **INDIA ENERGY WEEK**
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MINISTRY OF
PETROLEUM AND
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✓
**Energy Week 2026 to be held
in Goa from January 27–30**

**इंडिया एनर्जी वीक 2026 का आयोजन
27-30 जनवरी तक गोवा में होगा**



1. Event Overview

Venue: Goa ✓

Dates: January 27–30, 2026

First major global energy gathering of the year.
Over 120 countries expected to participate.

2. Organisers

Under the patronage of:

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG)

Jointly hosted by:

Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI)

dmg events

3. Purpose & Themes

Focus on:

Energy security

Investment

Decarbonisation



Platform for cooperation on:
Affordable, resilient, and sustainable energy systems.

4. Scale of the Event

(Previous edition — comparison)

68,000+ attendees

570 exhibitors

5,400+ delegates

100+ conference sessions

540+ global speakers

2026 edition expected to be even larger.

5. India's Energy Role

As per IEA World Energy Outlook 2025:

India will account for 23% of global incremental energy demand by 2050 — the highest for any country.

6. Policy & Reform Highlights

100 kg
23 kg



Showcasing reform-driven framework:

Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 2025

Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025

Key objectives:

Time-bound approvals

Long-term lease stability

Infrastructure sharing

Better investor safeguards

7. Clean Energy Focus

Ethanol blending programme

Biofuels

Green hydrogen

Sustainable aviation and transport fuels

Ethanol programme benefits:



Saves foreign exchange

Cuts emissions

Supports farmers' income

8. Infrastructure & Consumer Protection

Expansion in:

Fuel retail network

City gas distribution

Natural gas pipelines

Effort to maintain price stability despite global volatility.



Q. India Energy Week (IEW) 2026 will be held in which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Goa



Q. Which ministry is the patron organisation for India Energy Week?

- A. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- B. Ministry of Environment
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Finance



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Science / Tech News



अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान
ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

AIIMS to provide free therapeutic drug monitoring test for epilepsy patients

एम्स एपिलेप्सी के मरीजों के लिए मुफ्त थैरेप्यूटिक ड्रग मॉनिटरिंग टेस्ट उपलब्ध कराएगा



1. What has AIIMS introduced?

Free Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM) test

Specifically for epilepsy patients

Available for both OPD and IPD patients

2. What is Epilepsy?

Chronic brain disorder

Causes recurrent seizures due to abnormal electrical activity

Symptoms: muscle jerks, confusion, loss of awareness, psychological changes

3. What does the TDM test do?

Measures drug concentration in the blood

Ensures:

Correct dosage

Better treatment effectiveness

Prevention of toxicity / overdose

4. Which epilepsy drugs will be monitored?

Phenobarbital



Carbamazepine

Valproic acid

Phenytoin

5. Why is this important?

Earlier patients paid ₹390–₹1,880 outside hospitals

Now:

Free, in-house testing

Saves money and time

Improves treatment monitoring and safety

6. Where & When is the service available?

AIIMS Delhi OPD

Collection Centre: Room No. 3

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

AIIMS Jhajjar (National Cancer Institute) — also covered

Samples to be sent to the designated TDM laboratory



Q. AIIMS has begun free therapeutic drug monitoring for which category of patients?

- A. Cancer
- B. Heart disease
- C. Diabetes
- D. Epilepsy



Q. Which of the following is commonly used as an anti-epileptic drug?

- A. Valproic acid
- B. Paracetamol
- C. Amoxicillin
- D. Atorvastatin



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SARAS-2026 Exhibition to be inaugurated on 8th January 2026 in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

सारस-2026 प्रदर्शनी का उद्घाटन 8 जनवरी 2026 को आंध्र प्रदेश के गुंटूर में होगा

↑ Sale of Article of Rural Artisans Society ↑



1. Venue & Dates

Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

From 6 January to 18 January 2026

2. Announcement

Announced by Union MoS for Rural Development & Communications — Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani

3. Inauguration

Inauguration on 8 January 2026 at 4:00 PM

By Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

In presence of Dr. Pemmasani

4. Objective

Promote Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

Provide exposure to national & global markets

Encourage entrepreneurship and modern marketing practices

5. Participation



Around 300 women artisans/entrepreneurs

From 21 States & UTs

6. Attractions & Products

Handlooms (Pochampally, Gadwal)

Bamboo crafts, jewellery, handicrafts

Eco-friendly products, home décor

All-India SHG Food Court with regional cuisines

7. Cultural Activities

Inter-State, State-level and District-level programmes

Daily cultural and entertainment events

NABARD



8. Capacity Building

Training sessions for SHGs

Lakhpati Didi Pavilion showcasing success stories

9. Security & Facilities

24×7 surveillance with 100+ CCTV cameras

Free food, accommodation and transport for participants

10. Organisers

Guntur Zilla Samakhya

DRDA & SERP

Venue: Open Ground opposite Reddy College, Adarsha Nagar, Narasaraopet Road, Guntur

Free entry for visitors



Q. SARAS Mela 2026 will be held in which city?

- A. Guntur
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Vijayawada



Q. The SARAS Mela is primarily aimed at supporting which group?

- A. MSME industrial workers
- B. Women Self-Help Groups
- C. Start-up founders
- D. Government employees



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Sports News



Racer Atiqa Mir becomes first Indian to secure top five finish at IAME UAE Karting Championship

रेसर अतीका मीर IAME यूएई कार्टिंग चैम्पियनशिप में शीर्ष पाँच में स्थान हासिल करने वाली पहली भारतीय बनी



1. Who is Atiqa Mir?

11-year-old Indian racing prodigy

Recently moved from:

Mini category (8–12 yrs) → Junior S125 (12–14 yrs)

2. Historic Achievement

Competed in Round 7 — IAME UAE Karting Championship

Venue: Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi

Finished 5th out of 35 drivers

Became:

- ✓ First Indian to secure top-5 globally on debut in the category
- ✓ First female ever to record a top-five finish in the IAME UAE Championship

Missed podium by just 0.4 seconds

3. About the Championship

IAME UAE Karting Championship

Top professional karting series in UAE

Uses IAME X30 engines

Includes multiple youth racing categories



Q. Atiqa Mir recently became the first Indian to secure a top-five finish on debut in which championship?

- A. FIA Formula 4
- B. Rotax Max Challenge
- C. Asian Karting Super Series
- D. IAME UAE Karting Championship



Q. The Yas Marina Circuit, where Atiqa Mir raced, is located in which country?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Bahrain
- C. Qatar
- D. Saudi Arabia



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MoUs / Agreements News



**WaveX signs agreement with
FITT-IIT Delhi to accelerate
media technology
entrepreneurship**

**WaveX ने मीडिया प्रौद्योगिकी
उद्यमिता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए FITT-
IIT दिल्ली के साथ एक समझौते पर
हस्ताक्षर किए**



1. Agreement Signed

WaveX (Startup accelerator under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting)

Signed MoU with FITT, IIT Delhi

2. Main Objective

Strengthen:

Innovation

Incubation

Entrepreneurship

in media, entertainment, broadcasting & communication technologies

3. Role of WaveX / Ministry of I&B

Provide:

Financial support

Policy direction

National visibility to startups and incubators



4. Vision of WaveX

Act as a national catalyst for media-tech innovation

Support:

Startups developing core technology

Innovators building new applications on existing platforms

Build world-class incubation facilities

5. Role of FITT, IIT Delhi

Support implementation & expansion of WaveX

Provide:

Strategic + operational guidance

Help in setting up incubators

Linkages with IITs & innovation hubs

Capacity-building for startups & incubation teams



Q. WaveX, the startup accelerator under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, recently signed an agreement with which institution to promote media technology entrepreneurship?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi (FITT)
- C. IIM Ahmedabad
- D. NITI Aayog



Q. The Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) is associated with which institution?

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. DRDO
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. CSIR



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Summit / Conference News



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**National Textiles Ministers'
Conference to Begin in Guwahati**

**राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र मंत्रियों का सम्मेलन
गुवाहाटी में आरंभ होगा**



1. Venue & Schedule

Held in Guwahati, Assam

Begins 8 January 2026

Duration: Two days

2. Theme

“India’s Textiles: Weaving Growth, Heritage & Innovation”

3. Objective

Policy discussions and investments

Boost exports & employment

Promote sustainability and technology

Align with goal: India as global textile hub by 2030

Based on ethos: “Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi”

4. Key Dignitaries (Inaugural Session)

Union Minister of Textiles — Shri Giriraj Singh

Chief Minister of Assam — Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma



MoS Textiles — Shri Pabitra Margherita
Opening of Exhibition & Pavilion

5. Major Discussion Areas

Infrastructure & investment

Expanding textile exports

Raw materials & fibres

Technical textiles & new-age fibres

Handlooms and handicrafts

6. Flagship Focus Areas

PM MITRA Parks

Sustainability & environmental compliance

Innovation and integrated value chains

7. Participation

Textile Ministers & officials from States and UTs

Sharing best practices and policy suggestions

8. Special North-East Conclave



Theme: Strengthening and Empowering the Textiles Sector of the North-Eastern Region

Focus on:

Eri, Muga, Mulberry silk

Handloom & handicrafts

Women-led enterprises

Branding & market access

9. Expected Outcome

Stronger Centre–State coordination

Roadmap for:

Competitive

Sustainable

Inclusive textile growth



Q1. The National Textiles Ministers' Conference 2026 is being held in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Guwahati
- D. Hyderabad



Q2. PM MITRA Parks scheme is primarily related to which sector?

- A. Renewable Energy
- B. MSME Financing
- C. Agriculture Modernisation
- D. Textile Manufacturing



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Obituaries News



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**Hungarian filmmaker Bela Tarr
dies at 70**

**हंगरी के फिल्म निर्माता बेला टार का 70
वर्ष की आयु में निधन**



1. Passing

Bela Tarr, renowned Hungarian filmmaker, died at age 70.

Confirmed by Association of Hungarian Film Artists.

Passed away after a long and serious illness.

2. Early Life & Beginnings

Born: 1955, Pécs, Hungary.

Started filmmaking at age 16 as an amateur.

Later worked at Balázs Béla Studio, a hub for experimental cinema.

First feature film: *The Family Nest* (1977) — explored social realities.

3. Major Works

The Prefab People (1982)

Damnation (1988)

Known for themes of:

social decay

human fragility

existential despair



4. Signature Film

Sátántangó (1994)

7.5-hour epic

Famous for long takes and minimalist aesthetics

Widely regarded as one of the greatest films of the 20th century.

5. Later Masterpieces

Werckmeister Harmonies (2000)

The Turin Horse (2011)

Won Jury Prize at Berlin International Film Festival

Marked Tarr's final film.



Q. Bela Tarr, who recently passed away, was best known for which field?

- A. Literature
- B. Music Composition
- C. Filmmaking
- D. Theatre Direction



Q. Which international film festival awards the prestigious “Golden Bear” and Jury Prizes?

- A. Cannes Film Festival
- B. Venice Film Festival
- C. Sundance Film Festival
- D. Berlin International Film Festival



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Static Booster



Where does India stand on acid attacks? | Explained

**भारत में एसिड हमलों की स्थिति क्या है?
| विस्तार से व्याख्या**



1. Case Background

A Delhi court acquitted three main accused in a 2009 acid attack case (Dec 24, 2025).

Survivor: Shaheen Malik, MBA student from Panipat at the time.

She underwent 25 reconstructive surgeries and lost vision in one eye.

Plans to appeal in the Delhi High Court.

2. Larger Issue Highlighted

Case exposed serious gaps in:

Police investigation

Judicial sensitivity

Case delays (16 years vs expected 6 months)

Malik says verdict may discourage survivors from seeking justice.

3. What Are Acid Attacks?

Throwing corrosive chemicals (commonly sulphuric, hydrochloric, nitric acid) to harm.

Leads to:

Severe burns, scarring, disfigurement

Blindness, disability



Psychological and economic trauma

Mostly affects women, while perpetrators are usually men.

4. Trends & Data

NCRB 2023: 207 reported acid attacks (underreported).

ASTI estimates ~1,000 cases per year likely in India.

Highest in 2023:

West Bengal – 57

Uttar Pradesh – 31

Gujarat – 15

5. Legal Provisions (India)

After Laxmi vs Union of India (2013), new provisions added.

Under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Section 124:

Minimum 10 years → life imprisonment

Fine to cover medical expenses

Attempt: 5–7 years imprisonment

Hospitals must treat victims free of cost.



Regulated sale of acid — but implementation remains weak.

6. Issues in Implementation

Delayed trials and shoddy investigations.

Pressure on survivors to “settle”.

Poor enforcement of acid sale control.

Low conviction rates:

Only 16 convictions in 2023 (including pending cases).

7. What Needs to Be Done

Strict enforcement / possible ban on acid sale.

Accountability of officials monitoring sale.

Fast-track courts and trained prosecutors.

Quick payment of compensation.

National fund for lifelong rehabilitation (as suggested by Justice J.S. Verma Committee).



Q. Under which section of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita are acid attacks currently covered?

- A. Section 109
- B. Section 121
- C. Section 302
- D. Section 124



Q. Which acid is most commonly used in acid attacks due to its corrosive nature?

- A. Sulphuric acid
- B. Acetic acid
- C. Boric acid
- D. Carbonic acid

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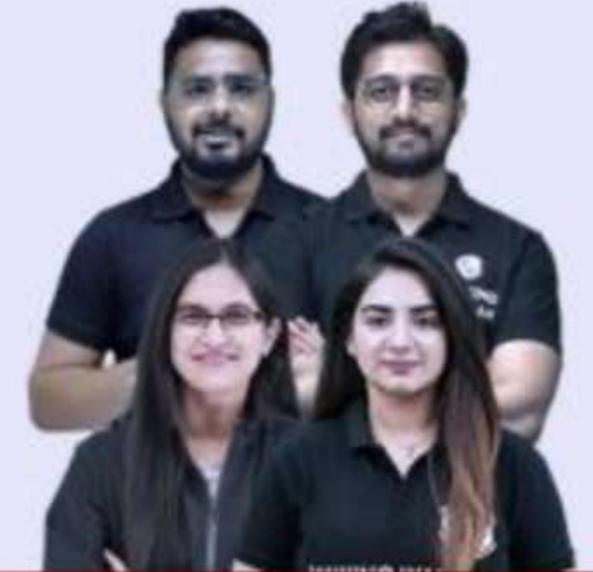
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