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National News

PM Co-Launches India–Seychelles ‘Ocean of Opportunity’ Roadmap

During the PM's State Visit to Seychelles, India and Seychelles co-launched a roadmap to turn the Indian Ocean Region into an 'Ocean of Opportunity', focusing on maritime security, the blue economy, digital connectivity and climate resilience, reinforcing India's SAGAR vision.

India–UK CETA to Take Effect from 15 July 2026

The India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will come into force on 15 July 2026 — a landmark free-trade pact boosting bilateral trade and market access for Indian exporters in textiles, leather and pharmaceuticals.

‘eSushrut@Clinic’ Launched to Digitise Small Clinics

The Government launched eSushrut@Clinic to bring affordable health-tech to small clinics under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), linking patients to electronic health records and national registries.

International News

Venezuela Earthquake Toll Crosses 1,700

The death toll from twin earthquakes in coastal Venezuela rose past 1,700, with tens of thousands still missing, in one of the country's deadliest recent disasters.

Skydiving Plane Crash in France Kills 11

A Pilatus PC-6 skydiving aircraft crashed in north-eastern France, killing all 11 on board — five instructors, five tandem jumpers and the pilot. An investigation is under way.

Pakistan Strikes Militant Hideouts Along Afghan Border

Pakistan said it targeted militant hideouts along the Pakistan–Afghanistan border after cross-border attacks; Afghanistan condemned the strikes, raising bilateral tensions.

News Related to Indian Banking and Finance

RBI Injects Rs 1.41 Lakh Crore via 7-Day VRR Auction

The RBI injected Rs 1.41 lakh crore into the banking system through a 7-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction to manage short-term liquidity.

RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J.'s Tenure Extended by Two Years

The Centre extended RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J.'s tenure by two years from 26 June 2026, ensuring continuity in banking supervision and regulatory leadership.

S&P Projects India's FY27 GDP Growth at 6.6%

S&P Global projected India's GDP growth at 6.6% in FY27 despite energy-price and weak-monsoon risks. It also noted BHIM app transaction volumes tripled in under a year.

News Related to International Banking and Finance

World Bank Cuts 2026 Global Growth Forecast to 2.5%

The World Bank projected global growth slowing to 2.5% in 2026, with emerging markets facing their weakest per-capita income growth since the pandemic amid energy-price shocks.

IMF Raises Advanced-Economy Inflation Forecast to 2.8%

The IMF raised its 2026 advanced-economy inflation forecast from 2.2% to 2.8% (and EM inflation from 4.8% to 5.5%), citing energy-driven price pressures.

US Fed Signals Limited Room to Cut Rates in 2026

With its policy rate near neutral, the US Federal Reserve signalled limited room to cut rates in 2026 due to higher energy prices and upside inflation risks.

International Sports Events

Canada Reach Last 16; Germany Knocked Out on Penalties

At the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Canada beat South Africa to reach the Round of 16, while Germany were knocked out, losing on penalties to Paraguay after a 1–1 draw — a major upset.

2026 FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage Under Way

The 2026 FIFA World Cup, co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico, is in its knockout rounds — the first 48-team edition of the tournament.

Major National & International Appointments

Neelkanth Mishra — India's Executive Director at the World Bank

Economist Neelkanth Mishra was appointed India's Executive Director at the World Bank for a three-year term, representing India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

Saurabh Vijay — CEO of IndiaAI Mission

Saurabh Vijay (also UIDAI CEO) took charge as CEO of the IndiaAI Mission, the flagship national programme for AI infrastructure and skilling.

Resignation or Dismissal

Union Minister George Kurian Resigns

George Kurian, MoS for Minority Affairs and for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, resigned from the Union Council of Ministers after his Rajya Sabha term expired. President Droupadi Murmu accepted the resignation.

Major Inventions and Discoveries

Scientists Decode Why H5N1 Bird Flu Targets Cows' Udders

Researchers found H5N1 attacks dairy cows' udders rather than lungs because the virus's preferred receptors are concentrated in mammary tissue — aiding understanding of cross-species transmission.

India's Digital-Health Ecosystem Crosses 840 Million Health IDs

Under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, India has issued digital health IDs to about 840 million people, building one of the world's largest health-data infrastructures.

Practice Questions — Current Affairs Quiz (SSC / Bank PO Format)

Q1. During the PM's State Visit to which country did India co-launch the 'Ocean of Opportunity' roadmap?

- A) Mauritius
- B) Seychelles
- C) Maldives
- D) Sri Lanka

Answer: B) Seychelles

Q2. From which date is the India–UK CETA set to take effect?

- A) 1 July 2026
- B) 15 July 2026
- C) 1 August 2026
- D) 15 August 2026

Answer: B) 15 July 2026

Q3. How much liquidity did the RBI inject through its recent 7-day VRR auction?

- A) Rs 1.01 lakh crore
- B) Rs 1.41 lakh crore
- C) Rs 2.00 lakh crore
- D) Rs 75,000 crore

Answer: B) Rs 1.41 lakh crore

Q4. Who was appointed India's Executive Director at the World Bank for a three-year term?

- A) Saurabh Vijay
- B) Hitesh Joshi
- C) Neelkanth Mishra
- D) Vivek Aggarwal

Answer: C) Neelkanth Mishra

Q5. At the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which team was knocked out on penalties by Paraguay?

- A) Germany
- B) Belgium
- C) Spain
- D) Brazil

Answer: A) Germany