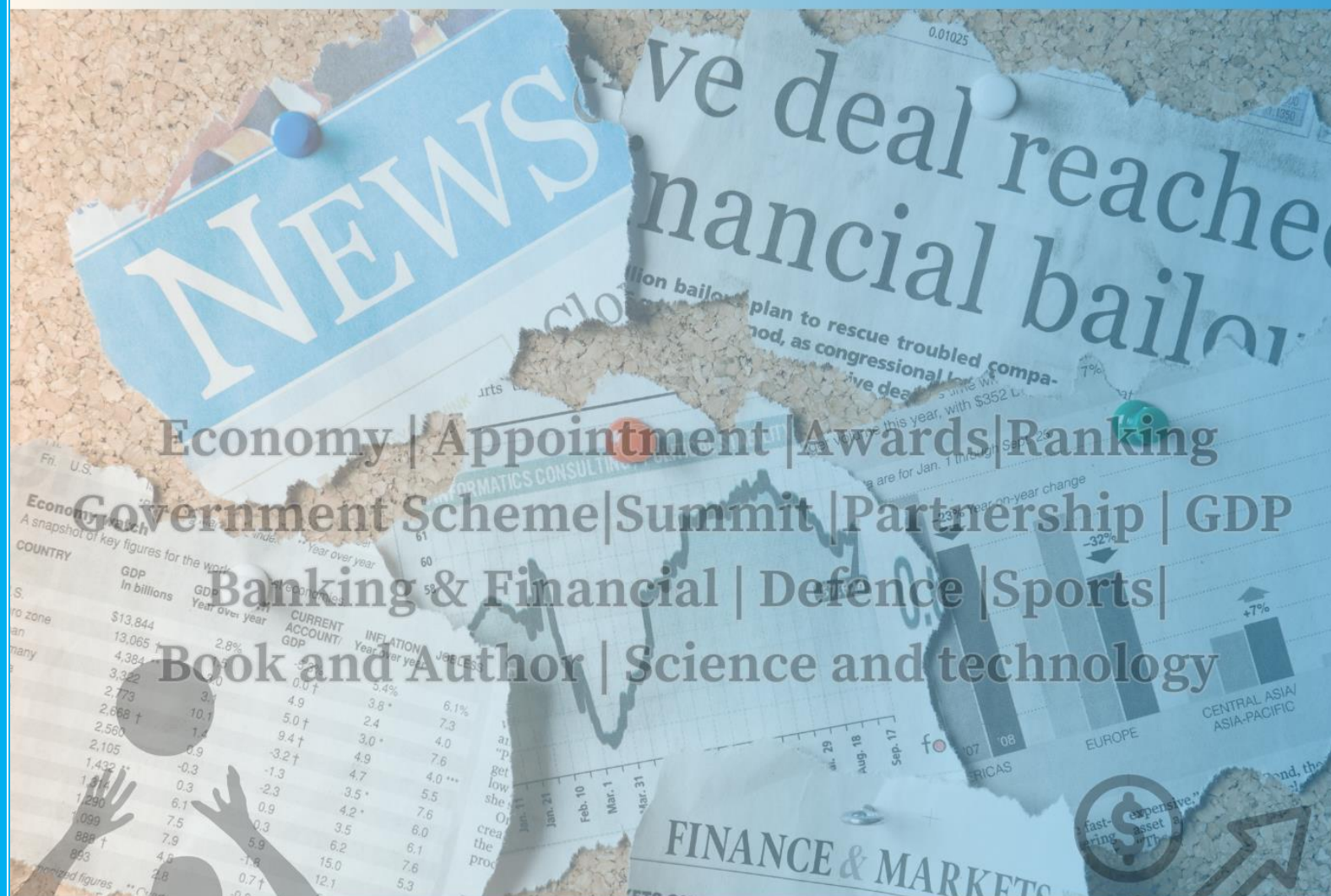


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National News

Union Cabinet approved 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' for progressive expansion

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi approved the progressive expansion in the Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' to make it more attractive, impactful, and inclusive.
- The government has announced a series of measures to expand the scope of Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme. These initiatives aim to expand the scope of eligible projects and integrate additional supportive measures to foster a robust agricultural infrastructure ecosystem.
- **Viable Farming Assets-** To allow all eligible beneficiaries of scheme to create of infrastructure covered under 'viable projects for building community farming assets'.
- **Integrated Processing projects-** To include integrated primary secondary processing projects in eligible activities under AIF. However standalone secondary projects would not be eligible under MoFPI schemes.
- **PM KUSUM Component-A-** To allow convergence of Component-A of PM-KUSUM with AIF for farmers/groups of farmers/ Farmer Producer Organizations/ Cooperatives/ Panchayats.
- **NABSanrakshan-** In addition to CGTMSE, it is proposed to extend AIF credit guarantee coverage of FPOs through the NABSanrakshan Trustee Company Pvt. Ltd. also.
- Since its launch by the Prime Minister in 2020, AIF has been instrumental in supporting the creation of 6623 warehouses, 688 cold stores, and 21 silos projects, resulting in additional storage capacity of about 500 LMT in the country. This includes 465 LMT of dry storage and 35 LMT of cold storage capacity.
- In addition, infrastructure projects sanctioned under AIF have helped in generating more than 8.19 Lakh rural employment opportunities in the agriculture sector.

Union Cabinet approves rolling out Private FM Radio to 234 uncovered new cities & towns

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union Cabinet has approved a proposal for e-auctions to set up 730 channels in 234 new cities across the country with an estimated reserve price of ₹784.87 crore, as part of the initiative to expand the reach of private FM Radio channels.
- The Cabinet decision on the rollout of private FM Radio to 234 cities and towns will enhance access to diverse and local content, thus encouraging creativity and encouraging local languages as well as cultures.

- Many of these cities and towns are located in aspirational districts and areas affected by Left-Wing Extremism. A maximum of 100 channels are to be provided in 32 cities/towns of Uttar Pradesh, followed by 68 across 22 cities/towns of Andhra Pradesh, 61 in 20 cities/towns of Madhya Pradesh, and 59 in 19 cities/towns of Rajasthan.
- While 57 channels will be made available in Bihar, 53 channels have been proposed for Karnataka's 16 cities/towns, 42 in West Bengal, 36 in Maharashtra, 33 in Tamil Nadu, 31 in Telangana, 28 in Punjab, 24 in Gujarat, 27 in Haryana and 19 in Jharkhand.

Cabinet approves 12 Industrial nodes/cities under NICD Programme

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved 12 new greenfield industrial smart cities under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) to transform the country's industrial landscape.
- The combined estimated investment in these industrial areas will be 28,602 crore rupees. These projects will create ten lakh direct and up to 30 lakh indirect jobs.
- The projects span across ten states and are strategically planned along six major corridors. These are Khurpia in Uttarakhand, Gaya in Bihar, Rajpura-Patiala in Punjab, Zaheerabad in Telangana, Dighi in Maharashtra, Orvakal and Koppa in Andhra Pradesh, Palakkad in Kerala, Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan, and Agra and Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh.

Sports Minister launches 'Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training' (RESET) Programme

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the "Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training" (RESET) Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day in New Delhi.
- RESET Programme is aimed at empowering retired sportspersons who have played for the country and brought immense laurels to the nation.
- The programme will support retired athletes on their career development journey by empowering them with the necessary knowledge and skills and making them more employable.
- The RESET programme will bridge the gap between generations, allowing the unique skills of our retired athletes to benefit the new generation of aspiring athletes.
- The applications will be invited through a dedicated portal. Initially, the programmes will be of two levels based on educational qualifications of Class 12th and above and Class 11th and below.

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- Over the past five years, six individuals have consistently remained in the India Top 10. Leading the list is Gautam Adani & family, followed by Mukesh Ambani & family, Shiv Nadar, Cyrus S. Poonawalla & family, Gopichand Hinduja & family, and Radhakishan Damani & family.

- The youngest on the 2024 Hurun India rich list is 21-year-old Kaivalya Vohra of Zepto, a \$5 bn quick commerce startup. His co-founder Aadit Palicha, 22, is the second youngest in the list.
- For the first time, Indian movie star Shah Rukh Khan made it to Hurun India Rich List, largely due to the rising value of his holdings in the IPL team Kolkata Knight Riders. Hurun India Rich Listers from the entertainment industry added Rs 40,500 crores in just one year, with seven new entrants.

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- The completion of the nuclear triad was announced in November 2018, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on social media that INS Arihant had returned from its first deterrence patrol.
- The advanced technology project began in the 1980s and its first product, the Arihant vessel, was launched in 2009 by then-Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, and eventually commissioned in 2016.
- INS Arihant is presently armed with a 750 km range K-15 Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) while a 3,500 km range SLBM K-4 is under development, having been tested for the first time in 2020. The K4 will become the mainstay of India's undersea nuclear deterrence, as it gives the stand-off capability to launch nuclear weapons while submerged in Indian waters.

Sports

Shannon Gabriel retires from International Cricket

- Shannon Gabriel of the West Indies has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- Since his West Indies debut in 2012, the right-arm quick played 59 tests, 25 ODIs and two T20 Internationals finishing with 202 wickets across the three formats.
- Gabriel was more successful in test matches and became a regular member of the West Indies team in 2017.
- He last played for West Indies in a test match against India in July 2023.

Recently Retired Players

- Shikhar Dhawan (India) - All forms of Cricket
- Ilkay Gundogan (Germany) - International Football 
- Andy Murray (UK) – International Tennis
- PR Sreejesh (India) – International Hockey
- James Anderson (England) – International Test Cricket
- Dinesh Karthik (India, RCB) - IPL

Avani Lekhara wins gold medal in para shooting at Paris Paralympics

- India's Avani Lekhara and Mona Agarwal won the gold and bronze respectively in the women's 10m Air Rifle competition.
- Avani bettered her previous record set in the Tokyo Games to finish at the top. She finished with a total of 249.7 to achieve the new Paralympic record in the category. Her previous best was 249.6 in the Tokyo Paralympics.
- Mona won the first medal for the country in the Paris Paralympics on her debut in the Games.
- Manish Narwal clinched a silver medal in the men's 10-meter Air Pistol with a score of 234.9. The 22-year-old, who bagged a gold in the Mixed 50-meter Pistol event in the Tokyo Paralympics, held the first spot in the final after an initial round of shots in stage 2, but eventually lost his lead to finish second.

- Preeti Pal bagged bronze in the women's 100-meter sprint as she achieved her personal best timing of 14.21 seconds to finish third in the final.

Aarti wins Bronze Medal in Women's 10000m race walk event at World U20 Athletics Championships

- In the World U20 Athletics Championships, Aarti won a Bronze medal in the Women's 10000m race walk event with the National U20 record time to open India's medal account at Lima in Peru.
- She clocked 44 minutes 39.39 seconds to finish third in the gruelling event on the penultimate day of competitions.
- The 17-year-old Aarti broke her own earlier national record of 47 minutes 21.04 seconds which she had clocked in March this year in the National Federation Cup U20 Championships in Lucknow.
- Chinese race walkers Zhuoma Baima won the gold while and Meiling Chen clinched silver.

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- The left-handed batter announced his decision in an interview with British Daily 'The Times', following his omission from the upcoming white-ball series against Australia.
- Malan is one of only two England men's players, alongside Jos Buttler, to have scored centuries in Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. Despite this remarkable achievement, Malan had not featured for England since last year's 50-over World Cup in India.

Important day

31 August - International Day for People of African Descent

- International Day for People of African Descent is observed every year on 31 August.
- The International Day for People of African Descent marks a significant milestone in the global recognition of the contributions and challenges faced by individuals of African descent worldwide.
- On June 19, 2020, the Council adopted a resolution on the “Promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers.”

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