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G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting

- **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar** will begin a two-day visit to Johannesburg, South Africa from today to participate in the **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)**. He is visiting at the invitation of the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, **Ronald Lamola**.



- The External Affairs Minister's participation in the G20 FMM will strengthen India's engagement with G20 countries and **bolster the voice of the Global South** in this important forum. Dr Jaishankar is expected to hold a few bilateral meetings in the margins of the Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

1st Edition Of SOUL Leadership Conclave

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **first edition of the SOUL Leadership Conclave** on 21st February at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Bhutan Prime **Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay** will deliver the keynote address as the Guest of Honor.
- The two day **SOUL Leadership Conclave** will serve as a premier platform where leaders from diverse domains like politics, sports, arts and media, the spiritual world, public policy, business and the social sector will share their inspiring life journeys.

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- The conclave will foster an **ecosystem of collaboration and thought leadership**, facilitating learning from both failures and successes, to inspire young audiences.
- School of Ultimate Leadership is an upcoming leadership institution in Gujarat to enable authentic **leaders to advance public good**. The aim is to broaden the landscape of political leadership in India through formal training and to include those who rise **through merit, commitment, and passion for public service** and not just from political lineage.
- **SOUL brings in insights, skills and expertise necessary** to navigate the complex challenges of leadership in today's world.

Centre Launches AI Programme

- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), and **Intel India** have launched the 'AI for Entrepreneurship' micro-learning module.



- The initiative is designed to **simplify artificial intelligence (AI)** concepts and encourage entrepreneurial thinking among young innovators across India.
- The programme aims to empower 1 lakh youth by 2025 by equipping them with essential skills to thrive in a technology-driven economy.
- **The 'AI for Entrepreneurship' module is part of India's broader** vision to foster innovation and promote inclusivity in learning. The initiative will help young minds understand AI in a simple and practical way while inspiring them to explore business opportunities using emerging technologies.

Hurun's India's 10 Most Valuable Companies

- **Reliance Industries, TCS, and HDFC bank** are among India's top 10 most valuable companies, according to the 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 list.
- The list, created by Axis Bank's banking unit Burgundy Private and Hurun India says that **India's top 500 companies have a combined value of \$3.8 trillion, which is higher than India's own GDP** and also the combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the UAE, Indonesia, and Spain.



- The top 10 companies alone have a higher combined value than Saudi Arabia's GDP.
- List of top 10 companies in the Hurun India 500 list

Rank	Company Name	Value (₹ Crore)
1	Reliance Industries	17,52,650
2	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	16,10,800
3	HDFC Bank	14,22,570
4	Bharti Airtel	9,74,470
5	ICICI Bank	9,30,720
6	Infosys	7,99,400
7	ITC	5,80,670
8	Larsen & Toubro	5,42,770
9	HCL Technologies	5,18,170
10	National Stock Exchange (NSE)	4,70,250

International Association Of Aids To Marine Navigation

- India has been elected to the **Vice Presidency of the International Association of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA)** at the ongoing first General Assembly of IALA in Singapore.



- The Indian delegation is being led by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Secretary, **T.K. Ramachandran**. The election reinforces the country's dedication to **advancing maritime safety, enhancing navigational aids**, and fostering international cooperation within the maritime sector.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, in a statement, said the visit also **underscores India's strong leadership and contributions** to maritime affairs, reaffirming its commitment to sustainable and secure marine navigation.
- The country will **host the IALA Council meeting in December** this year and the IALA Conference **and General Assembly in September 2027** in Mumbai.

Google unveils 'Ananta,'

- Google has made a significant leap in its **commitment to India's digital landscape** by unveiling Ananta, its largest campus in the country. Named after the Sanskrit word meaning **"infinite" or "limitless"**, Ananta is not just a workplace but a hub of innovation, collaboration, and sustainability.
- **Located in Mahadevapura, Bengaluru**, this campus is among Google's largest in the world, reinforcing India's role as a key player in global technology and AI advancements. The newly inaugurated Ananta campus boasts a seating capacity of over **5,000 employees**.



- Google has emphasized that this facility is more than just an office—it is a space designed to drive groundbreaking innovations and **AI-powered solutions that will impact the world**.
- The company envisions this campus as a testament to its AI-first approach, highlighting India's talent pool and its potential to solve global challenges at scale. Bengaluru, **often dubbed the "Silicon Valley of India,"** has long been a preferred destination for tech giants. Google's choice to expand here underscores the city's significance as a hub for technological advancements, AI research, and software development.
- **With a workforce of over 10,000 employees across India**, including locations in Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Gurugram, the new Bengaluru campus will further strengthen Google's presence and collaboration efforts in the country.

Grok-3 Chatbot

- Elon Musk's artificial intelligence **startup xAI has introduced Grok-3**, the latest iteration of its chatbot, as it looks to compete with Chinese AI firm DeepSeek, Microsoft-backed OpenAI, and Alphabet's Google.



- Grok-3 debut comes at a critical moment in the AI arms race, just days after DeepSeek unveiled its powerful open-source model and as Musk moves **aggressively to expand xAI's influence**.
- **"Grok-3 across the board is in a league of its own,"** Musk said during a livestream alongside three xAI engineers late on Monday, adding that the model significantly outperforms its predecessor, Grok-2.

Ajmer Hosts First-ever All India Transgender Conference

- Ajmer has become the venue for the **first-ever All India Kinnar Mahasammelan**, a historic 10-day transgender conference held at a private school in Vaishali Nagar. The event, which began on February 17, 2025, with the Khichdi Tulai ritual, is aimed at addressing issues faced by the transgender community across India.
- The conference is organized in **memory of Anita Bai, the mentor of Gaddipati Saloni Nayak**, a respected figure in Ajmer's transgender community. Attended by over **2,000 transgender members from** various states, the event is deeply rooted in religious and cultural traditions.



- Various rituals, including Kalash Puja and Chak Pujan, are being performed, emphasizing the community's spiritual beliefs. The conference also features stalls related to medical services, banking, perfumes, and travel. The event is being conducted under strict supervision, ensuring only invited members are allowed entry.

BBC Sportswoman Of The Year

- Indian shooter **Manu Bhaker** received the **BBC Sportswoman of the Year** after an impressive campaign at the Paris Olympics 2024, where she bagged two bronze medals.



- The **stellar performances from the 22-year-old established** her status as one of the elite sporting talents in the country. She became the first Indian shooter to win **multiple medals at a single Olympics**. Also, she became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic shooting medal.
- The other contenders for the honour were golfer Aditi Ashok, para-shooter Avani Lekhara, India women's cricket vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, and wrestler Vinesh Phogat.
- Her fellow shooter **Avani Lekhara was presented** with the BBC ISWOTY Para-sportswoman of the Year award.



- **Archer Sheetal Devi** won the Emerging Athlete Award after becoming India's youngest Paralympic medallist.



- **Mithali Raj** was given the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for her record 18-year captaincy of the Indian women's cricket team.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. Who Has Won The BBC Sportswoman Of The Year Award 2024

- A. Aditi Ashok
- B. Avani Lekhara
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Manu Bhaker

ANSWER: D

2. Which Company Holds The Top Position In The 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 List

- A. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Reliance Industries
- D. Infosys

ANSWER: C

3. Who Has Inaugurated National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey Of Urban Habitations

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- D. Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: C

4. First-ever All India Transgender Conference Held In

- A. Ajmer
- B. Jaipur
- C. Kota
- D. Jodhpur

ANSWER: A

5. What Is The Primary Goal Of The 'AI For Entrepreneurship' Initiative

- A. To Teach Complex AI Programming Languages
- B. To Provide AI Certification For Working Professionals
- C. To Simplify AI Concepts And Encourage Entrepreneurial Thinking
- D. To Develop Ai-powered Gaming Platforms

ANSWER: C

6. Name Of The Latest AI Chatbot Introduced By Elon Musk's xAI

- A. Grok-1
- B. Grok-2
- C. Grok-3
- D. Grok-4

ANSWER: C

7. Where Will The 'Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela' 2025 Be Held

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

8. What Is The Primary Objective Of The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

- A. To Provide Loans To Farmers
- B. To Offer Crop Insurance Against Natural Disasters
- C. To Supply Free Fertilizers To Farmers
- D. To Promote Organic Farming Exclusively

ANSWER: B

9. Parambikulam Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: B

10. Which Country Has Been Placed Under A State Of Emergency Due To An “Earthquake Swarm” In February 2025

- A. Japan
- B. Greece
- C. Nepal
- D. India

ANSWER: B

11. Sowparnika River, Flows Through Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: C

12. What Is The Primary Objective Of The PM-AASHA scheme

- A. To provide free education in tribal areas
- B. To promote organic farming
- C. To improve health infrastructure in rural areas
- D. To ensure remunerative prices for farmers’ produce

ANSWER: D

13. In Which Country Is The Headquarters Of The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Located

- A. United States
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Japan
- D. Switzerland

ANSWER: D

14. Which State Has Launched The G-SAFAL Initiative To Uplift Underprivileged Women

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

15. What Is The Primary Health Hazard Found In The Ganga River At Prayagraj During The Maha Kumbh Mela

- A. E. coli
- B. Faecal Bacteria
- C. Salmonella
- D. Coliform Bacteria

ANSWER: B

16. What Is The Primary Purpose Of JioTele OS

- A. To provide an affordable smart TV operating system
- B. To launch a new range of Jio smartphones
- C. To develop Jio's broadband services
- D. To introduce a new satellite TV service

ANSWER: A

17. On Which Date Is International Childhood Cancer Day Observed Annually

- A. February 14
- B. February 15
- C. February 16
- D. February 17

ANSWER: B

18. Where Was The Statue Of Thiruvalluvar Unveiled

- A. Australia
- B. Philippines
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. United States

ANSWER: B

19. Ananta seen in news is largest campus unveiled in India Belongs To

- A. Google
- B. Tesla
- C. Microsoft
- D. HCL

ANSWER: A

20. In The Junagarh Inscription, Which Among The Following Saka Ruler Achievements Are Highlighted

- A. Moga
- B. Azes
- C. Rudraraman
- D. Nahapana

ANSWER: C