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# Revision



Q. In which category did Bahwan CyberTek and Weaver secure the 2025 ISG Paragon Award?

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



Q. According to the Reserve Bank of India's draft guidelines, what is the mandatory condition for banks to distribute dividends?

- 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 company has Infosys collaborated with to fast-track the integration of generative AI within enterprise operations?

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



Q. What were the primary themes of the bilateral talks held between S. Jaishankar and Luxembourg Prime Minister Luc Frieden?

A. Defence and space exploration

B. Agriculture and tourism

C. Education and climate refugees

D. Financial services, investments, technology & innovation ✓



Q. Which highway corridor served as the site where NHAI recently achieved two Guinness World Records during its construction?

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



Q. AIIMS has launched a free therapeutic drug monitoring service specifically for patients suffering from which condition?

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



Q. In which championship did Atiqa Mir make history as the first Indian to achieve a top-five finish during a debut performance?

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



Q. Which institution has signed a pact with WaveX (the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's accelerator) to foster startups in media technology?

A. IIT Bombay

B. IIT Delhi (FITT) ✓

C. IIM Ahmedabad

D. NITI Aayog



Q. Which city has been selected as the host for the National Textiles Ministers' Conference 2026?

A. New Delhi

B. Ahmedabad

C. Guwahati ✓

D. Hyderabad



Q. The late Bela Tarr, a prominent figure who recently passed away, was celebrated for his contributions to which artistic medium?

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



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# Business / Economy News



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✓ GDP to grow at 7.4% in 2025-26,  
government predicts in first  
advance estimates for the year

2025-26 में जीडीपी 7.4% की दर से  
बढ़ेगी, सरकार ने वर्ष के पहले अग्रिम  
अनुमान में भविष्यवाणी की



### 1. India's growth remains resilient

Indian economy remains strong despite global headwinds such as US tariffs.

Growth driven mainly by manufacturing + services.

Real GDP growth (FY26) estimated at 7.4%.

### 2. Strong drivers of growth

Gross Value Added (GVA) expected at 7.3%.

Fixed investments up 7.8%.

Private consumption up 7% — showing healthy domestic demand.

### 3. Outlook for next year

Growth may soften slightly but stay strong.

Private agencies project ~7% growth in FY27.

### 4. Nominal GDP slows due to low inflation

Nominal GDP growth estimated at 8%, below Budget estimate of 10.1%.

Reason: falling inflation and low price deflator.

Nominal GDP FY26 estimated at ₹357.14 lakh crore.

USA





### 5. Gap between real and nominal GDP

Only 0.6 percentage point gap — lowest since 2011–12.

Next year expected:

Nominal GDP: 10.5–11%

Real GDP: ~6.7%

### 6. Fiscal deficit outlook

Lower nominal GDP impacts tax projections.

But fiscal deficit target of 4.4% of GDP likely to be met due to:

higher non-tax revenues

spending savings

Gross tax revenue (GTR) growth slower than expected, likely revised lower.

### 7. Base year change for GDP

This is the last GDP estimate with base year 2011-12.

From February 27, GDP will use new series (base: 2022-23).

Methodology change may alter previous GDP figures.

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Q. According to the First Advance Estimates, India's real GDP growth for FY26 is projected at:

- A. 5.8%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 7.4%
- D. 8.2%





Q. What is “nominal GDP”?

- A. GDP adjusted for inflation
- B. GDP measured at current market prices
- C. GDP excluding agriculture
- D. GDP measured only in constant prices



**UN projects India's GDP growth at robust pace for 2026 despite geopolitical risks**

संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने 2026 के लिए भारत की जीडीपी वृद्धि को भू-राजनीतिक जोखिमों के बावजूद मजबूत गति पर रहने का अनुमान लगाया



## 1. Global Economic Growth Outlook

The United Nations projects global economic growth at 2.7% in 2026, slower than the pre-pandemic period.

Growth is constrained by geopolitical risks, policy uncertainty, fiscal challenges, and weaker international trade.

US tariff hikes in 2025 disrupted global trade, though the global economy showed resilience. Monetary easing may partially offset trade-related slowdowns in 2026.

## 2. Inflation & Global Economic Risks

Inflation has eased in most economies, but the rising cost of living continues to strain households.

Inequality is increasing across regions.

Risks of renewed supply disruptions remain due to:

Conflicts

Climate-related disasters

Trade fragmentation

Geopolitical tensions



### 3. India's Growth Projection – UN & IMF ✓

The UN projects India's GDP growth at 6.6% in 2026, revised down from 7.4%. India remains the world's fastest-growing major economy.

Strong demand in major markets may offset the impact of US tariff hikes.

The IMF also forecasts India as the only major economy with over 6% growth in 2025–26.

### 4. India's Official GDP Estimates

India's real GDP growth is projected at:

7.4% in FY 2025–26

6.5% in FY 2024–25

Economic growth accelerated to 8.2% in Q2 (July–September) of the current financial year.

Growth momentum continues despite global headwinds.



Q. According to the UN's 'World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026' report, India's projected GDP growth rate is:

- A. 5.9%
- B. 6.2%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 7.4%



Q. The 'World Economic Situation and Prospects' report is released by:

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. United Nations



## SEBI Proposes 30-Day Lag on Market Price Data

भारत की वित्त वर्ष 26 की वृद्धि एनएसओ के अनुमान से मजबूत होने की संभावना: मॉर्गन स्टेनली

Share Market



## Why in News

- SEBI released a draft proposal to introduce a uniform 30-day time lag on stock market price data used for investor education.

## Key Proposal Highlights

- Single 30-day lag for:
  - Sharing market price data
  - Using data in educational content
- Replaces earlier dual system:
  - Exchanges → 1-day lag
  - Educators → 3-month lag

Time lag = delayed market data

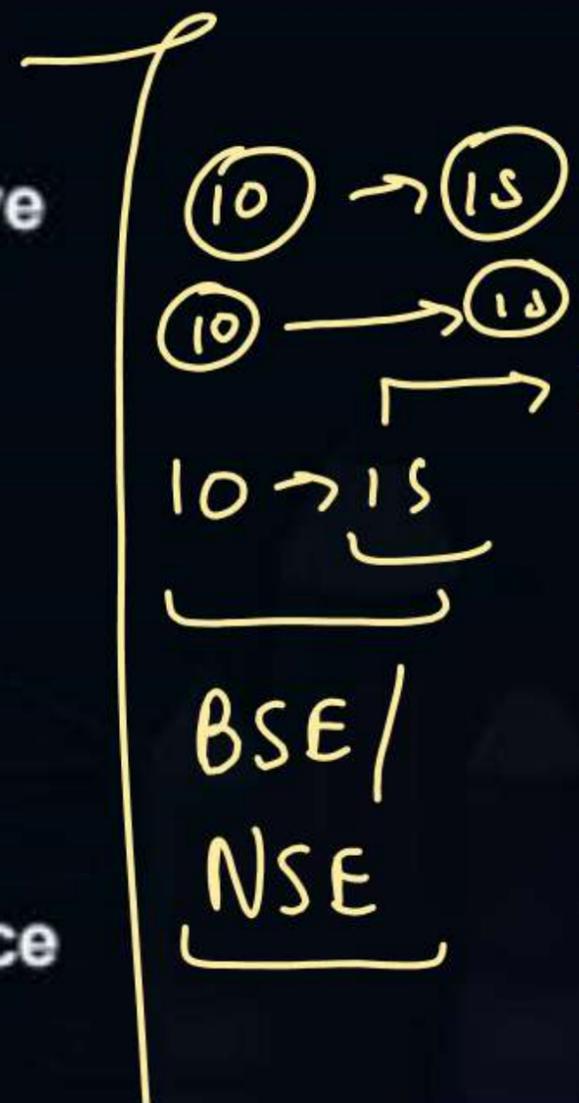


## Reason for the Change

- 1-day lag → Risk of data misuse
- 3-month lag → Content becomes outdated & ineffective
- 30-day lag balances:
  - Data protection
  - Educational relevance

## Education vs Investment Advice

- Using live or near real-time data may:
  - Blur line between education and investment advice
- Price analysis & future predictions:
  - Classified as investment advisory/research
  - Requires SEBI registration & compliance





## Safeguards & Compliance

- All safeguards from earlier SEBI circulars continue
- Educators must:
  - Follow January 2025 SEBI circular
  - Avoid recommendations, tips, or advisory content

## Background of the Move

- May 2024: SEBI restricted real-time data sharing to stop misuse by:
  - Online gaming platforms
  - Unregulated apps
- January 2025: 3-month lag imposed on educators
- Current proposal: Rationalizes to 30-day lag



Q. According to Morgan Stanley, India's real GDP growth in FY26 is projected at:

- A. 7.3%
- B. 7.4%
- C. 7.5%
- D. 7.6%



Q. The First Advance Estimates of India's GDP are released by which organisation?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. National Statistical Office (NSO)
- D. NITI Aayog



✓  
IndiGo receives first delivery of  
A321 XLR aircraft

इंडिगो को पहला A321 XLR विमान  
प्राप्त हुआ

Plane →  
Airbus / Boeing



### 1. What has happened?

IndiGo received its first Airbus A321XLR at Delhi.

Marks a major move toward long-haul international expansion.

First international induction of this aircraft type in IndiGo's fleet.

### 2. Where will it be deployed first?

Non-stop services to Athens:

From Delhi ✓

From Mumbai ✓



Service starts later this month.

### 3. Fleet and future deliveries ✓

IndiGo has ordered 40 A321XLR aircraft.

Nine deliveries expected in 2026.

Future deployment on routes such as:

Istanbul (Turkey)

Denpasar (Bali)

Later aircraft will support expansion into Europe and East Asia.



#### 4. Why is the A321XLR important?

Long-range version of the A321 narrow-body.

Range of about 8,700 km. ✓

Enables non-stop long routes previously needing wide-body jets.

Key advantages:

Better fuel efficiency

Lower per-seat costs

Opens thin, long routes profitably

Gives airlines flexibility and higher frequencies.



Q. IndiGo's newly inducted Airbus A321XLR will initially be deployed on non-stop flights to which destination?

- A. Paris
- B. Frankfurt
- C. Singapore
- D. Athens ✓



Q. The Airbus A321XLR is best described as which type of aircraft?

- A. Supersonic passenger aircraft
- B. Regional turboprop aircraft
- C. Long-range variant of a narrow-body jet
- D. Wide-body long-haul jet





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 **Saarathi**  
FINANCE



✓  
✓  
Saarathi Finance secures 'A-'  
rating from Icra in first year of  
operations

सारथी फाइनेंस ने संचालन के पहले वर्ष  
में इक्रा से 'A-' रेटिंग प्राप्त की



### 1. Saarathi Finance Gets 'A- (Stable)' Rating ✓

Saarathi Finance & Credit Pvt Ltd, an NBFC focused on MSME lending, received an A- (Stable) rating. Rating reflects strong business model, capital strength, and credible investors. ↪

### 2. Funding & Investor Support

↑ Raised ₹477 crore in first equity round (May 2025).

Key investors:

TVS Capital ✓

Lok Capital ✓

Evolve Equity Partners ✓

Paragon Partners ✓

### 3. Ownership Structure

CEO Vivek Bansal holds 49% stake. \*

Institutional investors hold about 35.5%. \*

Indicates strong management–investor alignment.

### 4. What the Rating Means

Early A- rating shows credibility in the first year of operations. ✓

Signals good governance, execution capability, and lender confidence.



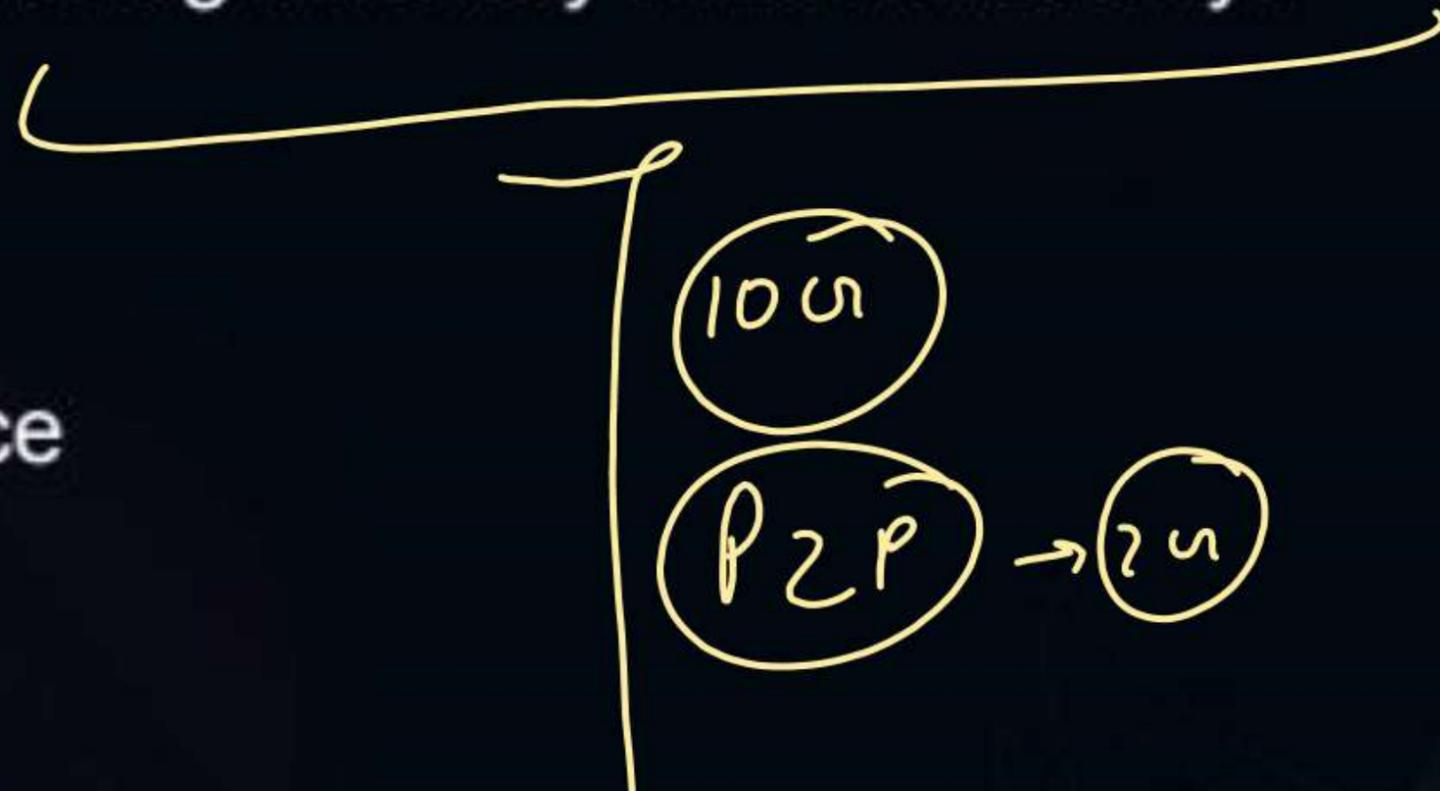
Q. Saarathi Finance recently received an A- (Stable) rating. What sector does the company primarily operate in?

- A. Housing finance
- B. Insurance services
- C. MSME lending ✓
- D. Agricultural credit



Q. NBFCs in India are regulated by which authority?

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





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# National News



SECL Partners with Sri Sathya Sai Trust to Set Up ₹35.04 Crore Healthcare Skill Development Centre in Chhattisgarh

SECL ने छत्तीसगढ़ में ₹35.04 करोड़ के स्वास्थ्य कौशल विकास केंद्र की स्थापना के लिए श्री सत्य साईं ट्रस्ट के साथ साझेदारी की



### 1. SECL–Sri Sathya Sai MoU for Healthcare Skill Centre

South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) signed an MoU with Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust.

Objective: Establish a Healthcare Skill Development Centre at Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Project implemented under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Financial support: ₹35.04 crore. ✓

CSR

### 2. Free Job-Oriented Healthcare Training

The institute will provide free skill-based training to socio-economically disadvantaged youth.

Key training areas include:

Nursing assistants

Healthcare technicians

Allied healthcare professionals

Aim: Improve employability and strengthen healthcare delivery in underserved regions.

### 3. Infrastructure & Admission Policy

Campus facilities to include:

Academic blocks



Hostels ✓

Staff residential facilities ✓

Allied infrastructure ✓

Preference to youth from SECL operational districts.

At least 20% seats reserved for these districts for 25 years, extendable based on performance.

4. Existing SECL–Sri Sathya Sai Collaboration \*

Both partners are already working under 'SECL Ki Dhadkan' healthcare initiative.

Programme provides free corrective surgeries for children with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

Over 180 life-saving surgeries completed so far.

5. SECL's CSR & Social Impact

SECL has spent over ₹850 crore on CSR initiatives.

CSR focus areas:

Healthcare



Education

Skill development

Infrastructure

Community welfare

Operations spread across Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

6. Significance of the Initiative

Strengthens SECL's role in inclusive growth and capacity building.

Aligns with national priorities in healthcare and human resource development.

Enhances sustainable development in coal belt regions.



Q. SECL has signed an MoU with which organisation to establish a Healthcare Skill Development Centre in Chhattisgarh?

- A. Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust
- B. AIIMS Raipur
- C. Tata Trusts
- D. National Skill Development Corporation



Q. South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) is a subsidiary of:

- A. NTPC
- B. ONGC
- C. Power Grid Corporation
- D. Coal India Limited



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# International News



**Israel and Syria agree to share intelligence following Paris talks**

**इस्राएल और सीरिया ने पेरिस वार्ताओं के बाद खुफिया जानकारी साझा करने पर सहमति जताई**



### 1. Israel–Syria Agreement: Key Development

Israel and Syria have reached an agreement to exchange intelligence information. The aim is to reduce military tensions and improve diplomatic relations. The deal also includes exploring commercial cooperation.

### 2. Paris Talks & US Mediation

Discussions were held in Paris. Talks were overseen by US Special Envoy Tom Barrack. Both countries agreed to establish a joint coordination mechanism.

### 3. US-Supervised 'Fusion' Cell

A US-supervised fusion cell will be set up.

It will facilitate:

Intelligence sharing

Military de-escalation

Diplomatic engagement

Commercial opportunities

The mechanism will help resolve disputes quickly and prevent misunderstandings.



#### 4. Role of France

France hosted the security discussions.

This reflects Syria's efforts to gain international legitimacy.

Syria seeks recognition as a stable, unified and sovereign state.

#### 5. US Response

The US State Department welcomed the agreement.

The US reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the implementation.

The initiative is seen as part of broader efforts to achieve lasting peace in the Middle East.

#### 6. Significance of the Agreement

Marks a major diplomatic shift.

Israel and Syria have technically remained at war for decades.

The agreement signals a move towards de-escalation and dialogue.



Q. The Israel–Syria intelligence-sharing agreement was finalised during talks held in which city?

- A. Paris
- B. New York
- C. Geneva
- D. Vienna



Q. Israel and Syria have technically remained in a state of war since which conflict?

- A. Six-Day War (1967)
- B. Lebanon War (1982)
- C. Yom Kippur War (1973)
- D. Arab–Israeli War (1948)



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# Sports News



✓  
**Haryana top medal tally at 68th  
National Shooting C'ship  
Competitions**

**हरियाणा ने 68वीं नेशनल शूटिंग  
चैंपियनशिप प्रतियोगिता में शीर्ष पदक  
तालिका हासिल की**



## 1. Event overview

68th National Shooting Championship Competitions concluded.

Events held across New Delhi and Bhopal.

Competition lasted 36 days.

Participation: over 16,500 athletes.

## 2. Medal table — National medals

\* Haryana — Rank 1 ✓

31 Gold | 13 Silver | 16 Bronze

Total: 60

\* Maharashtra — Rank 2

24 Gold | 9 Silver | 9 Bronze

\* Rajasthan — Rank 3

15 Gold | 15 Silver | 21 Bronze

Total: 51

Other major performers:

Madhya Pradesh — 12 Gold (5th place)



Delhi — 11 Gold

Karnataka — 11 Gold

Uttar Pradesh — 8 Gold

Army — 8 Gold

Tamil Nadu — 6 Gold

33 states/institutions shared 473 total medals.

### 3. Overall medals (including Civilian, Deaf & Para)

Haryana — Top again

40 Gold | 30 Silver | 35 Bronze

Total: 105

Maharashtra — Second

33 Gold | 16 Silver | 21 Bronze

Total: 70

Rajasthan — Third

32 Gold | 36 Silver | 37 Bronze

Total: 105



Q. Which state topped the medal tally at the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions (National medals)?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Haryana



Q. Shooting events in India are governed at the national level primarily by which body?

- A. National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)
- B. Sports Authority of India
- C. Indian Olympic Association
- D. Athletics Federation of India



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# MoUs / Agreements News

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Centre ties up with India Post  
to fast-track testing of  
pesticide, seed, fertiliser  
samples

केंद्र ने कीटनाशक, बीज और  
उर्वरक नमूनों के परीक्षण को तेज  
करने के लिए इंडिया पोस्ट के साथ  
समझौता किया



### 1. What has happened?

MoU signed between:

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Department of Posts ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Purpose: nationwide transport system for pesticide, seed and fertiliser samples to testing labs.

### 2. Why was the MoU needed? ✓

Fake and substandard inputs harm farmers.

Cause financial losses, crop failure and distress.

Faster testing helps stop spurious products early.

### 3. Key features of the partnership

India Post to handle collection + transport of samples across India.

Ensures:

Faster delivery ✓

Safer handling ✓

More reliable logistics ✓

Delivery time reduced from 10–15 days → 48–72 hours.



#### 4. Role of India Post

Over 1.60 lakh post offices (1.40 lakh in rural areas).

Massive outreach to remote areas.

Strong logistics capability — handles lakhs of parcels daily.

#### 5. Digital monitoring system

Linked to PAN-India Online Pesticide, Seed & Fertiliser Quality Management System.

Developed by CRISP (Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance).

Improves:

Transparency

Tracking

Timely testing

Enforcement actions.

#### 6. Government view

System will:

Protect farmers

Strengthen enforcement

Build trust in agricultural inputs

Reflects better coordination between ministries and use of technology.



Q. The recently signed MoU to transport farm input samples to labs involves which two departments?

- A. Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Railways
- B. Department of Posts and Ministry of Chemicals
- C. NITI Aayog and Department of Fertilisers
- D. Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Department of Posts



Q. What is the main purpose of quality testing of seeds, pesticides and fertilisers?

- A. Increase export pricing
- B. Ensure farmer subsidies
- C. Protect crops and farmers from substandard inputs
- D. Reduce food consumption



9 Oct → Postal Day  
↳ UPU  
Bern 1874

# Conference / Summit News



ECI to host the India  
International Conference on  
Democracy and Election  
Management- 2026 from  
January 21-23

निर्वाचन आयोग 21 से 23 जनवरी  
तक लोकतंत्र और चुनाव प्रबंधन पर  
भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन- 2026 की  
मेज़बानी करेगा



### 1. What is being organised?

Election Commission of India (ECI) to host the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM)-2026.

Dates: 21–23 January 2026

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Organised by IIDEM under the aegis of ECI.

### 2. Scale and participants

Largest global conference hosted by India on elections & democracy.

Around 100 international delegates.

Participants include:

Election Management Bodies (EMBs)

International organisations

Foreign missions

Academic experts & practitioners.

### 3. Theme and international context



Linked to India's Chairship of International IDEA (2026).



Theme:

"Democracy for an inclusive, peaceful, resilient and sustainable world."

#### 4. Objectives of the conference

Promote international cooperation among EMBs.

Share best practices & innovations.

Discuss common challenges in election management.

Co-create solutions and standards.

Showcase India's:

electoral systems,

processes,

technology innovations.

#### 5. Key sessions and activities

Inaugural Session

EMB Leaders' Plenary

Working Group Meetings

Launch of ECINet

National  
Voters  
Day  
→ 25 Jan  
→ 1950  
ECIE

Gyaneesh Kumar



Thematic sessions on:  
global electoral themes  
model international standards  
innovations in electoral processes

### 6. Bilateral and academic engagement

Over 40 bilateral meetings planned between ECI leadership and EMB heads.

Participation from leading academic institutions:

4 IITs

6 IIMs

12 NLUs

IIMCs

36 thematic groups led by State/UT CEOs and experts.

### 7. IIIDEM campus role

IIIDEM (Dwarka) highlighted as:

major global centre for election capacity building

developing standards

strengthening India's leadership in democratic cooperation.



Q. Where will the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM)-2026 be held?

- A. Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi
- B. Pragati Maidan Auditorium
- C. Hyderabad International Convention Centre
- D. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



Q. Which constitutional body is responsible for conducting elections in India?

- A. Election Commission of India
- B. Comptroller and Auditor General
- C. Supreme Court of India
- D. Lok Sabha Secretariat



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# Defence News





LONG RANGE TRAINING  
DEPLOYMENT OF INDIAN  
NAVY'S FIRST TRAINING  
SQUADRON (1TS) TO SOUTH  
EAST ASIA

भारतीय नौसेना के प्रथम प्रशिक्षण  
स्क्वाड्रन (1टीएस) की दक्षिण पूर्व  
एशिया में लंबी दूरी प्रशिक्षण तैनाती



### 1. What is the announcement?

Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) is going on a Long Range Training Deployment (LRTD) to South-East Asia.

### 2. Which ships are participating?

INS Tir ✓

INS Shardul ✓

INS Sujata ✓

ICGS Sarathi (Indian Coast Guard) ✓

### 3. Purpose of the deployment

Part of training for 110th Integrated Officers' Training Course (IOTC)

Provide:

operational exposure

cross-cultural learning

sea training experience.



#### 4. Where will they visit?

Scheduled port calls at:

Singapore ✓

Indonesia ✓

Thailand ✓

#### 5. Strategic significance

Strengthens India's Act East Policy

Supports vision of a free, open and inclusive Indian Ocean Region

Enhances maritime diplomacy and regional cooperation.

#### 6. Activities planned

Professional interactions & training exchanges

Cross-deck visits

Subject-expert interactions

Joint Maritime Partnership exercises

Sharing best practices and building interoperability.



### 7. Participation of other forces

Officer trainees include six international trainees.

Personnel from:

Indian Army

Indian Air Force

are also embarked → promoting jointness.

### 8. Broader importance

Reinforces:

training excellence

goodwill missions

capacity building with friendly nations

regional maritime security cooperation.



Q. The Long Range Training Deployment (LRTD) of the First Training Squadron will visit which of the following regions?

- A. West Asia
- B. Mediterranean region
- C. East Africa
- D. South-East Asia



Q. Which of the following is the primary training ship of the First Training Squadron of the Indian Navy?

- A. INS Vikramaditya
- B. INS Tir
- C. INS Kolkata
- D. INS Satpura



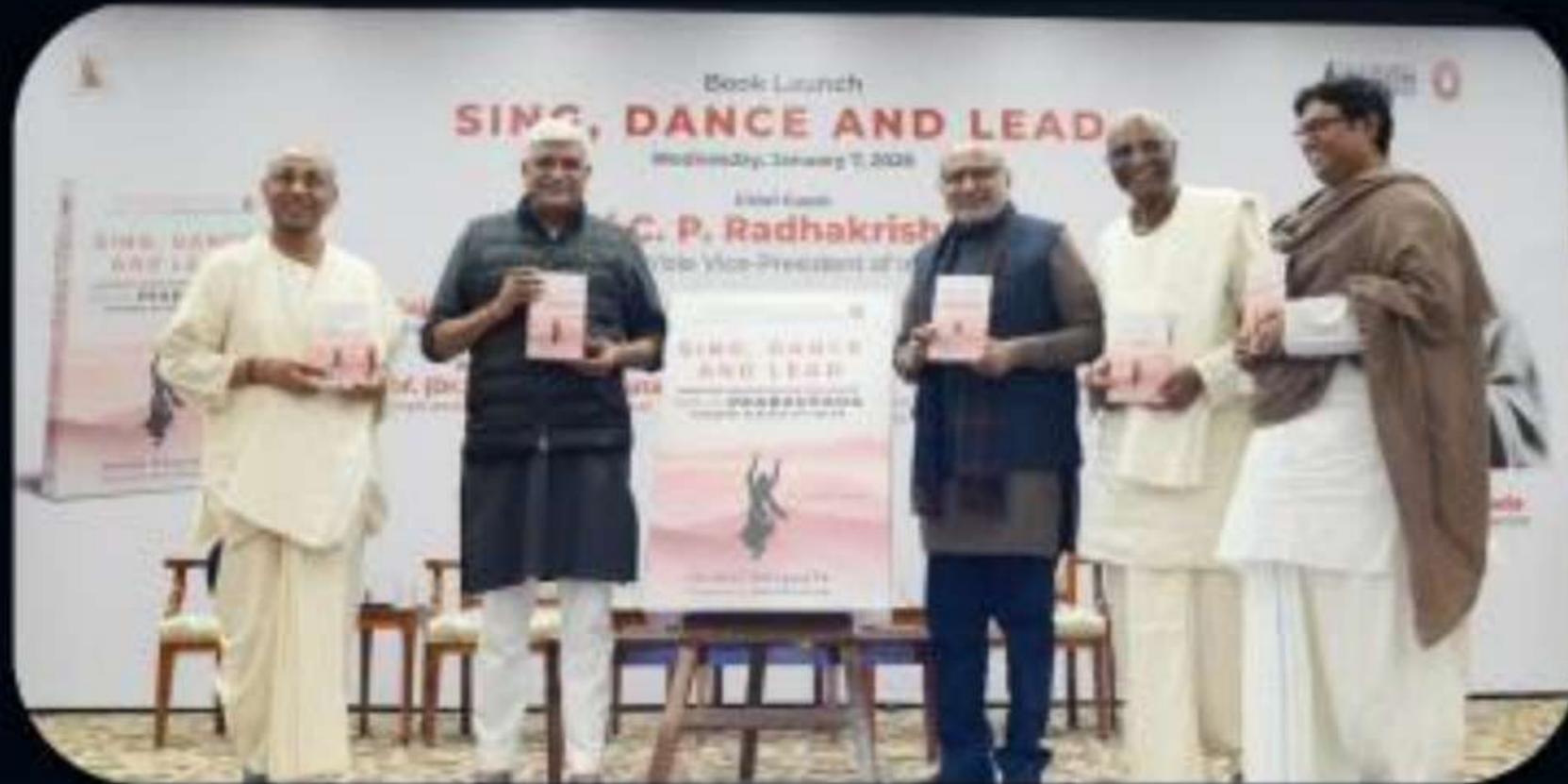
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# Books & Authors News



**Vice-President Launches Book  
“Sing, Dance and Lead: Leadership  
Lessons from the Life of Srila  
Prabhupada”**

**उपराष्ट्रपति ने “गाओ, नाचो एवं नेतृत्व करो:  
श्रील प्रभुपाद के जीवन से नेतृत्व का सबक”  
नामक पुस्तक का विमोचन किया**



### 1. Book Launch \*

Vice-President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the book "Sing, Dance and Lead: Leadership Lessons from the Life of Srila Prabhupada" written by Hindol Sengupta in New Delhi.

### 2. Leadership & Values

VP described India as a civilisational leader rooted in values, service, and discipline. Swami Prabhupada's life reflects purpose-driven, humble, and ethical leadership.

### 3. Global Impact of Swami Prabhupada

His teachings are seen as increasingly relevant in today's changing world. His institutions continue to serve humanity across generations.

### 4. Journey & ISKCON

At an advanced age, Swami Prabhupada travelled across continents with a message of discipline, devotion, and joy.

Founded ISKCON in 1966, demonstrating leadership based on conviction and service.

### 5. Theme of the Book

Leadership can be joyful, participative, and human.

He inspired followers through example rather than command.



### 6. Philosophical Perspective

Drawing on Thiruvalluvar, leadership begins with clarity of thought and becomes collective action. The book presents Prabhupada as a case study in ethical and transformational leadership.

### 7. Relevance for Public Life

Such works are valuable for those in public service where trust and restraint matter. Youth are encouraged to seek purpose beyond material success.

### 8. Dignitaries Present

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat  
Leaders from Akshaya Patra Foundation & ISKCON Bangalore  
Scholars, officials, and invited guests attended.



Q. Which dignitary launched the book "Sing, Dance and Lead: Leadership Lessons from the Life of Srila Prabhupada"?

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. President of India
- C. Vice-President of India
- D. Union Minister of Culture



Q. In which year was the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) founded?

- A. 1956
- B. 1960
- C. 1966
- D. 1972



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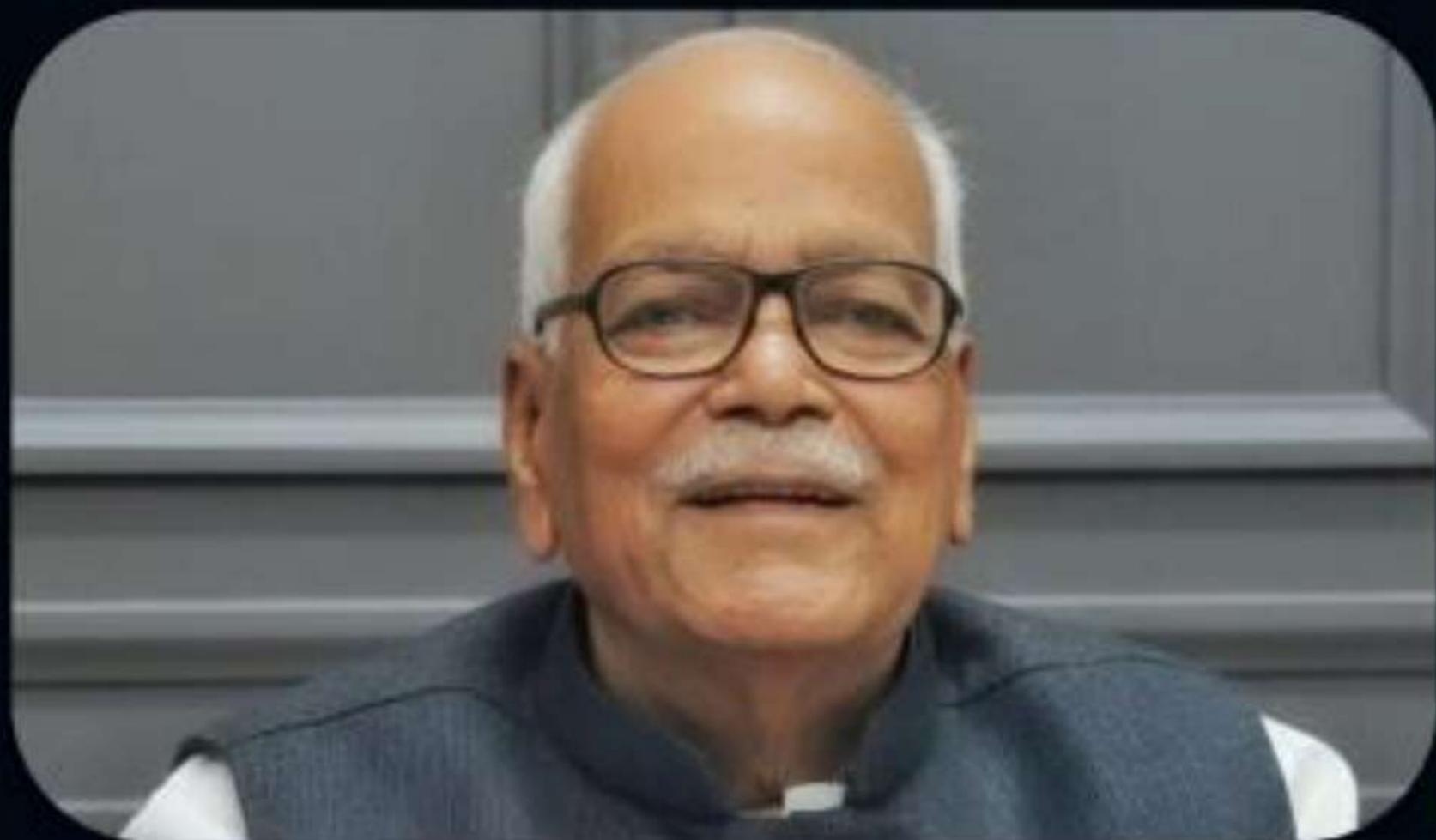


# Obituaries News



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**Former Union Minister and  
veteran BJP leader Kabindra  
Purkayastha passes away at 94**

**पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री और वरिष्ठ भाजपा नेता  
कबिंद्र पुरकायस्थ का 94 वर्ष की आयु  
में निधन**



## 1. Kabindra Purkayastha Passes Away

Former Union Minister of State and senior BJP leader Kabindra Purkayastha passed away at 94 in Silchar. \*

He was among the founding members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

## 2. Early Life & Ideological Roots

Born on 15 December 1931 at Kamarkhal (Sylhet district — now in Bangladesh).

Joined Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in 1951.

Actively worked to expand RSS ideology across the Northeast region.

## 3. Political Journey \*

First elected to Lok Sabha in 1991 from Silchar constituency.

Re-elected in 1998.

Served as Minister of State for Telecommunications (1998–1999) in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.



Q. Kabindra Purkayastha, who recently passed away, was associated with which political party?

- A. Bharatiya Janata Party
- B. Indian National Congress
- C. CPI (M)
- D. Trinamool Congress



Q. Who was the Prime Minister of India when Kabindra Purkayastha served as Minister of State for Telecommunications?

- A. P. V. Narasimha Rao
- B. H. D. Deve Gowda
- C. I. K. Gujral
- D. Atal Bihari Vajpayee



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# States News



**Maharashtra govt forms study group for rehabilitation of Agniveers**

महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने अग्निवीरों के पुनर्वास के लिए अध्ययन समूह का गठन किया



### 1. Study Group for Agniveer Rehabilitation

State government forms a study group to recommend measures for rehabilitating Agniveers completing their 4-year service this year.

Focus on employment, training, and financial support for self-employment.

### 2. Key Focus Areas

Jobs in state & semi-government services (police, forest, fire brigade, SRPF).

Opportunities in the private sector.

Skill training and financial assistance for self-employment.

### 3. Agniveer Numbers & Absorption

First batch: 2,839 Agniveers finishing service in Oct–Nov 2026.

25% to be regularised into Armed Forces.

75% to be absorbed into government, semi-government, or private roles.

### 4. Composition of the Study Group

Head: Col. (Retd) Deepak Thonge

Members include:

Sq. Ldr (Retd) Vidyasagar Korde



Major (Retd) Saeeda Firasat

Lt. Gen (Retd) R.R. Nimbhorkar

Air Marshal (Retd) Nitin Vaidya

Rear Admiral (Retd) Ashish Kulkarni

Lt. Cdr (Retd) Omkar Kaple — Member-Secretary (Ex-Servicemen Welfare Dept.)

Report to be submitted within 3 months.



Q. Which body has the state government appointed to suggest measures for the rehabilitation of Agniveers completing their service?

- A. Ex-Servicemen Advisory Board
- B. Committee on Veterans Pension
- C. Study Group on Agniveer Rehabilitation
- D. Task Force on Defence Finance



Q. Under the Agnipath scheme, what percentage of Agniveers are retained in the Armed Forces after four years of service?

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%



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# Science / Tech News



**Researchers develop AI model  
that predicts disease risk from  
sleep data**

**शोधकर्ताओं ने नींद डेटा से रोग  
जोखिम की भविष्यवाणी करने वाला  
एआई मॉडल विकसित किया**



### 1. AI Model Predicts Disease Risk from Sleep Data

Researchers developed an AI model named SleepFM.

Can predict risk of 100+ health conditions using sleep study data.

### 2. Institutions & Publication

Developed by researchers including those from Stanford Medicine / Stanford University (US).

Findings published in Nature Medicine.

### 3. Data Used for Training

Trained on nearly 600,000 hours of sleep data.

Data from about 65,000 participants.

Sleep recordings collected between 1999–2024.

Paired with up to 25 years of electronic health records.

### 4. Performance & Key Predictions

Initially tested on standard sleep analysis tasks.

Accurately tracked sleep stages and sleep apnoea severity.

Strongly predicted risks for:

Parkinson's disease



Dementia

Hypertensive heart disease

Heart attack

Prostate cancer

Breast cancer

Risk of death

### 5. Technology Behind It

Uses polysomnography (gold standard in sleep diagnostics).

Records brain activity, heart function, breathing, and body movements.

SleepFM trained using five-second data segments from recordings.



Q. What is the name of the AI model developed to predict disease risk using sleep data?

- A. SleepAI
- B. SleepNet
- C. DreamScan
- D. SleepFM



Q. Polysomnography is primarily used to study which of the following?

- A. Sleep patterns and brain activity
- B. Digestive system activity
- C. Lung imaging
- D. Bone density



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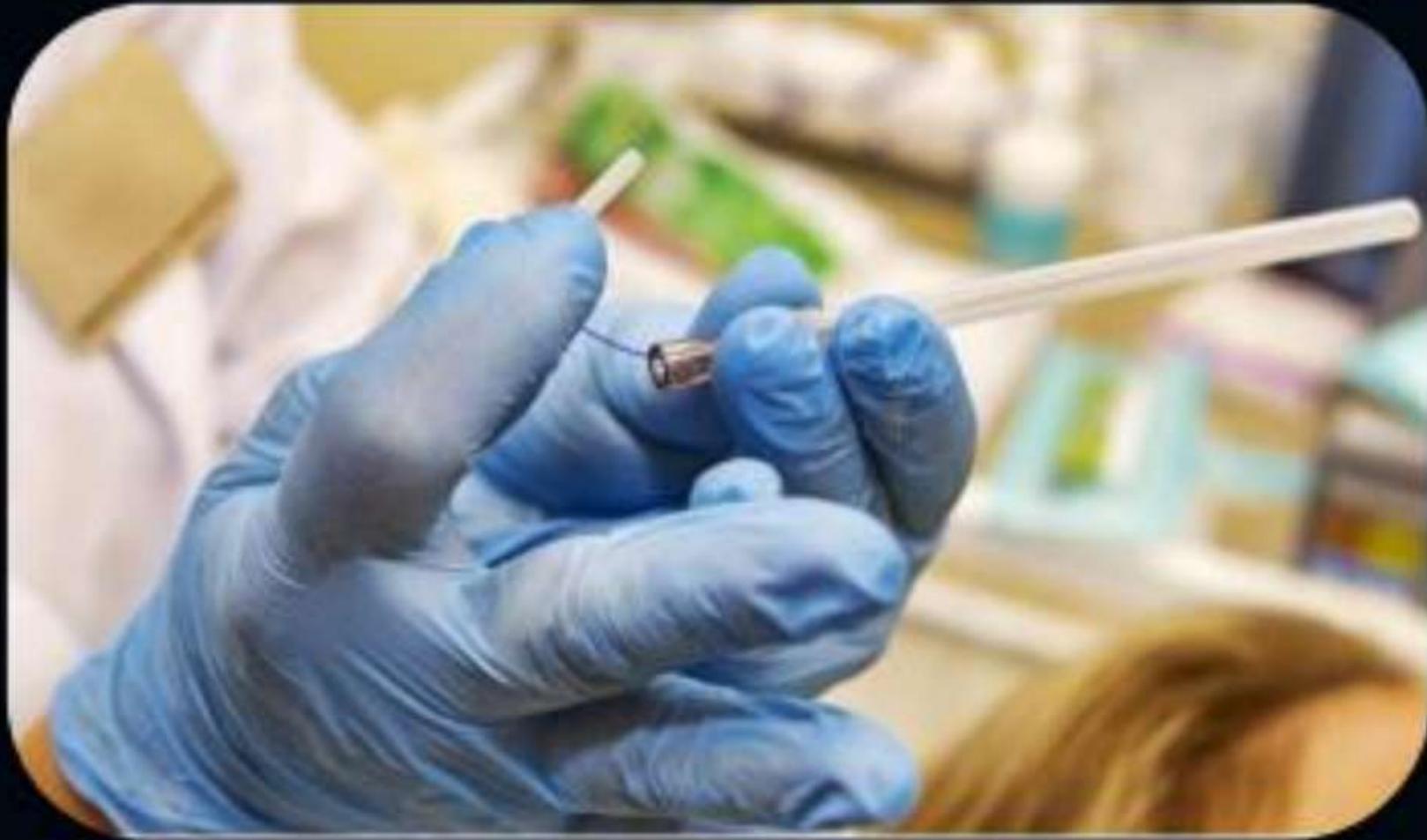


# Static Booster



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What are biomaterials and how do they work? | Explained

जैवपदार्थ क्या हैं और वे कैसे काम करते हैं? | व्याख्या



## 1. What are biomaterials?

Materials derived fully/partly from biological sources or made using biological processes.

Designed to replace/interact with conventional materials.

Used in packaging, textiles, construction, healthcare, etc.

Examples: bioplastics (from sugars/starch), bio-fibres, biodegradable sutures, scaffolds.

Types:

Drop-in: same chemistry as fossil plastics (e.g., bio-PET).

Drop-out: different chemistry, need new processing (e.g., PLA).

Novel biomaterials: new properties (self-healing, bioactive implants, advanced composites).

## 2. Why does India need biomaterials?

Cuts dependence on fossil-based imports.

Supports sustainability and climate goals.

Adds value to agricultural residues; new income for farmers.

Helps exports in low-carbon, circular economies.

Aligns with waste-reduction policies, including single-use plastic bans.



### 3. Where does India stand today? ✓

Growing bioplastics/biopolymers market (~USD 500 million in 2024).

Major investment: PLA plant by Balrampur Chini Mills (UP). ✓

Startups: Phool.co (flower-waste biomaterials), Praj Industries (demo bioplastics plant).

Still reliant on foreign technology for advanced processing.

### 4. What are other countries doing?

EU: PPWR regulation recognises compostable packaging in specific uses.

UAE: Large PLA manufacturing hub coming up (world's largest planned).

/ USA: Leads in bio-innovation; federal push via USDA BioPreferred program.

### 5. What is the way forward?

Scale fermentation & polymerisation capacity.

Improve feedstock productivity (sugarcane, maize, residues).

Invest in R&D, standards, and labelling.

Build composting/recycling systems.

Avoid food-feedstock competition and environmental stress.

Coordinated policies + targeted incentives & pilot facilities.



Q. Balrampur Chini Mills' major upcoming investment in India relates to which biomaterial?

- A. Bio-PET
- B. Bio-nylon
- C. Polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA)
- D. Polylactic acid (PLA)



Q. “Drop-in biomaterials” are best described as:

- A. Materials requiring entirely new production systems
- B. Materials that always biodegrade in nature
- C. Materials designed only for medical applications
- D. Materials identical to petroleum-based versions and used in existing systems

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