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PRAGATI Meet

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the **PRAGATI meeting**, the ICT-based multi-modal platform for **Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**, involving the **Centre and State governments**. During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed three major infrastructure projects worth over **62 thousand crore rupees**.
- The projects are **related to the sectors of Road Transport, Power, and Water Resources** located across various States and Union Territories. Emphasising the strategic importance of these projects, Mr Modi called for concerted efforts to overcome implementation bottlenecks and ensure their timely completion.



- Highlighting the **adverse impact of project delays**, the **Prime Minister** reiterated that such setbacks not only inflate costs but also deprive citizens of essential services and infrastructure. He urged all stakeholders to prioritise efficiency and accountability, stressing that timely delivery is critical to maximising socio-economic outcomes.

- During the meeting, the Prime Minister also examined notable best practices related to the development of the Semiconductor Ecosystem in India. He emphasised that such initiatives can serve as a guiding model for others and inspire broader adoption across States and UTs for strengthening the National Semiconductor Mission. So far in PRAGATI meetings, 373 projects having a total cost of around 20.64 lakh crore rupees have been reviewed.



- About PRAGATI : It is a **multi-purpose and multi-modal platform** that is aimed at addressing common man's grievances, and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.
- The **PRAGATI platform uniquely bundles three latest technologies**: Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology. It is a three-tier system (PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States)

International Day Of UN Peacekeepers

- **Two Indian peacekeepers** who lost their lives while serving under the UN flag last year will be **honoured posthumously** on International Day of UN Peacekeepers. **Brigadier General Amitabh Jha and Havildar Sanjay Singh** will be honoured posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjold medal at a solemn ceremony tomorrow on the occasion of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.



- India is the 4th largest contributor of uniformed personnel to UN Peacekeeping. It currently **deploys more than 5,300 military and police personnel** to the UN peace operations in Abyei, the Central African Republic.
- During ceremonies at the world body's headquarters to mark Peacekeepers Day, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will lay a wreath to honour more than **4,400 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives since 1948.**
- **Guterres will also preside over a ceremony** at which the Dag Hammarskjold Medals will be awarded posthumously to 57 military, police, and civilian peacekeepers who lost their lives serving under the UN flag last year. The **Secretary-General will also present awards to the 2024 Military Gender Advocate of the Year**, Squadron Leader Sharon Mwinsote Syme from Ghana, and the UN Woman Police Officer of the Year award to Superintendent Zainab Gbla of Sierra Leone.

ASEAN-GCC Summit

- The **ASEAN-GCC summit held on May 27, 2025, in Kuala Lumpur** marks step in interregional collaboration. This meeting includes the ten-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), along with Chinese Premier Li Qiang. The summit aims to enhance economic resilience amid global uncertainties and rising U.S. tariffs.



- The summit comes at a time of economic volatility. U.S. tariffs have impacted several ASEAN countries. The **GCC is ASEAN's seventh-largest trading partner**, with trade **reaching \$130.7 billion in 2023**. The summit aims for stronger ties to secure sustainable prosperity and navigate geopolitical challenges.



- The **GCC consists of oil-producing nations including** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Strengthening ASEAN-GCC ties could lead to increased trade and investment opportunities. This

partnership is seen as vital for economic stability in the face of external pressures, particularly from U.S. tariffs.

- **ASEAN maintains a policy of neutrality, engaging** with both the U.S. and China. However, the rising tensions between these two powers have led to concerns about ASEAN's ability to balance its relationships. Analysts suggest that growing reliance on China while still depending on U.S. defence support could complicate ASEAN's geopolitical stance.

Dr. Samir V Kamat

- **Samir V Kamat's tenure** as chairman of the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has been extended by one more year, now lasting until May 31, 2026.



- This marks his second extension since his initial appointment as **DRDO chief in August 2022**, with previous extensions covering up to May 31, 2025.
- Known as a reformer, **Dr. Kamat is tasked with implementing government** reforms to make DRDO more results-driven and focused on core science and technology, drawing on his extensive background in metallurgical engineering and materials science.

Kami Rita Sherpa

- **Kami Rita Sherpa, a 55-year-old Nepali mountaineer**, recently made headlines by breaking his own record for the most ascents of Mount Everest. On May 27, 2025, he successfully **reached the summit for the 31st time**. Leading a 22-member team from the Indian Army, he followed the traditional southeast ridge route. This achievement marks the enduring legacy and expertise of Sherpas in high-altitude climbing.



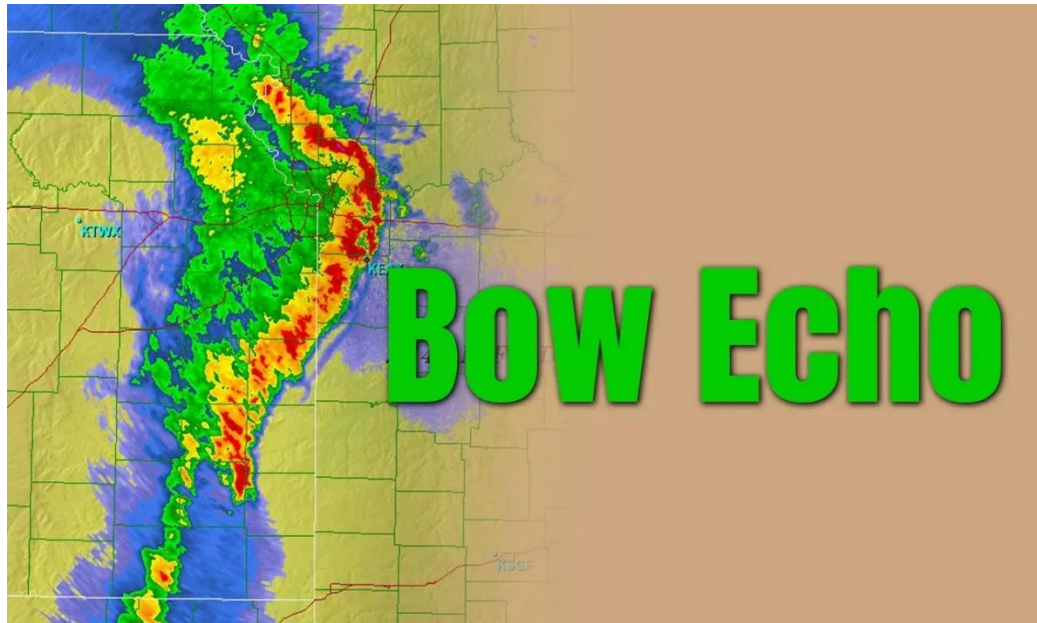
- **Sherpas are a Tibetan ethnic group** native to the Himalayan regions of Nepal, and Tibet. The **term “Sherpa” translates to “people from the East”** in Tibetan. This community is renowned for its mountaineering skills and knowledge, making them invaluable guides for climbers attempting to conquer the Himalayas, particularly Mount Everest. The G20 has even adopted the term “Sherpa” for delegates who facilitate discussions for summits.
- **Kami Rita, often referred to as the “Everest Man,”** first scaled Mount Everest in 1994. He has climbed the peak annually since then, establishing himself as the world record holder. **His record-breaking ascent took place under** stable weather conditions, showcasing his remarkable skills and professionalism. He has also climbed other peaks, including K2 and Lhotse.

Bow Echo

- The recent storm that struck Delhi showcased a unique **phenomenon known as a bow echo**. This meteorological event was visually represented on weather radar as a crescent shape. Bow echoes are because they often precede severe windstorms.
- During the Delhi storm, **wind speeds reached up to 100 km/h**. Understanding bow echoes is crucial for predicting severe weather events. A bow echo is a radar signature of a line of thunderstorms that appears bowed or curved. This formation **can range from 20 km to 100 km in length** and typically lasts between three and six hours.



- The term **“bow echo”** was introduced in the **1970s** by meteorologist Ted Fujita. Bow echoes form when rain-cooled air descends to the ground and spreads out, creating a gust front. This gust front is a boundary between the cooler air and warmer moist air at the surface. The warm air is pushed upwards, leading to the formation of new thunderstorms.
- This cycle continues, causing the **bow shape as airflow bends** the storm system. Bow echoes are commonly associated with severe weather conditions. They can produce **damaging straight-line winds** and are often linked to derechos, which are long-lived bow echoes.



- The process involves a series of thunderstorms that maintain strength through continuous **formation and reinforcement of rain-cooled air**. Bow echoes are not rare in India.
- A notable instance occurred on May 31, 2022, over Delhi and Noida, with winds **reaching 100 km/h**. Similar formations have been recorded during thunderstorms in other regions, such as Odisha.
- **A derecho is weather event that arises from a bow echo or multiple bow echoes**. It is characterised by strong winds and can travel extensive distances. If a bow echo produces widespread wind gusts exceeding 58 mph (93 km/h) and travels over 250 miles (400 km), it is classified as a derecho.

India Wins Gold In 4x400m Mixed Relay

- India has successfully **defended its 4x400m mixed relay** title at the Asian Athletics Championships in Gumi, South Korea. The Indian quartet, **Rupal Choudhary, Santhosh Kumar Tamilarasan, Vishal TK, and Subha Venkatesan**, clocked 3 minutes 18.12 seconds to win gold, comfortably ahead of China at 3:20.52 and Sri Lanka at 3:21.95.
- This marks **India's third mixed relay medal**, following gold in 2023 and silver in 2019. In women's events, **Rupal Choudhary** also claimed silver in the 400m, finishing in 52.68 seconds, while **Vithya Ramraj came fifth**. Moments later, Pooja secured another silver in the women's 1500m, clocking 4:10.83, with Lili Das narrowly missing a medal in fourth place.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Until When Has Dr. Samir V Kamat's Tenure As DRDO Chairman Been Extended

- A. May 31, 2026
- B. August 31, 2025
- C. December 31, 2026
- D. June 30, 2026

ANSWER: A

2. Who Became The First Indian To Win A Formula 2 Race At The Monaco Grand Prix Sprint Race In 2025

- A. Arjun Maini
- B. Kush Maini
- C. Jehan Daruvala
- D. Narain Karthikeyan

ANSWER: B

3. Who Won The Gold Medal In The Women's 25m Pistol Event At The ISSF Junior World Cup 2025

- A. Tejaswani
- B. Manu Bhaker
- C. Elavenil Valarivan
- D. Anjum Moudgil

ANSWER: A

4. Which Organization Officially Declared 25th May As World Football Day

- A. FIFA
- B. International Olympic Committee
- C. United Nations
- D. UEFA

ANSWER: C

5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

6. Which Country Is Set To Launch The Tianwen-2 Mission To Collect Samples From The Quasi-satellite Asteroid Kamo'oalewa

- A. United States
- B. Japan
- C. Russia
- D. China

ANSWER: D

7. Which Indian State Launched A Space Industrial Policy In April 2025 To Boost Investment And Job Creation In The Space Sector

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

8. Which Indian State Recently Became The 24th In The Country To Achieve 100% Railway Route Electrification

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

ANSWER: A

9. Kirkuk Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. Iraq
- C. Australia
- D. Greece

ANSWER: B

10. What Is The Newly Revised Official Length Of India's Coastline As Per The Ministry Of Home Affairs' 2023–24 Report

- A. 7,516 km
- B. 11,099 km
- C. 9,842 km
- D. 10,250 km

ANSWER: B

11. Which Institute Discovered A New Method To Detect Topological Invariants In Quantum Materials Using The Spectral Function

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

ANSWER: B

12. What Is The Theme Of 9th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025

- A. Innovate to Transform
- B. New Digital Universe
- C. Global Digital Innovation
- D. The Future is now

ANSWER: A

13. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme Is An Initiative Of Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Urban Development
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

ANSWER: C

14. In Which Indian City Is The University Of Liverpool Planning To Establish Its First Foreign Campus By The Summer Of 2026?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Pune

ANSWER: C

15. Which Team Won The Women's Champions League 2025 By Defeating Barcelona

- A. Chelsea
- B. Manchester City
- C. Paris Saint-Germain
- D. Arsenal

ANSWER: D

16. What Is The Total Worth Of Development Projects Inaugurated Or Initiated By PM Modi In Bhuj, Gujarat

- A. ₹43,400 crore
- B. ₹50,000 crore
- C. ₹53,400 crore
- D. ₹60,000 crore

ANSWER: C

17. Who Was The Leader Of The Research Team That Successfully Developed India's First Gene-edited Sheep

- A. Dr. Riyaz Ahmad Shah
- B. Dr. Lavkush Vithal
- C. Dr Parul Tyagi
- D. Dr Megha Mishra

ANSWER: A

18. How Many Total Medals Did India Win At The ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 In Suhl

- A. 11
- B. 8
- C. 7
- D. 4

ANSWER: A

19. Who Has Been Appointed As The Brand Ambassador For The Karnataka Forest And Wildlife Department

- A. Rahul Dravid
- B. Anil Kumble
- C. Javagal Srinath
- D. Sunil Gavaskar

ANSWER: B

20. In Which City Will Vice President Dhankhar Inaugurate The Krishi Udyog Samagam 2025

- A. Narsinghpur
- B. Bhopal
- C. Indore
- D. Jabalpur

ANSWER: A