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1. Discovery of Megaliths in Kerala

More than 110 megalithic burial sites have been discovered in an area of 45 hectares near the Malampuzha dam in Palakkad district of Kerala. The discovery was made by a team of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), which will help in understanding the early Iron Age society of the region. Megalithic structures are made of large stones and were usually used for the burial of dead bodies. They were constructed without cement or mortar.



2. India and Singapore sign MoU for Green and Digital Shipping Corridor

India and Singapore have recently signed a letter of intent for the Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC). It aims to promote digitalisation and decarbonisation in the shipping sector. The initiative focuses on the development of technologies with zero or minimal greenhouse gas emissions and the rapid adoption of digital solutions. The MoU came during the Singapore Maritime Week 2025, which will be held from March 24 to 28.



3. India developed the first indigenous MRI machine

India has developed its first indigenous magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, which is an important step towards self-reliance in medical technology. MRI is a non-invasive medical technique, which provides detailed images of the internal organs, tissues and structures of the body. It works using strong magnetic fields, radio waves and computer technology.



4. Tri-service exercise Prachand Prahar concluded in Arunachal Pradesh

The integrated multi-domain military exercise "Prachand Prahar" of the three forces concluded on 27 March 2025. This joint tri-service exercise was conducted in the Himalayan region on the northern border with China in Arunachal Pradesh on 25-27 March. The exercise tested the ability of the Indian Armed Forces to fight joint war in high altitude mountainous terrain.



5. RBI hikes ATM withdrawal charges

The Reserve Bank of India has approved an increase in the interchange fee applicable on cash withdrawals from ATMs from May 1, 2025. This fee is applicable when customers use the ATM of another bank. With this decision, customers will have to pay more fees for exceeding the free transaction limit. This increase has been made on the request of white label ATM operators, which may have a special impact on the customers of small banks, as they are more dependent on the ATM network of big banks.



6. Dr. Jai Bhattacharya appointed as Director of NIH, US

The United States Senate has confirmed the appointment of Indian-origin scientist Dr. Jai Bhattacharya as the new director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Donald Trump nominated him as the 18th NIH director after he was elected the 47th President of the United States in November 2024. Dr. Jai Bhattacharya was born in Kolkata, West Bengal.



7. India is the second largest tea exporter in the world

India's tea industry has recorded a significant achievement as the country has become the second largest tea exporter globally in 2024. According to the Tea Board of India, India exported 254 million kg of tea in 2024, a significant increase compared to 231 million kg in 2023. It overtook Sri Lanka, while Kenya topped the list with more than 500 million kg of exports.



8. Digital Crop Survey

The Central Government has launched the Digital Crop Survey (DCS) system, which aims to collect details of crops sown from the fields in real time. This is an important initiative run by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Under this system, accurate and updated crop area information of each agricultural plot will be available, which will enable accurate estimation of production.





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1. Megaliths were used for what - **for burying dead bodies**
2. Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC) agreement was signed during which program - **"Singapore Maritime Week"**
3. What is the full form of MRI - **Magnetic Resonance Imaging**
4. What was the name of the tri-service military exercise held in Arunachal Pradesh in March 2025 - **"Prachand Prahar"**
5. Recently, in a decision of RBI, which will come into effect from 1 May 2025, the customer has increased the additional charge by how many rupees on non-financial transactions from other ATMs - **₹ 1**
6. Which American woman of Indian origin has been appointed by US President Trump as Senior White House Policy Advisor on AI (Artificial Intelligence) - **'Shriram Krishnan'**
7. Which is the world's largest tea exporting country - **'Kenya'**
8. What is the purpose of the Digital Crop Survey (DCS) system operated by the Central Government - **"To provide direct information in real time through mobile interface Collecting details of the crop sown from the field"**
9. Recently, the Supreme Court has formed what to address the mental health concerns of students - **'Rashtriya Yask Force'**
10. Recently, who launched the second warship 'Tavsya' for the Indian Navy - **'Goa Shipyard Limited'**

