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## PM Marks 100th Birth Anniversary of M.S. Swaminathan with Global Conference Launch

On August 7, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference at ICAR-Pusa, New Delhi, marking the 100th birth anniversary of the "Father of India's Green Revolution" . The three-day event (August 7–9) themed "Evergreen Revolution – The Pathway to Bio-Happiness" brings together scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders to advance principles like sustainable biodiversity, climate-resilient agriculture, and inclusive livelihoods . The PM also released a commemorative coin and stamp, and announced the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace, honouring pioneering efforts in food security and climate justice .



[Image Source: PM India]

## CDS Unveils Joint Doctrines for Cyberspace and Amphibious Warfare Operations



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On August 7, 2025, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan formally released India's declassified Joint Doctrines for Cyberspace Operations and Amphibious Operations during the Chiefs of Staff Committee meeting in New Delhi. The Cyberspace Doctrine outlines a unified approach integrating offensive and defensive cyber capabilities, emphasising threat-informed planning, resilience building, real-time intelligence sharing, and public-private partnerships. The Amphibious Doctrine defines a framework for coordinated maritime, air, and land operations, focusing on interoperability and rapid response in joint missions. These doctrines aim to standardise joint war-fighting concepts for policymakers and planners.



[Image Source: The Tribune]

## RBI Approves AU Small Finance Bank's Transition to Universal Bank – First Such Nod in 10 Years

On August 7, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted in-principle approval to AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) to transition into a universal bank, marking the first such licence granted in almost 11 years. Final approval hinges on the promoter, Sanjay Agarwal, transferring his 22% stake into a non-operative financial holding company (NOFHC) within the next 18 months. Following this nod, AU SFB also announced a shift of its corporate headquarters from Jaipur to Mumbai.



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## Major Power Competition Poses Challenge to ASEAN's Central Role in Indo-Pacific Affairs

Rising U.S.–China strategic rivalry is increasingly challenging ASEAN's centrality in shaping Indo-Pacific regional architecture. Exclusive security partnerships like AUKUS and the Quad, along with deepened bilateral ties, siphon influence away from ASEAN's inclusive multilateralism. Internal divisions—stemming from pro-China and pro-U.S. alignments—weakens ASEAN's unity and consensus-driven approach, particularly on disputes like the South China Sea. Even as ASEAN experiments with security exercises and common platforms, the accelerating pace of great-power politics risks outstripping its capacity to remain the region's strategic fulcrum.

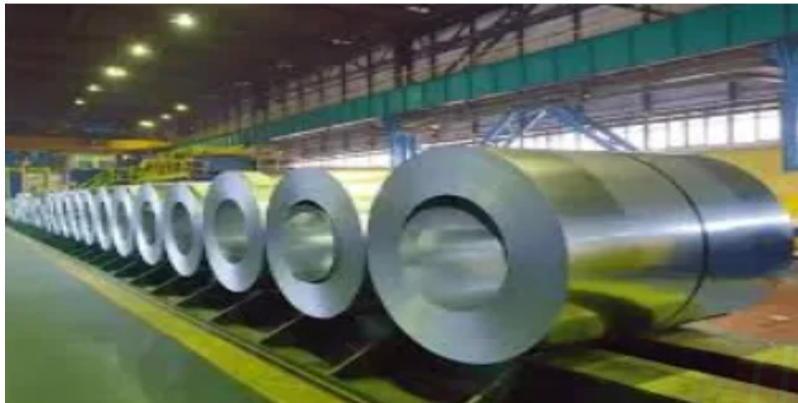


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## Parliamentary Panel on Coal, Mines & Steel Submits Findings on SSRP Sharing Mechanism

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On August 4, 2025, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal, Mines & Steel — chaired by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur — tabled its Eighth Report on the Steel Scrap Recycling Policy (SSRP) in Lok Sabha. The report identified significant gaps in existing frameworks, calling for an exclusive online scrap database, formalisation of informal markets, and the designation of the Ministry of Steel as the nodal agency for all scrap-related data and coordination. It also proposed granting 'industry status' to the recycling sector, launching skills certification programs, and integrating advanced technologies to enhance transparency, safety, and efficiency in scrap handling.



[Image Source: Mint]

## Coastal Shipping Bill Introduced to Boost Waterborne Trade

India's Coastal Shipping Bill, 2024, introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 2, 2024, and passed by both houses by August 2025, aims to transform waterborne trade across its 7,500 km coastline. It repeals outdated provisions in the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, streamlines licensing—removing requirements for Indian-flag vessels—and mandates a National Coastal & Inland Shipping Strategic Plan and database to boost efficiency, transparency, and domestic participation. The reforms are expected to reduce logistics costs, ease congestion on roads and rails, and increase coastal cargo traffic to 230 million tonnes by 2030.





[Image Source: Mint]

## Rural Development Standing Committee Tables Report on PMGSY Implementation

On July 27, 2025, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj tabled its Action Taken Report (ATR) in the Lok Sabha regarding the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The report sharply criticised ongoing issues—such as poor-quality construction, low bids, subletting to unqualified contractors, and environmental risks from plastic road use—and found that the government’s remedial measures were insufficient. The panel reiterated its call for stricter supervision, improved materials standards, and a clear, enforceable monitoring framework.



[Image Source: India Today]

## UPI Transaction Trends Highlight Tax Compliance Hurdles for Small Businesses

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Emerging UPI transaction trends are spotlighting tax compliance challenges for India's small businesses. Authorities now mine UPI data to identify unregistered vendors exceeding GST thresholds, prompting notices across Karnataka that have broadly unsettled grassroots sellers. Reacting to the digital vigilance, many micro-entrepreneurs—particularly those selling exempt goods—are reverting to cash payments to avoid scrutiny. Experts and SBI warn that heavy-handed enforcement may reverse progress in financial formalisation. In response, tax officials are considering partial amnesty for affected vendors to ease the transition.



[Image Source: Mint]

## RBI Revises Co-Lending Guidelines to Strengthen Risk Distribution and Transparency in Lending

On August 6–7, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India unveiled the final Co-Lending Arrangements (CLA) Directions, 2025, effective January 1, 2026, with early adoption permitted. The revamped framework extends beyond priority sector lending and mandates that each regulated entity (RE) retain at least 10% of every loan to ensure genuine skin-in-the-game. It also imposes a default loss guarantee limit of 5%, requires borrower-level asset classification with near-real-time sharing, escrow-based flow of funds, and clear role disclosures to borrowers—bolstering risk sharing and transparency.





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# India Develops Quantum-Based Magnetic Navigation Technology

Indian startup QuBeats has clinched a ₹25 crore grant under the Defence Ministry's ADITI 2.0 Challenge to develop an indigenous Quantum Positioning System (QPS) for the Indian Navy. The system leverages quantum magnetometer technology to detect Earth's unique magnetic anomalies, enabling precise navigation even in GPS-denied or spoofed environments. Additionally, DRDO inaugurated its first Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC) in Delhi, featuring advanced platforms including atomic magnetometers, ultra-small atomic clocks, and experimental setups for quantum sensing and secure communications.



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