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

# Union Cabinet Grants Rs. 2000 Crore to NCDC to Boost Cooperative Sector Lending

The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has sanctioned a Central Sector Scheme to provide a grant-in-aid of Rs. 2000 crore to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) over a four-year period (2025-26 to 2028-29). This strategic financial injection is designed to empower NCDC to mobilize an additional Rs. 20,000 crore from the open market, which will be lent to cooperatives across the country. The funds will be utilized for setting up new projects, expanding existing facilities, and meeting working capital requirements for approximately 2.9 crore members from 13,288 cooperative societies. NCDC, known for its high loan recovery rate, will act as the executing agency for the scheme, aiming to create capital assets and provide essential liquidity.



[Image Source: India Today]

## Bhutan-India Launch Joint Venture Dorjilung Hydropower Project, Marking New Era of Energy Cooperation



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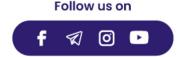
A significant milestone in regional clean energy collaboration has been achieved with the launch of the Dorjilung Hydropower Project in Bhutan. This 1125 MW project is a joint venture between Bhutan's state-owned Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) and India's private sector giant, Tata Power Company Limited. Developed on the Kurichhu River, the run-of-the-river project is a part of the larger strategic partnership between the two nations to develop 5000 MW of renewable energy. With an estimated cost of \$1.7 billion, the project is being financed by the World Bank. The partnership with Tata Power signifies a strategic shift by Bhutan towards seeking private investments rather than relying solely on government grants.



[Image Source: India Today]

# ISS Integrates AI-Powered Robot Cimon to Assist Astronauts in Space

The International Space Station (ISS) has recently integrated an advanced artificial intelligence (AI) robot named Cimon (Crew Interactive MObile companion) to assist astronauts during extended missions. Designed as a free-floating companion, Cimon responds to voice commands, enabling astronauts to perform complex tasks with their hands free. The robot provides step-by-step instructions, tutorials, and a mobile database, effectively acting as a hands-free camera and informational assistant. This technology demonstration, a collaboration between Airbus, IBM, and the German Aerospace Center, aims to reduce astronaut workload, improve time management, and decrease stress during long-duration space missions.



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[Image Source: BBC News]

## Odisha Government Announces Plans to Reintroduce Tigers in Debrigarh Sanctuary

The Odisha government has announced ambitious plans to reintroduce tigers into the Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary, located in the Bargarh district. This initiative is a core part of a broader state-led effort to revive the big cat population. The Forest Department has already secured technical approval from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to convert the sanctuary into a tiger reserve. An expert committee has been formed to conduct a detailed study of the sanctuary and demarcate the essential core and buffer zones for a sustainable tiger habitat. This new attempt follows previous unsuccessful tiger relocation efforts in the state, with the government now committing to a more successful and scientifically-backed approach.



[Image Source: PIB]

# World's Smallest Snake, the Barbados Threadsnake, Rediscovered After Two Decades

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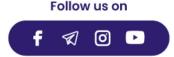
The Barbados threadsnake, which holds the title of the world's smallest-known snake, was rediscovered in 2025 after a nearly two-decade-long absence of confirmed sightings. This tiny, elusive reptile, which was once feared to be extinct, was found in a small patch of native woodland on the Caribbean island of Barbados. The rediscovery is a crucial event for conservation efforts because the snake is considered an "umbrella micro-species"—protecting its unique habitat also shields a host of other endemic insects and plants. The find has prompted the government and NGOs to draft a comprehensive management plan to protect the island's remaining native woodlands.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

# India's Gross GST Collection Hits Rs. 1.96 Lakh Crore, Yet Net Growth Is Slow

India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for July 2025 have reached a substantial Rs. 1.96 lakh crore, marking a solid 7.5% year-on-year increase. The growth was primarily propelled by strong domestic revenues and a significant rise in tax collections on imports. However, the net GST revenue, which accounts for refunds, saw a much slower growth of just 1.7% over the previous year. This deceleration in net growth is attributed to a massive surge in refunds, which is a positive sign for businesses as it helps with working capital, although it has impacted the overall monthly net figures.



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[Image Source: Mint]

## Global Community Observes Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day 2025

Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day is observed annually on August 3 to globally spread awareness about CLOVES syndrome, a rare and complex genetic disorder. Established by the CLOVES Syndrome Community in 2010, the day aims to increase knowledge about this congenital disease, which affects a small number of individuals worldwide. It is a day to build a sense of community, advocate for enhanced research and treatment options, and provide support to affected families who often face unique challenges due to the rarity of the condition. The observance encourages people to wear green, the color associated with Cloves syndrome, to show solidarity.



[Image Source: Mint]

# Malayalam Actor and Mimicry Artiste Kalabhavan Navas Passes Away at 51

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The Malayalam film industry is in mourning following the untimely demise of Kalabhavan Navas, a popular actor and mimicry artiste, who passed away at the age of 51. Navas, a well-known figure in the industry, was discovered unconscious in a hotel room in Kochi while on a film shoot. Despite being rushed to a nearby hospital, he was declared dead on arrival. Police suspect the cause of death to be a cardiac arrest. Navas began his acting career in 1995 with the film 'Chithran' and was widely admired for his versatility and talent as both an actor and a mimicry artist.



[Image Source: India Today]

# Shashi Prakash Goyal Appointed as New Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh

Shashi Prakash Goyal, a 1989-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. Prior to this pivotal role, he served as the Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Goyal, who is highly regarded for his seriousness and dedication, is considered to be one of the most trusted officers of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He takes over from Manoj Kumar Singh, who retired on July 31. This appointment represents a significant bureaucratic reshuffle, placing a key official in the state's top administrative position.



[Image Source: India Today]

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# Indian Navy Inducts Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Himgiri, Equipped with BrahMos Missiles

The Indian Navy has marked a major milestone in its indigenization efforts with the formal induction of INS Himgiri, the third ship of the Nilgiri-class frigates under Project 17A. Constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, the stealth frigate was delivered to the Navy on July 31, 2025. INS Himgiri is equipped with a formidable array of advanced weaponry and sensor systems, including BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles. This ship is a reincarnation of the original INS Himgiri, a Leander-class frigate, and its construction showcases a generational leap in indigenous ship design, stealth, and combat capability, aligning with the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.



[Image Source: India Today]

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