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National News

1. Foreign Policy & Trade:

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) briefed a Parliamentary Committee on the new U.S. tariffs on Indian goods.

The MEA officials stated that the tariffs, imposed by the Trump administration, are based on "flawed assumptions" and that India is being pulled into a geopolitical tug-of-war.

India will highlight its commitment to constructive engagement with the U.S. and emphasize the bipartisan nature of the relationship.

Concurrently, India is holding meetings with officials from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to review the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) as it seeks to shore up other trade negotiations in the wake of the new tariffs.

2. Infrastructure and Development:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the long-awaited "Yellow Line" of the Bengaluru Metro, which is expected to ease traffic congestion in the city's IT hub.

He also flagged off a new Vande Bharat Express train service between Bengaluru and Belagavi.

In Uttarakhand, the Indian Army constructed a 90-foot Bailey bridge in the cloudburst-affected Dharali area to restore connectivity and facilitate rescue and relief operations.

3. Government and Politics:

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs informed the Jammu and Kashmir High Court that the Lieutenant-Governor of the Union Territory can nominate five members to the J&K Legislative Assembly without the "aid and advice" of the elected government.

The INDIA bloc MPs are planning a protest march to the Election Commission of India (ECI) headquarters regarding alleged electoral malpractices. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge is hosting a dinner to formulate a common strategy on the issue.

The Indian government withdrew the Income Tax Bill, 2025, and is scheduled to reintroduce an amended version in Parliament after incorporating stakeholder feedback.

4. Sports:

Indian all-rounder Hardik Pandya is undergoing a fitness assessment at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru ahead of the Asia Cup 2025 squad selection.

T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav is also at the NCA, continuing his recovery from sports hernia surgery and is expected to need another week to regain full fitness.

The Asia Cup is set to be held from September 9 to 28 in the UAE, with India and Pakistan potentially facing each other up to three times.

5. Other National News:

The Telangana High Court has granted a six-week stay on a road widening project for an elevated corridor in Secunderabad Cantonment, following a petition from residents.





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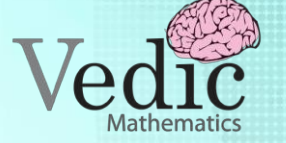
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The Delhi consumer forum has ordered IndiGo Airlines to compensate a passenger for poor service, including an "unhygienic and stained seat."

Goa is experiencing a weak monsoon season, with rainfall far below seasonal expectations, which could impact water resources and crop cycles.

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1. Why is India holding meetings with ASEAN officials?

- A) To discuss the new tariffs imposed by the U.S.
- B) To review the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).
- C) To form a new trade bloc in response to global tensions.
- D) To protest the U.S. tariffs with a united front.

Answer: B) To review the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).

The news states that while India is dealing with the new U.S. tariffs, it is concurrently meeting with ASEAN officials to review the AITIGA. This is part of a strategy to strengthen other trade negotiations.





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2. What was the purpose of the 90-foot Bailey bridge constructed by the Indian Army in Uttarakhand?

- A) To build a new tourist attraction.
- B) To restore connectivity and facilitate relief operations in a cloudburst-affected area.
- C) To create a new military checkpoint.
- D) To connect two major cities for commercial purposes.

Answer: B) To restore connectivity and facilitate relief operations in a cloudburst-affected area.

The Indian Army constructed the Bailey bridge in the Dharali area of Uttarakhand to restore connectivity that was lost due to a cloudburst and to help with rescue and relief efforts.

3. What is the INDIA bloc's planned protest march to the Election Commission of India (ECI) about?

- A) The newly introduced Income Tax Bill.
- B) The powers of the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor.
- C) Alleged electoral malpractices.
- D) The U.S. tariffs on Indian goods.

Answer: C) Alleged electoral malpractices.

The INDIA bloc MPs are planning a protest march to the ECI headquarters to register their protest against alleged electoral malpractices.

4. Why is Hardik Pandya undergoing a fitness assessment at the National Cricket Academy (NCA)?

- A) To prepare for the T20 World Cup.
- B) To recover from a sports hernia surgery.
- C) To get fit for the Asia Cup 2025 squad selection.
- D) To lead the Indian T20I team in the absence of Suryakumar Yadav.

Answer: C) To get fit for the Asia Cup 2025 squad selection.

Hardik Pandya is at the NCA for a routine fitness assessment ahead of the Asia Cup 2025 squad selection, while Suryakumar Yadav is there to continue his recovery from a sports hernia surgery.

5. What was the reason for the Telangana High Court's six-week stay on a road widening project in Secunderabad Cantonment?

- A) A petition from residents.
- B) A request from the central government.
- C) A lack of funds for the project.
- D) An environmental impact study.

Answer: A) A petition from residents.

The Telangana High Court granted the stay after a petition was filed by local residents.

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