

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Centre Approves ₹5,659 crore Mission for Cotton Productivity

- The Union Cabinet approved the ₹5,659.22 crore Mission for Cotton Productivity for the cycle of 2026-27 to 2030-31 and this decision was announced on the 5th May 2026. This mission will tackle declining yields, quality issues and the global competitiveness.
- This mission will tackle declining yields, quality issues and the global competitiveness. This mission is also aims to transform the entire cotton value chain from farming to exports along with ensuring sustainability and better income for farmers.
- The mission is aligned with the Union Government's 5F vision which is,
- **Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign**
- **Key Focus Areas of the Cotton Mission**
- Development of the High Yielding and Climate Resilient Seeds
- Adoption of the Modern Cotton Farming Techniques
- Also to improve the Cotton Quality and Processing
- Strengthening the Testing and Certification Infrastructure
- Also focus on branding with Kasturi Cotton Bharat
- **Targets and Expected Outcomes**
- As main target is to increase the cotton production to 498 lakh bales.
- Also to improve the productivity from 440 kg/ha to 755 kg/ha by 2031.
- And reduce the contamination levels to below 2%.
- The main focus to boost the high-quality cotton exports.



## Cabinet Approval Expands Maritime Ambitions

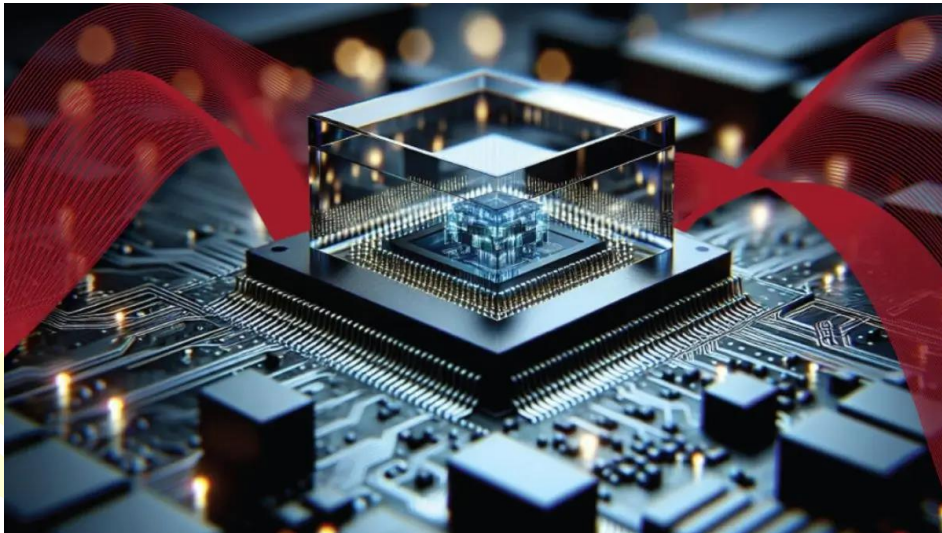
- The Union Cabinet led by Honorable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has approved establishment of the state of the art ship repair facility at Vadinar in Gujarat.
- This decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs and this project has backing of the investment around ₹1,570 crore and it will be implemented by Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- This initiative is expected to strengthen India's ship repair capabilities and position the India as a competitive global maritime hub.
- Vadinar has emerged as the strategic choice due to its natural deep draft and the close proximity to major ports such as Mundra and Kandla. Also the location of Vadinar is along key international shipping routes which makes it ideal for the handling of the large commercial and foreign flagged vessels.
- The project is expected to generate the substantial economic benefits by creating both direct and indirect employment opportunities. Nearly 290 direct jobs and nearly 1,100 indirect jobs are likely to be created across the ship repair, logistics and ancillary industries.



## Union Cabinet Clears Two New Semiconductor Projects

- The Union Cabinet led by Honorable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has approved the two new semiconductor projects under the India's Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- Upcoming two projects have the combined investment of over ₹3,936 crore and these projects will be set up in the State of Gujarat and it expected to generate more than 2,200 skilled jobs.
- The Union Cabinet led by PM Narendra Modi has approved two key semiconductor manufacturing facilities in Gujarat. It marks the significant expansion of the India's semiconductor ecosystem under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
- This newly approved projects includes,
  - A compound semiconductor fabrication facility with the Mini/Micro LED production.
  - And the semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) unit.
- One of the most important aspects is the project by Crystal Matrix Limited (CML), which will set to established in Dholera. And this facility will focus on compound semiconductor fabrication using Gallium Nitride (GaN) technology.

- This facility will produce Mini/Micro-LED display panels with the annual capacity of 72,000 sq. meters. It also produce GaN epitaxy wafers with a capacity of 24,000 RGB wafer sets every year.
- After these approvals the total number of projects under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) has reached to 12 with the cumulative investments of around ₹1.64 lakh crore.
- The government is also supporting the 315 academic institutions with semiconductor design infrastructure.



## Supreme Court Judge Strength to 37

- Union Cabinet on 5th May 2026 approved a proposal to increase the strength of the Supreme Court from 34 to 38 judges. At present, the Supreme Court has an approved strength of 34 judges including the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- This new proposal will be introduced in Parliament through the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026. This decision is expected to improve the efficiency of the top court and faster disposal of pending cases.
- The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 seeks to amend the existing Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.
- When this amendment passes by Parliament this law will officially raise the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges by four additional strengths.
- Currently the Supreme Court functions with the sanctioned strength of 33 judges apart from Chief Justice of India. The proposed expansion to 37 judges aims to help the judiciary and manage to increase case burdens more effectively.

- Earlier, the original Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956 fixed the number of judges at 10 excluding the Chief Justice.
- In the year 1960 the strength was increased to 13 judges. It was further expanded to 17 in 1977.
- Later strength was rose to 25 via 1986 amendment and then 30 through the 2008 amendment. The last major increase came in 2019 when the strength was raised from 30 to 33 judges.



## Shekhar Vempati Appointed as Chairperson of CBFC

- The Government of India, through a notification issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting dated May 6, 2026, has appointed Shashi Shekhar Vempati as the **Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)**. He shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of joining.
- Consequent upon the elevation of **Prasoon Joshi** as Chairman of **Prasar Bharati**, he has stepped down from the position of Chairperson, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), leading to the present appointment.
- The Central Board of Film Certification is a statutory film-certification body in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Government of India. It is tasked with "regulating the public exhibition of films under the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1952."
- The Cinematograph Act 1952 outlines a strict certification process for commercial films shown in public venues. Films screened in cinemas and on television may only be publicly exhibited in India after certification by the board and edited.

- The board currently issues four certificates. Originally, there were two: U (unrestricted public exhibition with family-friendly movies) and A (restricted to adult audiences but any kind of nudity not allowed).



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EXAMS

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. What is the total budget approved for the Mission for Cotton Productivity?**

- A. ₹3,936 crore
- B. ₹5,659 crore
- C. ₹1,570 crore
- D. ₹1.64 lakh crore

**Answer:** B. ₹5,659 crore

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**2. The Mission for Cotton Productivity will be implemented during which period?**

- A. 2025–2030
- B. 2024–2029
- C. 2026–27 to 2030–31
- D. 2023–2028

**Answer:** C. 2026–27 to 2030–31

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**3. The “5F” vision of the government includes which sequence?**

- A. Farm → Food → Factory → Finance → Foreign
- B. Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign
- C. Fibre → Farm → Factory → Fashion → Foreign
- D. Farm → Fibre → Fashion → Factory → Foreign

**Answer:** B. Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign

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**4. What is the target cotton productivity by 2031 under the mission?**

- A. 440 kg/ha
- B. 600 kg/ha
- C. 755 kg/ha
- D. 900 kg/ha

**Answer:** C. 755 kg/ha

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**5. The ship repair facility approved by the Cabinet will be set up at:**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Vadinar
- D. Chennai

**Answer:** C. Vadinar

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**6. The Vadinar ship repair project will be implemented by which organizations?**

- A. ONGC and GAIL
- B. DRDO and HAL
- C. Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D. ISRO and BHEL

**Answer:** C. Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited

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**7. The two semiconductor projects approved are part of which mission?**

- A. Digital India Mission
- B. Make in India
- C. India Semiconductor Mission
- D. Startup India

**Answer:** C. India Semiconductor Mission

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**8. Where will the semiconductor facility by Crystal Matrix Limited be established?**

- A. Surat
- B. Dholera
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Gandhinagar

**Answer:** B. Dholera

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**9. The proposed increase in the strength of the Supreme Court of India will raise the number of judges to:**

- A. 34
- B. 35
- C. 37
- D. 38

**Answer:** D. 38

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**10. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification in May 2026?**

- A. Prasoona Joshi
- B. Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- C. Anurag Thakur
- D. Rajkumar Hirani

**Answer:** B. Shashi Shekhar Vempati