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India - Ghana

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with the President of Ghana, John Mahama, at Jubilee House in Accra last night. Both leaders discussed various ways to strengthen and deepen bilateral relations. Four MoUs were signed following the talks, including in the areas of cultural exchange and traditional music.



 The Prime Minister arrived in Accra yesterday on a state visit to Ghana. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome by President Mahama, including a guard of honour and a 21-gun salute at the airport. both sides discussed expanding cooperation in trade, investment, agriculture, digital technology, capacity building, infrastructure, and people-to-people ties. They welcomed the growing

bilateral trade and Indian investments in Ghana, and also discussed defence and security cooperation. PM Modi said, in the defence and security sector, we will move forward with the guiding principle of '**Security through Solidarity.'**

 Collaboration will be strengthened in key areas such as armed forces training, maritime security, defence supply chains, and cybersecurity." They committed to deepening development partnerships through India-supported infrastructure and capacity-building projects, offering expertise in health, pharma, UPI, and skill development. The two leaders also discussed UN reforms and agreed on the need for stronger global counter-terrorism cooperation.



 Following the talks, four MoUs in culture, standards, Ayurveda and traditional medicine, and a joint commission mechanism were exchanged. Later, at a State Banquet hosted by President Mahama, the Prime Minister received the national honour of Ghana – Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana – by the President of Ghana, John Mahama, in recognition of his distinguished statesmanship and influential global leadership. Ghana Foreign Minister reading the citation of the Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana.



• A groundbreaking step towards food self-sufficiency, Ghana has launched a climate-resilient wheat initiative in collaboration with India's Arima Farms and CSIR-Crops Research Institute.



• With wheat imports **crossing \$400 million annually**, this project aims to cut dependency and boost local farming. Arima Farms MD, Saalai Manikam,

highlighted how South-South cooperation is driving agricultural innovation. She also shared how many Ghanaians admire and follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. A new chapter in India-Ghana partnership is being sown.

Monsoon Session Of Parliament

• Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju informed that President Droupadi Murmu has approved the proposal of the Government to convene the **Monsoon Session of Parliament from 21st July to 21st August**.



- Article 85 of the Indian Constitution deals with the sessions of Parliament, including how and when they are held, and the President's powers to summon, prorogue, and dissolve Parliament.
- Article 85(1): The President shall summon each House of Parliament to meet at such time and place as deemed appropriate, ensuring that no more than six months intervene between the last sitting of one session and the first sitting of the next session.
- Article 85(2): It empowers the President to prorogue the Houses or either House of the Parliament and to dissolve the House of the People (Lok Sabha) as needed.... Budget session (February to May)
- Monsoon session (July to September)
- Winter session (November to December)



Unified Inundation Forecasting System C-FLOOD

- Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil today inaugurated a **Unified Inundation Forecasting System C-FLOOD in New Delhi.** This is a web-based platform that provides twodays advance **inundation forecasts up to village level**.
- The platform will act as a unified system integrating flood modeling outputs from national and regional agencies, offering a comprehensive decision-support tool for disaster management authorities. At present, the system covers the Mahanadi, Godavari, and Tapi river basins.



- Minister directed the concerned agencies to widely popularize the C-FLOOD portal to enhance public awareness and preparedness, and to prepare a comprehensive plan for inundation studies covering all river basins.
- The project marks a transformative step towards strengthening India's flood management and disaster response framework. The initiative, executed under the National Supercomputing Mission jointly steered by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Department of Science and Technology.

Global Unicorn Index 2025

- Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025, published by the Hurun Research Institute, marks a significant milestone in the global startup ecosystem. This year, the total number of privately held startups valued at over \$1 billion, known as unicorns, has reached a record 1,523. These companies, collectively worth \$5.6 trillion, represent the forefront of global innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Since 2019, the number of countries with unicorns has increased by 120%, now totaling 52 nations. Similarly, unicorns are now spread across 307 cities, showing a 160% year-on-year increase in geographic diversity. This demonstrates the expanding reach of the startup ecosystem beyond traditional tech hubs.

Rank	Country	Total Unicorns	Key Cities (with Global City Rank)
1	United States	758	San Francisco (1), New York (2), Boston (10), Austin (14)
2	China	343	Beijing (3), Shanghai (4), Shenzhen (6), Guangzhou (11)
3	India	64	Bengaluru (7), Mumbai (22), Gurugram (27)
4	United Kingdom	61	London (5)
5	Germany	36	Berlin (13)
6	France	30	Paris (8)
7	Canada	28	Toronto (24)
8	Israel	20	Tel Aviv (24)
9	South Korea	18	Seoul (17)
9	Singapore	18	Singapore (14)



Japan Launches Climate Satellite

• Japan successfully launched the GOSAT-GW climate monitoring satellite aboard the H-2A rocket's 50th and final flight; the satellite will monitor greenhouse gases like carbon and methane, providing high-resolution climate data globally within a year.



 The H-2A rocket, which began service in 2001 with a 98% success rate, retires after this mission and will be replaced by Japan's new flagship H3 rocket, developed with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to offer larger payload capacity at roughly half the launch cost, boosting global competitiveness.

RBI Asks Banks To Adopt FRI

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued an advisory for all banks to adopt the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). This initiative is advancement in combatting cyberenabled financial fraud in India. The FRI aims to enhance the security of digital transactions by providing real-time risk assessments of mobile numbers associated with financial activities.
- The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator is a metric that categorises mobile numbers based on their risk of being involved in financial fraud. It classifies numbers into Medium, High, or Very High risk categories.



- This classification is derived from data collected from various sources, including the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and inputs from banks and financial institutions. The FRI operates through a multi-dimensional analytical tool. It assesses mobile numbers against a range of risk factors. When a number is flagged, the system conducts an analysis and promptly shares the risk classification with relevant stakeholders.
- This enables banks and financial institutions to take immediate preventive actions.mBanks and financial institutions can leverage the FRI to enhance their fraud prevention strategies. They can **decline suspicious transactions**, issue alerts to customers, and delay transactions flagged as high-risk.



• This proactive approach helps in safeguarding customers from potential financial losses. The implementation of the FRI has encourageed collaboration between the **DoT**, **RBI**, and various financial institutions. Leading UPI platforms, such as PhonePe and Paytm, have begun integrating FRI alerts into their systems. This collaboration enhances the efficacy of fraud detection and response mechanisms across the financial sector.



- As UPI continues to be the preferred payment method in India, the FRI is poised to reduce the incidence of cyber fraud. By providing timely risk assessments, the FRI empowers users and institutions to make informed decisions during transactions.
- This intervention could save millions from falling victim to cyber fraud. The FRI represents a step towards a more secure digital financial ecosystem in India. As more institutions adopt this framework, it is expected to evolve into a standard practice. The ongoing commitment of the DoT to enhance cybersecurity measures will further strengthen the trust of citizens in digital transactions.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Name Of The Japanese Climate Monitoring Satellite Launched
- A. Hayabusa3
- B. SLIM-2
- C. GOSAT-GW
- D. Kibo-X

ANSWER: C

- 2. Where Was The First- Ever Ladakh Astro Tourism Festival Held
- A. Kargil
- B. Leh
- C. Srinagar
- D. Manali ANSWER: B
- 3. National Sports Policy 2025 Will Replace Which Earlier Policy
- A. National Sports Policy 1995
- B. National Sports Policy 2001
- C. Sports Vision 2010
- D. National Fitness Plan 2005 ANSWER: B
- 4. Which Ministry Has Released The Sustainable Development Goals-national Indicator Framework Progress Report 2025
- A. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology **ANSWER: A**
- 5. What Is The Theme Of National Doctor's Day 2025
- A. Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands
- B. Save the Saviours
- C. Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers
- D. Zero tolerance to violence against doctors **ANSWER: C**

- 6. Name Of Programme Under Which Government Recently Fast-tracked Launch Of 52 Dedicated Surveillance Satellites
- A. Defence Satellite Initiative
- B. Space-Based Surveillance-III
- C. Secure Space Communications
- D. Military Reconnaissance Network ANSWER: C
- 7. Where Was The First-ever Asean– India Cruise Dialogue Inaugurated
- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad
 - ANSWER: B
- 8. Where Was Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH University Inaugurated In Uttar Pradesh
- A. Prayagraj
- B. Varanasi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Gorakhpur ANSWER: D

9. INS Tabar, Belongs To Which Class Of Frigates

- A. Shivalik-class
- B. Talwar-class
- C. Nilgiri-class
- D. Brahmaputra-class

ANSWER: B

10. Which Institution Has Released The Financial Stability Report For June 2025

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) ANSWER: B

11. Where Is The Wandan Mud Volcano Located

- A. Japan
- B. Taiwan
- C. Philippines
- D. Indonesia ANSWER: B
- 12. Which Group Of Nations Launched The "At Sea Observer Mission" To Boost Maritime Cooperation
- A. BRICS
- B. ASEAN
- C. SAARC
- D. QUAD ANSWER: D
- 13. Which Organization Has Developed The SACHET System To Send Real-time Disaster Alerts Across India
- A. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D. National Informatics Centre **ANSWER: A**
- 14. MPOWER Framework Was Introduced By Which Organization To Reduce Tobacco Demand
- A. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- B. World Bank
- C. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- D. World Health Organization **ANSWER: D**

15. Which State Is Home To India's First Quantum Computing Valley

- A. Kerala
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka
 - **ANSWER: B**

16. Where Was Seventh Helicopter And Small Aircraft Summit 2025 Held

- A. Pune, Maharashtra
- B. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu ANSWER: A

17. What Is "Kombucha"

- A. Flowering plant
- B. Fermented Tea
- C. Invasive weed
- D. Traditional medicine

ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Rank Of India In The Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth ANSWER: C

19. India Energy Stack Is An Initiative Of Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

ANSWER: C

20. Which Traditional Painting Was Gifted By India's Defence Minister To Chinese Counterpart During SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting

- A. Warli painting
- B. Pattachitra painting
- C. Madhubani painting
- D. Kalamkari painting

ANSWER: C