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PM Modi To Embark On 4-day Visit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-nation visit to the **United Kingdom (UK) and Maldives** from 23rd to 26th of this month. In his first leg of the tour, **Mr Modi will visit UK from 23rd to 24th July**, at the invitation of his UK counterpart **Keir Starmer**.
- During the visit, Prime Minister Modi will hold wide ranging discussions with Prime Minister Starmer on the **entire gamut of India-UK bilateral relations**. They will also exchange views on issues of regional and global importance. Mr Modi is also expected to call on His **Majesty King Charles III**.



- During the visit, the two sides will also review the progress of the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with** a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate, health, education and people-to-people ties. This will be Prime Minister Modi's fourth visit to the UK.
- In the second leg, Prime Minister Modi will be on a two-day visit to Maldives from 25th of this month, on the invitation of the Maldives President Dr.

Mohamed Muizzu. He will be the 'Guest of Honour' at the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the Independence of Maldives.



- During the visit, he will meet the maldives president and hold discussions on issues of mutual interest. The two leaders will also take stock of the progress in the implementation of **the India-Maldives Joint Vision for a 'Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership'**. The visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to further deepen and strengthen the close bilateral relationship. This will be the Prime Minister's third visit to Maldives.

India Becomes Global Leader In Fast Payments

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** says, India leads the world in fast payments with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recording 18.39 billion transactions worth **over 24.03 lakh crore rupees in June** this year.
- According to a recent IMF note titled '**Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability**', UPI has revolutionized India's payment ecosystem, processing over **18 billion transactions monthly**.
- Akashvani's correspondent reports **that launched in 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India**, UPI has revolutionised the country's payment ecosystem by enabling users to link multiple bank accounts to a single mobile app and make instant transactions with ease, IMF said.



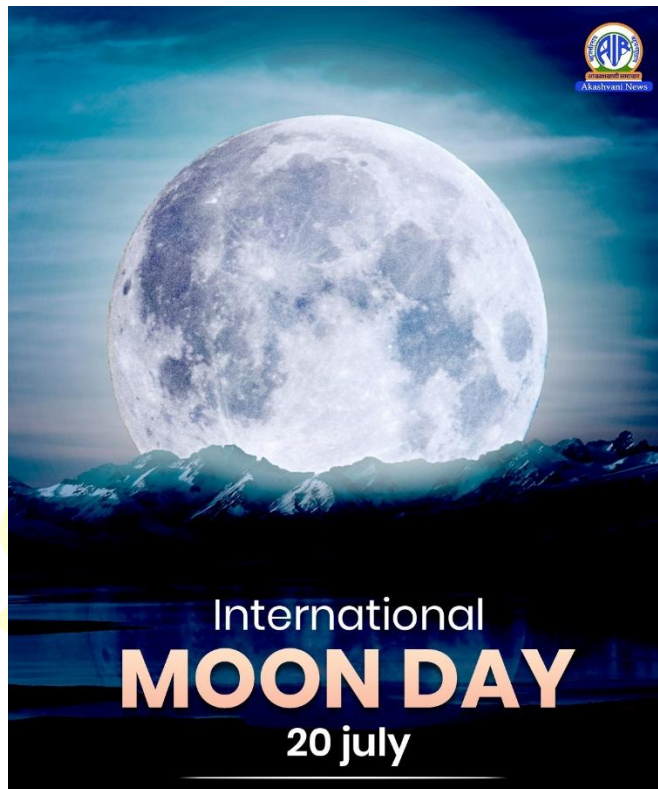
- It has not only simplified peer-to-peer payments but also enabled millions of small businesses to **accept digital payments at minimal cost**. According to government data, UPI now processes over **18 billion transactions every month, accounting for 85 per cent of India's** total digital payments. In June alone, the platform recorded 18.39 billion transactions worth 24.03 lakh crore rupees, a 32 per cent increase from June last year.



- With 491 million users and 65 million merchants onboard, **UPI connects 675 banks through a single digital framework**.
- This shift has taken India away **from cash and card-based payments** and pushed it towards a digital-first economy. Millions of individuals and small businesses now rely on UPI for safe and low-cost transactions.

International Moon Day

- **International Moon Day is being observed to commemorate the historic Apollo 11 mission, when humans first set foot on the Moon on July 20th in 1969. The United Nations General Assembly officially recognised this observance in 2021, following a recommendation by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.**



- The day celebrates **global achievements in lunar exploration and promotes international cooperation**, sustainable space practices, and the peaceful use of lunar resources.
- Across the world, the occasion is observed through public events, sky-gazing sessions, educational outreach, and science competitions, aimed especially at inspiring young people's interest in space science.
- The theme for 2025, '**One Moon, One Vision, One Future**,' highlights the spirit of global unity and shared ambition in the continued exploration of the Moon. India also has made remarkable strides in lunar exploration.
- **From Chandrayaan-1's discovery of water molecules on the Moon in 2009 to Chandrayaan-3's successful landing near the lunar south pole in 2023, India has demonstrated its prowess in cost-effective and innovative space missions.**



G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors

- **Group of Twenty (G20) Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors** wrapped up their two-day meeting in South Africa with a joint communique focused on boosting global cooperation.
- The talks, held in **Durban**, **addressed major global challenges** including conflict, trade tensions, supply chain disruptions, debt, and climate-related disasters. In the communique, officials pledged to work together to tackle both existing and emerging risks. The ministers agreed to pursue growth-focused economic policies.



- They also committed to **building fiscal buffers**, promoting investment, and supporting central bank independence to ensure price stability. The South Africa's National Treasury in a statement said that the ministers agreed to **bolster long-term growth potential by pursuing growth** oriented macroeconomic policies, while building fiscal buffers, ensuring fiscal sustainability, encouraging public and private investments, undertaking productivity-enhancing reforms and safeguarding central bank independence to maintain price stability.



- It said **World Trade Organization (WTO)** requires some **comprehensive** reform to improve all its functions, through innovative approaches, to be more relevant and responsive to today's realities.

India's Automotive Mission Plan 2047

- Government of India has launched the **Automotive Mission Plan 2047 (AMP 2047)** to transform India into a global automotive leader by 2047. This strategic roadmap aligns with the broader '**Viksit Bharat @2047**' vision.
- **The** plan emphasises innovation, sustainability, and increased global trade share. **Multiple ministries, industry bodies, academia, and experts are collaborating to set clear milestones for 2030, 2037, and 2047.**
- **AMP 2047 builds on the earlier AMP 2016-2026 initiative.** The previous plan aimed to place India among the top three global automotive hubs by value addition, exports, and job creation.



- **AMP 2047** seeks to expand this vision with a **stronger** focus on technology, quality, and sustainability. Seven expert sub-committees have been formed to guide the process. They include representatives from government, industry, and academia. The plan targets sector growth, export enhancement, and industry advancement. It is designed to boost India's share in the global automotive market. **Innovation and quality are central themes.** The roadmap moves beyond specific technologies or companies to focus on India's global standing.



- The initiative includes developing infrastructure such as EV charging networks and adopting emerging technologies. **AMP 2047 involves a broad range of stakeholders.** These include Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), auto component makers, policy-makers, academia, and end users. Industry bodies like SIAM, ACMA, CII, and FICCI actively participate. Several ministries such as Power, Road Transport and Highways, Commerce, Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Environment are engaged. Testing agencies and research think tanks also contribute. The roadmap sets clear targets for 2030, 2037, and 2047.
- These milestones aim at phased growth in production, exports, and technology adoption. The plan **envisages India becoming a leader in engineering and manufacturing** of vehicles and components. It also focuses on job creation and increasing the automotive sector's contribution to GDP. The strategy is adaptive to future technological and market changes.



- **AMP 2047 addresses challenges like rapid technology shifts, infrastructure gaps,** and global competition. It promotes sustainability through electric mobility and cleaner fuels. The plan encourages innovation in product design and manufacturing processes. It also seeks to enhance skill development to meet future industry demands. Export growth is targeted through quality improvements and global market integration.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Institutional Ranking Framework Was Launched By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

ANSWER: A

2. Where was the Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh inaugurated

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

ANSWER: B

3. National Standards For Civil Service Training Institutes 2.0 Framework Was Developed By Which Government Body

- A. Capacity Building Commission (CBC)
- B. Indian Institute of Public Administration
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: A

4. Poshan Tracker App Was Launched By Which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

ANSWER: B

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. What Is A “Protostar”

- A. An early stage in star formation
- B. A cloud of dust orbiting a planet
- C. A fully formed star
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: A

7. Trade Connect ePlatform Is An Initiative Of Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Defence

ANSWER: A

8. Which Country Virtually Hosted The 4th BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise 2025?

- A. Thailand
- B. Myanmar
- C. India
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: C

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

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

ANSWER: B

10. Umiam Lake Seen In The News, Is Located In Which State

- A. West Bengal
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Meghalaya

ANSWER: D

11. Mount Kilimanjaro, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Australia
- B. Kenya
- C. Russia
- D. Tanzania

ANSWER: D

12. When Is The 'Nelson Mandela Day' Observed Every Year

- A. 16 July
- B. 17 July
- C. 18 July
- D. 19 July

ANSWER: C

13. Reykjanes Peninsula, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Canada
- B. Iceland
- C. Indonesia
- D. France

ANSWER: B

14. Which African Country Has Been Declared Free Of Trachoma By The World Health Organization

- A. Sudan
- B. Senegal
- C. Kenya
- D. Angola

ANSWER: B

15. Which State Won The India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 For Battery Manufacturing

- A. Haryana
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: C

16. Which Organization Has Released The Report Titled “Frontiers 2025: The Weight Of Time”

- A. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- B. World Bank
- C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D. World Health Organization (WHO)

ANSWER: C

17. Which Government Department Launched Sanchar Mitra Scheme To Empower Youth As Digital Ambassadors

- A. Department of Posts (DoP)
- B. Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- D. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)

ANSWER: C

18. What Is The Name Of Operation Launched By The Directorate Of Revenue Intelligence To Seize Illicit Chinese Firecrackers

- A. Operation Crackdown
- B. Operation Fire Trail
- C. Operation Garuda
- D. Operation Chakra

ANSWER: B

19. A Monkey Puzzle Butterfly Was Recently Spotted At Which Tiger Reserve In Madhya Pradesh

- A. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- B. Satpura Tiger Reserve
- C. Madhav Tiger Reserve
- D. Pench Tiger Reserve

ANSWER: D

20. Which Of The Following Islands Has Been Renamed After Former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

- A. Barren Island
- B. Majuli Island
- C. Katchal Island
- D. Wheeler Island

ANSWER: D