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Economy and Banking

CCEA Approves Strategic Sale of IDBI Bank Stake for Rs 52,878 Crore

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the strategic sale of a 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank to a private entity for Rs 52,878 crore.

Why it matters: IDBI Bank stake sale amount approved by CCEA is how much?

Source: PIB

PTC India Board Approves Equity Investment to Establish Mineral Exchange

PTC India's board (meeting of 26 Oct 2026) approved forming a wholly owned subsidiary (SPV) to set up a mineral exchange under the Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026, with equity investment of up to ₹65 crore, subject to the Indian Bureau of Mines granting a time extension.

Why it matters: Which company's board approved setting up a mineral exchange subsidiary?

UPI Acceptance Enabled for Online Bookings at Burj Khalifa and Resorts World Sentosa

Indian visitors to the UAE and Singapore can now use UPI for seamless online bookings at Burj Khalifa and Resorts World Sentosa.

Why it matters: UPI acceptance was recently enabled for bookings at which global attractions?

Source: PIB

Science and Technology

Aditya-L1 and Proba-3 Jointly Study Coronal Mass Ejections

Scientists used observations from India's Aditya-L1 and ESA's Proba-3 to jointly study Coronal Mass Ejections near the sun, improving CME property estimation.

Why it matters: Which spacecraft studied CMEs jointly with Aditya-L1?

Source: ISRO

Defence and Security

NCB Launches Operation Trident to Target Drug Smuggling Networks

Narcotics Control Bureau launched Operation Trident with Mizoram Police and ED to dismantle financial and supply networks of drug cartels across northeastern states.

Why it matters: Who launched Operation Trident against drug cartels?

Source: PIB

Appointments

Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia Appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff

Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff, effective from November 1, 2026.

Why it matters: Who is appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff?

Source: PIB

Government Constitutes High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat

The Central Government constituted a High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, chaired by former CVC Suresh N. Patel.

Why it matters: Who chairs the High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat?

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. Which space agencies' observations were jointly used by scientists to study Coronal Mass Ejections near the sun to improve property estimation as of 2026?

A. India's Aditya-L1 and NASA's Parker Solar Probe
B. India's Aditya-L1 and ESA's Proba-3
C. ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 and ESA's Proba-3
D. ISRO and JAXA

2. Consider the following statements regarding Operation Trident (2026):
1. It was launched by the Narcotics Control Bureau with Mizoram Police and ED.
2. Its objective is to dismantle financial and supply networks of drug cartels across northeastern states.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only / केवल 1
B. 2 only / केवल 2
C. Both 1 and 2 / 1 और 2 दोनों
D. Neither 1 nor 2 / न तो 1, न ही 2

3. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff, effective from November 1, 2026?

A. Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia
B. Air Marshal Suresh N. Patel
C. Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
D. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh

4. Following the notification of the Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026, which company's board approved forming a wholly-owned subsidiary to set up a mineral exchange?

A. NTPC Limited
B. PTC India
C. Coal India Limited
D. NMDC Limited

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

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