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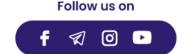
## The PM Surya Ghar Scheme Reaches 10 Lakh Installations

The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), launched in February 2024, has achieved 10 lakh rooftop solar installations by March 2025. With Rs. 4,770 crore in subsidies disbursed and 3 GW of solar capacity installed, the scheme aims to solarize 1 crore households by 2027. It provides financial support, including collateral-free loans, and encourages renewable energy adoption. Key benefits include cost savings, carbon reduction, job creation, and promotion of energy self-reliance, with a target of 30 GW solar capacity by 2027.



[Image Source: Mint]

# **Keel Laid for the Second Fleet Support Ship (FSS) of the Indian Navy**



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The keel-laying ceremony for the second Fleet Support Ship (FSS) took place on March 12, 2025, at L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli. This is part of a contract between the Indian Navy and Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) for five FSS vessels, with deliveries starting in mid-2027. The ships will enhance the Navy's Blue Water capabilities, supporting replenishment at sea and humanitarian missions. The project emphasizes public-private partnership, with L&T constructing two ships, boosting India's shipbuilding capacity and promoting Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



[Image Source: India Today]

### **Axar Patel Named Captain of Delhi Capitals for IPL** 2025

Delhi Capitals (DC) have appointed Axar Patel as their captain for the 2025 IPL season. The 31-year-old all-rounder, who has been with the franchise since 2019 and served as vice-captain for two seasons, replaces the previous leader. Axar has played 82 matches for DC, scoring 967 runs and taking 62 wickets. DC's leadership praises his consistent performances and growth. Axar expressed confidence in leading the team, aiming for success with a strong squad featuring KL Rahul, Faf du Plessis, and Mitchell Starc.



[Image Source: India Today]

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# Indian Railways Joins Mission Amrit Sarovar to Address Water Scarcity

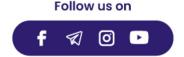
Indian Railways is now part of the Union Government's Mission Amrit Sarovar, launched in April 2022 to address water scarcity and enhance groundwater recharge. By October 2024, over 68,000 ponds had been rejuvenated. In Phase 2, Railways will assist in desilting, excavating, and constructing ponds near railway lines, using excavated material for embankments. The mission focuses on community participation and strengthening climate resilience, with a target for completion by August 15, 2025. The initiative boosts water availability and ecological balance.



[Image Source: NDTV]

# The Lok Sabha Approves the Oilfield (Regulatory and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024

The Lok Sabha passed the Oilfield (Regulatory and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024, on 12th March 2025, aiming to reform India's oil and gas exploration framework. Key reforms include shifting from a 'Production Sharing' to a 'Revenue Sharing' regime, deregulation of crude oil, and pricing freedom for natural gas. The Bill introduces a single permit system, encourages new technologies like CCUS and Green Hydrogen, and boosts infrastructure sharing for small operators. It enhances energy security, attracts investments, and aligns with PM Modi's vision for a developed India by 2047.



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# Mycelium Bricks A Sustainable Replacement for Traditional Clay Bricks

Mycelium bricks, made from fungal filaments, husk, and spores, are eco-friendly, biodegradable, fire-resistant, and offer good insulation. While they reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from traditional brick production, challenges include low load-bearing capacity, moisture vulnerability, short lifespan, and high production costs. To address these, treatments like flame retardants, UV coatings, and further research are needed. In India's tropical climate, moisture absorption accelerates decay, requiring policy support and infrastructure for wider adoption. Despite challenges, growing interest in sustainability may drive demand for these innovative materials.



[Image Source: BBC News]

### NHB Releases Report on Housing Trends and Progress in India for 2024

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The National Housing Bank (NHB) released its "Report on Trends and Progress of Housing in India, 2024" in March 2025. Key findings include a 14 percent growth in individual housing loans, with the Middle-Income Group (MIG) accounting for 44 percent of loans. Housing loans as a percentage of GDP increased from 6.6 percent in 2011-12 to 11.29 percent in 2023-24. The report highlights government initiatives like PMAY and regional disparities in credit flow. Technological advancements and digitization offer growth opportunities for the housing sector.



[Image Source: Mint]

# Ministry of Defence Signs ₹2,906 Crore Radar Contract with BEL for the IAF

On March 12, 2025, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a Rs 2,906 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for procuring the Low-level Transportable Radar (LLTR), "Ashwini," for the Indian Air Force. Developed by the DRDO's Electronics & Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), the radar uses active electronically scanned phased array technology and is designed to track a range of aerial targets, including fighter jets, UAVs, and helicopters. BEL, a Navratna DPSU, is based in Bengaluru, Karnataka.



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## UP CM Yogi Adityanath Inaugurates Sify Infinit Spaces' Data Centre in Noida

On March 11, 2025, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Sify Noida 02 Al-ready data centre, operated by Sify Infinit Spaces Limited. Located in Noida, it is North India's largest data centre with a 130+ MW capacity, featuring three scalable towers and a dedicated 220 KV substation. The facility is interconnected with Noida 01, offering direct connectivity to hyperscalers, OTT players, and cloud nodes. It is equipped with 10 levels of access control for enhanced security.



[Image Source: India Today]

### **World Rotaract Day 2025**

World Rotaract Day, celebrated annually on March 13, honors the contributions of Rotaractors, young adults aged 18 and above, who are part of Rotary International (RI). Established in 1968, the first Rotaract club was formed at the University of North Carolina. The day highlights Rotaract's role in community service and leadership development. World Rotaract Week, observed from March 10-16, 2025, commemorates this milestone. Rotary International, founded in 1905, focuses on humanitarian efforts with the motto "Service Above Self."



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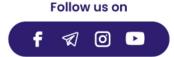
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