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National News

Politics & Economy

GST Reforms Hailed: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has described the recent rationalization of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as the biggest reform since India's independence. The new "Next-Gen" GST reforms have reduced taxes on a wide range of consumer electronics and other goods. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has also praised the changes, calling them a "boost for Green India."

PM's 'Homework' for Teachers: On the occasion of Teachers' Day, PM Modi has asked teachers to lead campaigns with their students to promote "Swadeshi" products and give an impetus to the "Make in India" and "Vocal for Local" initiatives.

Disasters & Weather

Widespread Floods in North India: Several states are experiencing severe flooding due to heavy monsoon rains.

Punjab: Over 1,900 villages are affected, with more than 4 lakh acres of farmland submerged. The death toll has risen to 43.

Jammu and Kashmir: Heavy rains have caused flash floods and landslides, with 283 houses damaged and 950 people evacuated in the Ramban district. The Jhelum river breached an embankment, forcing the evacuation of nearly 9,000 people from three districts in Kashmir.

Himachal Pradesh: The Beas river is swelling, causing alarm in the Kullu district. A landslide in Kullu has killed one person and buried six

others. A total of 1,212 roads are closed in the state.

Uttar Pradesh: The Yamuna river has a flood-like situation in the Mathura district.

India Meteorological Department (IMD): IMD has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall for Rajasthan, Konkan, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

Festivals and Holidays

Teachers' Day: Teachers' Day is being celebrated across the country. President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Teachers' Awards.

School Holidays: Many schools in states affected by floods (Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh) have declared holidays. Additionally, some schools in states like Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala are closed for the festival of Eid-e-Milad.

Bank Holidays: While some cities are observing bank holidays for Eid-e-Milad and Onam, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the holiday for financial markets on September 5 and moved it to September 8 for certain transactions in Mumbai.

Other National Updates

Saras Aajeevika Mela: The 27th edition of the Saras Aajeevika Mela, a fair where over 400 rural women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across India will showcase their products, is set to begin in New Delhi.





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Vulture Conservation: India's first dedicated vulture conservation portal, "The Vulture Network," was launched in Guwahati, Assam, by the We Foundation India in collaboration with Gauhati University.

Indigenous Technology: India has developed its first indigenous water-soluble fertilizer technology after seven years of research. This is expected to reduce the country's dependence on imports.

Bhutanese PM's Visit: The Prime Minister of Bhutan, Tshering Tobgay, visited the sacred Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya, Bihar.

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MCQS

1. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, what is the "biggest reform since India's independence"?

- a) The launch of the Make in India initiative.
- b) The recent rationalization of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- c) The new education policy.
- d) The Digital India program.

Answer: b) The recent rationalization of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
Prime Minister Modi has hailed the "Next-Gen" GST reforms as the most significant reform since India's independence, due to its tax reductions on various consumer goods.





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2. What campaign has PM Modi asked teachers to promote with their students on the occasion of Teachers' Day?

- a) Clean India
- b) Digital India
- c) Swadeshi products
- d) Skill India

Answer: c) Swadeshi products.

On Teachers' Day, Prime Minister Modi encouraged teachers to lead campaigns with students to promote "Swadeshi" products and support the "Make in India" and "Vocal for Local" initiatives.

3. Which of the following states has been most affected by the recent floods, with over 1,900 villages submerged?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Punjab
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: c) Punjab.

The news report states that Punjab is severely impacted by the floods, with over 1,900 villages and more than 4 lakh acres of farmland submerged, and the death toll has reached 43.

4. What is the name of India's first dedicated vulture conservation portal, launched in Guwahati, Assam?

- a) The Vulture Sanctuary
- b) The Vulture Network
- c) The Vulture Watch
- d) The Vulture Project

Answer: b) The Vulture Network.

India's first dedicated vulture conservation portal, named "The Vulture Network," was launched in Guwahati, Assam, in collaboration with Gauhati University.

5. Which river has a flood-like situation in the Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh?

- a) Ganga
- b) Yamuna
- c) Brahmaputra
- d) Godavari

Answer: b) Yamuna.

The news report specifies that the Yamuna river has a flood-like situation in the Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh due to heavy rains.

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