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## National News

### Economic and Development News

**Semiconductor Mission:** India has achieved a milestone in its Semiconductor Mission with the first-ever "Made-in-India" chips from a pilot line being presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister stated that this development will make India self-reliant and globally competitive in the semiconductor ecosystem.

**Carbon-Neutral Target:** Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that PM Modi has set a target for India to become a carbon-neutral country by 2070.

**Agri-Food Exports:** The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has launched a new initiative called BHARATI to support 100 agri-food startups and aim for \$50 billion in exports by 2030.

**GST Council Meeting:** The 56th meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, is scheduled to be held in New Delhi.

### Political and Legal News

**Delhi Riots Case:** The Delhi High Court has dismissed the bail pleas of activists Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case.

**Election Commission:** The Election Commission has issued a notice to Congress leader Pawan Khara for allegedly holding electoral registrations in more than one constituency.

**Supreme Court on Education:** The Supreme Court has referred the 2014 verdict, which granted minority institutions an exemption from the Right to Education Act, to a larger bench for reconsideration. The court also clarified that passing the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) is mandatory for teacher appointments.

### Weather and Disasters

**Heavy Rains and Floods:** Heavy monsoon rains continue to affect various parts of North India.

**Punjab:** The state of Punjab is battling severe floods, with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann urging the central government to release Rs 60,000 crore in pending state funds to aid relief efforts. Schools in the state are to remain closed until September 3.

**Uttarakhand:** The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued red and orange alerts for several districts in Uttarakhand due to heavy rainfall and cloudbursts.

**Delhi-NCR:** Heavy rains have led to waterlogging and traffic congestion. The Ghaziabad district administration has declared a school holiday for September 3.

### Other News

**Kapas Kisan App:** Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh has launched the "Kapas Kisan" app to help cotton farmers with the procurement of cotton under the Minimum Support Price scheme.

**India-Singapore Relations:** Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong has arrived in India for a three-day visit to hold bilateral talks with PM Modi and other officials.





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## MCQS

1. What is the name of the new initiative launched by APEDA to support agri-food startups and boost exports?

- A) APEDA Mission
- B) BHARATI
- C) Kisan Kranti
- D) Agri-Connect

**Answer:** B) BHARATI

The news states, "The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has launched a new initiative called BHARATI to support 100 agri-food startups..."

2. What is the key target for India to achieve by 2070, as announced by Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari?

- A) \$5 trillion economy
- B) 100% renewable energy
- C) A carbon-neutral country
- D) 100% literacy rate

**Answer:** C) A carbon-neutral country

The news explicitly says, "Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that PM Modi has set a target for India to become a carbon-neutral country by 2070."

3. Which of the following is a key feature of the "Kapas Kisan" app launched for cotton farmers?

- A) Booking farm equipment
- B) Providing weather forecasts
- C) Facilitating procurement under the Minimum Support Price scheme
- D) Selling produce directly to consumers

**Answer:** C) Facilitating procurement under the Minimum Support Price scheme

According to the news, Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh launched the "Kapas Kisan" app to help cotton farmers with the procurement of cotton under the Minimum Support Price scheme.

4. What did the Supreme Court recently clarify regarding teacher appointments?







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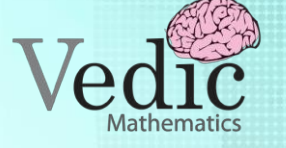
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- A) A Ph.D. is mandatory for all teachers.  
B) The Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) is not required for minority institutions.  
C) Passing the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) is mandatory.  
D) Teacher appointments must be made by the central government.

**Answer:** C) Passing the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) is mandatory.

The news states, "The court also clarified that passing the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) is mandatory for teacher appointments."

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