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International

7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference concluded in New Delhi with a focus on farmer-centred solutions for the Global South, with France hosting the 8th edition in 2027.

Why it matters: Which country will host the 8th AgriVoltaics World Conference in 2027?

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

SMFCL Scales up with Rs 5,107 Crs Disbursed under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047

India's first maritime NBFC, SMFCL, has disbursed Rs 5,107 crores, aiming to reach Rs 60,205 crores by 2031 under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Why it matters: Which organization is India's first maritime NBFC?

Source: PIB

Science and Technology

IISER Thiruvananthapuram Researchers Develop Solid Compound for Hydrogen and Methane

Researchers at IISER Thiruvananthapuram developed a solid compound called magnesium hydridomethylzincate that releases hydrogen and methane when heated.

Why it matters: Which institute developed the solid compound releasing hydrogen and methane upon heating?

Japan Launches MMX Mission to Mars's Moons Phobos and Deimos

JAXA's Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) probe was launched on an H3 rocket on 20 Oct 2026 (Japan time). It will study Phobos and Deimos and bring back samples from Phobos.

Why it matters: Which space agency is leading the Martian Moons Exploration (MMX) mission?

Source: JAXA

STPI Inaugurates New Technology Incubation Facility in Dehradun

STPI inaugurated a 30,000 sq. ft. incubation facility in Dehradun to support IT/ITeS companies, startups, and technology entrepreneurship in Uttarakhand.

Why it matters: In which city did STPI inaugurate its new technology incubation facility in Uttarakhand?

Source: PIB

Defence and Security

33rd Edition of SIMBEX-2026 Begins in Visakhapatnam

The 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) commenced off the coast of Visakhapatnam, featuring Republic of Singapore Navy ship RSS Supreme.

Why it matters: Where was the 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026 held?

Source: PIB

Environment

France Records World's First Human Fatality from Shamonda Virus

France registered the world's first human death from the Shamonda virus, an arthropod-borne orthobunyavirus historically restricted to livestock in Africa and Asia.

Why it matters: Which country reported the world's first human death due to Shamonda virus?

Reports and Indices

UNEP Releases 17th Edition of Emissions Gap Report 2026 Ahead of COP31

The UN Environment Programme released its 17th Emissions Gap Report 2026 ahead of COP31 in Antalya, Turkey, warning that the 1.5°C global warming limit is breached.

Why it matters: Which organization publishes the Emissions Gap Report?

Uttar Pradesh

MoEFCC Secretary Reviews UP Government's Action Plan for Delhi-NCR Air Pollution

MoEFCC Secretary Narendra Bhooshan reviewed the Uttar Pradesh government's action plans and urban local body preparations to address winter air pollution in Delhi-NCR.

Why it matters: Who reviewed UP's action plan for Delhi-NCR air pollution?

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

8-Day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Showcases Artisans at Khanapara, Guwahati

The 8-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 opened at Khanapara, Guwahati, bringing together traditional artisans and handloom products from across India.

Why it matters: Where was the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 organized?

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. What is the targeted disbursement amount for India's first maritime NBFC, SMFCL, by the year 2031 under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047?

A. Rs 5,107 crores
B. Rs 15,400 crores
C. Rs 60,205 crores
D. Rs 1,00,500 crores

2. Consider the following statements regarding the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference held in 2026:
1. The conference concluded in New Delhi with a focus on farmer-centred solutions for the Global South.
2. France is scheduled to host the 8th edition of the conference in 2027.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. Only 1
B. Only 2
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Where did the 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) commence, featuring Republic of Singapore Navy ship RSS Supreme?

A. Off the coast of Kochi
B. Off the coast of Visakhapatnam
C. Off the coast of Mumbai
D. Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar

4. Consider the following statements:
1. Researchers at IISER Thiruvananthapuram developed a solid compound called magnesium hydridomethylzincate that releases hydrogen and methane when heated.
2. Japan's Martian Moons Exploration (MMX) mission, led by JAXA, aims to study Phobos and Deimos and bring back regolith samples from Deimos using the H3 launch vehicle.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. Only 1
B. Only 2
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Which institution inaugurated a 30,000 sq. ft. incubation facility in Dehradun to support IT/ITeS companies, startups, and technology entrepreneurship in Uttarakhand in 2026?

A. NITI Aayog
B. STPI (Software Technology Parks of India)
C. ISRO
D. MeitY Innovation Hub

Answers: 1. C 2. C 3. B 4. A 5. B

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