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1 NATIONAL NEWS

PMAY-G: 2.89 Lakh Pucca Houses Delivered in Rajasthan



- ₹3,473 crore worth of houses handed over under PMAY-G.
- 2.89 lakh pucca houses delivered.
- 29.13 lakh new beneficiaries surveyed.
- Eligibility expanded to include small farmers, certain two-wheeler owners and women earning up to ₹15,000/month.
- ₹340.59 crore approved for agricultural development under PM-RKVY.

CIC Launches Upgraded Appeals & Complaints Portal



- CIC launched its upgraded Second Appeals and Complaints Portal.
- Aims to improve case-data updating, accessibility and transparency.
- Strengthens citizen access under the RTI framework.

2 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India-Thailand Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-XV



- Indian Army contingent departed for Thailand for Exercise MAITREE-XV.
- 15th edition of the exercise.
- Scheduled from 18–31 August 2026.
- Venue: Vibhavadi Rangsit Camp, Surat Thani, Thailand.
- Enhances interoperability and defence cooperation.

INS Sudarshini Strengthens India-Portugal Maritime Cooperation



- INS Sudarshini concluded port call at Ponta Delgada, Azores.
- Conducted professional and cultural engagements with Portuguese Navy.
- Part of Lokayan 2026.
- Highlights India's maritime outreach and naval diplomacy.

3 ECONOMY

PLFS July 2026: Labour Force Participation Improves



- Overall LFPR increased to 55.4% in July 2026 from 54.4% in June.
- Rural LFPR increased to 58.0%.
- Female LFPR increased to 34.4%.
- Overall WPR increased to 52.5%.
- Urban WPR stood at 47.0%.

PSB Confluence 2026 Focuses on Banking Reforms



- DFS organised PSB Confluence 2026.
- Focus on deposit mobilisation, youth banking, supporting investment cycle and GCCs.
- Proposed High-Powered Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat.
- Aim: Make PSBs more responsive to India's growth needs.

4 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme Gets Major Push



- Govt. approved 31 additional proposals under ECMS.
- Total approved projects now 106.
- Involves about ₹69,548 crore investment.
- Expected to generate around 75,000 direct jobs.
- Boosts domestic manufacturing of critical electronic components.

NABARD's RSVC-AMRIT Platform for Rural Innovation



- Principal Scientific Adviser launched RSVC-AMRIT, developed by NABARD.
- Strengthens rural innovation and technology transfer.
- Supports scaling of innovative technologies for rural development.

5 ENVIRONMENT

India Launches First Guide to Grasslands & Open Natural Ecosystems



- India launched the first-ever Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems (ONEs) of India.
- Released at UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- Highlights ecological importance of grasslands beyond forests.
- Grasslands support biodiversity, livelihoods and climate resilience.

BRICS Environment Working Group Meeting Held in New Delhi



- Senior officials from BRICS countries met under India's BRICS Chairmanship 2026.
- Discussions on climate change and sustainable development.
- Meeting held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

6 APPOINTMENTS & REPORTS

UDISE+ 2025–26 Report Released



- Covers 14.67 lakh schools, 1.03 crore teachers and 24.72 crore students.
- Secondary-stage GER increased to 71.7%.
- Overall pupil-teacher ratio: 24:1.
- Girls constitute 48.4% of total enrolment.
- Schools with computers: 69.9%; internet connectivity: 67.4%.

NITI Aayog Report: 'Reimagining Care'



- NITI Aayog released 'Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat@2047'.
- Focus on strengthening India's care economy.
- Emphasizes support systems for caregivers.
- Relevant to social protection, gender and demographic transition.

7 IMPORTANT FOR PRELIMS (Quick Facts)

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- ✓ CIC launched upgraded Appeals & Complaints Portal under RTI.
- ✓ Exercise MAITREE-XV: India-Thailand military exercise.
- ✓ INS Sudarshini concluded port call at Ponta Delgada, Portugal.
- ✓ PLFS July 2026: Overall LFPR increased to 55.4%.
- ✓ PSB Confluence 2026: Focus on banking reforms.
- ✓ ECMS: Govt. approved 31 more proposals.
- ✓ RSVC-AMRIT platform launched by NABARD.
- ✓ Guide to Grasslands & ONEs launched at UNCCD COP17.
- ✓ BRICS Environment Working Group meeting held in New Delhi.
- ✓ UDISE+ 2025–26: Covers 14.67 lakh schools.
- ✓ Secondary-stage GER increased to 71.7%.
- ✓ NITI Aayog report on empowering caregivers released.

PRELIMS QUICK FACTS

- PMAY-G – Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin
- CIC – Central Information Commission
- RTI – Right to Information Act, 2005
- LFPR – Labour Force Participation Rate
- WPR – Worker Population Ratio
- ECMS – Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme
- NABARD – National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- UNCCD – United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- UDISE+ – Unified District Information System for Education Plus

PRACTICE MCQ

Q. With reference to the UDISE+ 2025–26 Report, consider the following statements:

1. The report covers more than 14 lakh schools in India.
2. The Gross Enrolment Ratio at the secondary stage increased to 71.7%.
3. Girls account for more than half of total student enrolment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only B) 2 and 3 only C) 1 and 3 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A) 1 and 2 only



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TODAY IN HISTORY – 17 AUGUST 1947 – Radcliffe Line announced, determining the partition boundaries between India and Pakistan.



The Radcliffe Boundary Award was formally announced on 17 August 1947 after Independence.

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