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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. CM Stalin Unveils 'Thayumanavar Scheme' for Doorstep Ration Delivery to Elderly and Differently-Abled.



On 13 August 2025, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Scheme, ensuring doorstep delivery of essential ration commodities to senior citizens (above 70 years) and persons with disabilities (PwD), addressing last-mile access barriers for vulnerable populations.

- The scheme will benefit approximately 21.7 lakh individuals across the state. This includes 20.42 lakh senior citizens and 1.27 lakh people with disabilities, identified through 16.73 lakh ration cards.
- Deliveries of PDS items like rice, sugar, wheat, palmolein oil, and toor dal will occur on the second Saturday and Sunday of every month. The state's cooperative department will manage logistics via mini-vans equipped with electronic weighing scales, e-PoS machines, and Aadhaar-based authentication.

Key Points:-

- (i) Chief Minister Stalin personally delivered ration items to beneficiaries in Chennai neighbourhoods like Tondiarpet and Annai

Sathya Nagar, while Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin flagged off delivery vehicles in Chepauk and Triplicane.

(ii) In Coimbatore, the virtual launch saw 1,235 distribution teams mobilised to serve 89,023 beneficiaries associated with 1,401 ration shops, contributing to the broader reach of the scheme across the state.

(iii) Framed as a move to tackle the "last-mile barrier," the scheme aims to uphold dignity and independence for vulnerable citizens. Tamil Nadu has allocated approximately ₹30–36 crore annually to ensure seamless, inclusive delivery of benefits.

2. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Releases Rs.3,200 Crores to Farmers under PMFBY.



In August 2025, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, announced the digital transfer of the first insurance payout installment worth Rs.3,200 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to approximately 35 lakh farmers. The event, held in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, marked the ninth anniversary of the scheme.

- The digital transfer was made through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system directly into farmers' bank accounts, ensuring transparency and speed in disbursement. This first installment is part of a larger release totaling around Rs.8,000 crores, which will be disbursed in subsequent installments under PMFBY.

- Under the state-wise claim distribution, farmers in Madhya Pradesh received Rs.1,156 crores, Rajasthan farmers received Rs.1,121 crores, and Chhattisgarh farmers received Rs.150 crores. Farmers in other states collectively received Rs.773 crores, highlighting the wide geographical reach of the insurance benefit.

- From the Kharif 2025 season, the scheme will enforce stricter timelines on claim settlements, with a penalty clause imposing a 12% penalty for delays caused by either states or insurers, aimed at improving efficiency and accountability.

Key Points:-

(i) The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), launched on February 18, 2016, by the Government of India (GoI), seeks to protect farmers from financial losses due to crop failure caused by natural calamities like droughts, floods, cyclones, pests, and diseases. This flagship scheme combines financial assistance with risk mitigation to secure farmers' livelihoods.

(ii) In January 2025, the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of PMFBY along with the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) until the 2025–26 period, allocating a combined total budget of Rs.69,515.71 crores for both schemes to ensure comprehensive crop insurance coverage nationwide.

3. UIDAI Signs 5-Year Agreement with ISI for Joint R&D to Strengthen Aadhaar Security and Reliability.



In August 2025, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed a five-year umbrella agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The collaboration aims to enhance Aadhaar's security, reliability, and robustness through advanced Research and Development (R&D) initiatives.

- The agreement was signed by Tanusree Deb Barma, Deputy Director General (Technology Centre), UIDAI, and Professor S.S. Daya Sagar, Head of ISI, in the presence of Bhavesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UIDAI, and Pujika Singh Mandal, Additional Secretary, MoSPI. This high-level participation underscores the strategic importance of the initiative for India's digital identity ecosystem.

- The primary objective of the UIDAI–ISI collaboration is to utilize ISI's expertise in statistical analysis, big data, and artificial intelligence to strengthen Aadhaar's

infrastructure. The focus is on creating a more secure, efficient, and fraud-resistant identity system that can withstand emerging cyber threats.

- Research under the agreement will include developing fraud and anomaly detection mechanisms, biometric liveness detection tools, identification of high-risk enrolment and update categories, and enhancements in biometric matching algorithms. These innovations aim to ensure the authenticity and reliability of Aadhaar records while improving operational efficiency.

Key Points:-

- The project will prioritize tools and methodologies jointly developed by UIDAI and ISI, ensuring that solutions are tailored for India's scale and diversity. Emphasis will be placed on detecting fraudulent enrolments, strengthening authentication systems, and enhancing data-driven decision-making for Aadhaar's operational framework.
- Launched in January 2009 by the Government of India, UIDAI is mandated to issue a unique 12-digit identification number, known as Aadhaar, to all residents of India.
- This number is backed by biometric and demographic data under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, making Aadhaar the world's largest biometric ID system.

4. Western Railway Commissions India's First 2x25 kV Traction Substation under 'Mission Raftaar'.



In August 2025, Western Railway (WR) successfully commissioned India's first 2x25 kilo Volt (kV) electric traction substation at the Nagda–Khachrod section of the Ratlam Division, Madhya Pradesh, under the ambitious 'Mission Raftaar' initiative aimed at increasing train speeds and operational efficiency.

- The newly commissioned substation is equipped with two Scott-connected 100 Mega-Volt-Ampere (MVA) Power Transformers, designed to efficiently feed electrical load to the Overhead Equipment (OHE) and ensure reliable traction power supply.
- The project was executed collaboratively by the Divisional Electrical Engineering team of Ratlam, the Construction Department of Western Railway, the Traction Distribution (TRD) team, and M/s BNC Power Projects Limited, showcasing coordinated efforts in technical execution.

Key Points:-

- The 2x25 kV system is expected to significantly enhance energy efficiency, increase traction power availability, and enable higher train operating speeds, contributing to improved performance of passenger and freight operations.

(ii) 'Mission Raftaar' was introduced in the Railway Budget of 2016–17 by Indian Railways to increase the average speed of freight trains and upgrade railway infrastructure for faster, more efficient transport services nationwide.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India and Singapore Deepen Strategic Partnership at 3rd Ministerial Roundtable.



In August 2025, India hosted the 3rd India–Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) in New Delhi to review and advance the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations. The meeting focused on deepening cooperation in trade, technology, and regional security.

- The Indian delegation included Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, and Railways & IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

- Singapore was represented by Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong, Foreign Minister Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Home Affairs Minister K. Shanmugam, and other senior ministers.

Key Points:-

(i) The ISMR, launched in September 2022, serves as a structured platform for high-level dialogue. The first round was held in New Delhi, the second in Singapore in August 2024, and this third edition continued the momentum in 2025.

(ii) Key areas of discussion included digitalization, skills development, sustainability, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and connectivity. Both sides agreed to expand cooperation in fintech, green energy, and cyber security.

(iii) The meeting also marked the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore and set the stage for Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong's visit to India in September 2025.

2. India Sends 5 Tonnes of Black-Eyed Cowpea (Lobia) Seeds to Fiji as Humanitarian Aid under Act East Policy.



In a notable act of regional solidarity, India dispatched five metric tonnes of black-eyed cowpea seeds to Fiji in July 2025. This humanitarian aid, sent under the government's 'Act East Policy', aims to bolster agricultural production, improve soil health, and enhance food security in the Pacific Island nation.

- This shipment marks the first tranche of humanitarian assistance comprising cowpea seeds from India to Fiji. The seeds departed from New Delhi on 26 July 2025, and were officially handed over to the Fijian government at Sabeto, near Nadi, by the Indian High Commission in Suva.

- The aid targets strengthening agricultural resilience and food security in Fiji. Black-eyed cowpea seeds are valued for their versatility—they serve as nutritious food for humans, nutritious feed for livestock, and act as cover crops to enhance soil fertility and suppress weeds.

- This initiative underscores India's commitment to its Indo-Pacific partners, showcasing solidarity amid climate and economic vulnerabilities faced by small island nations like Fiji. The initiative exemplifies India's role as a supportive development partner across sectors like health, education, and disaster management.

Key Points:-

(i) India-Fiji relations have a long history, dating back to the arrival of indentured Indian laborers in 1879. The partnership was further strengthened through engagements under the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC), initiated during Prime Minister Modi's 2014 visit to Fiji.

(ii) Black-eyed cowpea seeds are multi-purpose. They help fix nitrogen, replenishing soil nutrients, and serve as green manure, contributing to sustainable farming practices—vital for improving Fiji's agricultural output and environmental resilience.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. PPSL Receives RBI Approval to Operate as Online Payment Aggregator.



In August 2025, Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of One 97 Communications, received 'In-Principle' approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act (PSS Act), 2007. This approval enables PPSL to resume operations in compliance with regulatory guidelines.

- The RBI's approval requires PPSL to adhere strictly to the Guidelines on Regulation of Payment Aggregators and Payment Gateways, issued on March 17, 2020, and updated on March 31, 2021. This includes compliance with operational standards, security requirements, and customer protection measures.

Key Points:-

(i) With this clearance, PPSL can restart onboarding new merchants — a process that had been halted for over a year. This move is expected to strengthen Paytm's position in the digital payments sector by enabling smoother and faster integration for merchants.

(ii) The RBI has mandated that PPSL complete a thorough system audit, including a cybersecurity review, within six months. The audit results must be submitted to the RBI, failing which the in-principle approval could be withdrawn. PPSL must also seek prior RBI consent for any changes in its shareholding or ownership structure.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

1. Hindustan Zinc Becomes First Indian Company to Join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM).



In August 2025, Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), India's only and the world's largest integrated zinc producer, made history by becoming the first Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM). Headquartered in London, United Kingdom (UK), ICMM is a leading global industry body that promotes sustainable development, ethical practices, and environmental responsibility in the mining and metals sector.

- Hindustan Zinc's induction into ICMM is a landmark moment for India's mining industry, as it brings the country into a select group of 25 global mining and metal companies shaping international mining standards. This is ICMM's

first new member addition since Swedish company Boliden joined in 2021, highlighting the exclusivity of the group.

- ICMM, established in 2001, works to improve environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance across the mining value chain. Members commit to responsible mining practices, transparency in operations, protection of biodiversity, and meaningful engagement with local communities.

- The selection process for ICMM membership is rigorous. Hindustan Zinc underwent a detailed review by the ICMM's Independent Expert Review Panel (IERP), which assessed its compliance with sustainable mining frameworks, ethical governance structures, safety standards, and climate resilience initiatives before granting approval.

Key Points:-

(i) As part of its membership obligations, HZL will now work towards meeting 40 ICMM Performance Expectations covering environmental stewardship, community development, occupational safety, climate change mitigation, and corporate governance.

(ii) This move positions Hindustan Zinc as a key representative for India in the global conversation on sustainable and responsible mining.

2. NSO Report : India's Retail Inflation Hits 8-Year Low of 1.55% in July 2025.



On August 12, 2025, the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) announced that India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for rural, urban, and combined data, declined to 1.55% in July 2025, marking its lowest level in eight years.

- This significant drop in retail inflation represents the lowest year-on-year (YoY) rate since June 2017. The decline is notable as it continues the trend of six consecutive months where inflation has remained below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) medium-term target of 4%.

- According to the NSO report, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for July 2025 showed a considerable decrease from the 2.10% inflation rate recorded in June 2025. The consistent moderation in prices across various sectors contributed to this historic low.

Key Points:-

(i) Food inflation, a major component of retail inflation, fell sharply to 1.76% in July 2025. This is the lowest food inflation recorded since January 2019. Urban food inflation stood at 1.74%, while rural food inflation was slightly higher at 1.90%, indicating price easing across both regions.

(ii) The rural sector's overall headline inflation rate was recorded at 1.18% in July 2025, whereas the urban sector experienced a sharper decline, with the inflation rate dropping to 2.05%. This divergence reflects varying consumption patterns and market dynamics between rural and urban areas.

(iii) The decline in inflation is expected to provide relief to consumers and may influence monetary policy decisions in the coming months. With inflation staying well within RBI's target range, there is potential scope for economic stimulus and measures to further boost domestic demand.

MOUs and Agreement

1. GIFT City and Gujarat Technological University Ink MoU to Strengthen IFSC Education and Drive FinTech Innovation.



In August 2025, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gujarat Technological University (GTU) to drive forward IFSC-related education, FinTech innovation, and research initiatives. This milestone marks a strategic union of academic expertise and industry potential.

- GIFT City and GTU will jointly develop specialised academic offerings, including tailor-made courses, training programmes, and certification modules focused on IFSC operations and trending FinTech domains like digital finance and financial regulation.

- A dedicated Centre of Excellence will be established to nurture talent and innovation in IFSC and financial technology. It will serve as a hub for research, skills development, and industry-academia engagement that aligns with the needs of GIFT IFSC.

Key Points:-

(i) Leadership from both institutions highlighted the strategic potential behind the collaboration. GIFT City's MD & Group CEO, Sanjay Kaul, emphasized that this partnership will help build a future-ready talent pool capable of reinforcing India's status in the global financial-tech ecosystem, while GTU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rajul K. Gajjar spoke about offering learners "unmatched exposure to global financial markets and technologies".

(ii) This partnership is positioned to play a pivotal role in strengthening Gujarat's emergence as a global financial hub by aligning education, research, and industrial demands within the FinTech and IFSC ecosystem.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Rajiv Pratap Rudy retains post of CCI general secretary of Constitution Club of India.



On August 13, 2025, veteran BJP leader and Saran MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy was re-elected as Secretary (Administration), effectively the General Secretary, of the Constitution Club of India (CCI), extending his unprecedented 25-year leadership in the role after a closely-fought contest against fellow BJP MP Sanjeev Kumar Balyan.

- The election saw a rare intra-party showdown between two senior BJP leaders. While Balyan, a Jat leader from Western UP, garnered support from a cross-party and regional bloc, Rudy relied on a coalition of Opposition MPs and sections within the BJP. This raised the stakes, turning routine election proceedings into a high-profile political battle.

- The voting, held on August 12, was intense and lengthy—spanning 25 rounds of counting. Rudy secured 354 direct votes and an additional 38 postal ballots, defeating Balyan by a margin of 102 votes.

- The contest drew widespread attention as power players across parties, including BJP stalwarts like Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda, and Congress leaders such as Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, turned up to vote. The outcome reaffirmed Rudy's entrenched role within the club's power dynamics.

Key Points:-

(i) Established in February 1947 to serve members of the Constituent Assembly, the Constitution Club of India serves as a premier forum for interaction among sitting and former MPs. Over the years, it has become a prestigious nexus for political networking. Rudy's continued leadership highlights the trust and influence he commands within this elite institution.

(ii) Beyond the Secretary (Administration) position, other key posts saw smooth transitions. Tiruchi Siva and Rajeev Shukla were elected as Secretaries of Culture and Sports, while A. P. Jithender Reddy became Treasurer. The club's governing council comprises prominent parliamentarians, reinforcing its political influence.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Organ Donation Day 2025 observed globally on August 13 with the theme "Answering the Call."



World Organ Donation Day 2025 was observed across the globe on August 13 to commemorate the first successful organ transplant in 1954. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of organ

donation, encourage voluntary pledges, and promote life-saving transplants.

- **World Organ Donation Day is marked annually on August 13 worldwide to honour the breakthrough in medical history — the first successful living donor kidney transplant performed in 1954. The observance reinforces the need for public participation in organ donation to address the global shortage of organs for transplantation.**

- **The 2025 theme, "Answering the Call," highlights the urgency of responding to the increasing demand for organ transplants and the role individuals can play in saving lives. It also calls for removing myths and stigma surrounding the process of organ donation.**

- **The world's first successful living donor kidney transplant was carried out in 1954 by American surgeon Dr. Joseph E. Murray and his associates at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (now Brigham and Women's Hospital) in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. This historic achievement paved the way for modern transplant medicine.**

Key Points:-

(i) The pioneering transplant involved identical twins, Ronald and Richard Lee Herrick. Ronald donated one of his kidneys to Richard, who was suffering from chronic kidney failure. The genetic match between identical twins helped reduce organ rejection risks during that era.

(ii) Dr. Joseph E. Murray, along with American physician E. Donnall Thomas, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1990 for their groundbreaking discoveries in organ and cell transplantation, which have saved millions of lives globally.

(iii) Organ donation continues to be a

pressing healthcare need, with WHO (World Health Organization) reporting that thousands die each year waiting for a transplant. Days like World Organ Donation Day aim to boost donor registrations and support policy frameworks for ethical, equitable organ distribution worldwide.

2. International Left Handers Day 2025 observed globally on August 13.



International Left Handers Day 2025 was observed worldwide on August 13 to celebrate the uniqueness, advantages, and disadvantages of being left-handed. The day also highlights the challenges faced by left-handers and promotes inclusivity in product design, education, and workplaces.

- **International Left Handers Day is observed annually on August 13 to recognize the nearly 10% of the world's population who are left-handed. It aims to spread awareness about their unique abilities and to address the difficulties they encounter in a predominantly right-handed world.**

- **The first observance of International Left Handers Day took place on August 13, 1976, initiated by Dean R. Campbell, founder of Left Handers International. The day gained global**

recognition in 1992 when Left Handers International launched International Left Handers Day worldwide.

- **Scientific studies indicate that left-handedness is moderately heritable, with genetic factors accounting for approximately 25% of the variation. Other influences include prenatal conditions, birth complications, and environmental factors. Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have identified multiple genes linked to handedness.**

Key Points:-

(i) One rare genetic variant, TUBB4B (Tubulin Beta 4B Class IVb), has been linked to handedness. This variant is about 2.7 times more common among left-handed individuals but is present in only about 0.1% of the population, making it a rare occurrence.

(ii) The brain's hemispheres play a role in handedness: the right hemisphere generally controls the left hand, while the left hemisphere controls the right hand. In left-handed individuals, motor control dominance is reversed compared to right-handed individuals.

(iii) Studies have found that left-handed people may have a higher risk of certain psychiatric traits, such as schizophrenia and autism. Additionally, sinistrophobia refers to the fear or dislike of left-handedness or anything associated with the left side of the body.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. PixelSpace India-Led Consortium Selected to Launch India's First Indigenous Commercial EO Satellite Constellation under PPP Model.



In August 2025, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), operating under the Department of Space (DoS), announced that PixelSpace India (PSI) will lead a consortium comprising PierSight Space Pvt. Ltd., Satsure Analytics India Pvt. Ltd., and Dhruva Space Pvt. Ltd. to develop and operate India's first fully indigenous commercial Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation. The project, valued at over ₹1,200 crore, will be implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework.

- The PixelSpace India-led consortium has been tasked with launching and managing a constellation of 12 advanced EO satellites. This marks a milestone in India's space sector as the first private consortium-led initiative of its kind, combining the strengths of multiple domestic space technology firms to boost indigenous satellite capabilities.

- The total investment in the project exceeds ₹1,200 crore and will be spread over the next five years. The EO satellites will be deployed in a phased manner to ensure continuous technology upgrades, expanded geographical coverage, and enhanced data reliability for commercial and government applications.

- Under the PPP framework, IN-SPACe and the Government of India will provide strategic, technical, and policy-level support to the consortium. While the consortium will handle satellite manufacturing, launch, operations, and commercialization, the government's involvement will ensure compliance with national space policy objectives and global competitiveness.

Key Points:-

- The constellation will be equipped with cutting-edge payloads, including panchromatic, multi-spectral, hyperspectral, and microwave Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors. These technologies will enable high-resolution, day-and-night imaging capabilities across varied weather conditions, supporting critical applications in defense, security, and resource monitoring.
- Data from the constellation will provide Analysis Ready Data (ARD) and Value-Added Services (VAS) for climate change monitoring, disaster management, agriculture, urban planning, maritime security, and infrastructure development. The initiative also strengthens India's position in the global space market by reducing reliance on foreign EO data sources.
- This project aims to accelerate the growth of India's space economy, with the government targeting an increase from USD 8.4 billion in 2022 to USD 44 billion by 2033. The constellation's high-resolution imagery will also support India's foreign policy, sovereignty, and strategic decision-making in critical sectors.

2. Arianespace's Ariane 6 Successfully Launches Metop-SGA1 Weather Satellite from Kourou, French Guiana.



In August 2025, Arianespace successfully conducted the second commercial mission of its newly developed Ariane 6 rocket, launching the Metop-SGA1 weather satellite from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana. This mission marked another significant step in European space capabilities, following the rocket's first mission with France's CSO-3 satellite.

- The Ariane 6 rocket is the successor to the retired Ariane 5 and is operated by French launch service provider Arianespace on behalf of the European Space Agency (ESA). It is designed to cater to a broad range of satellite launches, providing flexibility for institutional and commercial payloads.
- The mission launched the Metop-SGA1 satellite, a next-generation climate and weather monitoring satellite developed by the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT). The satellite was successfully placed into a Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO) at an altitude of around 800 km.

- Metop-SGA1 will enhance weather forecasting and climate monitoring by providing high-resolution observations of temperature, precipitation, cloud formations, winds, sea ice, aerosols, and atmospheric pollution from a polar orbit. This advanced capability will assist meteorologists in tracking severe weather and long-term climate changes.

Key Points:-

- Airbus Defence and Space built the satellite, equipping it with a suite of six atmospheric sounding and imaging instrument missions capable of collecting optical, infrared, and microwave observations. These data sets will be critical for operational meteorology and climate science applications across Europe and beyond.
- The Metop-SGA1 mission forms part of the European Commission's Copernicus programme and will work alongside the Sentinel-5 satellite to monitor air quality and greenhouse gas concentrations. Together, these satellites aim to strengthen Europe's leadership in environmental monitoring from space.
- Arianespace, founded in 1980, provides launch services for satellites of all classes and operates with the capability to transport any payload at any time. The company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is David Cavilhaes. The successful Metop-SGA1 launch reinforces Arianespace's role as a leading player in global space transportation services.

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