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Let's check this news about (SBI) Then, we will move ahead.

SBI Introduces 'Grahak Mitras' to Promote Adoption of Alternate Banking Channels

The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched 'Grahak Mitras' at 4,500 high-footfall branches to assist customers with digital and self-service banking. Drawn from SBI's subsidiary SBOSS, they aim to reduce branch congestion and promote digital literacy. SBI is also upgrading 40,000 ATMs/ADWMs and adding 5,500 SWAYAM kiosks by FY26. With 98.1% of transactions via alternate channels by December 2024, SBI's tech-driven approach is transforming customer experience and operational efficiency across its vast network.



[Image Source: India Today]

Pope Francis Passes Away at the Age of 88

Pope Francis, the first Latin American and Jesuit pope, passed away at 88 after a prolonged illness. Elected in 2013, he was known for his humility, reform efforts, and focus on social justice. He championed climate action, interfaith dialogue, and inclusivity while facing criticism from conservative factions. His legacy includes empowering women, supporting marginalised communities, and modernising the Vatican. Despite internal opposition, he remained a global symbol of compassion, making the Church more accessible and aligned with contemporary humanitarian values.

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[Image Source: BBC News]

Ananya Panday Named Chanel's First Indian Brand Ambassador

Ananya Panday has been named the first-ever Indian brand ambassador for Chanel, marking a milestone in both the actress's career and Chanel's expansion into India. At 25, Ananya is celebrated for her fashion influence, blending youthful charm with bold sartorial choices. With over 25 million Instagram followers, she has become a Gen Z icon. Besides Chanel, she represents brands like Swarovski and Jimmy Choo. Her appointment highlights the growing global presence of Indian celebrities in the luxury fashion industry.



[Image Source: NDTV]

Maharashtra Declares DPS Flamingo Lake a Conservation Reserve



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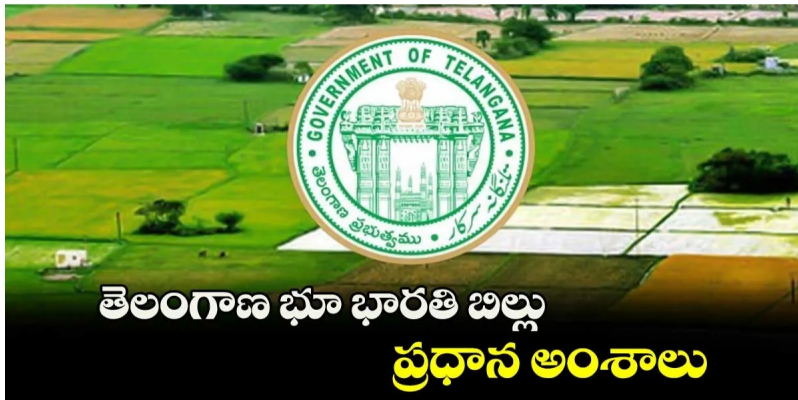
The Maharashtra State Wildlife Board has designated DPS Flamingo Lake as a conservation reserve, marking a significant step in protecting Navi Mumbai's wetland ecosystem. This 30-acre lake, connected to the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary, is crucial for flamingos, offering a vital feeding ground. The lake's protection follows efforts to restore its ecology after construction activities disrupted its hydrology. This initiative highlights the importance of balancing urban development with wildlife conservation and sets a precedent for preserving urban wetlands in India.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

Telangana Enacts Bhu Bharati Act, 2025

The Telangana Bhu Bharati Act, 2025, replaces the flawed Dharani portal, aiming to decentralise land governance and improve transparency. It introduces local-level grievance redressal, mandatory land surveys, and legal recognition for informal land deals like sada bainamas. The Act ensures automatic mutation of inherited land and provides cost-free services for farmers. A two-tier complaint system offers faster resolution through RDOs and District Collectors. Initially piloted in four mandals, the system will roll out statewide by Telangana Formation Day.



[Image Source: Mint]



Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey Named Vice-President of AIIB

Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey, former Finance Secretary of India, has been appointed Vice-President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), highlighting India's growing global financial influence. He will oversee investment planning, sustainability, and portfolio management. A 1984-batch IAS officer, Pandey led Aadhaar's rollout and held key financial reform roles. His appointment aligns with India's prominent role in AIIB, which has funded USD 10.45 billion across 48 Indian projects. His expertise is expected to strengthen AIIB's sustainable infrastructure mission.



[Image Source: India Today]

EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA

Operation ATALANTA, launched by the EU in 2008, addresses maritime security threats in the Western Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. Initially focused on counter-piracy, its scope expanded to protect humanitarian aid vessels, monitor illegal fishing, and combat drug trafficking. The operation has enhanced rapid response capabilities and fostered international cooperation, including an upcoming joint exercise with the Indian Navy in May 2025. With its mandate extended to 2027, ATALANTA aims to address both security and developmental challenges for long-term regional stability.

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[Image Source: India Today]

INS Sunayna Docks at Nacala Port in Mozambique

INS Sunayna, part of India's IOS SAGAR mission, docked at Nacala Port, Mozambique, on April 17, 2025, marking a significant step in India-Africa maritime cooperation. The mission, launched on April 5, 2025, includes personnel from nine nations and focuses on joint training, surveillance, and enhancing maritime security. INS Sunayna's visit also promotes people-to-people interactions and reinforces India's commitment to regional stability. This collaboration exemplifies India's strategic vision for maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region, supporting smaller states' security concerns.



[Image Source: India Today]

Bihar's Mahila Samvad Initiative

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched the "Mahila Samvad" campaign to empower rural women by connecting them with welfare schemes and fostering direct communication with government officials. The initiative uses 600 "women dialogue" vehicles to educate women about government resources, collect feedback, and address grievances. Targeting over two crore women across 70,000 locations, the campaign aims to increase awareness, encourage participation in governance, and promote gender-sensitive policymaking, ultimately fostering greater empowerment and trust in government institutions.

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India Demonstrates Digital Leadership at GITEX Africa 2025

At GITEX Africa 2025 in Morocco, India's Minister Shri Jayant Chaudhary highlighted India's success in developing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), including Aadhaar, UPI, and ONDC. He emphasised India's potential for technological collaboration with African nations, sharing expertise in digital systems and AI. Minister Chaudhary also engaged in discussions with Moroccan officials on AI, research, and skill development. India's initiatives like Skill India, DigiLocker, and Digital India were showcased as global best practices for inclusive growth and digital transformation.



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