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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. AISATS Becomes India's First Ground Handling Company to Receive DGCA Safety Clearance.



On September 2, 2025, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted safety clearance to Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited (AISATS), a joint venture between Air India Limited and SATS Limited. With this approval, AISATS has become the first ground handling company in India to receive such recognition.

- AISATS has received India's first-ever ground handling safety clearance approval from DGCA, marking a milestone for compliance and safety standards in airport operations. The approval highlights India's growing emphasis on aligning domestic aviation services with global benchmarks.

- The safety clearance certifies AISATS' compliance with DGCA's requirements covering ground handling operations, equipment use, staff training, operational processes, and adherence to international safety standards, ensuring safer and more efficient services at Indian airports.

- This achievement positions India as the second country in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region after Malaysia to establish such an extensive

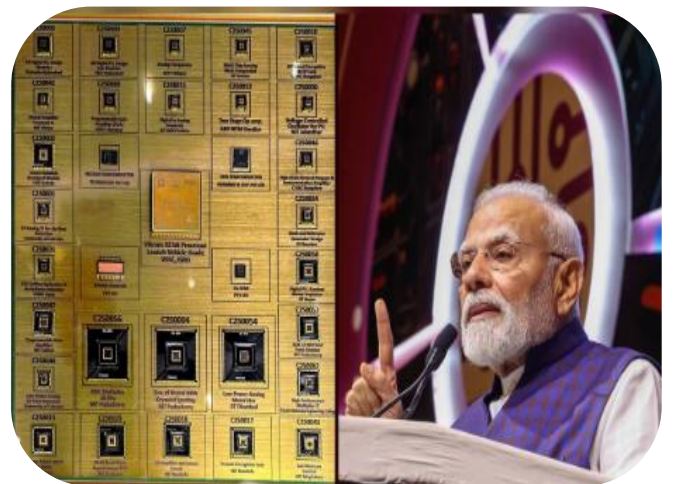
safety framework in line with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) guidance, strengthening India's aviation profile globally.

Key Points:-

(i) AISATS, established in 2008, provides end-to-end ground handling and cargo management solutions, including passenger check-in, baggage handling, aircraft loading and unloading, ramp services, cargo operations, and aircraft cleaning across major Indian airports.

(ii) By securing this approval, AISATS not only sets a benchmark for Indian aviation services but also enhances India's role as a regional pioneer in ground handling safety standards, supporting the country's ambition to become a global aviation hub.

2. India Unveils Vikram-3201, Its First Fully Indigenous 32-Bit Microprocessor at Semicon India 2025.



On September 2, 2025, India achieved a significant technological milestone with the unveiling of the Vikram-3201, its first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor. This achievement was showcased at the Semicon India 2025 conference in New Delhi,

underscoring the nation's strides toward semiconductor self-reliance.

- The Vikram-3201 microprocessor was developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), with design contributions from the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and fabrication by the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Chandigarh. This processor is tailored for the extreme conditions encountered in space missions, including launch vehicles and satellites.

Key Points:-

- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, presented the Vikram-3201 chip to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Semicon India 2025 event. This presentation highlighted India's growing capabilities in semiconductor design and manufacturing, aligning with the government's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India).
- The Vikram-3201 chip is engineered to withstand temperatures ranging from -55°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$, ensuring reliability in harsh environments. It also supports 64-bit floating-point operations and is compatible with the Ada programming language, making it suitable for complex space applications.
- Beyond space missions, the Vikram-3201's robust design positions it for potential use in defense systems, aerospace technologies, advanced automotive solutions, and high-reliability energy systems, marking a significant advancement in India's technological landscape.

INTERNATIONAL

1. 21st Edition of India–USA Joint Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025' Commences at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.



The 21st edition of the India–United States of America (USA) joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025' began on 1 September 2025 at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA. The exercise will continue till 14 September 2025, focusing on strengthening bilateral cooperation, operational readiness, and UN peacekeeping capabilities.

- The Indian Army has sent a contingent from the Madras Regiment to participate in the exercise. From the USA, the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment "Bobcats" of the Arctic Wolves Brigade Combat Team, part of the 11th Airborne Division, has joined the training.
- Yudh Abhyas, first initiated in 2004, is an annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately in India and the USA.
- It is held under the framework of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, emphasizing counter-terrorism, peacekeeping, and humanitarian operations.

Key Points:-

- The last edition of Yudh Abhyas took

place at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan, India. This year's edition in Alaska focuses on adapting to cold-weather combat, mountainous warfare, and high-altitude operations with advanced tactical integration.

(ii) The exercise features diverse drills including helicopter operations, the use of surveillance drones, medical evacuation systems, rock climbing, and the deployment of Electronic Warfare (EW) systems, enabling both armies to improve operational interoperability.

(iii) Alongside tactical training, both sides will conduct knowledge-sharing sessions involving subject matter experts from the Indian and US armies. These cover counter-UAS operations, cyber defense, logistics, and communications, preparing the forces for multi-domain challenges and UN peacekeeping missions.

2. Gangtok Ranked 5th Safest City for Women in India in NARI 2025 Report.



On August 30, 2025, Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, was ranked as the 5th safest city for women in India, according to the National Annual Report & Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025, released by the National

Commission for Women (NCW). The city achieved an impressive safety score of 70.4%, surpassing the national benchmark of 65%.

- The NARI 2025 report surveyed over 12,000 women across 31 cities, assessing factors such as infrastructure, harassment incidence and reporting, workplace security, trust in authorities, and perceptions of safety during day and night. Gangtok's high ranking reflects its commitment to creating a secure environment for women.

- Key initiatives contributing to Gangtok's safety include the establishment of the Sikkim State Commission for Women, which has been instrumental in advocating for women's rights and welfare.

Key Points:-

(i) Under the leadership of Chairperson Teny Doma Bhutia, the Commission has engaged with officials to strengthen ties with the Chief Secretary and Police Director General, focusing on improving complaint response and policy implementation.

(ii) Additionally, the Gangtok District Administration, led by District Collector Tushar G. Nikhare, has implemented the "Mother Pods" initiative. These are secure spaces in public areas where mothers can comfortably breastfeed their infants, promoting both safety and convenience for women in the city.

(iii) Gangtok's proactive approach to women's safety serves as a model for other cities, demonstrating the effectiveness of community-driven efforts and responsive governance in creating safer urban environments for women.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. ADB Approves USD 125 Million Loan for Assam Urban Sector Development Project to Boost Urban Resilience.



In August 2025, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) sanctioned a USD 125 million loan to support the Assam Urban Sector Development Project (AUSDP). The initiative aims to modernize urban infrastructure, improve water supply, and enhance disaster resilience in six major urban districts of Assam, including Guwahati.

- The project will be implemented across Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Goalpara, Golaghat, and Nagaon along with Guwahati, the state capital. It is designed to strengthen Assam's urban water supply and stormwater management systems while ensuring efficient and sustainable service delivery.
- A key feature of AUSDP is the construction of six new water treatment plants with a combined capacity of 72 million liters per day. Alongside this, 800 kilometers of new water distribution pipelines will be installed, benefiting multiple urban centers and ensuring reliable water availability to households.
- The project integrates advanced technology through the introduction of a real-time

monitoring system to keep nonrevenue water losses below 20%. This will allow better resource management and efficient water supply while curbing system inefficiencies.

Key Points:-

- Governance reforms form a central part of the plan. The project includes the establishment of the Assam State Institute for Urban Development (ASIUD) in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G). This institute will develop GIS-based property tax databases, water billing systems, and volumetric tariff structures to improve financial sustainability.
- Social empowerment initiatives are also embedded within AUSDP. Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) will be trained in water operations, awareness campaigns on sanitation will be conducted in schools, and college-age women will receive training opportunities. These efforts strengthen gender inclusivity while promoting community-led urban development.
- Environmental improvements under the project focus on sustainable stormwater management. In Guwahati, measures include capacity building for Bahini Basin flood resilience, improved drainage systems, and retention ponds to mitigate urban flooding. These interventions will directly benefit residents through improved water supply, drainage efficiency, and disaster preparedness.

2. SEBI Introduces Revised Framework for Monitoring Intraday Trading Positions in Index Options from October 2025.



In September 2025, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a revised regulatory framework to monitor intraday trading positions in index options. The move aims to improve transparency, enhance surveillance, and strengthen risk management in India's derivatives markets.

- The new framework will officially take effect from October 1, 2025, with penalty provisions for breaches of trading limits becoming effective from December 6, 2025. It introduces tighter position caps and mandatory monitoring of traders' intraday activities across stock exchanges.

- As per the revised guidelines, the intraday net position limit, calculated on a Future-Equivalent (FutEQ) basis after adjusting for long and short contracts, has been capped at ₹5,000 crore per entity. This is a significant reduction from the earlier threshold of ₹15,000 crore per entity in index options.

- The gross intraday position limit remains unchanged at ₹10,000 crore per entity, ensuring consistency with the existing end-of-day gross exposure rules. This limit applies uniformly across participants and is aimed at curbing excessive speculative exposure.

Key Points:-

(i) SEBI has also mandated stock exchanges to capture at least four random intraday snapshots of traders' positions during market hours. These snapshots will include at least one taken between 2:45 pm and 3:30 pm, a period when trading volumes and volatility are typically at their highest.

(ii) Entities that breach these new trading limits will face penalties and may be subject to closer scrutiny by stock exchanges. Penalties could include restrictions on trading activity, increased surveillance deposits, or settlement-related fines to prevent systemic risks.

(iii) Further, SEBI has directed all Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), including stock exchanges and clearing corporations, to publish a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for compliance. MIIs must also submit this SOP to SEBI within 15 days, ensuring timely adoption of the framework by market participants.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

1. India's Manufacturing PMI Hits 17-Year High of 59.3 in August 2025, Reflecting Strong Industrial Growth.



On September 1, 2025, HSBC released the latest India Manufacturing Purchasing

Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, showing a record PMI of 59.3 in August 2025. This marks the highest level since 2008, reflecting strong industrial growth and economic momentum.

- The surge in PMI was driven by a sharp rise in domestic demand and manufacturing output, with year-on-year production growth touching 7.7%, a significant jump from 4.8% in the previous quarter. This indicates a robust revival of India's industrial base.

- The PMI index is calculated from surveys of nearly 400 manufacturing firms across India, assessing business confidence and sectoral trends. It serves as a leading economic indicator for gauging industrial performance and future growth prospects.

Key Points:-

- According to the methodology, a PMI reading above 50 denotes expansion, below 50 signals contraction, and exactly 50 indicates no change in activity.
- With the August reading at 59.3, India's manufacturing sector is firmly in the expansionary zone, highlighting resilience in output and supply chains.
- This is the highest PMI score in 17 years, underlining accelerated growth momentum and sustained improvement in India's industrial sector performance.

2. CRISIL Retains India's GDP Growth Forecast at 6.5% for FY26 in Latest Macroeconomics Report.



On September 2, 2025, Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL), one of India's leading credit rating agencies, released its latest Macroeconomics Report. The report maintained India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast at 6.5% for the Financial Year 2025–26 (FY26), while projecting 7.8% growth in Quarter 1 (April–June 2025).

- CRISIL's report highlighted that India's economic momentum is being driven by strong domestic demand, easing inflation, and policy support from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The outlook reflects stability despite challenges posed by global uncertainties and trade risks.

- In its analysis, CRISIL observed that India's nominal GDP growth slowed to 8.8% in Q1 of FY26, compared to 10.8% in the same quarter of FY25. This moderation was largely attributed to easing inflationary pressures and the impact of a high base effect from the previous year's growth.

Key Points:-

- Private consumption remains the most significant driver of India's growth trajectory. CRISIL noted that favorable monsoon conditions, reduced inflation, the lowering of the repo rate by the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI), Income Tax (IT) relief measures, and increased rural spending have collectively boosted household demand and sustained economic activity.

(ii) However, the report also flagged external challenges. A major risk factor highlighted was the 50% tariff imposed by the United States of America (USA) on Indian exports, which could negatively impact trade performance. Additionally, a deceleration in the global economy could further constrain India's export sector and private investments.

(iii) Despite these risks, CRISIL reaffirmed confidence in India's medium-term growth story. The report emphasized that India's combination of strong policy support, resilient domestic demand, and improving inflation management positions the economy to meet its 6.5% GDP growth forecast for FY26.

for railway employees holding salary accounts with SBI. The agreement was formalized in the presence of Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Railways, Satish Kumar, Chairman of the Railway Board, and C.S. Setty, Chairman of SBI.

- The MoU significantly raises the accidental death insurance benefit to ₹1 crore for all railway employees with SBI salary accounts. This is an increase from the earlier slabs of ₹1.20 lakh for Group A, ₹60,000 for Group B, and ₹30,000 for Group C, previously available under the Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme (CGEGIS).

- In addition to accidental death, the MoU introduces a natural death cover of ₹10 lakh, ensuring financial protection for employees' families without requiring medical examinations or additional premium payments. This move is aimed at improving welfare measures for frontline staff and other railway personnel.

- Additional insurance covers under this MoU include air accident compensation of up to ₹1.60 crore, along with an added ₹1 crore coverage for employees holding RuPay Debit Cards linked to their salary accounts. These enhancements reflect a holistic approach towards employee safety and security.

Key Points:-

(i) The agreement also incorporates provisions for personal accident insurance and permanent total disability benefits. Employees will now be covered up to ₹1 crore for personal accidents and up to ₹80 lakh in cases of permanent disability, extending wider protection in unforeseen situations.

(ii) This collaboration between IR and SBI represents a major welfare initiative for one

MOUs and Agreement

1. Indian Railways and SBI Sign MoU to Expand Insurance Benefits for Railway Employees.



On September 1, 2025, Indian Railways (IR) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi to enhance insurance coverage

of India's largest workforce groups. By expanding insurance benefits, the Ministry of Railways aims to provide greater financial security to employees and their dependents while strengthening institutional cooperation between the Railways and India's largest public sector bank.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Dr. Deepak Mittal Appointed as India's New Ambassador to the UAE, Succeeding Sunjay Sudhir.



On September 2, 2025, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced the appointment of Dr. Deepak Mittal, a 1998-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, as India's next Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This milestone reflects the deepening strategic and economic ties between India and the UAE.

- Dr. Mittal, currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), brings with him a wealth of diplomatic experience. He previously held the post of Ambassador to Qatar from August 2020 to March 2023 and played a pivotal role in establishing India's first formal diplomatic engagement with the Taliban in 2021.

- Prior to his Qatar assignment, Dr. Mittal headed the Pakistan–Afghanistan–Iran (PAI) desk in the MEA, contributing significantly to key diplomatic initiatives such as opening the Kartarpur Corridor and defending Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav at the International Court of Justice, The Hague.

Key Points:-

(i) Dr. Mittal succeeds Sunjay Sudhir, who has served as India's Ambassador to the UAE since November 2021. His appointment comes at a pivotal moment as both nations are aiming to elevate trade under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), targeting \$100 billion in non-oil trade by 2030.

(ii) India-UAE relations have strengthened significantly since Prime Minister Narendra Modi's landmark visit in 2015, the first by an Indian Prime Minister in over three decades. High-level visits from both sides, robust energy cooperation, and the presence of over 4 million Indian expatriates in the UAE underline the depth of this partnership.

(iii) Dr. Mittal is expected to assume his duties in Abu Dhabi shortly. His appointment is seen as a strategic move to further enhance bilateral collaboration in areas including energy, technology, investment, and regional security.

2. Rajit Punhani Takes Charge as CEO of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).



On September 1, 2025, Shri Rajit Punhani, a 1991-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Bihar cadre, officially assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), a statutory body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- Shri Punhani brings over three decades of administrative experience spanning the central government, state administrations, and international platforms. His illustrious career includes serving as Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Secretary of the Rajya Sabha, and CEO of Sansad TV, in addition to holding key posts in the Government of Bihar.

- Prior to this appointment, he had directed pivotal reforms, including the launch of pension and insurance schemes for over 450 million unorganised sector workers, spearheading the world's largest maternal health messaging service, and contributing to the Committee on Indirect Taxes, which laid the groundwork for India's Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Key Points:-

(i) Rajit Punhani succeeds Ganji Kamala V. Rao, whose term ended on August 31, 2025.

His appointment was formalized via an order from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on August 22, 2025, elevating the position to the level and pay of a Secretary to the Government of India.

(ii) His assumption of charge comes at a crucial juncture, as FSSAI works to finalize front-of-pack nutrition labelling regulations under directives from the Supreme Court. The regulations mandate the display of sugar, salt, and saturated fat content on packaged foods, with the deadline extended to October 2025 for the expert committee's report.

SPORTS

1. 29th BWF World Championships 2025 Concluded in Paris with Historic Wins and India Securing Bronze.



The 29th edition of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Championships 2025, officially called the TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2025, was held from 25th to 31st August 2025 at the Adidas Arena, Paris, France. The tournament featured 383 players from 53 countries and marked Paris hosting the event for the first time since 2010.

- China's SHI Yu Qi emerged as the new Men's Singles World Champion by defeating defending champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand. This was SHI Yu Qi's first-ever World Championship title, making him one of the prominent faces of the tournament.

- In Women's Singles, Japan's Akane Yamaguchi continued her dominance by winning her third BWF World Championship crown, defeating China's Olympic champion CHEN Yu Fei. With this victory, Yamaguchi became one of the most successful shuttlers in the women's singles category.

- India celebrated a proud moment as Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty clinched a bronze medal in Men's Doubles, showcasing consistent excellence on the world stage. This added another milestone in India's growing badminton success at global championships.

Key Points:-

(i) The Men's Doubles title was claimed by Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae of South Korea, who defeated China's pair Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi to secure their maiden championship win.

(ii) Similarly, the Women's Doubles was won by Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning of China, who earned their first-ever crown by overcoming Malaysia's Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan.

(iii) In Mixed Doubles, Malaysia made history as the duo Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei triumphed over China's Jiang Zhenbang and Wei Yaxin, marking a remarkable victory and cementing Malaysia's place in world badminton with their first Mixed Doubles World

Championship title.

2. New Delhi to Host the 2026 BWF World Championships, Marking India's Return to the Global Stage.



In an announcement by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) during the closing ceremony of the 2025 Championships in Paris, New Delhi has been confirmed as the host city for the 2026 BWF World Championships, set to take place in August. This high-profile decision marks India's return to staging the event after 17 years, with the last edition held in Hyderabad in 2009.

- The upcoming 2026 tournament will represent the 30th edition of the BWF World Championships. It is scheduled to be held at the iconic Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, renowned for being one of Asia's largest indoor arenas.

- The host selection emerged after India relinquished hosting rights for the 2023 Sudirman Cup, held instead in Suzhou, China. As compensation, India was granted the opportunity to host the 2026 World Championships. This flexible arrangement underscores the BWF's commitment to equity among member nations.

Key Points:-

(i) At the Paris handover ceremony, BWF President Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul and Frank Laurent, President of the French Badminton Federation, officially passed the mantle to Sanjay Mishra, General Secretary of the Badminton Association of India (BAI). Mishra assured the audience that India would deliver a championship that matched the grandeur of Paris.

(ii) This return not only highlights India's rising farming stature in badminton but also its evolving capabilities as an event host. India has maintained an uninterrupted medal streak at the World Championships since 2011, cementing its standing as both a sporting powerhouse and premier destination for international badminton competitions.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCE / COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

1. Prataprao Jadhav Chairs Held BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi, Showcasing India's Push for Integrating AYUSH with Global Health Innovation.



On August 29, 2025, Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Prataprao

Jadhav, Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) and MoS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), presided over the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi. The summit emphasized integrating traditional medicine with modern healthcare practices.

- The BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025 was organized under the theme “Bridging Tradition and Innovation”, highlighting the importance of harmonizing traditional medicine systems like AYUSH with modern science.

- The event witnessed participation from key dignitaries, including Anurag Sharma, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), and Union MoS Ramdas Bandu Athawale, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), who addressed healthcare challenges and collaborative solutions.

Key Points:-

(i) A major focus of the summit was promoting BRICS-level cooperation, particularly in the areas of public-private partnerships, digital health innovations, nutraceutical research, and harmonized regulatory frameworks for traditional and alternative medicine products.

(ii) The Ministry of AYUSH presented its expanding global partnerships, noting that it has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with 25 countries, laying a strong foundation for international collaboration in AYUSH systems and enhancing India's role as a global hub for traditional medicine.

(iii) By presiding over this healthcare summit, Prataprao Jadhav reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening healthcare

diplomacy through BRICS, ensuring a balance of innovation, accessibility, and cultural heritage in healthcare delivery.

App and Web Portal

1. Kapas Kisan App Launched to Empower Cotton Farmers and Digitize MSP Procurement.



On September 2, 2025, Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, launched the 'Kapas Kisan' mobile application developed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under the Ministry of Textiles. This digital platform aims to streamline the procurement of cotton from farmers under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme, enhancing transparency and efficiency.

- The 'Kapas Kisan' app was officially launched by Union Minister Giriraj Singh at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. This initiative is part of the government's commitment to modernizing agricultural practices and ensuring fair pricing for cotton farmers. The app is developed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

- The app offers several key features to facilitate the cotton procurement process. Farmers can securely register themselves for selling cotton

under MSP, book time slots at designated procurement centers to reduce waiting times, and track payment status in real-time. The platform also provides updates on quality assessments and accepted quantities, ensuring transparency and efficiency in the procurement process.

Key Points:-

(i) By digitizing the procurement process, the 'Kapas Kisan' app aims to protect farmers from distress sales and ensure timely payments. It reduces manual paperwork, saves time at procurement centers, and enhances planning by allowing farmers to choose convenient time slots. The user-friendly interface supports multiple Indian languages, making it accessible to a wide range of farmers across the country.

(ii) While the app offers numerous benefits, there are challenges to its implementation. Some farmers, particularly in rural areas, may face difficulties due to limited digital literacy and internet connectivity.

(iii) Additionally, the introduction of the app coincides with a period of declining cotton prices, raising concerns among farmers about the adequacy of MSP and the effectiveness of the new digital system in addressing their needs.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Coconut Day 2025 Observed on September 2.



World Coconut Day 2025 was observed globally on September 2, 2025, to recognize the role of coconuts in agriculture, nutrition, and economic development. The day was marked with the theme “Uncovering Coconut’s Power, Inspiring Global Action” and highlighted initiatives to support coconut farmers worldwide.

- The origins of World Coconut Day are linked to the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), an intergovernmental body formed to represent coconut-producing nations. The first observance took place in 2009, making 2025 the 17th celebration of this day.

- The significance of September 2 lies in it being the foundation day of the International Coconut Community (ICC), an intergovernmental organization established in 1969 under the aegis of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). This historic linkage makes the day a symbol of international cooperation among coconut-growing countries.

Key Points:-

(i) In India, the national-level World Coconut Day celebrations in 2025 were virtually inaugurated by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Ministry of Agriculture and

Farmers Welfare (MoAFW). The event was organized by the Coconut Development Board (CDB) at Angamaly, Kerala, reflecting India’s position as one of the world’s largest coconut producers.

(ii) The 2025 celebrations included awareness programs on coconut-based industries, farmer workshops, and initiatives to promote coconut as a superfood. The focus was on strengthening farmers’ income through value addition and ensuring sustainability in coconut cultivation, aligning with global climate and nutrition goals.

(iii) World Coconut Day 2025 thus emphasized both the cultural and economic relevance of coconuts, while also reinforcing the importance of sustainable farming and international collaboration for the future of coconut growers.

2. Skyscraper Day Observed Annually on September 3 to Honour High-Rise Architecture.



Skyscraper Day is celebrated every year on September 3, commemorating the birth anniversary of renowned architect Louis H. Sullivan, often hailed as the “father of skyscrapers.” This day honours the architectural and engineering marvels that

define our city skylines and the pioneers behind them.

- On this day, enthusiasts and professionals around the world acknowledge skyscrapers as transformative inventions that allow dense urban habitation, preserve ground space, and create iconic city skylines.
- Historically, skyscraper construction took off in the mid-19th century with innovations like the elevator and steel skeletal frames. Cities such as New York and Chicago became testing grounds for this pioneering technology.

Key Points:-

(i) September 3 was specifically chosen to mark Skyscraper Day because it is the birthday of Louis H. Sullivan, born on that date in 1856. Sullivan, working primarily in Chicago alongside engineer William LeBaron Jenney—the designer of the world's first steel-framed building (the Home Insurance Building)—championed the architectural philosophy “form follows function” and mentored Frank Lloyd Wright.

(ii) Some people creatively celebrate by building model skyscrapers or sketching their own design ideas. These activities highlight appreciation for the blend of science, engineering, and artistry behind these towering structures.

(iii) The history of skyscrapers traces back to the Home Insurance Building in Chicago (completed in 1885) as the first steel-frame skyscraper, aided by earlier innovations like the safety elevator (introduced in the 1850s) and mass-produced structural steel. Over time, modern skyscrapers are typically defined as buildings with at least 40 floors, though earlier examples were much shorter by today's standards.

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Ministry of AYUSH	Minister : Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao	Headquarters: New Delhi
Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited (AISATS)	CEO: Sanjay Gupta	Date founded: 2010
Madras Regiment	Colonel Lieutenant : General Manjinder Singh	Headquarters : Wellington, Tamil Nadu (TN)
Asian Development Bank	President : Masato Kanda (Japan)	Headquarters : Manila, the Philippines
SEBI	Chairman : Tuhin Kanta Pandey	Headquarter : Mumbai
CRISIL Ratings Limited	CEO: Amish Mehta	Headquarter : Mumbai
the Badminton World Federation (BWF)	President : Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (Thailand)	Headquarters : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
UAE	President: Mohammed bin Zayed Al	Prime minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al

	Nahyan	Maktoum
FSSAI	Founder: Anbumani Ramadoss	Headquarters: New Delhi
SBI	Chairman : Challa Sreenivasulu Setty	Headquarter : Mumbai