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- The pact builds on a bilateral defence pact between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.
- The three countries are described as Sunni Muslim nations.

Which regulator issued the adjudication order against Cube Trafin Private Limited?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Bombay Stock Exchange

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source title begins with 'sebi', which stands for Securities and Exchange Board of India, indicating it as the issuing authority.

The adjudication order pertains to which market segment at BSE?

- A. Equity cash
- B. Illiquid stock options
- C. Currency derivatives
- D. Corporate bonds

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The matter is described as 'Illiquid Stock Options at BSE' in the source excerpt.

What did India's MEA say after the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement?

- A. India will remain neutral in regional affairs
- B. India is committed to safeguarding national interests and will take necessary measures
- C. India will join the defence pact
- D. India condemned the pact and broke diplomatic ties

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The MEA spokesperson said India remains fully committed to safeguarding its national interests and will take all necessary measures in this regard.

Which countries signed the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement on August 7?

- A. India, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia
- B. Pakistan, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia
- C. Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and UAE
- D. Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Qatar

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpts state that Pakistan, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia, three Sunni Muslim countries, signed the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement on August 7.

SEBI passes order against certain Investment Advisers

- SEBI issued an order in the matter of certain Investment Advisers.
- The order pertains to regulatory action by SEBI.

Which regulator passed the ex-parte interim order against firms for CAS manipulation?

- A. SEBI
- B. RBI
- C. IRDAI
- D. PFRDA

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states SEBI issued the ex-parte interim order in the matter of manipulative trades during CAS on SENSEX expiry.

In the SEBI order, what does 'CAS' refer to?

- A. Closing Auction Session
- B. Cash Accounting System
- C. Central Administrative System
- D. Capital Asset Scheme

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source describes CAS as the 'newly introduced closing auction session' on the exchange.

SEBI issues release order for recovery against Girishkumar Ruparel

- SEBI issued a compliance release order for Recovery Certificate No. 4473 of 2022.
- Order names Mr. Girishkumar Prabhudas Ruparel (PAN: AIPPR8860G).
- Matter relates to Atlanta Infrastructure and Finance Limited.

Against whom did SEBI issue the release order for Recovery Certificate No. 4473 of 2022?

- A. Atlanta Infrastructure and Finance Limited
- B. Girishkumar Prabhudas Ruparel
- C. SEBI Chairman
- D. Ministry of Finance

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the release order is for Recovery Certificate No. 4473 of 2022 against Mr. Girishkumar Prabhudas Ruparel.

SEBI amends Municipal Debt Securities Regulations, 2015

- SEBI amended the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015.
- The amended regulations are referred to as ILMDS Regulations.
- The amendment relates to issue and listing of municipal debt securities.

The adjudication proceedings by SEBI in the given matter relate to which activity?

- A. Front running
- B. Insider trading
- C. Money laundering
- D. Tax evasion

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the proceedings are in the matter of 'front running activities' by Mr. Bhavik Indravadan Shah and others.

Which regulator has initiated the adjudication proceedings in this case?

- A. SEBI
- B. RBI
- C. CCI
- D. IRDAI

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source clearly identifies 'sebi' as the authority conducting the adjudication proceedings.

Which body amended the ILMDS Regulations?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. IRDAI
- D. PFRDA

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that SEBI amended the ILMDS Regulations, so the correct answer is SEBI.

The ILMDS Regulations, 2015 relate to which securities?

- A. Corporate debt securities
- B. Government securities
- C. Municipal debt securities

D. Green bonds

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The full title in the source includes 'Municipal Debt Securities', indicating these regulations cover such securities.

SEBI issues order in Nirman Agri Genetics matter

- SEBI issued an order in the matter of Nirman Agri Genetics Limited.
- The order is from the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

According to the government, what is the new health cover in Tamil Nadu described as?

- A. A full replacement for existing health schemes
- B. One step in geriatric outreach
- C. A programme for schoolchildren
- D. An insurance for government employees

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that the new health cover is one step in Tamil Nadu's geriatric outreach.

What do officials say about India's ageing population?

- A. It is decreasing steadily
- B. It requires no change in healthcare
- C. It is rising steadily and requires a differently oriented healthcare system
- D. It affects only rural areas

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

Officials say the steady rise in India's ageing population requires a healthcare system that is differently oriented to address their evolving needs.

SEBI Issues Recovery Certificate No. 9074/2026 to Rati Agarwal

- SEBI completed Recovery Certificate No. 9074 of 2026 dated March 26, 2026.
- The certificate was issued to Rati Agarwal, PAN AJMPA4349K, marked as defaulter.
- The matter is related to ISO at BSE.

According to the report, when is the Global Impact Forum scheduled to be held?

- A. August
- B. September
- C. October
- D. November

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline states that the Global Impact Forum will be held in September.

The Global Impact Forum will be held ahead of which summit?

- A. G20 Summit
- B. ASEAN Summit
- C. BRICS Summit
- D. SCO Summit

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source explicitly says the Forum is to be held 'ahead of BRICS Summit'.

Which authority issued Recovery Certificate No. 9074 of 2026?

- A. SEBI
- B. RBI
- C. BSE
- D. Ministry of Finance

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states 'SEBI — Completion of Recovery Certificate No. 9074 of 2026', so the certificate was issued by SEBI.

Who is the defaulter named in Recovery Certificate No. 9074 of 2026?

- A. BSE
- B. Rati Agarwal
- C. ISO
- D. PAN card holder

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source explicitly says the certificate was issued to 'RATI AGARWAL [Defaulter]', making her the defaulter.

SEBI Release Order: Kamlesh Ahuja Defaulter in Illiquid Stock Options

- SEBI issued a Release Order for Kamlesh Ahuja (PAN: ADFPA4706R).
- Ahuja is a defaulter in dealings in Illiquid Stock Options at BSE.
- The order is under Certificate No. 8037 of 2024.

How many government school students were provisionally allotted MBBS/BDS seats?

- A. 614
- B. 640
- C. 146
- D. 714

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that 614 government school students were provisionally allotted MBBS/BDS seats.

Under which percentage quota were the MBBS/BDS seats allotted to government school students?

- A. 5%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 10%
- D. 15%

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt specifies that the allotment was made under the 7.5% quota.

What is the subject matter of the SEBI Release Order involving Kamlesh Ahuja?

- A. Dealings in Illiquid Stock Options at BSE
- B. Insider trading in equity shares
- C. Fraudulent fundraising through bonds
- D. Manipulation of commodity futures

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the Release Order is 'in the matter of dealings in Illiquid Stock Options at BSE.'

Who is the defaulter mentioned in the SEBI Release Order under Certificate No. 8037 of 2024?

- A. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- B. Kamlesh Ahuja
- C. Anil Ambani
- D. Vijay Mallya

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source explicitly names Kamlesh Ahuja (PAN: ADFPA4706R) as the defaulter in the Release Order.

SEBI Streamlines Inspection of Market Intermediaries

- SEBI has streamlined inspection of market intermediaries.
- The development is attributed to SEBI.
- The focus is on market intermediaries.

Which railway section's quadrupling was approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A. Gummidipoondi-Gudur
- B. Chennai-Bengaluru
- C. Mumbai-Ahmedabad
- D. Delhi-Meerut

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The Union Cabinet approved quadrupling of the Gummidipoondi-Gudur section, as reported by The Hindu.

What has SEBI streamlined according to the source?

- A. Inspection of market intermediaries
- B. Taxation of foreign investors
- C. Licensing of commercial banks
- D. Regulation of insurance companies

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that SEBI has streamlined inspection of market intermediaries.

Which body is involved in streamlining inspection of market intermediaries?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. IRDAI
- D. PFRDA

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source clearly mentions SEBI as the body undertaking this streamlining.

SEBI issues adjudication order against twenty entities in Ultracab matter

- SEBI issued an adjudication order in the matter of Ultracab (India) Limited.
- The order is in respect of twenty entities.
- The order is titled 'Adjudication Order'.

Which institution recently pulled up Tamil Nadu over encroachments?

- A. Supreme Court
- B. High Court
- C. National Green Tribunal
- D. State Legislative Assembly

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the Supreme Court has pulled up the State for not dealing with encroachers in Agasthyamalai.

The Supreme Court's censure concerns encroachments in which region?

- A. Agasthyamalai
- B. Nilgiris
- C. Gulf of Mannar
- D. Palani Hills

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly mentions encroachers in Agasthyamalai, the region involved in Tamil Nadu's encroachment problem.

Which regulator issued the adjudication order in the matter of Ultracab (India) Limited?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source clearly states that SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) issued the adjudication order.

How many entities are covered in the adjudication order related to Ultracab (India) Limited?

- A. 10
- B. 20
- C. 30
- D. 40

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source mentions the order is 'in respect to twenty entities'.

SEBI Releases Annual Report for FY 2025-26

- SEBI released its Annual Report for FY 2025-26.
- The report pertains to the financial year 2025-26.

According to the provided excerpt, what should the Closing Auction Session (CAS) be evaluated by?

- A. Short-term volatility only
- B. Measurable improvements in market quality
- C. Number of retail participants
- D. Trading volume growth

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that CAS should be evaluated not by short-term volatility but by measurable improvements in market quality.

Houthi Rebels Renew Port City Attacks; Trump Demands Iran Compensation

- Iranian-backed Houthi rebels renewed attacks on a key port city in West Asia.
- Donald Trump said he would demand conflict compensation from Iran.
- The conflict is part of the broader West Asia war.

According to the Supreme Court, who should take responsibility for solid waste management?

- A. Sanitary workers only

- B. Every individual
- C. District Collectors only
- D. Educational institutions only

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The Supreme Court questioned that waste is only a sanitary worker's problem and said every individual should take responsibility.

The Supreme Court directed District Collectors to engage with which entities?

- A. NGOs and corporates
- B. Households and educational institutions
- C. Municipalities and panchayats
- D. Gen Z and Gen Alpha

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The Court asked District Collectors to engage with households and educational institutions to spread awareness on waste management.

Who renewed attacks on a key port city according to the source?

- A. Iranian-backed Houthi rebels
- B. Israeli forces
- C. Saudi-led coalition
- D. US Navy

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that Iranian-backed Houthi rebels renewed attacks on a key port city.

What did Donald Trump say he would demand from Iran?

- A. Oil concessions
- B. Conflict compensation
- C. Nuclear disarmament
- D. Diplomatic apology

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says Donald Trump said he would demand conflict compensation from Iran.

Madurai Corporation Seals 8 Idol-Making Units Using Banned Plaster of Paris

- Madurai Corporation sealed eight units.
- Units were making idols using plaster of paris.
- Plaster of paris is banned.

What facilities does the Tamil Nadu government plan to provide at popular film shooting spots?

- A. Experience centres, signages, parking spots, and refreshment areas
- B. Film studios and production houses
- C. Highways and airports
- D. Five-star hotels and resorts

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the project aims to provide facilities such as experience centres, signages, parking spots, and refreshment areas.

Who announced the development of film shooting spots in Tamil Nadu?

- A. Chief Minister
- B. Tourism Minister
- C. Finance Minister
- D. Home Minister

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline and source mention that the Tourism Minister made the announcement in Tamil Nadu.

In which city did the Corporation seal units making idols?

- A. Chennai
- B. Madurai
- C. Coimbatore
- D. Trichy

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that the Corporation sealed units in Madurai.

How many units were sealed for using banned plaster of paris?

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 12

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt explicitly mentions '8 units' being sealed.

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A.P. aqua farmers get power at ₹1.50/unit, 10-acre cap removed

- Andhra Pradesh aqua farmers receive electricity at ₹1.50 per unit.
- The 10-acre cap on this power tariff benefit has been lifted.

According to the news, how many check dams will the WRD build in Tamil Nadu?

- A. 17
- B. 27
- C. 37
- D. 47

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the WRD will build 27 check dams.

What is the primary purpose of these check dams?

- A. To generate hydroelectricity
- B. To conserve floodwater
- C. To support irrigation
- D. To prevent sea erosion

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the check dams are built to conserve floodwater.

According to the news, at what rate will Andhra Pradesh aqua farmers get power?

- A. ₹1.50 per unit
- B. ₹2.00 per unit
- C. ₹3.00 per unit
- D. ₹5.00 per unit

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline explicitly states 'power at ₹1.50 a unit' for A.P. aqua farmers.

What has been lifted for aqua farmers in Andhra Pradesh according to the news?

- A. 10-acre cap
- B. 5-acre cap
- C. 20-acre cap
- D. Subsidy cap

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline says '10-acre cap lifted', meaning the restriction on acreage has been removed.

AI main risk is erosion of human judgment: RBI Governor

- RBI Governor said the main risk of AI is erosion of human judgment.
- RBI Governor stated responsibility for a bank's decisions rests with the bank, not with its algorithm.

As per the NMC proposal, what will enable a doctor to practise across India?

- A. Fresh registration in every State
- B. Separate licence from each Union Territory
- C. State Medical Council registration and UID allotment
- D. Special permission from the Central Health Ministry

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The proposal states that once State Medical Council grants registration and Ethics and Medical Registration Board allots UID, no fresh registration or separate licence is required.

Which body allots the Unique Identification (UID) number to doctors?

- A. State Medical Council
- B. Ethics and Medical Registration Board
- C. National Medical Commission
- D. Union Ministry of Health

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the Ethics and Medical Registration Board allots the Unique Identification (UID) number.

According to the RBI Governor, what is the main risk posed by artificial intelligence?

- A. Erosion of human judgment
- B. Data privacy breaches
- C. Job losses in banking
- D. Cyberattacks on banks

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The RBI Governor said the main risk of AI is erosion of human judgment.

As per the RBI Governor, who is responsible for a bank's decisions?

- A. The algorithm
- B. The software vendor
- C. The bank
- D. The customers

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The RBI Governor stated responsibility for a bank's decisions rests with the bank, not with its algorithm.

AP Christian leaders urge Centre to withhold FCRA Amendment Bill

- APCLF leaders urged Centre to withhold proposed FCRA Amendment Bill in entirety.
- Representatives of FCRA-registered organisations also demanded the withholding.
- They also demanded a review of the functioning of FCRA Act, 2010.

What is the estimated cost of Chennai Port's Outer Harbour Project?

- A. ₹17,700 crore
- B. ₹18,000 crore
- C. ₹15,500 crore
- D. ₹20,000 crore

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the project is to be implemented at ₹17,700 crore.

What ship draft will the first phase of the Chennai Port Outer Harbour Project allow?

- A. 18 metres
- B. 20 metres
- C. 15 metres
- D. 12 metres

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source mentions the first phase will allow the port to handle ships with 18 metres of draft.

What did APCLF leaders and FCRA-registered organisations demand from the Centre?

- A. Immediate passing of the FCRA Amendment Bill
- B. Withholding the proposed FCRA Amendment Bill and review of FCRA Act, 2010
- C. Increasing foreign funding limits
- D. Removing all restrictions on FCRA registrations

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states they demanded the proposed amendments be withheld in their entirety, along with a review of the functioning of the FCRA Act, 2010.

Which Act is the subject of the proposed amendments mentioned in the news?

- A. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010
- B. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- C. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- D. Right to Information Act, 2005

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly refers to the FCRA Act, 2010, whose proposed amendments were opposed by the leaders.

SHIFT Transport Coalition Launches Transport Analytics Hub

- SHIFT Transport Coalition launched a Transport Analytics Hub.
- The hub uses geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools.
- It helps users understand mobility patterns and compare cities.
- It assesses urban road networks using geospatial metrics.

Which investigating agency registered a case against Gensol Engineering and BluSmart founders?

- A. CBI
- B. ED
- C. SEBI
- D. RBI

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source excerpt explicitly states that the CBI registered the case.

What is the amount of alleged loss in the IREDA loan case?

- A. ₹672 crore
- B. ₹762 crore
- C. ₹627 crore
- D. ₹726 crore

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline mentions a '₹672-crore alleged loss' in the IREDA loan case.

What did SHIFT Transport Coalition launch to analyse urban mobility data?

- A. Transport Analytics Hub
- B. Urban Mobility Dashboard
- C. Geospatial Data Portal
- D. City Metrics Tool

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that SHIFT Transport Coalition launched the Transport Analytics Hub to analyse urban mobility data.

Which of the following is a feature of the Transport Analytics Hub?

- A. Geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools
- B. Manual data entry and paper-based reports
- C. Email-based alert systems
- D. Census enumeration and voter registration

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt mentions that the platform uses geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools to help

users understand mobility patterns.

Kerala HC stays order to PSC on mark details

- Kerala High Court stayed an information commission order.
- Order directed PSC to give mark details and personal info.
- Matter relates to a planning board post.

According to the report, which Zilla Parishad is facing major bifurcation challenges?

- A. Visakhapatnam ZP
- B. Vijayawada ZP
- C. Guntur ZP
- D. Krishna ZP

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that Visakhapatnam ZP faces major bifurcation challenges.

What is approaching according to the news report?

- A. General elections
- B. Local body polls
- C. State assembly elections
- D. Rajya Sabha elections

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline says 'as local body polls near', indicating local body polls are approaching.

What did the Kerala High Court do regarding the information commission order?

- A. Upheld it
- B. Stayed it
- C. Quashed it
- D. Referred it to a larger bench

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline states the Kerala HC 'stays' the information commission order.

The information commission order directed PSC to provide which details?

- A. Only mark details
- B. Only personal info
- C. Mark details and personal info
- D. Interview panel comments

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source says the order directed PSC to give 'mark details, personal info'.

Kerala name change, co-op bills cleared without debate in Lok Sabha

- Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 and National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 were moved.
- Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai moved the Kerala name change bill.
- Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol moved the NCDC amendment bill.
- Both bills were cleared without debate as Lok Sabha deadlock continues.

Who issued the warning to Gulf countries against assisting the U.S. military?

- A. U.S. military chief
- B. Iran's armed forces chief of staff Ali Abdollahi
- C. Gulf Cooperation Council head
- D. UN Secretary-General

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that Iran's armed forces chief of staff Ali Abdollahi said the warning.

According to Iran, what does any assistance to the U.S. military by Gulf countries amount to?

- A. A neutral act
- B. Participation in the U.S. military operation
- C. A humanitarian gesture
- D. A diplomatic move

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says 'any assistance or facilitation provided to the aggressor U.S. military amounts to participation in the U.S. military operation.'

Which Bill was moved by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai?

- A. Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
- B. National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- C. Lok Sabha Deadlock Resolution Bill, 2026
- D. Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 was moved by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.

How were the Kerala and NCDC bills cleared in Lok Sabha?

- A. Without debate
- B. After a full debate
- C. By a standing committee
- D. Through a voice vote after discussion

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly says both bills were 'cleared without debate' as the Lok Sabha deadlock continued.

21 Tonnes of Gutkha Incinerated in Krishnagiri for Drug-Free Tamil Nadu

- 21 tonnes of gutkha were incinerated.
- The incineration marked the 'drug-free TN' campaign.
- The event took place in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.

According to the excerpt, what should Tamil Nadu do before asking for more resources?

- A. Increase tax rates immediately
- B. Collect better and spend smarter
- C. Reduce all public expenditures
- D. Seek central government loans

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The subheading explicitly says Tamil Nadu 'must collect better and spend smarter' before asking for more.

What does the headline 'Before new taxes, making every rupee count' imply?

- A. New taxes should be introduced without delay
- B. Efficient use of existing resources matters before imposing new taxes
- C. Taxes are the only way to increase revenue
- D. Tamil Nadu has no fiscal challenges

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline suggests that making every rupee count is a necessary step before considering new taxes.

How much gutkha was incinerated during the 'drug-free TN' campaign?

- A. 20 tonnes
- B. 21 tonnes
- C. 22 tonnes
- D. 25 tonnes

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt states that 21 tonnes of gutkha were incinerated.

In which district of Tamil Nadu did the incineration take place?

- A. Coimbatore
- B. Krishnagiri
- C. Vellore
- D. Salem

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt mentions the 'drug-free TN' campaign in Krishnagiri.

Hundreds rally in Aizawl against FCRA amendment

- Hundreds rallied in Aizawl against the FCRA amendment.
- Council of Churches in Mizoram warned the Bill could allow seizure of assets.
- Assets of churches and NGOs with cancelled or non-renewed FCRA registrations at risk.

What was the Karnataka High Court's decision in the case involving the married man accused of abetting a nursing student's suicide?

- A. It quashed the criminal proceedings
- B. It refused to quash the criminal proceedings
- C. It acquitted the accused of all charges
- D. It ordered a fresh investigation

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the High Court of Karnataka refused to quash criminal proceedings against the married man accused of abetting the woman's suicide.

According to the report, how did the accused allegedly abet the 22-year-old nursing student's suicide?

- A. By repeatedly stalking and threatening her, and sabotaging her marriage prospects
- B. By forcing her to drop out of nursing college
- C. By financially exploiting her family
- D. By spreading false rumours about her on social media

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source says the accused allegedly abetted her suicide by repeatedly stalking and threatening her, and by claiming to prospective grooms that he was in a relationship with her, thus sabotaging her marriage prospects.

What was the rally in Aizawl against?

- A. FCRA amendment
- B. FCRA implementation
- C. Church property tax
- D. NGO funding cuts

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states 'Hundreds rally against FCRA amendment in Aizawl', so the rally was against the FCRA amendment.

According to the Council of Churches in Mizoram, what could the Bill empower authorities to do?

- A. Cancel FCRA registrations without notice
- B. Seize and sell assets of churches and NGOs with cancelled or non-renewed registrations
- C. Audit all NGO accounts
- D. Ban foreign funding entirely

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the Bill 'could empower authorities to seize and sell the assets and properties of churches and NGOs whose FCRA registrations are cancelled or not renewed'.

Velampeta to serve as blueprint for AP slum redevelopment

- Velampeta will be a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh.
- Andhra Pradesh will adopt the Dharavi model for slum redevelopment.

According to Syrian officials, why did the Turkish delegation visit the air base in Idlib?

- A. To conduct military exercises
- B. To review rehabilitation work at the facility
- C. To negotiate a ceasefire
- D. To inspect chemical weapons

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the Turkish delegation visited the air base to review rehabilitation work underway at the facility.

When did the Turkish delegation visit the air base according to the source?

- A. August 17
- B. August 18
- C. August 19
- D. August 20

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly mentions the delegation visited on August 17.

Which project is to serve as a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Dharavi
- B. Velampeta
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Amaravati

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

According to the source, Velampeta is to serve as a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh.

Which model is Andhra Pradesh adopting for slum redevelopment?

- A. Velampeta model
- B. Delhi model
- C. Dharavi model
- D. Mumbai model

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source states that Andhra Pradesh will adopt the 'Dharavi' model for slum redevelopment.

Madurai joins statewide anti-drug pledge after CM Vijay launch

- Madurai joined a statewide mobilization against drugs.
- The Collector spearheaded the anti-drug pledge in Madurai.
- The pledge followed Chief Minister Vijay's launch of the campaign.

Who spearheaded the anti-drug pledge in Madurai?

- A. Collector
- B. Chief Minister Vijay
- C. Police Chief
- D. District Magistrate

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source headline states that the 'Collector spearheads anti-drug pledge' in Madurai.

The anti-drug pledge in Madurai followed the launch by whom?

- A. Governor
- B. Chief Minister Vijay
- C. Home Minister
- D. Prime Minister

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline mentions 'following CM Vijay's launch', indicating Chief Minister Vijay launched the campaign.

Two Tribal Representatives Included in State Wildlife Board for First Time

- In a first, two tribal representatives were included in the State Wildlife Board.
- The move aims at ensuring tribal participation in forest management.
- It seeks to integrate traditional wisdom of tribal communities into forest management.

According to the report, what is Karnataka's rank among southern States in pollution contribution?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The headline explicitly states that Karnataka is the third-highest contributor to pollution among southern States.

Which region's States are being compared for this pollution ranking?

- A. Northern States
- B. Southern States
- C. Eastern States
- D. Western States

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source refers to Karnataka's position 'among southern States', so the comparison is within the southern region.

What is the historic first mentioned in the news about the State Wildlife Board?

- A. Inclusion of two tribal representatives for the first time
- B. Inclusion of two women representatives for the first time
- C. Inclusion of two forest officers for the first time
- D. Inclusion of two scientists for the first time

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source clearly states, 'In a first, two tribal representatives included in State Wildlife Board'.

What is the stated aim of including tribal representatives in the State Wildlife Board?

- A. To increase revenue from forest resources
- B. To ensure tribal participation and integrate their traditional wisdom into forest management
- C. To replace all existing board members with tribal members
- D. To restrict tribal access to forests

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the move is aimed at ensuring tribal participation and integrating their traditional wisdom into forest management.

M.P. Parameswaran, Nuclear Scientist and Marxist Theorist, Dies at 92

- M.P. Parameswaran was a renowned nuclear scientist and Marxist theorist.
- He died at the age of 92.
- He was an early and foremost member of Kerala Sastra Sahithya Parishad.
- His 'fourth world' ideas led to his expulsion from CPI(M) in 2004.

What did YSRCP urge the State Election Commission to do?

- A. Defer municipal rolls until SIR completion
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- C. Cancel municipal elections
- D. Conduct a new voter survey

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline states that YSRCP urged the State Election Commission to defer municipal rolls until SIR completion. Therefore, the correct answer is deferral until SIR completion.

M.P. Parameswaran, who recently died, was known as a:

- A. Nuclear scientist and Marxist theorist
- B. Economist and sociologist
- C. Biologist and historian
- D. Physicist and Gandhian

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states he was a renowned nuclear scientist and Marxist theorist.

M.P. Parameswaran was expelled from CPI(M) in 2004 because of his ideas on which concept?

- A. Third world
- B. Fourth world
- C. Globalisation
- D. Sustainable development

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states his ideas on the 'fourth world' triggered debate and led to his expulsion from CPI(M) in 2004.

Second Phase of Pravasi Insurance Scheme for Expats Begins August 18

- The second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats will begin on August 18.
- The scheme is specifically meant for expats, as stated in the news headline.

According to the source excerpt, what is the key caution expressed about surrogate advertising?

- A. It should be completely banned.
- B. Curbs must avoid regulatory overreach.
- C. It requires no regulation.
- D. Only digital ads need curbs.

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt directly states that curbs on surrogate advertising must avoid regulatory overreach.

The second phase of which insurance scheme for expats is set to begin on August 18?

- A. Pravasi insurance scheme
- B. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- C. Atal Pension Yojana
- D. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source headline explicitly says the second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats will begin on August 18.

On which date is the second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats scheduled to begin?

- A. August 15
- B. August 16
- C. August 17
- D. August 18

Answer & explanation

Answer: D

The headline clearly states that the second phase will begin on August 18.

ICMR-NIN launches SHINE 2026 for school students

- ICMR-NIN has kicked off SHINE 2026.
- The programme is aimed at school students.

Farmers' outfit criticises CWRC directive on Cauvery water release

- A farmers' outfit criticised a directive from the CWRC.
- The directive relates to release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

India says will update on Hasina extradition request

- India's Jaiswal said 'will update when there is one' on Hasina extradition.
- Dhaka sought expediting Hasina's extradition at a meeting.
- The meeting was between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi.

What did CJP say after the Tamil Nadu government withdrew the order?

- A. 'Good sense prevails'
- B. 'Better late than never'
- C. 'Justice delayed is justice denied'
- D. 'Order must be upheld'

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline states: "'Good sense prevails': CJP after Tamil Nadu CM Vijay's govt withdraws order against student protest."

According to the now-withdrawn order, what were officials asked to do?

- A. Take 'appropriate coordinated action' to prevent students and youth from joining protests
- B. Allow students to protest unconditionally
- C. Provide security to student protestors
- D. Withdraw all pending cases against students

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that the now-withdrawn order asked officials to take 'appropriate coordinated action' to prevent students and youth from joining such protests.

Who made the statement 'Will update when there is one' regarding Hasina's extradition request?

- A. Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi
- B. MEA spokesperson Jaiswal
- C. Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman
- D. Former PM Hasina

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states 'Jaiswal's remarks came a day after...', indicating Jaiswal made the statement.

Where did Dhaka call for expediting Hasina's extradition?

- A. At a meeting between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi
- B. At a UN General Assembly session
- C. At a SAARC summit
- D. At a bilateral meeting between PMs of India and Bangladesh

Answer & explanation

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Rahul Bansal, trainee IPS, in u20b91-crore bribe case; CBI court seeks report

- Trainee IPS officer Rahul Bansal is accused in a u20b91-crore bribe case linked to cyber fraud.
- The matter reached CBI court in Delhi, which sought action-taken reports.
- The court sought reports from Chhattisgarh DGP and CBI director.

What is the conservation status of the Lesser Florican as mentioned in the study?

- A. Endangered
- B. Critically Endangered
- C. Vulnerable
- D. Near Threatened

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that the Lesser Florican is 'critically endangered'.

What area does the Lesser Florican's migration flyway cover according to satellite tracking?

- A. 60,000 sq km
- B. 206,000 sq km
- C. 100,000 sq km
- D. 300,000 sq km

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says 'a 206,000 sq km migration flyway across western and central India'.

Who is the trainee IPS officer involved in the bribe allegations?

- A. Rahul Bansal
- B. Rakesh Asthana
- C. Satish Verma
- D. Vijay Kumar

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly states that the matter is relating to IPS Rahul Bansal.

The CBI court in Delhi sought a report from which authorities?

- A. Governor and Chief Minister
- B. DGP Chhattisgarh and CBI director
- C. Home Minister and Law Minister
- D. NIA and ED

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

As per the source, the court sought a report from the DGP of Chhattisgarh and the director of CBI.

Search Intensifies for BRO Personnel, Scientific Probe Ordered in Chamoli

- Search continues for BRO personnel swept away in Chamoli flash flood.
- Government ordered a detailed scientific investigation of the flash flood on Tuesday.
- The flash flood led to a sudden surge of water.

Who was summoned by Pakistan over remarks on Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. US charge d'affaires
- B. Indian High Commissioner
- C. Chinese Ambassador
- D. British High Commissioner

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

Pakistan's foreign ministry summoned the US charge d'affaires to Islamabad and lodged a strong demarche over the remarks.

Which organization's personnel were swept away in the Chamoli flash flood?

- A. BRO
- B. NDRF
- C. ITBP
- D. SDRF

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that search is for BRO personnel who were swept away in the Chamoli flash flood.

What action did the government order on Tuesday regarding the Chamoli flash flood?

- A. Evacuation of villagers
- B. Detailed scientific investigation
- C. Construction of dam
- D. Deployment of army

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the government ordered a detailed scientific investigation of the Chamoli flash flood.

TN Assembly Passes Resolution Seeking NEET Abolition, Citing Social Justice

- Tamil Nadu assembly passed CM Vijay government's resolution opposing NEET.
- Resolution cites concerns over social justice, student welfare, and impact on poor, rural, backward students.
- State health minister KG Arunraj said NEET diverted students' focus from school curriculum to coaching.
- Coaching centres boom and charge huge fees, according to the report on NEET.

What are Meitei groups in Manipur pressing for amid the census protest?

- A. National Register of Citizens
- B. Citizenship Amendment Act
- C. Uniform Civil Code
- D. National Food Security Act

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states Meitei groups are pressing for an NRC to identify undocumented migrants.

According to the Meitei groups' demand, undocumented migrants settled in Manipur after which year?

- A. 1947
- B. 1951
- C. 1971
- D. 2001

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the NRC is to identify undocumented migrants who settled in Manipur after 1951.

What did the Tamil Nadu assembly pass regarding NEET?

- A. A resolution opposing NEET
- B. A bill making NEET compulsory
- C. A resolution supporting NEET

D. An amendment to the NEET Act

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The Tamil Nadu assembly passed the CM Vijay government's resolution opposing NEET, citing social justice and student welfare concerns.

According to state health minister KG Arunraj, what is one effect of NEET?

- A. It improved the school curriculum
- B. It diverted students' focus from school curriculum to coaching
- C. It reduced coaching centre fees
- D. It increased rural medical admissions

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

Arunraj said NEET had diverted the focus of students from the curriculum followed in schools to coaching.

President Murmu signs Vande Mataram Bill, grants it National Anthem protection

- President Murmu gave assent to the Vande Mataram Bill.
- The bill grants Vande Mataram the same legal protection as the National Anthem.
- The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 amends the 1971 Act.
- Congress MP Shashi Tharoor questioned whether respect and patience can be legislated.

Which organisation reconstituted the textbook development team for Class 11 and 12 political science?

- A. NCERT
- B. CBSE
- C. UGC
- D. Ministry of Education

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that NCERT reconstituted the textbook development team for Class 11 and 12 political science.

By which month is the Class 11 political science textbook expected to be developed?

- A. November
- B. July
- C. December
- D. January

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The team has been asked to develop the Class 11 textbook by November, as per the excerpt.

To which bill did President Murmu give assent according to the reports?

- A. National Anthem Bill
- B. Vande Mataram Bill
- C. Prevention of Insults Bill
- D. National Honour Amendment Bill

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states: 'President Murmu gives assent to Vande Mataram Bill'.

Which Act was amended by the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026?

- A. Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971
- B. National Honour Act, 1971
- C. Vande Mataram Act, 2026
- D. National Anthem Act, 1971

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The bill amends the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 as mentioned in the source.

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A.P. aqua farmers get power at ₹1.50/unit, 10-acre cap removed

- Andhra Pradesh aqua farmers receive electricity at ₹1.50 per unit.
- The 10-acre cap on this power tariff benefit has been lifted.

According to the news, how many check dams will the WRD build in Tamil Nadu?

- A. 17
- B. 27
- C. 37
- D. 47

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the WRD will build 27 check dams.

What is the primary purpose of these check dams?

- A. To generate hydroelectricity
- B. To conserve floodwater
- C. To support irrigation

D. To prevent sea erosion

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the check dams are built to conserve floodwater.

According to the news, at what rate will Andhra Pradesh aqua farmers get power?

A. ₹1.50 per unit

B. ₹2.00 per unit

C. ₹3.00 per unit

D. ₹5.00 per unit

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline explicitly states 'power at ₹1.50 a unit' for A.P. aqua farmers.

What has been lifted for aqua farmers in Andhra Pradesh according to the news?

A. 10-acre cap

B. 5-acre cap

C. 20-acre cap

D. Subsidy cap

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline says '10-acre cap lifted', meaning the restriction on acreage has been removed.

AI main risk is erosion of human judgment: RBI Governor

- RBI Governor said the main risk of AI is erosion of human judgment.
- RBI Governor stated responsibility for a bank's decisions rests with the bank, not with its algorithm.

As per the NMC proposal, what will enable a doctor to practise across India?

A. Fresh registration in every State

B. Separate licence from each Union Territory

C. State Medical Council registration and UID allotment

D. Special permission from the Central Health Ministry

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The proposal states that once State Medical Council grants registration and Ethics and Medical Registration Board allots UID, no fresh registration or separate licence is required.

Which body allots the Unique Identification (UID) number to doctors?

A. State Medical Council

B. Ethics and Medical Registration Board

C. National Medical Commission

D. Union Ministry of Health

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the Ethics and Medical Registration Board allots the Unique Identification (UID) number.

According to the RBI Governor, what is the main risk posed by artificial intelligence?

- A. Erosion of human judgment
- B. Data privacy breaches
- C. Job losses in banking
- D. Cyberattacks on banks

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The RBI Governor said the main risk of AI is erosion of human judgment.

As per the RBI Governor, who is responsible for a bank's decisions?

- A. The algorithm
- B. The software vendor
- C. The bank
- D. The customers

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The RBI Governor stated responsibility for a bank's decisions rests with the bank, not with its algorithm.

AP Christian leaders urge Centre to withhold FCRA Amendment Bill

- APCLF leaders urged Centre to withhold proposed FCRA Amendment Bill in entirety.
- Representatives of FCRA-registered organisations also demanded the withholding.
- They also demanded a review of the functioning of FCRA Act, 2010.

What is the estimated cost of Chennai Port's Outer Harbour Project?

- A. ₹17,700 crore
- B. ₹18,000 crore
- C. ₹15,500 crore
- D. ₹20,000 crore

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the project is to be implemented at ₹17,700 crore.

What ship draft will the first phase of the Chennai Port Outer Harbour Project allow?

- A. 18 metres
- B. 20 metres
- C. 15 metres
- D. 12 metres

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source mentions the first phase will allow the port to handle ships with 18 metres of draft.

What did APCLF leaders and FCRA-registered organisations demand from the Centre?

- A. Immediate passing of the FCRA Amendment Bill
- B. Withholding the proposed FCRA Amendment Bill and review of FCRA Act, 2010
- C. Increasing foreign funding limits
- D. Removing all restrictions on FCRA registrations

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states they demanded the proposed amendments be withheld in their entirety, along with a review of the functioning of the FCRA Act, 2010.

Which Act is the subject of the proposed amendments mentioned in the news?

- A. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010
- B. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- C. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- D. Right to Information Act, 2005

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly refers to the FCRA Act, 2010, whose proposed amendments were opposed by the leaders.

SHIFT Transport Coalition Launches Transport Analytics Hub

- SHIFT Transport Coalition launched a Transport Analytics Hub.
- The hub uses geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools.
- It helps users understand mobility patterns and compare cities.
- It assesses urban road networks using geospatial metrics.

Which investigating agency registered a case against Gensol Engineering and BluSmart founders?

- A. CBI
- B. ED
- C. SEBI
- D. RBI

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source excerpt explicitly states that the CBI registered the case.

What is the amount of alleged loss in the IREDA loan case?

- A. ₹672 crore

- B. ₹762 crore
- C. ₹627 crore
- D. ₹726 crore

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline mentions a '₹672-crore alleged loss' in the IREDA loan case.

What did SHIFT Transport Coalition launch to analyse urban mobility data?

- A. Transport Analytics Hub
- B. Urban Mobility Dashboard
- C. Geospatial Data Portal
- D. City Metrics Tool

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that SHIFT Transport Coalition launched the Transport Analytics Hub to analyse urban mobility data.

Which of the following is a feature of the Transport Analytics Hub?

- A. Geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools
- B. Manual data entry and paper-based reports
- C. Email-based alert systems
- D. Census enumeration and voter registration

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt mentions that the platform uses geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools to help users understand mobility patterns.

Kerala HC stays order to PSC on mark details

- Kerala High Court stayed an information commission order.
- Order directed PSC to give mark details and personal info.
- Matter relates to a planning board post.

According to the report, which Zilla Parishad is facing major bifurcation challenges?

- A. Visakhapatnam ZP
- B. Vijayawada ZP
- C. Guntur ZP
- D. Krishna ZP

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that Visakhapatnam ZP faces major bifurcation challenges.

What is approaching according to the news report?

- A. General elections
- B. Local body polls
- C. State assembly elections
- D. Rajya Sabha elections

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline says 'as local body polls near', indicating local body polls are approaching.

What did the Kerala High Court do regarding the information commission order?

- A. Upheld it
- B. Stayed it
- C. Quashed it
- D. Referred it to a larger bench

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline states the Kerala HC 'stays' the information commission order.

The information commission order directed PSC to provide which details?

- A. Only mark details
- B. Only personal info
- C. Mark details and personal info
- D. Interview panel comments

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source says the order directed PSC to give 'mark details, personal info'.

Kerala name change, co-op bills cleared without debate in Lok Sabha

- Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 and National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 were moved.
- Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai moved the Kerala name change bill.
- Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol moved the NCDC amendment bill.
- Both bills were cleared without debate as Lok Sabha deadlock continues.

Who issued the warning to Gulf countries against assisting the U.S. military?

- A. U.S. military chief
- B. Iran's armed forces chief of staff Ali Abdollahi
- C. Gulf Cooperation Council head
- D. UN Secretary-General

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that Iran's armed forces chief of staff Ali Abdollahi said the warning.

According to Iran, what does any assistance to the U.S. military by Gulf countries amount to?

- A. A neutral act
- B. Participation in the U.S. military operation
- C. A humanitarian gesture
- D. A diplomatic move

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says 'any assistance or facilitation provided to the aggressor U.S. military amounts to participation in the U.S. military operation.'

Which Bill was moved by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai?

- A. Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
- B. National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- C. Lok Sabha Deadlock Resolution Bill, 2026
- D. Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 was moved by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.

How were the Kerala and NCDC bills cleared in Lok Sabha?

- A. Without debate
- B. After a full debate
- C. By a standing committee
- D. Through a voice vote after discussion

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly says both bills were 'cleared without debate' as the Lok Sabha deadlock continued.

21 Tonnes of Gulkha Incinerated in Krishnagiri for Drug-Free Tamil Nadu

- 21 tonnes of gulkha were incinerated.
- The incineration marked the 'drug-free TN' campaign.
- The event took place in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.

According to the excerpt, what should Tamil Nadu do before asking for more resources?

- A. Increase tax rates immediately
- B. Collect better and spend smarter
- C. Reduce all public expenditures
- D. Seek central government loans

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The subheading explicitly says Tamil Nadu 'must collect better and spend smarter' before asking for more.

What does the headline 'Before new taxes, making every rupee count' imply?

- A. New taxes should be introduced without delay
- B. Efficient use of existing resources matters before imposing new taxes
- C. Taxes are the only way to increase revenue
- D. Tamil Nadu has no fiscal challenges

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline suggests that making every rupee count is a necessary step before considering new taxes.

How much gutkha was incinerated during the 'drug-free TN' campaign?

- A. 20 tonnes
- B. 21 tonnes
- C. 22 tonnes
- D. 25 tonnes

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt states that 21 tonnes of gutkha were incinerated.

In which district of Tamil Nadu did the incineration take place?

- A. Coimbatore
- B. Krishnagiri
- C. Vellore
- D. Salem

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt mentions the 'drug-free TN' campaign in Krishnagiri.

Hundreds rally in Aizawl against FCRA amendment

- Hundreds rallied in Aizawl against the FCRA amendment.
- Council of Churches in Mizoram warned the Bill could allow seizure of assets.
- Assets of churches and NGOs with cancelled or non-renewed FCRA registrations at risk.

What was the Karnataka High Court's decision in the case involving the married man accused of abetting a nursing student's suicide?

- A. It quashed the criminal proceedings
- B. It refused to quash the criminal proceedings
- C. It acquitted the accused of all charges
- D. It ordered a fresh investigation

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the High Court of Karnataka refused to quash criminal proceedings against the married man accused of abetting the woman's suicide.

According to the report, how did the accused allegedly abet the 22-year-old nursing student's suicide?

- A. By repeatedly stalking and threatening her, and sabotaging her marriage prospects
- B. By forcing her to drop out of nursing college
- C. By financially exploiting her family
- D. By spreading false rumours about her on social media

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source says the accused allegedly abetted her suicide by repeatedly stalking and threatening her, and by claiming to prospective grooms that he was in a relationship with her, thus sabotaging her marriage prospects.

What was the rally in Aizawl against?

- A. FCRA amendment
- B. FCRA implementation
- C. Church property tax
- D. NGO funding cuts

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states 'Hundreds rally against FCRA amendment in Aizawl', so the rally was against the FCRA amendment.

According to the Council of Churches in Mizoram, what could the Bill empower authorities to do?

- A. Cancel FCRA registrations without notice
- B. Seize and sell assets of churches and NGOs with cancelled or non-renewed registrations
- C. Audit all NGO accounts
- D. Ban foreign funding entirely

Answer & explanation

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The excerpt says the Bill 'could empower authorities to seize and sell the assets and properties of churches and NGOs whose FCRA registrations are cancelled or not renewed'.

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- Velampeta will be a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh.
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According to Syrian officials, why did the Turkish delegation visit the air base in Idlib?

- A. To conduct military exercises
- B. To review rehabilitation work at the facility
- C. To negotiate a ceasefire
- D. To inspect chemical weapons

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the Turkish delegation visited the air base to review rehabilitation work underway at the facility.

When did the Turkish delegation visit the air base according to the source?

- A. August 17
- B. August 18
- C. August 19
- D. August 20

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly mentions the delegation visited on August 17.

Which project is to serve as a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Dharavi
- B. Velampeta
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Amaravati

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

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Which model is Andhra Pradesh adopting for slum redevelopment?

- A. Velampeta model
- B. Delhi model
- C. Dharavi model
- D. Mumbai model

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source states that Andhra Pradesh will adopt the 'Dharavi' model for slum redevelopment.

Madurai joins statewide anti-drug pledge after CM Vijay launch

- Madurai joined a statewide mobilization against drugs.
- The Collector spearheaded the anti-drug pledge in Madurai.
- The pledge followed Chief Minister Vijay's launch of the campaign.

Who spearheaded the anti-drug pledge in Madurai?

- A. Collector
- B. Chief Minister Vijay
- C. Police Chief
- D. District Magistrate

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source headline states that the 'Collector spearheads anti-drug pledge' in Madurai.

The anti-drug pledge in Madurai followed the launch by whom?

- A. Governor
- B. Chief Minister Vijay
- C. Home Minister
- D. Prime Minister

Answer & explanation

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The headline mentions 'following CM Vijay's launch', indicating Chief Minister Vijay launched the campaign.

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- C. Atal Pension Yojana
- D. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source headline explicitly says the second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats will begin on August 18.

On which date is the second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats scheduled to begin?

- A. August 15
- B. August 16
- C. August 17
- D. August 18

Answer & explanation

Answer: D

The headline clearly states that the second phase will begin on August 18.

ICMR-NIN launches SHINE 2026 for school students

- ICMR-NIN has kicked off SHINE 2026.
- The programme is aimed at school students.

Farmers' outfit criticises CWRC directive on Cauvery water release

- A farmers' outfit criticised a directive from the CWRC.
- The directive relates to release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

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- India's Jaiswal said 'will update when there is one' on Hasina extradition.
- Dhaka sought expediting Hasina's extradition at a meeting.
- The meeting was between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi.

What did CJP say after the Tamil Nadu government withdrew the order?

- A. 'Good sense prevails'
- B. 'Better late than never'
- C. 'Justice delayed is justice denied'
- D. 'Order must be upheld'

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline states: "'Good sense prevails': CJP after Tamil Nadu CM Vijay's govt withdraws order against student protest."

According to the now-withdrawn order, what were officials asked to do?

- A. Take 'appropriate coordinated action' to prevent students and youth from joining protests
- B. Allow students to protest unconditionally
- C. Provide security to student protestors
- D. Withdraw all pending cases against students

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that the now-withdrawn order asked officials to take 'appropriate coordinated action' to prevent students and youth from joining such protests.

Who made the statement 'Will update when there is one' regarding Hasina's extradition request?

- A. Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi
- B. MEA spokesperson Jaiswal
- C. Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman
- D. Former PM Hasina

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states 'Jaiswal's remarks came a day after...', indicating Jaiswal made the statement.

Where did Dhaka call for expediting Hasina's extradition?

- A. At a meeting between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi
- B. At a UN General Assembly session
- C. At a SAARC summit
- D. At a bilateral meeting between PMs of India and Bangladesh

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source says Dhaka called for expediting the request 'at a meeting between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi'.

Rahul Bansal, trainee IPS, in u20b91-crore bribe case; CBI court seeks report

- Trainee IPS officer Rahul Bansal is accused in a u20b91-crore bribe case linked to cyber fraud.
- The matter reached CBI court in Delhi, which sought action-taken reports.
- The court sought reports from Chhattisgarh DGP and CBI director.

What is the conservation status of the Lesser Florican as mentioned in the study?

- A. Endangered
- B. Critically Endangered
- C. Vulnerable
- D. Near Threatened

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that the Lesser Florican is 'critically endangered'.

What area does the Lesser Florican's migration flyway cover according to satellite tracking?

- A. 60,000 sq km
- B. 206,000 sq km
- C. 100,000 sq km
- D. 300,000 sq km

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says 'a 206,000 sq km migration flyway across western and central India'.

Who is the trainee IPS officer involved in the bribe allegations?

- A. Rahul Bansal
- B. Rakesh Asthana
- C. Satish Verma
- D. Vijay Kumar

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly states that the matter is relating to IPS Rahul Bansal.

The CBI court in Delhi sought a report from which authorities?

- A. Governor and Chief Minister
- B. DGP Chhattisgarh and CBI director
- C. Home Minister and Law Minister
- D. NIA and ED

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

As per the source, the court sought a report from the DGP of Chhattisgarh and the director of CBI.

Search Intensifies for BRO Personnel, Scientific Probe Ordered in Chamoli

- Search continues for BRO personnel swept away in Chamoli flash flood.
- Government ordered a detailed scientific investigation of the flash flood on Tuesday.
- The flash flood led to a sudden surge of water.

Who was summoned by Pakistan over remarks on Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. US charge d'affaires
- B. Indian High Commissioner
- C. Chinese Ambassador
- D. British High Commissioner

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

Pakistan's foreign ministry summoned the US charge d'affaires to Islamabad and lodged a strong demarche over the remarks.

Which organization's personnel were swept away in the Chamoli flash flood?

- A. BRO
- B. NDRF
- C. ITBP
- D. SDRF

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that search is for BRO personnel who were swept away in the Chamoli flash flood.

What action did the government order on Tuesday regarding the Chamoli flash flood?

- A. Evacuation of villagers
- B. Detailed scientific investigation
- C. Construction of dam
- D. Deployment of army

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the government ordered a detailed scientific investigation of the Chamoli flash flood.

TN Assembly Passes Resolution Seeking NEET Abolition, Citing Social Justice

- Tamil Nadu assembly passed CM Vijay government's resolution opposing NEET.
- Resolution cites concerns over social justice, student welfare, and impact on poor, rural, backward students.
- State health minister KG Arunraj said NEET diverted students' focus from school curriculum to coaching.
- Coaching centres boom and charge huge fees, according to the report on NEET.

What are Meitei groups in Manipur pressing for amid the census protest?

- A. National Register of Citizens
- B. Citizenship Amendment Act
- C. Uniform Civil Code
- D. National Food Security Act

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states Meitei groups are pressing for an NRC to identify undocumented migrants.

According to the Meitei groups' demand, undocumented migrants settled in Manipur after which year?

- A. 1947
- B. 1951
- C. 1971
- D. 2001

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the NRC is to identify undocumented migrants who settled in Manipur after 1951.

What did the Tamil Nadu assembly pass regarding NEET?

- A. A resolution opposing NEET
- B. A bill making NEET compulsory
- C. A resolution supporting NEET
- D. An amendment to the NEET Act

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The Tamil Nadu assembly passed the CM Vijay government's resolution opposing NEET, citing social justice and student welfare concerns.

According to state health minister KG Arunraj, what is one effect of NEET?

- A. It improved the school curriculum
- B. It diverted students' focus from school curriculum to coaching
- C. It reduced coaching centre fees
- D. It increased rural medical admissions

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

Arunraj said NEET had diverted the focus of students from the curriculum followed in schools to coaching.

President Murmu signs Vande Mataram Bill, grants it National Anthem protection

- President Murmu gave assent to the Vande Mataram Bill.
- The bill grants Vande Mataram the same legal protection as the National Anthem.
- The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 amends the 1971 Act.
- Congress MP Shashi Tharoor questioned whether respect and patience can be legislated.

Which organisation reconstituted the textbook development team for Class 11 and 12 political science?

- A. NCERT
- B. CBSE
- C. UGC
- D. Ministry of Education

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that NCERT reconstituted the textbook development team for Class 11 and 12 political science.

By which month is the Class 11 political science textbook expected to be developed?

- A. November
- B. July
- C. December
- D. January

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The team has been asked to develop the Class 11 textbook by November, as per the excerpt.

To which bill did President Murmu give assent according to the reports?

- A. National Anthem Bill
- B. Vande Mataram Bill
- C. Prevention of Insults Bill
- D. National Honour Amendment Bill

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states: 'President Murmu gives assent to Vande Mataram Bill'.

Which Act was amended by the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026?

- A. Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971
- B. National Honour Act, 1971

- C. Vande Mataram Act, 2026
- D. National Anthem Act, 1971

Answer & explanation

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The bill amends the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 as mentioned in the source.

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A.P. aqua farmers get power at u20b91.50/unit, 10-acre cap removed

- Andhra Pradesh aqua farmers receive electricity at u20b91.50 per unit.
- The 10-acre cap on this power tariff benefit has been lifted.

According to the news, how many check dams will the WRD build in Tamil Nadu?

- A. 17
- B. 27
- C. 37
- D. 47

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the WRD will build 27 check dams.

What is the primary purpose of these check dams?

- A. To generate hydroelectricity
- B. To conserve floodwater
- C. To support irrigation
- D. To prevent sea erosion

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the check dams are built to conserve floodwater.

According to the news, at what rate will Andhra Pradesh aqua farmers get power?

- A. ₹1.50 per unit
- B. ₹2.00 per unit
- C. ₹3.00 per unit
- D. ₹5.00 per unit

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline explicitly states 'power at ₹1.50 a unit' for A.P. aqua farmers.

What has been lifted for aqua farmers in Andhra Pradesh according to the news?

- A. 10-acre cap
- B. 5-acre cap
- C. 20-acre cap
- D. Subsidy cap

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline says '10-acre cap lifted', meaning the restriction on acreage has been removed.

AI main risk is erosion of human judgment: RBI Governor

- RBI Governor said the main risk of AI is erosion of human judgment.
- RBI Governor stated responsibility for a bank's decisions rests with the bank, not with its algorithm.

As per the NMC proposal, what will enable a doctor to practise across India?

- A. Fresh registration in every State
- B. Separate licence from each Union Territory
- C. State Medical Council registration and UID allotment
- D. Special permission from the Central Health Ministry

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The proposal states that once State Medical Council grants registration and Ethics and Medical Registration Board allots UID, no fresh registration or separate licence is required.

Which body allots the Unique Identification (UID) number to doctors?

- A. State Medical Council
- B. Ethics and Medical Registration Board
- C. National Medical Commission
- D. Union Ministry of Health

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the Ethics and Medical Registration Board allots the Unique Identification (UID) number.

According to the RBI Governor, what is the main risk posed by artificial intelligence?

- A. Erosion of human judgment
- B. Data privacy breaches
- C. Job losses in banking
- D. Cyberattacks on banks

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The RBI Governor said the main risk of AI is erosion of human judgment.

As per the RBI Governor, who is responsible for a bank's decisions?

- A. The algorithm
- B. The software vendor
- C. The bank
- D. The customers

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

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AP Christian leaders urge Centre to withhold FCRA Amendment Bill

- APCLF leaders urged Centre to withhold proposed FCRA Amendment Bill in entirety.
- Representatives of FCRA-registered organisations also demanded the withholding.
- They also demanded a review of the functioning of FCRA Act, 2010.

What is the estimated cost of Chennai Port's Outer Harbour Project?

- A. ₹17,700 crore
- B. ₹18,000 crore
- C. ₹15,500 crore
- D. ₹20,000 crore

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states the project is to be implemented at ₹17,700 crore.

What ship draft will the first phase of the Chennai Port Outer Harbour Project allow?

- A. 18 metres
- B. 20 metres
- C. 15 metres
- D. 12 metres

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source mentions the first phase will allow the port to handle ships with 18 metres of draft.

What did APCLF leaders and FCRA-registered organisations demand from the Centre?

- A. Immediate passing of the FCRA Amendment Bill
- B. Withholding the proposed FCRA Amendment Bill and review of FCRA Act, 2010
- C. Increasing foreign funding limits
- D. Removing all restrictions on FCRA registrations

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states they demanded the proposed amendments be withheld in their entirety, along with a

review of the functioning of the FCRA Act, 2010.

Which Act is the subject of the proposed amendments mentioned in the news?

- A. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010
- B. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- C. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- D. Right to Information Act, 2005

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly refers to the FCRA Act, 2010, whose proposed amendments were opposed by the leaders.

SHIFT Transport Coalition Launches Transport Analytics Hub

- SHIFT Transport Coalition launched a Transport Analytics Hub.
- The hub uses geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools.
- It helps users understand mobility patterns and compare cities.
- It assesses urban road networks using geospatial metrics.

Which investigating agency registered a case against Gensol Engineering and BluSmart founders?

- A. CBI
- B. ED
- C. SEBI
- D. RBI

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source excerpt explicitly states that the CBI registered the case.

What is the amount of alleged loss in the IREDA loan case?

- A. ₹672 crore
- B. ₹762 crore
- C. ₹627 crore
- D. ₹726 crore

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline mentions a '₹672-crore alleged loss' in the IREDA loan case.

What did SHIFT Transport Coalition launch to analyse urban mobility data?

- A. Transport Analytics Hub
- B. Urban Mobility Dashboard
- C. Geospatial Data Portal
- D. City Metrics Tool

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that SHIFT Transport Coalition launched the Transport Analytics Hub to analyse urban mobility data.

Which of the following is a feature of the Transport Analytics Hub?

- A. Geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools
- B. Manual data entry and paper-based reports
- C. Email-based alert systems
- D. Census enumeration and voter registration

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt mentions that the platform uses geospatial analytics and interactive visualisation tools to help users understand mobility patterns.

Kerala HC stays order to PSC on mark details

- Kerala High Court stayed an information commission order.
- Order directed PSC to give mark details and personal info.
- Matter relates to a planning board post.

According to the report, which Zilla Parishad is facing major bifurcation challenges?

- A. Visakhapatnam ZP
- B. Vijayawada ZP
- C. Guntur ZP
- D. Krishna ZP

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that Visakhapatnam ZP faces major bifurcation challenges.

What is approaching according to the news report?

- A. General elections
- B. Local body polls
- C. State assembly elections
- D. Rajya Sabha elections

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline says 'as local body polls near', indicating local body polls are approaching.

What did the Kerala High Court do regarding the information commission order?

- A. Upheld it
- B. Stayed it
- C. Quashed it
- D. Referred it to a larger bench

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline states the Kerala HC 'stays' the information commission order.

The information commission order directed PSC to provide which details?

- A. Only mark details
- B. Only personal info
- C. Mark details and personal info
- D. Interview panel comments

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source says the order directed PSC to give 'mark details, personal info'.

Kerala name change, co-op bills cleared without debate in Lok Sabha

- Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 and National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 were moved.
- Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai moved the Kerala name change bill.
- Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol moved the NCDC amendment bill.
- Both bills were cleared without debate as Lok Sabha deadlock continues.

Who issued the warning to Gulf countries against assisting the U.S. military?

- A. U.S. military chief
- B. Iran's armed forces chief of staff Ali Abdollahi
- C. Gulf Cooperation Council head
- D. UN Secretary-General

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that Iran's armed forces chief of staff Ali Abdollahi said the warning.

According to Iran, what does any assistance to the U.S. military by Gulf countries amount to?

- A. A neutral act
- B. Participation in the U.S. military operation
- C. A humanitarian gesture
- D. A diplomatic move

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says 'any assistance or facilitation provided to the aggressor U.S. military amounts to participation in the U.S. military operation.'

Which Bill was moved by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai?

- A. Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026
- B. National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- C. Lok Sabha Deadlock Resolution Bill, 2026

D. Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 was moved by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.

How were the Kerala and NCDC bills cleared in Lok Sabha?

- A. Without debate
- B. After a full debate
- C. By a standing committee
- D. Through a voice vote after discussion

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly says both bills were 'cleared without debate' as the Lok Sabha deadlock continued.

21 Tonnes of Gutkha Incinerated in Krishnagiri for Drug-Free Tamil Nadu

- 21 tonnes of gutkha were incinerated.
- The incineration marked the 'drug-free TN' campaign.
- The event took place in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.

According to the excerpt, what should Tamil Nadu do before asking for more resources?

- A. Increase tax rates immediately
- B. Collect better and spend smarter
- C. Reduce all public expenditures
- D. Seek central government loans

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The subheading explicitly says Tamil Nadu 'must collect better and spend smarter' before asking for more.

What does the headline 'Before new taxes, making every rupee count' imply?

- A. New taxes should be introduced without delay
- B. Efficient use of existing resources matters before imposing new taxes
- C. Taxes are the only way to increase revenue
- D. Tamil Nadu has no fiscal challenges

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline suggests that making every rupee count is a necessary step before considering new taxes.

How much gutkha was incinerated during the 'drug-free TN' campaign?

- A. 20 tonnes
- B. 21 tonnes
- C. 22 tonnes

D. 25 tonnes

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt states that 21 tonnes of gutkha were incinerated.

In which district of Tamil Nadu did the incineration take place?

- A. Coimbatore
- B. Krishnagiri
- C. Vellore
- D. Salem

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt mentions the 'drug-free TN' campaign in Krishnagiri.

Hundreds rally in Aizawl against FCRA amendment

- Hundreds rallied in Aizawl against the FCRA amendment.
- Council of Churches in Mizoram warned the Bill could allow seizure of assets.
- Assets of churches and NGOs with cancelled or non-renewed FCRA registrations at risk.

What was the Karnataka High Court's decision in the case involving the married man accused of abetting a nursing student's suicide?

- A. It quashed the criminal proceedings
- B. It refused to quash the criminal proceedings
- C. It acquitted the accused of all charges
- D. It ordered a fresh investigation

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the High Court of Karnataka refused to quash criminal proceedings against the married man accused of abetting the woman's suicide.

According to the report, how did the accused allegedly abet the 22-year-old nursing student's suicide?

- A. By repeatedly stalking and threatening her, and sabotaging her marriage prospects
- B. By forcing her to drop out of nursing college
- C. By financially exploiting her family
- D. By spreading false rumours about her on social media

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source says the accused allegedly abetted her suicide by repeatedly stalking and threatening her, and by claiming to prospective grooms that he was in a relationship with her, thus sabotaging her marriage prospects.

What was the rally in Aizawl against?

- A. FCRA amendment
- B. FCRA implementation
- C. Church property tax
- D. NGO funding cuts

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states 'Hundreds rally against FCRA amendment in Aizawl', so the rally was against the FCRA amendment.

According to the Council of Churches in Mizoram, what could the Bill empower authorities to do?

- A. Cancel FCRA registrations without notice
- B. Seize and sell assets of churches and NGOs with cancelled or non-renewed registrations
- C. Audit all NGO accounts
- D. Ban foreign funding entirely

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the Bill 'could empower authorities to seize and sell the assets and properties of churches and NGOs whose FCRA registrations are cancelled or not renewed'.

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- Velampeta will be a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh.
- Andhra Pradesh will adopt the Dharavi model for slum redevelopment.

According to Syrian officials, why did the Turkish delegation visit the air base in Idlib?

- A. To conduct military exercises
- B. To review rehabilitation work at the facility
- C. To negotiate a ceasefire
- D. To inspect chemical weapons

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the Turkish delegation visited the air base to review rehabilitation work underway at the facility.

When did the Turkish delegation visit the air base according to the source?

- A. August 17
- B. August 18
- C. August 19
- D. August 20

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly mentions the delegation visited on August 17.

Which project is to serve as a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Dharavi
- B. Velampeta
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Amaravati

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

According to the source, Velampeta is to serve as a blueprint for other slum redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh.

Which model is Andhra Pradesh adopting for slum redevelopment?

- A. Velampeta model
- B. Delhi model
- C. Dharavi model
- D. Mumbai model

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source states that Andhra Pradesh will adopt the 'Dharavi' model for slum redevelopment.

Madurai joins statewide anti-drug pledge after CM Vijay launch

- Madurai joined a statewide mobilization against drugs.
- The Collector spearheaded the anti-drug pledge in Madurai.
- The pledge followed Chief Minister Vijay's launch of the campaign.

Who spearheaded the anti-drug pledge in Madurai?

- A. Collector
- B. Chief Minister Vijay
- C. Police Chief
- D. District Magistrate

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source headline states that the 'Collector spearheads anti-drug pledge' in Madurai.

The anti-drug pledge in Madurai followed the launch by whom?

- A. Governor
- B. Chief Minister Vijay
- C. Home Minister
- D. Prime Minister

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline mentions 'following CM Vijay's launch', indicating Chief Minister Vijay launched the campaign.

Two Tribal Representatives Included in State Wildlife Board for First Time

- In a first, two tribal representatives were included in the State Wildlife Board.
- The move aims at ensuring tribal participation in forest management.
- It seeks to integrate traditional wisdom of tribal communities into forest management.

According to the report, what is Karnataka's rank among southern States in pollution contribution?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The headline explicitly states that Karnataka is the third-highest contributor to pollution among southern States.

Which region's States are being compared for this pollution ranking?

- A. Northern States
- B. Southern States
- C. Eastern States
- D. Western States

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source refers to Karnataka's position 'among southern States', so the comparison is within the southern region.

What is the historic first mentioned in the news about the State Wildlife Board?

- A. Inclusion of two tribal representatives for the first time
- B. Inclusion of two women representatives for the first time
- C. Inclusion of two forest officers for the first time
- D. Inclusion of two scientists for the first time

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source clearly states, 'In a first, two tribal representatives included in State Wildlife Board'.

What is the stated aim of including tribal representatives in the State Wildlife Board?

- A. To increase revenue from forest resources
- B. To ensure tribal participation and integrate their traditional wisdom into forest management
- C. To replace all existing board members with tribal members
- D. To restrict tribal access to forests

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the move is aimed at ensuring tribal participation and integrating their traditional wisdom into forest management.

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Answer: A

The source headline explicitly says the second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats will begin on August 18.

On which date is the second phase of the Pravasi insurance scheme for expats scheduled to begin?

- A. August 15
- B. August 16
- C. August 17
- D. August 18

Answer & explanation

Answer: D

The headline clearly states that the second phase will begin on August 18.

ICMR-NIN launches SHINE 2026 for school students

- ICMR-NIN has kicked off SHINE 2026.
- The programme is aimed at school students.

Farmers' outfit criticises CWRC directive on Cauvery water release

- A farmers' outfit criticised a directive from the CWRC.
- The directive relates to release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

India says will update on Hasina extradition request

- India's Jaiswal said 'will update when there is one' on Hasina extradition.
- Dhaka sought expediting Hasina's extradition at a meeting.
- The meeting was between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi.

What did CJP say after the Tamil Nadu government withdrew the order?

- A. 'Good sense prevails'

- B. 'Better late than never'
- C. 'Justice delayed is justice denied'
- D. 'Order must be upheld'

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The headline states: "'Good sense prevails': CJP after Tamil Nadu CM Vijay's govt withdraws order against student protest."

According to the now-withdrawn order, what were officials asked to do?

- A. Take 'appropriate coordinated action' to prevent students and youth from joining protests
- B. Allow students to protest unconditionally
- C. Provide security to student protestors
- D. Withdraw all pending cases against students

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that the now-withdrawn order asked officials to take 'appropriate coordinated action' to prevent students and youth from joining such protests.

Who made the statement 'Will update when there is one' regarding Hasina's extradition request?

- A. Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi
- B. MEA spokesperson Jaiswal
- C. Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman
- D. Former PM Hasina

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states 'Jaiswal's remarks came a day after...', indicating Jaiswal made the statement.

Where did Dhaka call for expediting Hasina's extradition?

- A. At a meeting between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi
- B. At a UN General Assembly session
- C. At a SAARC summit
- D. At a bilateral meeting between PMs of India and Bangladesh

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source says Dhaka called for expediting the request 'at a meeting between PM Tarique Rahman and Indian envoy Dinesh Trivedi'.

Rahul Bansal, trainee IPS, in u20b91-crore bribe case; CBI court seeks report

- Trainee IPS officer Rahul Bansal is accused in a u20b91-crore bribe case linked to cyber fraud.
- The matter reached CBI court in Delhi, which sought action-taken reports.
- The court sought reports from Chhattisgarh DGP and CBI director.

What is the conservation status of the Lesser Florican as mentioned in the study?

- A. Endangered
- B. Critically Endangered
- C. Vulnerable
- D. Near Threatened

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that the Lesser Florican is 'critically endangered'.

What area does the Lesser Florican's migration flyway cover according to satellite tracking?

- A. 60,000 sq km
- B. 206,000 sq km
- C. 100,000 sq km
- D. 300,000 sq km

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says 'a 206,000 sq km migration flyway across western and central India'.

Who is the trainee IPS officer involved in the bribe allegations?

- A. Rahul Bansal
- B. Rakesh Asthana
- C. Satish Verma
- D. Vijay Kumar

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source explicitly states that the matter is relating to IPS Rahul Bansal.

The CBI court in Delhi sought a report from which authorities?

- A. Governor and Chief Minister
- B. DGP Chhattisgarh and CBI director
- C. Home Minister and Law Minister
- D. NIA and ED

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

As per the source, the court sought a report from the DGP of Chhattisgarh and the director of CBI.

Search Intensifies for BRO Personnel, Scientific Probe Ordered in Chamoli

- Search continues for BRO personnel swept away in Chamoli flash flood.
- Government ordered a detailed scientific investigation of the flash flood on Tuesday.
- The flash flood led to a sudden surge of water.

Who was summoned by Pakistan over remarks on Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. US charge d'affaires
- B. Indian High Commissioner
- C. Chinese Ambassador
- D. British High Commissioner

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

Pakistan's foreign ministry summoned the US charge d'affaires to Islamabad and lodged a strong demarche over the remarks.

Which organization's personnel were swept away in the Chamoli flash flood?

- A. BRO
- B. NDRF
- C. ITBP
- D. SDRF

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that search is for BRO personnel who were swept away in the Chamoli flash flood.

What action did the government order on Tuesday regarding the Chamoli flash flood?

- A. Evacuation of villagers
- B. Detailed scientific investigation
- C. Construction of dam
- D. Deployment of army

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the government ordered a detailed scientific investigation of the Chamoli flash flood.

TN Assembly Passes Resolution Seeking NEET Abolition, Citing Social Justice

- Tamil Nadu assembly passed CM Vijay government's resolution opposing NEET.
- Resolution cites concerns over social justice, student welfare, and impact on poor, rural, backward students.
- State health minister KG Arunraj said NEET diverted students' focus from school curriculum to coaching.
- Coaching centres boom and charge huge fees, according to the report on NEET.

What are Meitei groups in Manipur pressing for amid the census protest?

- A. National Register of Citizens
- B. Citizenship Amendment Act
- C. Uniform Civil Code
- D. National Food Security Act

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states Meitei groups are pressing for an NRC to identify undocumented migrants.

According to the Meitei groups' demand, undocumented migrants settled in Manipur after which year?

- A. 1947
- B. 1951
- C. 1971
- D. 2001

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the NRC is to identify undocumented migrants who settled in Manipur after 1951.

What did the Tamil Nadu assembly pass regarding NEET?

- A. A resolution opposing NEET
- B. A bill making NEET compulsory
- C. A resolution supporting NEET
- D. An amendment to the NEET Act

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The Tamil Nadu assembly passed the CM Vijay government's resolution opposing NEET, citing social justice and student welfare concerns.

According to state health minister KG Arunraj, what is one effect of NEET?

- A. It improved the school curriculum
- B. It diverted students' focus from school curriculum to coaching
- C. It reduced coaching centre fees
- D. It increased rural medical admissions

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

Arunraj said NEET had diverted the focus of students from the curriculum followed in schools to coaching.

President Murmu signs Vande Mataram Bill, grants it National Anthem protection

- President Murmu gave assent to the Vande Mataram Bill.
- The bill grants Vande Mataram the same legal protection as the National Anthem.
- The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 amends the 1971 Act.
- Congress MP Shashi Tharoor questioned whether respect and patience can be legislated.

Which organisation reconstituted the textbook development team for Class 11 and 12 political science?

- A. NCERT
- B. CBSE
- C. UGC

D. Ministry of Education

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that NCERT reconstituted the textbook development team for Class 11 and 12 political science.

By which month is the Class 11 political science textbook expected to be developed?

A. November

B. July

C. December

D. January

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The team has been asked to develop the Class 11 textbook by November, as per the excerpt.

To which bill did President Murmu give assent according to the reports?

A. National Anthem Bill

B. Vande Mataram Bill

C. Prevention of Insults Bill

D. National Honour Amendment Bill

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states: 'President Murmu gives assent to Vande Mataram Bill'.

Which Act was amended by the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026?

A. Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971

B. National Honour Act, 1971

C. Vande Mataram Act, 2026

D. National Anthem Act, 1971

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The bill amends the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 as mentioned in the source.

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US Visa Expedited Appointment Pilot: \$750 Fee for Faster B1/B2 Interviews

- NIV Expedited Appointment Pilot Program updated on August 18, 2026.
- Applicants with urgent travel needs can secure interview within 10 business days.
- \$750 fee for faster B1/B2 interviews, subject to appointment availability.

What is the fee for expedited B1/B2 interviews under the US NIV Expedited Appointment Pilot Program?

- A. \$500
- B. \$750
- C. \$1000
- D. \$250

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the pilot involves a \$750 fee for faster B1/B2 interviews.

Within how many business days can applicants secure an interview under the US NIV Expedited Appointment Pilot Program?

- A. 5 business days
- B. 10 business days
- C. 15 business days
- D. 30 business days

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the program helps applicants secure an interview within 10 business days, subject to appointment availability.

Texas Governor Proposes Total Ban on H-1B Workers in Public Schools

- Governor Greg Abbott seeks a total ban on H-1B workers in public schools in Texas.
- Abbott announced the proposal at a campaign event in Austin.
- He will ask the Texas Legislature to pass a law for the ban.

What has Texas Governor Greg Abbott proposed regarding H-1B workers?

- A. A total ban in public schools
- B. Increasing visa fees
- C. More work permits
- D. No changes

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

Abbott said he would ask the Texas Legislature to pass a law imposing a total ban on H-1B workers in public schools.

Where did Abbott announce the proposal?

- A. Dallas
 - B. Houston
 - C. Austin
 - D. San Antonio
- Answer & explanation

Answer: C

He announced the proposal during a campaign event in Austin.

Telangana CM seeks faster US visa processing, more slots

- Telangana CM Reddy met US Ambassador Gor for 30 minutes.
- Reddy raised concerns of residents traveling to US for work and higher education.
- He sought faster visa processing and more interview slots to prevent delays.

What did Telangana CM urge during his meeting with the US Ambassador?

- A. Increase in trade tariffs
- B. Faster visa processing and more interview slots
- C. Military cooperation agreements
- D. Climate change funding

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that Reddy sought faster processing of visa applications and more interview slots to prevent delays.

How long did the meeting between Telangana CM and the US Ambassador last?

- A. 15 minutes
- B. 45 minutes
- C. 30 minutes
- D. 60 minutes

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source mentions 'a 30-minute meeting with Gor'.

Israel opens tenders for West Bank settlement east of Jerusalem

- Israel announced tenders for a settlement project east of Jerusalem.
- The project would divide the occupied West Bank in two.
- The plans have long been internationally condemned.

According to the excerpt, where is the planned settlement project located?

- A. East of Jerusalem
- B. West of Jerusalem
- C. North of Tel Aviv
- D. South of Gaza Strip

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt explicitly states the area is 'east of Jerusalem'.

What has been the international response to such Israeli plans, as per the excerpt?

- A. They have been widely praised
- B. They have been internationally condemned
- C. They have been ignored
- D. They have been referred only to the UN Security Council

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the plans 'have long been internationally condemned'.

Israel confirms troops fired at car in Hind Rajab death, probes

- Israel confirmed its soldiers fired at the car in which Hind Rajab was killed.
- A criminal investigation has been opened by Israel into the incident.
- Hind Rajab was a five-year-old Gaza girl who initially survived the attack and pleaded for help.
- Her body was recovered later with those of six of her relatives.

What did Israel confirm regarding the death of Hind Rajab?

- A. Its soldiers fired at the car in which she was killed
- B. It had no role in her death
- C. She died in an airstrike
- D. Her body was never recovered

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states Israel confirmed soldiers fired at the car in which Hind Rajab was killed.

Who was Hind Rajab as described in the excerpt?

- A. A five-year-old Gaza girl
- B. An Israeli soldier
- C. A reporter
- D. A doctor

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt describes her as a five-year-old Gaza girl whose body was recovered with six relatives.

Maharashtra CM Fadnavis can overrule ministers under new 2026 rules

- Maharashtra government notified the 'Maharashtra Government Rules of Business, 2026'.
- The new rule gives CM Fadnavis power to overrule any minister's decision.

What does the 'Maharashtra Government Rules of Business, 2026' empower the Chief Minister to do?

- A. Overrule any minister's decision
- B. Dismiss the state cabinet
- C. Appoint new ministers
- D. Implement President's Rule

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The story states the new rule gives Maharashtra CM Fadnavis power to overrule any minister's decision. No other option is mentioned in the source.

Which state government has notified the 'Maharashtra Government Rules of Business, 2026'?

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

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source excerpt explicitly states that the Maharashtra government has notified these rules.

US expands public charge rule, creates green card hurdles from Sept 18

- US expands public charge rule from September 18.
- Green card seekers availing Medicaid, food stamps, or subsistence aid can be denied.
- Indians are among those affected by the new rule.

Under the expanded US 'public charge' rule, which of the following can lead to denial of a green card?

- A. Medicaid
- B. Food stamps
- C. Subsistence aid
- D. All of the above

Answer & explanation

Answer: D

The source states that those availing benefits like Medicaid, food stamps, or any subsistence aid from the government can be denied a green card. Hence, all listed benefits are covered.

Jharkhand students suspend stir, govt given two-month ultimatum

- Jharkhand students suspended their 26-day stir and gave the government a two-month ultimatum.
- The move follows cancellation of 22 recruitment exams and probe into 23 others.
- JSSC-CGL appointees are protesting and fear loss of government jobs.
- The stir was active for 26 days before suspension.

What did Jharkhand students do after a 26-day protest?

- A. Suspended the stir and gave government a two-month ultimatum

- B. Continued the stir indefinitely
- C. Called for a statewide bandh
- D. Withdrew all demands unconditionally

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that students suspended their 26-day stir and gave the government a two-month ultimatum to resolve issues.

How many recruitment exams were cancelled according to the report?

- A. 26
- B. 22
- C. 23
- D. 24

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpts mention cancellation of 22 recruitment exams and a probe into 23 others.

Protesters in Manipur burn effigies, demand no NRC or census

- Protesters in Manipur staged rallies and burned effigies of CM and Home Minister.
- Slogans raised included 'No NRC, No Census'.
- They demanded census not be conducted until IDPs return to native places.

What did the protesters in Manipur demand regarding the census?

- A. Conduct the census immediately
- B. Not conduct the census until IDPs return to native places
- C. Include NRC details in the census
- D. Boycott the census permanently

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states protesters demanded that the census not be conducted until internally displaced persons (IDPs) return to their native places.

Whose effigies were burned by protesters during the Manipur NRC stir?

- A. Prime Minister and President
- B. Chief Minister and Home Minister
- C. Chief Minister and Governor
- D. Home Minister and Defence Minister

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says protesters burned effigies of the CM (Chief Minister) and Home Minister.

E20 Ethanol Rollout Hits Two-Wheeler Owners Hardest, Economist Says

- Economist says hurried E20 rollout has hit two-wheeler owners hardest.
- Two-wheeler owners rely on their vehicles for daily livelihoods.
- Economist calls for E10 choice at fuel stations till 2030.

According to the economist, who has been hit hardest by the hurried E20 rollout?

- A. Two-wheeler owners
- B. Car owners
- C. Farmers
- D. Fuel station owners

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that two-wheelers, not cars, are paying the real price for E20, and two-wheeler owners have been hit hardest.

What does the economist call for at fuel stations till 2030?

- A. Complete E20 availability
- B. E10 choice
- C. Ban on two-wheelers
- D. Subsidy for cars

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The economist calls for an E10 choice at fuel stations till 2030, according to the source excerpt.

FSSAI cracks down on '100 pc' claims; firms withdraw labels

- FSSAI took enforcement action against six companies for misleading '100 per cent' claims.
- Amway, Emami, and Bonn Biscuits withdrew labels following the crackdown.
- Companies removed misleading claims from products and advertisements.

Which food regulator ordered companies to withdraw '100 per cent' claims from products?

- A. FSSAI
- B. SEBI
- C. TRAI
- D. NABH

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states FSSAI cracked down on misleading '100 per cent' claims and six companies removed them following enforcement action.

As per the report, how many companies removed misleading '100 per cent' claims from products and advertisements?

- A. Three

- B. Six
- C. Four
- D. Two

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the food regulator stated six companies removed misleading '100 per cent' claims.

US Ambassador Sergio Gor calls J&K important part of India

- US Ambassador Sergio Gor made the statement during his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir.
- He called Jammu and Kashmir an important part of India.
- He signaled a possible review of the US travel advisory for the region.

Who called Jammu and Kashmir an important part of India during a visit?

- A. US Ambassador Sergio Gor
- B. US Secretary of State
- C. UN Special Envoy
- D. British High Commissioner

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that US Ambassador Sergio Gor called Jammu and Kashmir 'important part of India' during his first visit.

What did Sergio Gor signal regarding the US travel advisory?

- A. Immediate withdrawal of the advisory
- B. A possible review of the advisory
- C. No change in the advisory
- D. Extension of the advisory to other regions

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says Sergio Gor signaled a possible review of the US travel advisory for the region.

Centre caps sugar stockholding at 15 days for bulk buyers

- Order issued August 19 restricts bulk consumers using over 10 tonnes sugar monthly to 15-day stock limit.
- Sugar stocks rallied up to 8% after government tightened inventory limits amid record-high sugar prices.
- Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar led gains; Balrampur Chini and other stocks also advanced.
- Concerns over domestic and Brazilian supply, festive demand, and possible import duty cut supported prices.

What is the maximum sugar stockholding period allowed for bulk consumers under the government's August 19 order?

- A. 10 days

- B. 15 days
- C. 20 days
- D. 30 days

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The order states that bulk consumers using more than 10 tonnes of sugar a month cannot hold stocks for more than 15 days.

Which category of sugar buyers comes under the new 15-day stock limit?

- A. All retailers
- B. Exporters
- C. Bulk consumers using over 10 tonnes a month
- D. Households

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The restriction applies to any bulk consumer using or consuming more than 10 tonnes of sugar per month.

Unauthorised structures outside Pakistan High Commission demolished in Delhi

- Visuals showed rubble, broken metal railings, gates, and debris outside the Pakistan High Commission.
- Authorities in New Delhi removed queue-management barriers outside the Pakistan High Commission.
- The removal happened days after similar action in Islamabad.
- No explicit confirmation of who carried out the demolition is in the excerpts.

What was removed outside the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi according to the sources?

- A. Rubble and concrete chunks
- B. Queue-management barriers
- C. Metal railings and gates
- D. Roofing sheets

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The Federal excerpt states authorities removed queue-management barriers outside the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi.

According to the visual evidence mentioned, what was strewn across the paved area outside the mission?

- A. Queue-management barriers and signboards
- B. Broken metal railings, gates, and roofing sheets
- C. Diplomatic vehicles and flags
- D. Security cameras and cones

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The Mint excerpt describes visuals showing broken metal railings and gates, twisted metal frames, roofing sheets, bricks, and concrete chunks strewn across the paved area.

SC warns Odisha to decide Dara Singh remission or face court action

- The Supreme Court urged Odisha to decide Dara Singh's remission plea.
- The court warned it would take its own decision if the state failed to act.
- The Supreme Court's message was: 'If you don't take a decision, we will.'

What did the Supreme Court tell the Odisha government regarding Dara Singh's remission plea?

- A. To grant remission immediately
- B. To decide the plea or face the SC taking its own decision
- C. To reject the plea
- D. To seek the central government's opinion

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The Supreme Court urged Odisha to decide Dara Singh's remission plea and warned that it would take its own decision if the state failed to act.

'If you don't take a decision, we will' was the Supreme Court's warning to which government?

- A. Central government
- B. Odisha government
- C. West Bengal government
- D. Maharashtra government

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The headline and excerpt state that the Supreme Court slammed the Odisha government over Dara Singh's remission, saying it would act if Odisha did not.

SC seeks NTA report on NEET reform implementation steps

- Supreme Court asked NTA to detail steps and timelines for implementing NEET reforms.
- Reforms were recommended by the Radhakrishnan and Nandan Nilekani committees.
- The court is seeking a report from NTA on the status of implementation.

What did the Supreme Court ask the NTA to provide regarding NEET reforms?

- A. A list of new exam centres
- B. Steps and timelines for implementing reforms
- C. Financial estimates for reforms
- D. Names of committee members

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the Supreme Court asked NTA to detail steps and timelines for implementing NEET reforms.

Which committees' recommendations are to be implemented for NEET reforms?

- A. Radhakrishnan and Nandan Nilekani committees
- B. Kasturirangan and Narayana Murthy committees
- C. T.S.R. Subramanian and Ramalingam committees
- D. Sam Pitroda and Shiv Nadar committees

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source mentions NEET reforms were recommended by the Radhakrishnan and Nandan Nilekani committees.

TN hikes milk procurement price by Rs 3 per litre

- Tamil Nadu increased milk procurement price by Rs 3 per litre.
- The hike is linked to Aavin, the state milk cooperative.
- Farmers have faced difficulties as procurement price had not been increased for years.
- The report questions if the hike is enough to fix Aavin's problems.

According to the report, what action has Tamil Nadu taken regarding milk procurement?

- A. Decreased procurement price by Rs 3 per litre
- B. Hiked milk procurement price by Rs 3 per litre
- C. Nationalised Aavin dairy
- D. Reduced farmer subsidies

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt states that TN hiked milk procurement price by Rs 3 per litre.

Which milk cooperative is mentioned in the report?

- A. Amul
- B. Nandini
- C. Aavin
- D. Mother Dairy

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The report explicitly refers to Aavin's problems in the context of the price hike.

South Korea, US shorten military drills after Trump order

- Drills with US end Aug 21, not Aug 27 as initially planned.
- Allies agreed to downsize some joint field training exercises.
- Reduction follows Trump's order to reduce military drills.

According to the source, when will the South Korea-US military drills end?

- A. August 21
- B. August 27
- C. September 1
- D. August 20

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states drills would end on Aug 21, not Aug 27 as initially planned.

What did the South Korean and US militaries agree to downsize?

- A. Some joint field training exercises
- B. Naval patrols
- C. Cyber exercises
- D. Air defense drills

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source says the allies agreed to downsize some joint field training exercises.

TN govt withdraws order preventing students from joining CJP

- TN government withdrew an order seeking to prevent students from joining CJP.
- The College Education Department withdrew its August 17 circular.
- The withdrawal followed SFI's announcement of a statewide protest.
- The circular involved coordinated monitoring of students.

Which department withdrew the August 17 circular in Tamil Nadu?

- A. Home Department
- B. College Education Department
- C. School Education Department
- D. Higher Education Department

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states that the College Education Department withdrew the August 17 circular.

What prompted the withdrawal of the circular?

- A. A court order
- B. SFI announced a statewide protest
- C. Central government intervention
- D. Students' union election results

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says the withdrawal occurred after SFI announced a statewide protest against coordinated monitoring of students.

How India's Private Hospitals Are Expanding in Different Forms

- Private hospitals in India are expanding.
- Expansion occurs in different forms.

India's only singing, swinging ape: Western hoolock gibbon

- Western hoolock gibbon is India's only singing, swinging ape.
- It is found in the forests of northeast India.
- Pairs often duet to mark territory, reinforce pair bonds, and communicate.
- Every morning, whoops and hoots rise through the canopy in a melodious crescendo.

Which ape is described as India's only singing, swinging ape?

- A. Western hoolock gibbon
- B. Chimpanzee
- C. Orangutan
- D. Gorilla

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The excerpt states that the western hoolock gibbon is India's only singing, swinging ape.

Where is the western hoolock gibbon found in India?

- A. Western Ghats
- B. Northeast India
- C. Sundarbans
- D. Andaman Islands

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The excerpt says the western hoolock gibbon is found in the forests of northeast India.

Hidden Greater Hog Badger Population Found in Kaziranga

- Greater hog badgers (*Arctonyx collaris*) were spotted on camera traps in Kaziranga.
- Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve conducted its first scientific assessment of the species.
- The scientific assessment was published in June, based on camera trap sightings.
- Earlier, only occasional night patrol sightings of the species were recorded by forest officials.

Which animal species was recently assessed scientifically for the first time in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve?

- A. Greater hog badger
- B. Indian pangolin
- C. Bengal fox
- D. Leopard cat

Answer & explanation

Answer: A

The source states that Kaziranga's first scientific assessment of the greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*) was

published in June.

Where was the hidden population of greater hog badgers spotted?

- A. Manas National Park
- B. Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve
- C. Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- D. Orang National Park

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source mentions sightings in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, where camera traps captured the species.

New vaccine trial extends cancer-free survival time

- A new jab extended the length of time patients were cancer free in a trial.
- It is unclear for how long the vaccine's benefit lasts.
- The vaccine is described as a breakthrough in stopping cancer returning.

According to the source, what did the new vaccine achieve in a trial?

- A. Cured cancer completely
- B. Extended the time patients were cancer free
- C. Eliminated the need for surgery
- D. Prevented all types of cancer

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states: 'A new jab extended the length of time patients were cancer free' in a trial.

What remains unclear about the vaccine's effect, as per the source?

- A. Whether it works at all
- B. The exact duration of cancer-free benefit
- C. The vaccine's cost
- D. The number of patients in the trial

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source says 'it is unclear for how long' the benefit lasts.

UK publishes behaviour guidelines booklet for asylum seekers

- Nine-page booklet published for asylum seekers in UK.
- Covers respect in public, sex and consent, and gender equality.

According to the BBC report, which of the following topics are covered in the nine-page behaviour guidelines booklet for asylum seekers in the UK?

- A. Taxation and employment laws

- B. Respect in public, sex and consent, and gender equality
- C. Housing and healthcare rights
- D. Education and language training

Answer & explanation

Answer: B

The source states the booklet covers respect in public, sex and consent, and gender equality.

The behaviour guidelines booklet published for asylum seekers in the UK is how many pages long?

- A. Five
- B. Seven
- C. Nine
- D. Twelve

Answer & explanation

Answer: C

The source explicitly describes it as a nine-page booklet.

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