

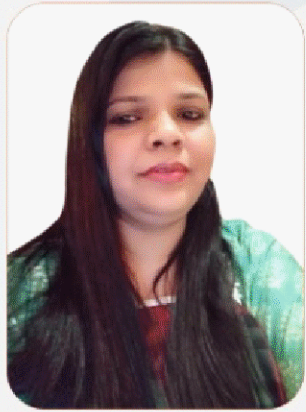


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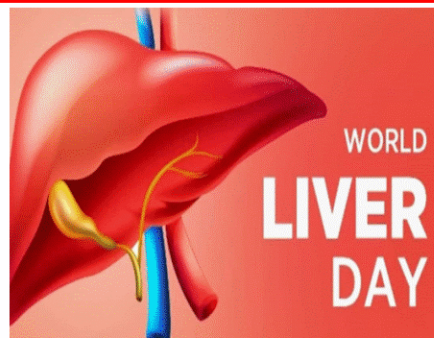
- ◆ **The Government has launched a dedicated Global Tariff and Trade Helpdesk.** It aims to support stakeholders in dealing with new and emerging trade challenges. The helpdesk will address a variety of issues. These include import-export difficulties, sudden surge in imports and dumping practices. It will also help with supply chain disruptions, logistics concerns, financial matters and regulatory compliance. The helpdesk will aggregate trade-related concerns from various ministries, departments and state governments. It will work with these bodies to find effective and timely solutions.
- ◆ **India's green energy infrastructure largely involves reliance on critical minerals that are essential for equipment such as solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles and battery storage.** To secure these essentials, the Government of India has launched the National Critical Minerals Mission 2025. The mission is being led by the Indian Geological Scientist and operated in collaboration with the Ministry of Mines. It aims to gain an edge in the global market share by reducing pressure on the domestic industry, partnering on franchises, and exploring critical minerals, coal and recycling.
- ◆ **NITI Aayog has released a report titled Empowering India's Participation in Automotive Industry Global Value Chains.** The report provides a comprehensive analysis of India's automotive sector. It highlights the opportunities and challenges of the sector. The report also suggests a strategic plan to make India a major player in global automotive markets. The launch event was attended by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri and CEO BVR Subrahmanyam.
- ◆ **Sudan is facing the world's most severe humanitarian crisis.** Nearly half of its population, about 25 million people, suffer from extreme hunger. This is the result of a war that lasted for nearly two years. The conflict began on 15 April 2023. Fighting broke out between the Sudan Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Force. At least 20,000 people have been killed. More than 8 million people have been forced to flee their homes within Sudan. Famine first appeared in Zamzam camp in North Darfur.
- ◆ **The government is promoting the plastics industry with the grant-funded Plastic Park Scheme.** The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is implementing the scheme for setting up plastic parks under the main part of the new scheme for petrochemicals. It will help establish need-based plastic parks with modern infrastructure and common facilities through a cluster approach, integrating the domestic downstream plastic processing industry.
- ◆ **South Korea and Syria have formally established diplomatic relations, marking another milestone for the transitional government of Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa.** South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul and Syrian Foreign Minister Asad al-Shaibani formalized diplomatic ties in Damascus. During the ceremony, Cho said South Korea is ready to help Syria overcome its 13-year civil war through business investment and humanitarian aid.
- ◆ **Mauritius has signed a Country Partnership Framework with the International Solar Alliance,** making it the first African country to do so. It is the fourth country in the world to sign the CPF after Bangladesh, Bhutan and Cuba. The partnership aims to provide a structured approach for cooperation between ISA and Mauritius on solar energy initiatives in line with the country's national priorities. The agreement will accelerate clean energy transition through joint solar energy projects. Under this partnership, a detailed country partnership strategy will be developed tailored to Mauritius' needs and opportunities.
- ◆ **Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully test fired long-range glide bomb Gaurav from Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft.** During the trials, the weapon was integrated into multiple stations in different warhead configurations and was also tested against land targets on an island. The trials successfully demonstrated accuracy up to a range of about 100 km. The development of long-range glide bomb will significantly enhance the capabilities of the armed forces.
- ◆ **The first biennial Naval Commanders' Conference of 2025 was held in New Delhi.**

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National & International Current Affairs

- When is World Liver Day celebrated every year?**
 (A) 16 April (B) 17 April
 (C) 18 April (D) 19 April
(D) World Liver Day is celebrated on 19 April to spread awareness about liver related diseases. The liver is the second largest organ of the body. It is also the second most complex organ of the body after the brain. It performs various important functions related to digestion, immunity, metabolism and storage of nutrients within the body.
- Which ministry has recently announced the winners of the theme music competition of Waves 2025 Create in India Challenge?**
 (A) Ministry of Finance
 (B) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 (C) Ministry of Education (D) Ministry of Mines
(B) This competition was part of Waves Summit 2025. It was one of the 32 creative challenges included in the summit. The first World Audio and Video Entertainment Summit will be held in Mumbai. The event will run from 1 to 4 May. Six winners have been selected from hundreds of entries sent from across the country.
- Which country has recently invited Prime Minister Modi for its Victory Day parade?**
 (A) France (B) Australia
 (C) Brazil (D) Russia
(D) Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko has said that Russia has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the celebrations to be held on May 9 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of victory over Germany in the Second World War. Moscow hopes that the Indian Prime Minister will attend the May 9 parade.
- Where will Khultabad be renamed Ratnapur recently?**
 (A) Maharashtra (B) Bihar
 (C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh
(A) Recently, Social Justice Minister and Guardian Minister of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Sanjay Shirsar announced that Khultabad will be renamed Ratnapur. The opposition has strongly criticized this proposal and targeted the Mahayuti government. Speaking to Free Press Journal, Shirsar said that the original name of Khuldabad was Ratanpur and later it was renamed.
- Who has recently become the first player to hit 1000 fours and sixes in IPL?**
 (A) MS Dhoni (B) Shikhar Dhawan
 (C) Virat Kohli (D) Rishabh Pant
(C) Recently, Royal Challengers Bangalore star batsman Virat Kohli achieved another historic feat in the IPL 2025 season. Virat Kohli became the first player in IPL history to hit a total of 1000 sixes. This record was recorded in the match between RCB vs Delhi Capitals at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium of the college.



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6. Recently, India has ended the trans-shipment facility for which country?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Japan
(C) Maldives (D) Bangladesh

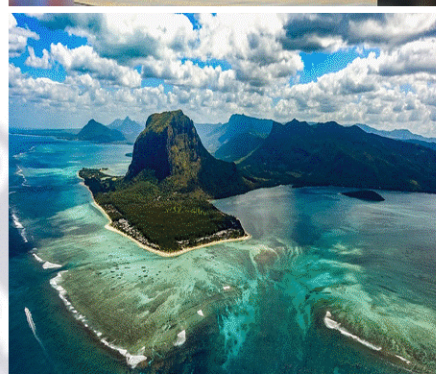
(D) Recently, India has stopped the trans-shipment facility for Bangladesh. This facility was started in the year 2020. Under this facility, Bangladesh could send its goods to other countries by passing through the ports and airports of India. Yunus had described the northeast of India as landlocked. Yunus had invited China to intervene in this area.



7. Recently, who has become the first African country to sign the Partnership Framework CPF with ISA?

- (A) Morocco (B) Algeria
(C) Mauritius (D) None of these

(C) Mauritius has achieved an important milestone in history, as it has become the first African country and the fourth country globally to align with the International Solar Alliance. This architecture aims to strengthen cooperation between ISA and Mauritius on clean energy initiatives, especially in the field of solar energy, as part of the nation's sustainable development and energy security goals.



8. Who recently hosted the ICT Summit 2025 on Women Safety and Empowerment?

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Mumbai
(C) New Delhi (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) Recently Hyderabad City Security Council hosted the second edition of ICT Summit aimed at promoting women safety, security and empowerment. It brought together various stakeholders including professionals, advocates and experts on one platform to discuss the challenges faced by women in society.



9. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved how many railway projects with an investment of Rs 18,658 crore?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5

(C) The Union Cabinet has approved four railway projects with an investment of Rs 18,658 crore. These projects will benefit 15 districts of Maharashtra, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The railway network will expand by about 1247 km. These projects include Sambalpur Jarpada third and fourth line, Jharsuguda Sasan third and fourth line, Kharsia Naya Raipur, Parmalkasa fifth and sixth line and Gondia Balharshah doubling.



10. Who has been appointed as the new President of Asian Cricket Council recently?

- (A) Arun Shourie (B) Sanjeev Chopra
(C) Mohsin Naqvi (D) None of these

(C) Recently Mohsin Naqvi who is also the President of Pakistan Cricket Board and Home Minister of Pakistan has officially taken over the post of President of Asian Cricket Council. He takes the place of Sri Lanka's Shammi Silva and takes pride in leading the continent's cricket body.

