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- *Strategic Chokepoints Strait of Hormuz and Suez Canal Highlighted as Critical to Global Energy Security.*
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## IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers Resigns & Rahul Bhatia Steps In as Interim Chief



### Why in News?

- Pieter Elbers has stepped down as Chief Executive Officer of IndiGo with effect from March 10, 2026.
- He had been serving as CEO of IndiGo since September 2022.

### Interim Leadership

- Following Elbers' resignation, Rahul Bhatia, Managing Director of IndiGo, will oversee the airline's operations on an interim basis.

### Role of Rahul Bhatia

- Rahul Bhatia is the co-founder of IndiGo and has been associated with the airline for more than two decades.
- He will focus on:
  - Strengthening company culture
  - Enhancing operational excellence
  - Improving customer service and reliability

### About IndiGo

- IndiGo is India's largest airline by market share.
- It operates under its parent company InterGlobe Aviation.
- The airline is known for its low-cost carrier model and extensive domestic network.
- Chairman and Non-Executive Independent Director of InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) is Vikram Singh Mehta.

## Energy Security at Sea: Why the Strait of Hormuz and the Suez Canal Matter More Than Ever



### Why in News?

- Strategic maritime routes such as the Strait of Hormuz and the Suez Canal play a critical role in ensuring global energy security and stability of international oil markets.
- Disruptions in these chokepoints can lead to energy supply shocks and volatility in global oil prices.

### Geography and Global Energy Transport:

- Global energy supply is influenced not only by production but also by geography and transport routes.
- A few narrow maritime corridors (chokepoints) carry a large portion of the world's oil and natural gas trade.
- These corridors are essential for linking major energy-producing regions with global markets.

### Strait of Hormuz: Critical Oil Transit Route:

- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with global shipping lanes.
- Located between Iran and Oman.

### Major Facts:

- Around 20–21 million barrels of oil per day pass through this route.
- Accounts for nearly one-fifth of global petroleum consumption.
- Key oil exporters using this route include:

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- Saudi Arabia
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- United Arab Emirates

### Strategic Importance:

- A large share of global oil exports from the Middle East passes through this strait.

### Suez Canal: Energy and Trade Corridor:

- The Suez Canal is a man-made canal connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
- It acts as a vital bridge between Asian energy exporters and European markets.

### Major Facts:

- Roughly 8–9 million barrels of oil and petroleum products daily move through the canal and the SUMED Pipeline.
- Ships using this route avoid traveling around the Cape of Good Hope.

### Strategic Importance:

- If shipping through the canal is disrupted, vessels must travel around the Cape of Good Hope, increasing time and transportation costs.
- Disruptions can impact global supply chains and energy markets.

### Impact of Disruptions on Energy Markets:

- Shipping delays or security risks can affect tanker traffic and energy logistics.
- Even the perception of disruption may lead to:
- Increase in global oil prices
- Market volatility
- Higher transportation and energy costs

### Energy Logistics in the Global Economy:

- Energy security depends not only on production and reserves but also on safe transportation routes.

- Oil and natural gas continue to play a major role in the global energy mix, despite the growth of renewable energy.
- Stability of maritime routes remains essential for maintaining global energy supply chains.

## ISRO and ESA sign new agreement for joint Earth observation missions, expand long-standing space cooperation



### Why in News?

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and European Space Agency (ESA) signed a new cooperation agreement for Earth observation missions.
- ISRO also successfully launched Europe's Proba-3 mission, strengthening India–Europe space collaboration.

### New ISRO–ESA Agreement:

- The agreement titled “ESA–ISRO Arrangement concerning Joint Calibration and Validation Activities and Scientific Studies for Earth Observation Missions.”

### Focus Areas:

- Joint calibration and validation campaigns.
- Scientific studies for Earth observation missions.
- Improving accuracy and reliability of satellite data.

### Background of ISRO–ESA Partnership:

- Cooperation between ISRO and ESA began in 1978.
- The partnership was renewed in 2002.

### Areas of Cooperation:

- Earth observation programmes
- Satellite navigation
- Ground station support
- Human spaceflight collaboration
- Deep-space communication support
- ESA has supported Indian missions such as:
- Chandrayaan programme
- Aditya-L1

### Upcoming Mission Linked to the Agreement:

- The collaboration is important for ESA's Fluorescence Explorer (FLEX).
- About FLEX:
- Designed to study vegetation fluorescence.
- Helps understand plant photosynthesis and ecosystem health.
- Improves global monitoring of climate and vegetation dynamics.

### Proba-3 Mission Launch:

- Proba-3 mission is a European satellite mission launched by ISRO.
- Satellites were placed in the designated orbit about 20 minutes after launch.
- Demonstrates India's growing role in international space missions.

### Key Features of Proba-3:

- The mission consists of two satellites:
- Coronagraph – about 310 kg
- Occulter – about 240 kg
- Mission Objective:
- Study the Sun's outer atmosphere (Corona).
- Understand space weather and solar activity.

### Significance:

- Strengthens India–Europe cooperation in space science.
- Enhances Earth observation research and satellite data accuracy.
- Demonstrates ISRO's capability in launching and supporting international space missions.

## Krishna Nagar claims double gold at 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship



### Why in News?

- Krishna Nagar won two gold medals at the 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship 2026 held in Hyderabad.

### Men's Singles SH6 Title:

- Krishna Nagar won the Men's Singles SH6 final.
- He defeated Sudarsan M S.
- Final Score:
- 21–10, 21–19

### Mixed Doubles SH6 Title:

- Krishna Nagar won his second gold medal in Mixed Doubles SH6.
- Partnered with Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan.

### Final Match:

- Defeated Sudarsan M S and Shreya Kumari.
- Final Score:
- 21–7, 21–11

### About the SH6 Category:

- SH6 category in para badminton is for players with short stature.
- Matches follow standard badminton rules with classification-based eligibility.

### Previous International Achievement:

- Krishna Nagar also won two gold medals at the Japan Para Badminton International 2025.
- Events Won:
  - Men's Singles SH6
  - Mixed Doubles SH6

### Singles Final:

- Defeated Miles Krajewski.
- Score:
  - 22–20, 21–13

## US President Trump Announces \$300 Billion Partnership with Reliance to Build First Major US Refinery in 50 Years



### Why in News?

- Donald Trump announced that Reliance Industries may invest or partner in a new oil refinery project in the United States.
- The refinery is proposed to be built in Brownsville and could involve an investment of around \$300 billion.

### New US Oil Refinery Project:

- The refinery will be developed at the Port of Brownsville in Texas.
- It is expected to be the first new oil refinery built in the United States in nearly 50 years.
- The project aims to:
  - Boost U.S. energy production
  - Strengthen energy security
  - Create thousands of jobs
  - Increase global energy exports

### Role of Reliance Industries:

- Reliance Industries is expected to invest or partner in the refinery project.
- The company operates the Jamnagar Refinery Complex, the world's largest single-site refining hub.
- Key Facts about Jamnagar Refinery:
  - Located in Gujarat.
  - Refining capacity of about 1.24 million barrels per day.
  - Accounts for over 70% of India's refined petroleum product exports.

### Global Energy Context:

- The announcement comes amid volatility in global oil supply.
- Rising tensions in West Asia and disruptions near the Strait of Hormuz have affected energy markets.
- Disruptions in this region can cause global increases in crude oil and gas prices.

### Reliance Steps to Boost LPG Supply in India:

- Reliance Industries announced plans to increase LPG production from the Jamnagar refining and petrochemical complexes.
- Objective:
  - Ensure stable domestic LPG supply.
  - Address potential shortages.
- Additional Measure:
  - Natural gas produced from the KG-D6 Basin will be diverted to priority sectors in line with government guidelines.

### Significance:

- Strengthens India–US energy cooperation.
- Demonstrates Reliance’s growing role in global refining and energy markets.
- Helps enhance energy security and supply stability.

## DRDO, Indian Navy Successfully Test Indigenous Air Droppable Container from P-8I Aircraft



### Why in News?

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted in-flight release trials of the indigenous Air Droppable Container (ADC-150).
- The trials were carried out from a Boeing P-8I Poseidon aircraft off the coast of Goa between February 21 and March 1, 2026.

### About Air Droppable Container (ADC-150):

- Indigenously designed and developed aerial delivery system.
- Capable of carrying up to 150 kg payload.
- Designed to deliver:
  - Critical equipment
  - Essential stores
  - Medical supplies

### Purpose:

- Provide rapid logistical support to naval ships deployed in deep seas.

### Operational Role:

- Enhances the Indian Navy’s blue-water operational logistics capability.
- Allows emergency delivery of supplies to naval vessels operating far from the coastline.
- Supports quick response during distress situations at sea.

### Key DRDO Laboratories Involved:

- Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam – Nodal laboratory for the project.
- Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Agra – Developed the parachute system.
- Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification, Bengaluru – Provided flight clearance and certification.
- Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad – Provided instrumentation support.

### Aircraft Used for Trials:

- Trials were conducted using the Boeing P-8I Poseidon.
- The aircraft is used by the Indian Navy for:
  - Maritime surveillance
  - Anti-submarine warfare
  - Long-range reconnaissance

### Future Induction:

- After the successful completion of all developmental flight trials, the ADC-150 system is expected to be inducted into the Indian Navy soon.
- It will strengthen India’s maritime logistics and operational readiness.

**India and Uzbekistan Launch Landmark Pharmaceutical & Nutraceutical Trade Corridor,**

## Unlocking Access to a USD 10 Billion Eurasian Market



### Why in News?

- The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Nutrify Today, and Pharma Eurasia 2026 have formalised a structured Indo-CIS pharmaceutical and nutraceutical trade corridor.
- The initiative positions Uzbekistan as a gateway for Indian pharma and nutraceutical exports to CIS and Eurasian markets.

### Key Points

- The corridor aims to strengthen healthcare trade between India and CIS countries.
- Pharma Eurasia 2026 will act as the commercial execution platform for the initiative.
- It integrates policy facilitation, industry leadership, and a trade exhibition platform.

### Market Opportunity:

- CIS dietary supplements market: Over USD 5.8 billion annually.
- CIS + Eurasia nutraceutical market: Estimated USD 7–10 billion.

### Growth Drivers:

- Increasing adoption of preventive healthcare.
- Expansion of pharmacy and retail chains in Russia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus.
- Stronger regulatory frameworks favouring certified products.
- Rising demand for vitamins, botanicals, and functional nutrition.

### Uzbekistan as a Regional Pharma Hub:

- Development of Pharma Parks and industrial clusters.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) facilitation in pharmaceutical manufacturing.
- Regulatory modernisation aligned with international standards.
- Strategic location connecting India, Russia, and Central Asia.

### Dual-City Trade Architecture:

#### Mumbai Platform:

- Hosted in Mumbai through the Sumflex & C-Suite Summit.
- Focus on:
  - Global leadership dialogue
  - Investment discussions
  - Policy coordination among CEOs, regulators, and investors.

#### Tashkent Platform:

- Hosted in Tashkent through Pharma Eurasia 2026.
- Focus on:
  - Trade agreements
  - Regulatory collaboration
  - Market integration with CIS countries.
- Pharma Eurasia 2026
- Dates: 20–22 May 2026
- Venue: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

### Participants

- Pharmaceutical and nutraceutical manufacturers
- Ingredient and excipient suppliers
- Contract manufacturers and CDMOs
- Regulatory authorities
- Distributors and trade buyers across CIS and Eurasia.

### Key Focus Areas of the Corridor

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- Regulatory harmonisation between India and CIS markets.
- Supply chain digitisation and documentation standardisation.
- Bilateral investment and joint venture frameworks.
- Clinical research and R&D collaboration.
- Institutional trade matchmaking and market access facilitation.

- Human physiology in space
- Behavioural and psychological health
- Immunology and gut microbiome
- Biomedical engineering and medical devices
- Neuroscience and neurophysiology
- Nutrition and metabolic health
- Musculoskeletal atrophy and ageing in microgravity
- Infectious disease control in space environments

## AIIMS and ISRO Sign MoU to Advance Space Medicine Research in India



### Why in News?

- The Indian Space Research Organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to collaborate in space medicine and research.

### Key Objective

- To promote joint research in space medicine aligned with ISRO's human spaceflight priorities.
- To advance human health, performance, and safety during long-duration space missions.

### Need for the Collaboration

- Future missions such as the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and potential crewed missions to the Moon will expose astronauts to:
- Microgravity conditions
- Extreme space environment
- Long-duration isolation and radiation risks
- Major Research Areas

### Significance

- Development of medical procedures, devices, and protocols for astronauts.
- Strengthening India's human spaceflight programme.
- Advancing healthcare innovations on Earth through space medicine research.

### AIIMS:

- Director: M Srinivas
- Founded: 1956, New Delhi
- President: Mansukh L. Mandaviya

### ISRO:

- Formed: 15 August 1969
- Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
- Chairman: V. Narayanan

## CEC Removal Motion: Legal Provisions for Removing the Chief Election Commissioner



### Why in News?

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- The Opposition is planning to move an impeachment motion against Gyanesh Kumar, the Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India.
- The allegation is related to biased conduct during the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, particularly in West Bengal.

### Constitutional Provision

- The removal of the CEC is governed by Article 324(5) of the Constitution of India.

### Key provisions:

- The Chief Election Commissioner can be removed in the same manner as a Supreme Court judge.
- Other Election Commissioners can be removed only on the recommendation of the CEC.

### Legal Framework

- Parliament enacted the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.
- Section 11 of the Act explains the procedure for resignation and removal of the CEC and Election Commissioners.

### Grounds for Removal

- The grounds are the same as those for removing a Supreme Court judge under Article 124(4) of the Constitution of India:
- Proved Misbehaviour
- Incapacity

### Procedure for Removal of the CEC

- Initiation of Motion
- Removal motion must be signed by:
- 100 members of the Lok Sabha, or 50 members of the Rajya Sabha.

### Admission of Motion

### The motion is submitted to:

- Speaker of Lok Sabha, or Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- They decide whether to admit or reject the motion.

### Investigation Committee

- If admitted, a three-member committee is formed:
- One Supreme Court Judge
- One Chief Justice of a High Court
- One Distinguished Jurist

### Parliamentary Voting

- If the committee proves the charges, Parliament votes on the motion.
- The motion must be passed by:
- Majority of total membership of each House, and Two-thirds majority of members present and voting.

### Final Removal

- After approval by both Houses in the same session, the recommendation is sent to the President of India, who issues the final removal order.

## NASA's DART Mission Successfully Alters Asteroid Orbit



### Why in News?

- New observations show that Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), conducted by NASA

in 2022, slightly changed the orbit of the asteroid system Didymos–Dimorphos.

- The collision reduced the time taken by the asteroid pair to complete one solar orbit by less than one second.

### About the DART Mission

- DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) was the first planetary defense experiment designed to test whether a spacecraft could change the trajectory of an asteroid.
- In September 2022, the spacecraft intentionally crashed into the asteroid Dimorphos, which orbits the larger asteroid Didymos.

### Key Findings

- The impact released about 35.3 million pounds of debris, nearly 30,000 times the mass of the spacecraft.
- The debris cloud created additional momentum, enhancing the impact effect.
- The collision shortened the asteroid system's orbital period around the Sun by about 0.15 seconds.
- Even a tiny change in orbital motion can prevent a potential asteroid collision with Earth in the future.

### About the Asteroids

- Dimorphos
- Approximately 560 feet wide.
- A moonlet asteroid orbiting Didymos.
- Target of the DART mission.

### Didymos

- A binary asteroid system consisting of Didymos and its smaller companion Dimorphos.
- Used by scientists to test asteroid deflection techniques.

### Scientific Observations

- Astronomers used stellar occultation observations to measure the orbital changes.
- Between October 2022 and March 2025, scientists and volunteer astronomers conducted 22 observations worldwide to precisely track the change.

### Importance for Planetary Defense

- Demonstrates the kinetic impactor technique, where a spacecraft crashes into an asteroid to change its path.
- Even very small orbital changes can prevent a potentially dangerous asteroid from hitting Earth.
- Helps develop strategies to protect Earth from near-Earth asteroid threats.

### Future Missions

- Hera mission by the European Space Agency will study the aftermath of the DART collision.
- Near-Earth Object Surveyor mission by NASA aims to detect dark asteroids that are difficult to observe from Earth.

**Lets Revise**

- ❖ Who resigned as CEO of IndiGo in March 2026? — **Pieter Elbers**
- ❖ Which company is the parent company of IndiGo? — **InterGlobe Aviation**
- ❖ Who is the Chairman of the Board of IndiGo? — **Vikram Singh Mehta**
- ❖ Which strait connects the Persian Gulf with global shipping routes? — **Strait of Hormuz**
- ❖ Which canal links the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea? — **Suez Canal**
- ❖ Which alternative route is used if the Suez Canal is blocked? — **Cape of Good Hope**
- ❖ Why is the Strait of Hormuz important for global energy markets? — **Major oil export chokepoint**
- ❖ Why is the Suez Canal significant for global trade and energy transport? — **Shortest route between Europe and Asia**
- ❖ Which two space agencies signed an agreement for Earth observation cooperation in 2026? — **ISRO and ESA**
- ❖ When did cooperation between ISRO and ESA begin? — **1978**
- ❖ Which ESA mission aims to study vegetation fluorescence? — **FLEX (Fluorescence Explorer)**
- ❖ Which European solar mission launched by ISRO studies the Sun's corona? — **Proba-3 mission**
- ❖ What are the two satellites in the Proba-3 mission? — **Coronagraph and Occulter**
- ❖ Who won two gold medals at the 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship 2026? — **Krishna Nagar**
- ❖ Which city hosted the 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship 2026? — **Hyderabad**
- ❖ In which classification category does Krishna Nagar compete? — **SH6 category**
- ❖ Which international tournament did Krishna Nagar win two gold medals in 2025? — **Japan Para Badminton International 2025**
- ❖ Which Indian company may invest in a new oil refinery project in Texas, USA? — **Reliance Industries**
- ❖ Where is the proposed new US refinery expected to be built? — **Brownsville, Texas**
- ❖ Which is the world's largest single-site refining hub operated by Reliance Industries? — **Jamnagar Refinery Complex**
- ❖ Which strategic maritime chokepoint affects global oil supply near West Asia? — **Strait of Hormuz**
- ❖ Which offshore gas field's production will support priority sectors in India? — **KG-D6 Basin**
- ❖ Which organisation developed the Air Droppable Container ADC-150? — **DRDO**
- ❖ From which aircraft was the ADC-150 tested? — **Boeing P-8I Poseidon**
- ❖ What is the payload capacity of ADC-150? — **150 kg**

- ❖ Which DRDO laboratory served as the nodal lab for the project? — **Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam**
- ❖ Where were the ADC-150 trials conducted? — **Off the coast of Goa**
- ❖ Which country is positioned as the gateway for the Indo–CIS pharmaceutical corridor? **Uzbekistan.**
- ❖ Which organizations collaborated to establish the Indo–CIS pharma-nutra corridor? **Uzbekistan Ministry of Health, Nutrify Today, and Pharma Eurasia.**
- ❖ Which event will serve as the commercial execution platform for the Indo–CIS corridor? **Pharma Eurasia 2026.**
- ❖ Where will Pharma Eurasia 2026 be held? **Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**
- ❖ When will Pharma Eurasia 2026 take place? **20–22 May 2026.**
- ❖ What is the estimated size of the CIS dietary supplements market? **Over USD 5.8 billion annually.**
- ❖ Which organization signed an MoU with AIIMS for cooperation in space medicine and research? **ISRO.**
- ❖ Which institute collaborated with ISRO for research in space medicine? **AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences).**
- ❖ Which future Indian space station project highlights the need for space medicine research? **Bharatiya Antariksh Station.**
- ❖ Who is the Chairman of ISRO present during the signing of the MoU? **V. Narayanan.**
- ❖ Which ISRO centre was represented by Dinesh Kumar Singh during the MoU signing? **Human Spaceflight Centre.**
- ❖ The ISRO–AIIMS collaboration mainly focuses on which scientific field? **Space medicine and astronaut health research.**
- ❖ Who is the Chief Election Commissioner against whom the Opposition plans to move an impeachment motion? **Gyanesh Kumar.**
- ❖ Which constitutional article deals with the removal of the Chief Election Commissioner? **Article 324(5).**
- ❖ The removal procedure of the CEC is similar to the removal of which authority? **A judge of the Supreme Court.**
- ❖ How many Lok Sabha members are required to initiate a removal motion against the CEC? **100 members.**
- ❖ Which Act governs the appointment and service conditions of the CEC and Election Commissioners? **Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023.**
- ❖ What are the constitutional grounds for removing the Chief Election Commissioner? **Proved misbehaviour or incapacity.**
- ❖ Which NASA mission intentionally collided with an asteroid to test planetary defense technology? **Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART).**
- ❖ Which asteroid was targeted by NASA's DART spacecraft in 2022? **Dimorphos.**
- ❖ Dimorphos is a moonlet asteroid orbiting which larger asteroid? **Didymos.**

- ❖ What technique was demonstrated by the DART mission to deflect asteroids? **Kinetic impactor technique.**
- ❖ By approximately how much did the DART impact change the orbital period of the Didymos–Dimorphos system? **About 0.15 seconds.**
- ❖ Which European Space Agency mission will study the aftermath of the DART collision? **Hera mission.**

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