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National News

Political and Government Developments:

ITR Filing Deadline Extended: The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the deadline for filing Income Tax Returns (ITRs) for Assessment Year 2025-26 by one day, to September 16, due to technical glitches on the e-filing portal. A record 7.3 crore ITRs were filed by the previous deadline.

Supreme Court Ruling: The Supreme Court has refused to entertain a petition seeking to bring registered political parties under the ambit of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act). The court stated that a political party cannot be considered a "workplace" in the same sense as a commercial establishment.

PM Modi's address in Bihar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing a public meeting in Bihar's Purnea, reiterated the NDA government's commitment to freeing regions like Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam from "intruders." He also highlighted the recent GST reforms and the inauguration of development projects worth over Rs 40,000 crore in the state, including the Purnea airport and the National Makhana Board.

Mauritius PM's Visit: The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, has arrived in New Delhi on his first bilateral visit to India in his current term.

Trade Talks with the US: India is hosting US trade negotiators in New Delhi to discuss and resolve issues related to high tariffs.

Congress on Great Nicobar Project: Congress leader Jairam Ramesh has raised "core concerns" about the Great Nicobar Mega Infrastructure Project, claiming it will displace tribal communities and threaten their survival.

Other Major News:

Defence Minister Pays Tribute: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has paid tribute to Param Vir Chakra awardee Lt. Col. Tarapore on "Balidan Diwas," hailing his bravery during the 1965 war.

Heavy Rainfall Forecast: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places across several states, including the North-Eastern states, Bihar, Jharkhand, and parts of Maharashtra and West Bengal.

CBI Raids: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has conducted raids at 16 locations in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh in connection with a tribal welfare scam amounting to ₹84.63 crore.

EAM's Greetings: Minister of External Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar, has extended greetings to Papua New Guinea and Mexico on their respective Independence Days, emphasizing growing bilateral ties.

Manipur Highway Update: The Kuki-Zo Council has rescinded a pact to reopen National Highway-2 in Manipur and has stated that the highway will not be reopened until a settlement is reached between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities.





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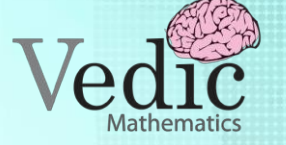
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1. Why was the deadline for filing Income Tax Returns (ITRs) for Assessment Year 2025-26 extended to September 16?

- a) Due to a national holiday.
- b) To allow more time for new tax laws to be implemented.
- c) Because of technical glitches on the e-filing portal.
- d) To match the international filing schedule.

Answer: c) Because of technical glitches on the e-filing portal.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the deadline by one day specifically because taxpayers were facing technical issues on the e-filing portal.

2. The Supreme Court recently ruled that political parties cannot be considered a "workplace" under which Act?

- a) The Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005
- b) The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988
- c) The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act)
- d) The Representation of the People Act, 1951

Answer: c) The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act)

The Supreme Court dismissed a petition seeking to apply the POSH Act to political parties, arguing that a political party does not fit the definition of a "workplace" in the context of an employer-employee relationship.

3. During his address in Bihar, PM Modi inaugurated development projects worth over Rs 40,000 crore in which city?

- a) Patna
- b) Muzaffarpur





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- c) Gaya
d) Purnea

Answer: d) Purnea

Prime Minister Modi addressed a public meeting in Purnea, Bihar, where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects, including an airport and the National Makhana Board.

4. What is the key concern raised by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh regarding the Great Nicobar Mega Infrastructure Project?

- a) It will cause significant air pollution.
b) It will displace tribal communities and threaten their survival.
c) It will lead to a loss of cultural heritage.
d) It will be too expensive to complete.

Answer: b) It will displace tribal communities and threaten their survival.

Jairam Ramesh has voiced "core concerns" that the mega-project on Great Nicobar Island will have a detrimental impact on the indigenous tribal communities and their environment.

5. Which Param Vir Chakra awardee was paid tribute by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on "Balidan Diwas"?

- a) Captain Vikram Batra
b) Major Somnath Sharma
c) Lt. Col. Tarapore
d) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav

Answer: c) Lt. Col. Tarapore

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid tribute to Lt. Col. Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore, a Param Vir Chakra awardee, on his "Balidan Diwas" for his gallantry during the 1965 war.

6. The CBI conducted raids at 16 locations in which two states in connection with a tribal welfare scam?

- a) Tamil Nadu and Kerala
b) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
c) Punjab and Haryana
d) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

Answer: b) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted raids in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh to investigate a scam involving the misappropriation of tribal welfare funds.

7. Why has the Kuki-Zo Council rescinded its pact to reopen National Highway-2 in Manipur?

- a) The government failed to provide security.
b) The road was deemed unsafe for travel.
c) They will not reopen the highway until a settlement is reached with the Meitei community.
d) There was a disagreement over toll fees.

Answer: c) They will not reopen the highway until a settlement is reached with the Meitei community.

The Kuki-Zo Council stated that it has rescinded the pact to reopen the highway, emphasizing that it will remain closed until a settlement is achieved between the two communities involved in the conflict.

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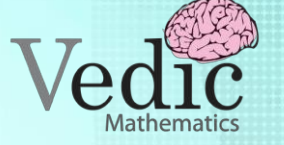
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