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National News

Political & Governance:

Emergency-Era MISA Files to be Made Public:

The Delhi government is reportedly planning to make public several confidential documents related to the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), which was widely used during the Emergency (1975-1977) for preventive detention without trial. These documents, retrieved during the digitization of archival records, include details of arrested activists and leaders.

BJP Protest Disrupts Ex-Tripura CM's Meeting:

A meeting addressed by former Tripura Chief Minister and senior CPM leader Manik Sarkar in South Tripura's Chottakhola was disrupted by a group of BJP supporters. The BJP activists raised slogans against Sarkar's alleged failures during his tenure, including the Rose Valley chit fund scam, leading to the meeting being called off.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Pays Tribute to CB Gupta: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a commemorative postage stamp in honor of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Chandra Bhanu Gupta, emphasizing his contributions to the administrative system and tradition of service in politics.

Chinese Envoy on Tibet Issue: The Chinese embassy spokesperson in India stated that the Tibet-related issue is a "thorn" in the China-India relationship and that playing the "Xizang card" would "end up shooting oneself in the

foot." This comes after recent remarks by Indian officials regarding the Dalai Lama's succession.

Economy & Finance:

Indian Markets Decline: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty opened in the red, dragged down by IT stocks and foreign fund outflows. Analysts are watching for a potential US-India trade deal, with expectations of a 20% tariff rate for India, which could provide a sentimental boost to the market.

Rupee Declines Against US Dollar: The Indian Rupee fell 17 paise to 85.97 against the US dollar in early trade, amid a strengthening greenback and FII outflows. Uncertainties over new US trade tariffs were cited as a factor.

India's Growth Cycle Bottoming Out: A report by HSBC Mutual Fund suggests that India's economic growth cycle may be bottoming out supported by factors like the interest rate and liquidity cycle, declining crude oil prices, and a forecast of a normal monsoon.

Social & Infrastructure:

Monsoon Havoc in Himachal Pradesh: Relentless rainfall continues to cause landslides and flash floods in Himachal Pradesh, leading to 92 deaths and the closure of nearly 250 roads. Mandi district is reported to be severely affected.

Schools Shut Due to Kanwar Yatra: Several districts in Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi, Budaun) and Haryana (Nuh) have declared school holidays on July 14 due to the Sawan Somwa and the ongoing Kanwar Yatra. This is to manage traffic congestion and ensure student safety during the large religious gatherings.





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Air India Crash Report Disputed: The Pilots' Association of India has voiced concerns over the preliminary findings of the Air India 171 crash, alleging that the investigation seems to assume pilot fault from the outset.

Indian Army Launches Operation SHIVA 2025:

The Indian Army has launched 'Operation SHIVA 2025' to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.

Railways to Install CCTV Cameras: The Indian Railways has decided to install CCTV cameras in approximately 74,000 coaches and 15,000 locomotives across the country to enhance safety.

Other Notable News:

Harikrishnan A Becomes India's 87th Grandmaster: Chennai-based chess player Harikrishnan A has officially become India's 87th Grandmaster.

Foxconn Begins iPhone 17 Trial Production in India: Apple's manufacturing partner, Foxconn, has started importing components from China to its Indian facility for the trial production of the upcoming iPhone 17.

MCQS

1. What historical documents is the Delhi government reportedly planning to make public?

- a) Documents related to the Partition of India.
- b) Confidential files from the MISA era (Emergency).
- c) Records of the first Five-Year Plan.
- d) Documents concerning border disputes.

Answer: b) Confidential files from the MISA era (Emergency).

The news states, "The Delhi government is reportedly planning to make public several confidential documents related to the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), which was widely used during the Emergency (1975-1977)..."

2. Why was former Tripura CM Manik Sarkar's meeting disrupted by BJP supporters?

- a) Over his stance on national security.
- b) Allegations of failures during his tenure, including the Rose Valley chit fund scam.
- c) Protests against a new government policy.
- d) Disagreement over agricultural reforms.

Answer: b) Allegations of failures during his tenure, including the Rose Valley chit fund scam. The news reports, "The BJP activists raised slogans against Sarkar's alleged failures during his tenure, including the Rose Valley chit fund scam..."

3. Who recently unveiled a commemorative postage stamp in honor of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Chandra Bhanu Gupta?

- a) The Prime Minister.
- b) The President.
- c) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- d) The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Answer: c) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The news states, "Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a commemorative postage stamp in honor of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Chandra Bhanu Gupta..."

4. According to the Chinese embassy spokesperson in India, what issue is considered a "thorn" in the China-India relationship?

- a) Border disputes.
- b) Trade imbalances.
- c) The Tibet-related issue.





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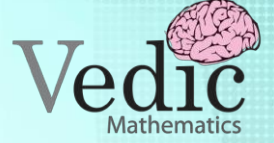
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d) Maritime security.

Answer: c) The Tibet-related issue.

The news reports, "The Chinese embassy spokesperson in India stated that the Tibet-related issue is a 'thorn' in the China-India relationship..."

5. What was a primary factor dragging down Indian benchmark indices (Sensex and Nifty) at market open?

- a) Banking sector instability.
- b) High inflation rates.
- c) IT stocks and foreign fund outflows.
- d) Increased government spending.

Answer: c) IT stocks and foreign fund outflows.

The news states, "Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty opened in the red, dragged down by IT stocks and foreign fund outflows."

6. By how much did the Indian Rupee decline against the US dollar in early trade?

- a) 5 paise
- b) 10 paise
- c) 17 paise
- d) 20 paise

Answer: c) 17 paise

The news reports, "The Indian Rupee fell 17 paise to 85.97 against the US dollar in early trade..."

7. What factors are supporting the suggestion by HSBC Mutual Fund that India's economic growth cycle may be bottoming out?

- a) Rising inflation and interest rates.
- b) Declining foreign investment.
- c) Interest rate and liquidity cycle, declining crude oil prices, and a forecast of a normal monsoon.
- d) Weakening manufacturing output.

Answer: c) Interest rate and liquidity cycle, declining crude oil prices, and a forecast of a normal monsoon.

The news states, "A report by HSBC Mutual Fund suggests that India's economic growth cycle may be bottoming out, supported by factors like the interest rate and liquidity cycle, declining crude oil prices, and a forecast of a normal monsoon."

8. Which Indian state has been severely affected by monsoon havoc, leading to 92 deaths and road closures?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Assam

Answer: b) Himachal Pradesh

The news reports, "Relentless rainfall continues to cause landslides and flash floods in Himachal Pradesh, leading to 92 deaths and the closure of nearly 250 roads."

9. Why have schools in certain districts of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana declared holidays on July 14?

- a) Due to extreme heatwave conditions.
- b) For local elections.
- c) Due to the Sawan Somwar and the ongoing Kanwar Yatra.
- d) For annual maintenance work.

Answer: c) Due to the Sawan Somwar and the ongoing Kanwar Yatra.

The news states, "Several districts in Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi, Budaun) and Haryana (Nuh) have declared school holidays on July 14 due to the Sawan Somwar and the ongoing Kanwar Yatra."

10. What is the concern raised by the Pilots' Association of India regarding the Air India 171 crash preliminary findings?





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- a) Lack of sufficient evidence.
- b) Delay in the investigation.
- c) Allegation that the investigation seems to assume pilot fault from the outset.
- d) Insufficient international cooperation.

Answer: c) Allegation that the investigation seems to assume pilot fault from the outset.
The news reports, "The Pilots' Association of India has voiced concerns over the preliminary findings of the Air India 171 crash, alleging that the investigation seems to assume pilot fault from the outset."

11.What is the purpose of 'Operation SHIVA 2025' launched by the Indian Army?

- a) To conduct military exercises.
- b) To provide disaster relief.
- c) To ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.
- d) To patrol border areas.

Answer: c) To ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.
The news states, "The Indian Army has launched 'Operation SHIVA 2025' to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra."

12.What safety measure has the Indian Railways decided to install in approximately 74,000 coaches and 15,000 locomotives?

- a) Fire suppression systems.
- b) GPS tracking devices.
- c) CCTV cameras.
- d) Automatic door closing systems.

Answer: c) CCTV cameras.
The news reports, "The Indian Railways has decided to install CCTV cameras in approximately 74,000 coaches and 15,000 locomotives across the country to enhance safety."

13.Who recently became India's 87th Grandmaster in chess?

- a) Praggnanandhaa R.
- b) D. Gukesh.
- c) Harikrishnan A.
- d) Vidit Gujrathi.

Answer: c) Harikrishnan A.
The news states, "Chennai-based chess player Harikrishnan A has officially become India's 87th Grandmaster."

14.What is Foxconn doing at its Indian facility in relation to Apple products?

- a) Starting full-scale manufacturing of the iPhone 16.
- b) Importing components for the trial production of the upcoming iPhone 17.
- c) Setting up a new research and development center.
- d) Expanding production for MacBooks.

Answer: b) Importing components for the trial production of the upcoming iPhone 17.
The news reports, "Apple's manufacturing partner, Foxconn, has started importing components from China to its Indian facility for the trial production of the upcoming iPhone 17."

