



# Current Affairs

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## Today's Important News

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### 1. Union Education Minister inaugurates 211 PM SHRI schools in Chhattisgarh

- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, alongside Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Vishnu Deo Sai, marked the inauguration of 211 PM SHRI schools in Raipur. This significant event showcased the government's commitment to bolstering the education sector, particularly through schemes like PM SHRI.
- Pradhan expressed sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for his steadfast dedication to enhancing the education ecosystem in the country. He emphasized how schemes like PM SHRI play a pivotal role in this transformation, providing indispensable support to educational institutions nationwide.



#### Foot Note:

#### About Chattisgarh:

**Capital:** Raipur

**Governor:** Biswabhusan Harichandan

**Chief Minister:** Vishnu Deo Sai

### 2. Prime Minister inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of projects worth over 13,000 crore at Tarabh, Mesana

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth over 13 thousand crore at Tarabh in Mesana. These include the launch of Bharat Net Phase-II – Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Limited, which will provide high-speed internet to more than 8000 gram panchayats.
- Besides, multiple projects for rail line doubling, gauge conversion, new broad-gauge line in districts of Mahesana and Banaskantha; multiple road projects in Kheda, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, and Mahesana were also launched on the occasion.



### **3. The WHO's Global Initiative on Digital Health is launched by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya**

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya virtually addressed the public launch event of the World Health Organization's Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH).
- The GIDH is a WHO-managed network which was unanimously adopted by all G20 countries, invited countries and international organizations. It was collectively launched as a key deliverable of India's G20 Presidency during the Health Ministers' Meeting in Gandhinagar last year.



### **4. Women's Safety Scheme should be extended until 2025–2026, according to the Union Government**

- The government decided to continue the umbrella scheme on 'Safety of Women' at a total cost of Rs 1,179.72 crore during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The decision has been taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here.
- The union cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the proposal from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to continue the 'Safety of Women' umbrella scheme. The total cost approved is Rs 1,179.72 crore, allocated from both the MHA budget and the Nirbhaya Fund.



### **5. In Gujarat, Prime Minister Modi will unveil many development initiatives valued at 55,500 crore rupees**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth 55,500 crore rupees in Gujarat. The PM will participate in the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation popularly known as Amul at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- During his day-long visit to Gujarat, PM will attend programs at Ahmedabad, Mahesana, and Navsari and will launch several projects related to road, rail, energy, health, internet connectivity, urban development, water supply, and tourism sectors.



**Foot Note:**

**About Gujarat:**

**Capital:** Gandhinagar

**Chief minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel

**Governor:** Acharya Devvrat

**6. Medaram Jatara, India's Largest Tribal Festival Begins In Telangana**

- Sammakka Saralamma Jathara, also known as Medaram Jathara, is a tribal festival dedicated to honouring the goddesses celebrated in the southern state of Telangana.
- PM Modi conveyed his warm wishes for the commencement of the Sammakka-Sarakka Medaram Jathara, highlighting it as a significant tribal festival representing cultural heritage.



**Foot Note:**

**About Telangana:**

**Capital:** Hyderabad

**Governor:** Tamilisai Soundararajan

**Chief Minister:** Revanth Reddy

**7. PayPal Registers With India's Financial Intelligence Unit**

- American online payments gateway service provider PayPal has registered its operations with the Financial Intelligence Unit of India, about six years after a protracted legal battle ensued between the two entities. Official sources told PTI that the company has completed the formal procedure of being designated as a reporting entity under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act



(PMLA) recently and has submitted the requisite documents to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

**Foot Note:**

**About PayPal:**

**Headquarters:** California, US

**Founders:** Peter Thiel, Max Levchin, Ken Howery, Luke Nosek, Yu Pan

**Founded:** December 1998

**President:** Dan Schulman

**8. Successful completion of Human rating of CE20 Cryogenic engine for the Gaganyaan Programme**

- ISRO has accomplished a major milestone in the human rating of its CE20 cryogenic engine that powers the cryogenic stage of the human-rated LVM3 launch vehicle for Gaganyaan missions, with the completion of the final round of ground qualification tests on February 13, 2024.
- The final test was the seventh of a series of vacuum ignition tests carried out at the High Altitude Test Facility at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, to simulate the flight conditions.



**Foot Note:**

**About ISRO:**

**Headquarters:** Bengaluru

**Founder:** Vikram Sarabhai

**Founded:** 15 August 1969

**Chairperson:** Somanath

**9. Government appoints new chairman for Bank of India, Indian Overseas and UCO Bank**

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has made several key appointments. These appointments have been announced by the Department of Personnel & Training in accordance with the decisions made by the ACC.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed M R Kumar, former LIC Chairman, as the part-time non-official Director and non-executive Chairman of Bank of India (BOI).



## 10. Prof Aditi Sen De becomes the first woman scientist to win G D Birla Award

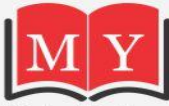
- Prof Aditi Sen De becomes the first woman scientist to win the G D Birla Award. The award, established in 1991, recognises exceptional scientific research conducted by Indian scientists below the age of 50.
- In a ground-breaking moment for Indian science, Prof. Aditi Sen De has been awarded the prestigious G. D. Birla Award for Scientific Research for the year 2023.
- Aditi Sen De, a distinguished physicist from the Harish-Chandra Research Institute in Prayagraj, has been honoured for her outstanding contributions to the field of Physics.



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