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PM Modi Meeting With Navin Chandra Ramgoolam

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached **Port Louis** on a two-day visit to Mauritius. He will take part in **various programmes** during the visit. Today, the Prime Minister will visit the **Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden to pay tribute to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam** and Sir Anerood Jugnauth.



- Mr Modi will also plant a sapling in this complex. After this, he will meet the President of Mauritius **Dharambeer Gokhool**. The Prime Minister will participate in a community event this evening. A large number of people of Indian origin living in Mauritius will be present on this occasion.
- After this, Prime Minister Mr Modi will meet his Mauritius counterpart, **Navin Chandra Ramgoolam**. The Prime Minister will attend the Mauritius' National Day celebrations as the chief guest tomorrow. Several pacts in areas of maritime security, **capacity building and trade are likely to be signed** during the trip. Our correspondent reports that the visit of Prime Minister Mr Modi is considered very important from the point of view of further strengthening the relations between India and Mauritius

PM's departure statement ahead of his state visit to Mauritius

At the invitation of my friend, Prime Minister Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, I am embarking on a two-day State Visit to Mauritius to participate in the celebrations of the 57th National Day of Mauritius.

Mauritius is a close maritime neighbour, a key partner in the Indian Ocean, and a gateway to the African Continent. We are connected by history, geography and culture. Deep mutual trust, a shared belief in the values of democracy, and celebration of our diversity are our strengths. The close and historical people-to-people connect is a source of shared pride. We have made significant strides in the past ten years with people centric initiatives.

I look forward to the opportunity to engage with the Mauritius leadership to elevate our partnership in all its facets and strengthen our enduring friendship for the progress and prosperity of our peoples, as well as for security and development in the Indian Ocean Region, as part of our Vision SAGAR.

I am confident that this visit will build on the foundations of the past and open a new and bright chapter in the India and Mauritius relationship.



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India Signs MoU With Armenia

- India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Armenia for cooperation in the **field of medical products regulation**. The MoU was signed in the presence of External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Armenia, Ararat Mirzoyan in Delhi.



- The two ministers agreed to explore **cooperation in digital technologies** and pharmaceuticals. They also reviewed the whole range of growing India-Armenia **bilateral cooperation including in the areas of political exchanges**, trade, economics, connectivity, education, culture, and people-to-people contacts. The two nations also signed an MoU on Cooperation between the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Diplomatic School of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia.
- During the meeting, Dr Jaishankar said that India aims to strengthen its ties with Armenia which are deeply rooted in history. He said that both countries share **good political co-operation**, and have seen an increase in bilateral trade and defence collaboration.
- He also exchanged views on regional and global matters of shared interest. Meanwhile, **Mr Mirzoyan** said that he had a fruitful discussion on key topics of their bilateral agenda. He said that these reflected the significant progress made between the two nations and outlined the ways to further deepen their partnership.

‘Prismix,’ An AI- Driven Media Company

- Bollywood superstar **Ajay Devgn** launches ‘Prismix,’ an AI-driven media company to revolutionize content creation
- This venture reinforces his commitment to innovation, empowering filmmakers, brands, and creators to craft high-quality, scalable, and visually compelling narratives with cutting-edge AI technology.



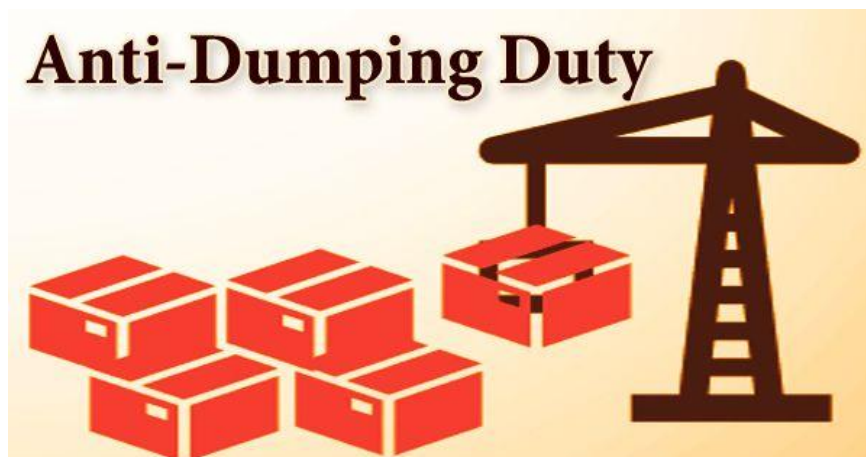
- **Prismix is dedicated to bridging creativity and generative AI** to transform the media landscape. From short films and series to animated graphic novels, music videos, corporate content, and social media campaigns.

India Imposes Anti- Dumping Duty

- India has imposed an **anti-dumping duty of up to 986 US dollars per tonne** for five years on a chemical, used for water treatment, imported from China and **Japan to protect the domestic industry from cheap inbound shipments.**
- The Ministry of Finance in its notification said that the decision has been taken following recommendations from the **Directorate General of Trade Remedies**, an investigation arm of the Ministry of Commerce, to impose the duty on 'Trichloro isocyanuric acid'.

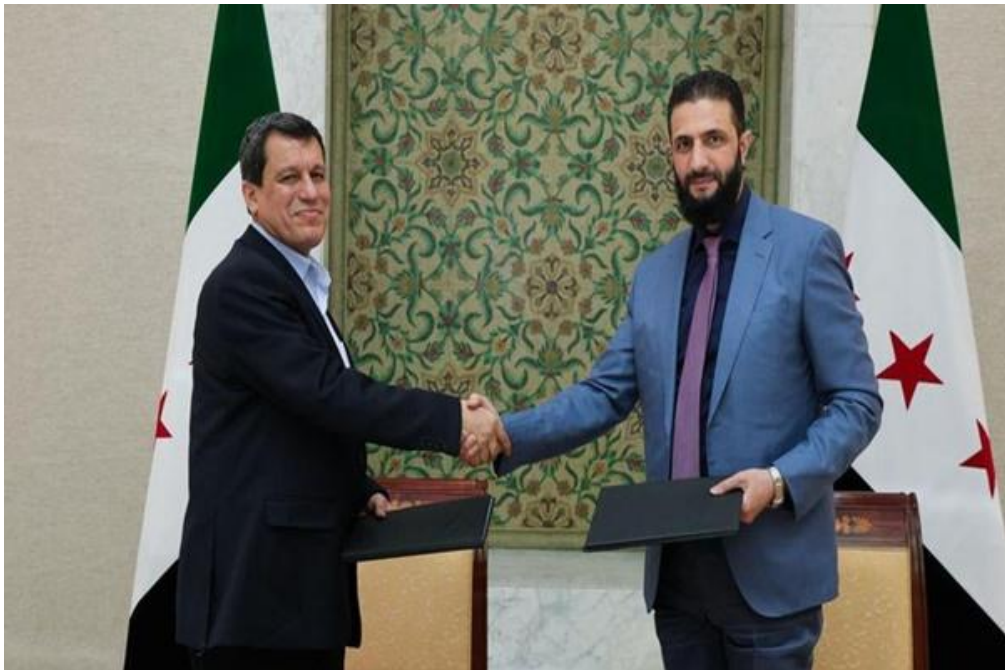


- **Directorate in its recommendations has stated that the domestic industry** has suffered material injury due to the dumped imports in India from China and Japan. The **Ministry said that anti-dumping measures** are taken to ensure fair trade and provide a level playing field to the domestic industry.



Syria's Interim Govt, SDF Reach Landmark Agreement

- Syria's interim government announced the **end of a military operation against** insurgents loyal to ousted president **Bashar al-Assad** after days of intense fighting. Clashes erupted on after **Alawite gunmen attacked a police patrol** near Lattakia, spreading violence across Syria's coastal region.



- The **Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights** reported 1,130 deaths, mostly civilians, though the figures remain unverified. Interim President Ahmad Al-Sharaa condemned retaliatory attacks on Alawite civilians, pledging an investigation.
- Thousands fled to Lebanon, where authorities report over 6,000 new arrivals. Meanwhile, **U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio reaffirmed support** for Syria's religious and ethnic minorities. Syria's interim government reached a landmark agreement with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces to integrate the group into state institutions.



- As a result of this agreement, the **SDF which controls the oil-rich northeast Syria will now integrate** its civilian and military institutions with the state. The deal will be implemented by the end of the year. It will bring all border crossings with Iraq and Turkey, airports and oil fields in the northeast under the Syrian government's control.
- **Prisons where about 9,000 suspected members of the Islamic State group** are also expected to come under government control. Photos showed interim Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa and SDF commander Mazloun Abdi shaking hands in Damascus.
- **SDF General Commander Mazloun Abdi said that the agreement** is a real opportunity to build a new Syria that embraces all its components and ensures good neighbourliness. The agreement will place the northeast under Syrian government control for the first time since the Kurdish-led authority gained autonomy of the region in 2012 during the civil war.

Trump Proposes New Iran Nuclear Deal Negotiations

- US President Donald Trump expressed a willingness to **renegotiate the Iran nuclear deal**, previously abandoned during his first term. This shift comes amid changes in Iran's political and economic landscape, as well as evolving dynamics in the Middle East.
- **Trump's recent statements suggest a strategic pivot towards diplomacy**, as he aims to address nuclear concerns while navigating complex regional

relationships. The **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)** was established in 2015. It involved Iran and six world powers, including the US, aiming to limit Iran's nuclear capabilities.



- In exchange, Iran received sanctions relief. The deal restricted uranium **enrichment to 3.67%, suitable for peaceful purposes**. However, in 2018, Trump withdrew the US, deeming the agreement flawed and one-sided. Trump's withdrawal was motivated by perceived failures in the JCPOA.
- He argued it did not adequately address Iran's ballistic missile programme or its regional influence. This **decision faced backlash from allies, with the International Atomic Energy Agency confirming Iran's compliance**.



- **European nations attempted to uphold the deal, but US sanctions** led to decline in Iranian trade. Following the US withdrawal, Iran began rolling back its commitments under the JCPOA. **By 2021, Iran announced higher uranium** enrichment levels, responding to perceived threats. The Iranian economy faced severe challenges, exacerbated by sanctions and internal unrest, particularly following the death of Mahsa Amini in 2022.
- **By late 2024, Iran's new President Masoud Pezeshkian** acknowledged dire economic conditions. This prompted a renewed openness to engage with the US. Diplomatic channels have been explored, with Iran signalling a willingness to negotiate for sanctions relief. Meanwhile, Iran's influence in the region remains , particularly through its proxy groups.

Swavalambini, Women Entrepreneurship Programme

- Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with NITI Aayog has launched the **Swavalambini initiative to promote women entrepreneurship** in the country.
- The Swavalambini initiative at the Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, was launched by Union Minister (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary.



- This initiative empowers female students in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) by providing them with the necessary entrepreneurial mindset, resources, and mentorship **to successfully build and scale their ventures.**
- The Swavalambini initiative is being implemented by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and in joint partnership with NITI Aayog. **NIESBUD comes under the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.**
- The **Swavalambini initiative was initially launched** in the Higher Educational Institutions of the Eastern region of the country. It was successfully launched at IIT Bhubaneswar and Utkal University in Odisha; North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong; Kiang Nangbah Government College, Jowai; and Ri Bhoi College in Meghalaya, etc. It is being gradually expanded to other parts of the country.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Name Of The AI- Driven Media Company Launched By Ajay Devgn**

- A. Prismix
- B. Cinemax
- C. Devgn Studios
- D. AI Films

ANSWER: A

2. **Who Has Won The Prague Masters 2025 Chess Title**

- A. Aravindh Chithambaram
- B. Viswanathan Anand
- C. Pentala Harikrishna
- D. Abhijeet Gupta

ANSWER: A

3. Which Ministry Has Launched The Swavalambini Initiative

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Education

ANSWER: C

4. Which Company Became First Two Wheeler EV Manufacturer In India To Receive Incentives Under The PLI- Auto Scheme

- A. Hero Electric
- B. TVS Motor
- C. Bajaj Auto
- D. Ola Electric

ANSWER: D

5. Who Has Been Appointed As The Chairman And Managing Director Of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation

- A. Rajesh Verma
- B. Anil Kumar Sharma
- C. Vikas Kaushal
- D. Ramesh Gupta

ANSWER: C

6. Global Terrorism Index 2025 Report Has Been Published By Which Institution

- A. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- B. Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
- C. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- D. International Monetary Fund

ANSWER: B

7. Who Has Been Appointed As The First Woman Secretary Of The Department Of Legal Affairs In March 2025

- A. Anju Rathi Rana
- B. Savitri Sinha
- C. Preeti Divakar
- D. Kalpana Agarwal

ANSWER: A

8. Tunga River Flows Through Which State

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

ANSWER: B

9. Which Country Won The Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025

- A. Indonesia
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Iran

ANSWER: C

10. Which Organization Developed The Brahmastra Missile

- A. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Defence Research and Development Organisation

ANSWER: D

11. Which Country Is Affected By Cyclone Alfred

- A. Cuba
- B. Australia
- C. Philippines
- D. New Zealand

ANSWER: B

12. By Which Year Could India Have Over 440 Million Overweight And Obese People

- A. 2040
- B. 2030
- C. 2050
- D. 2060

ANSWER: C

13. Where Was The "Navigating The Future: Industrial Policy And Global Competitiveness" Conference Held

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

14. Which Country Awarded PM Narendra Modi 'Honorary Order Of Freedom

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. South Africa
- C. Canada
- D. Barbados

ANSWER: D

15. Which Platform Was Launched As Part Of The IndiaAI Mission To Provide Secure Datasets, Models, And Use Cases For AI Innovation

- A. IndiaAI Compute Portal
- B. iGOT-AI
- C. AI Framework
- D. AIKosha

ANSWER: D

16. Which Platform Has Launched The 'Insuring HEROES' Campaign Ahead Of International Women's Day 2025

- A. Paytm
- B. Google Pay
- C. Amazon Pay
- D. PhonePe

ANSWER: D

17. Who Has Been Awarded The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Award 2024

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Nithin Kamath
- C. Mukesh Ambani
- D. Vijay Shekhar Sharma

ANSWER: B

18. Who Has Won The FIDE World Junior Championship 2025 In Montenegro

- A. Pranav Venkatesh
- B. Viswanathan Anand
- C. Pentala Harikrishna
- D. Abhijeet Gupta

ANSWER: A

19. Cabinet Declared Which Day As 'National Space Day' In India

- A. August 20
- B. August 23
- C. August 25
- D. August 27

ANSWER: B

20. Earliest Evidence Of Domestication Of Animals Provided By Adamgarh. In Which Of Following States Is Located Adamgarh

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: B