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1. Friedrich Merz elected 10th Chancellor of Germany

Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party leader Friedrich Merz was elected the 10th Chancellor of Germany on 6 May 2025. This election took place in the German Parliament Bundestag, in which he was elected in the second round of voting. This is the first time since World War II that the German Chancellor was elected in the second round.



2. India's first transmedia entertainment hub opened in Andhra Pradesh

Recently, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu announced the launch of India's first transmedia entertainment city 'Creator Land'. The announcement was made during the WAVES summit. The project, costing ₹10,000 crore, is expected to create around 25,000 new jobs. The initiative aims to develop Amaravati as a global hub for creative industries and digital innovation.



3. Indian Institute of Foreign Trade to set up off-campus centre in GIFT City

The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has received approval to set up a new off-campus centre at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The approval has been given by the Ministry of Education under UGC Regulations 2023. IIFT received this approval after successful compliance with the terms of the LOI issued in January 2025 under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956.



4. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise

INS Sharda is participating in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise held at Mafilafushi Atoll, Maldives from May 4 to May 10. The main objective of this exercise is to promote interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF). This exercise is being conducted to strengthen coordination and rapid response capability in times of disaster.



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5. UAE University Creates Advanced Non-Surgical Blood Flow Monitor

Researchers at the United Arab Emirates University have developed a new non-surgical technology that uses piezoelectric pressure sensors to monitor blood flow. This technology is capable of accurately measuring blood flow inside the body without any incision. The piezoelectric materials used in it generate electric fields on mechanical stress, allowing the sensor to recognize the speed, viscosity and direction of blood flow.



6. India removes its executive director from IMF board

The Government of India has recalled Dr. Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian from the post of Executive Director in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on 30 April 2025, even before the end of his term. He was appointed on 1 November 2022 and his tenure was proposed till 31 October 2025. The government did not give any official reason for this decision, but according to sources, differences had recently emerged between India and the IMF over economic forecasts, data transparency and global reporting standards.



7. First mortgage backed pass-through certificate (PTC) listed in India

The first mortgage backed pass-through certificate (PTC) in India has been listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). This PTC has been structured by RMBS Development Company Limited and is backed by a pool of housing loans originated by LIC Housing Finance Limited. It has a maturity period of around 20 years and the coupon rate has been fixed at 7.26 per cent per annum.



8. Kota and Puri get the gift of Greenfield Airports

Recently, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has approved two new Greenfield airports in Kota, Rajasthan and Puri, Odisha. These airports will be developed from scratch at new locations where no airport existed earlier. The Kota airport will be led by Lok Sabha Speaker and Member of Parliament from Kota-Bundi, Shri Om Birla. Kota is a major educational and industrial hub, especially famous for IITs and medical coaching institutes.





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1. Recently, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has got approval to set up an off-campus center at which place?

- A - GIFT City, Gandhinagar** **B - Jaipur**
C - Bhopal **D - Bangalore**

The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has received approval from the Ministry of Education to set up a new off-campus center at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat under UGC Regulations 2023. This center will be a multi-disciplinary institute with a capacity of more than 1,000 students, which will have a system of international business education, training and research.



2. Which naval ship of India is participating in the HADR exercise held in Maldives?

- A - INS Sharda** **B - INS Rajput**
C - INS Vikrant **D - INS Talwar**

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3. Recently, Friedrich Merz has been appointed Chancellor of which country?

- A - South Korea** **B - Netherlands**
C - Swaziland **D - Germany**

On 6 May 2025, Christian Democratic Union (CDU) leader Friedrich Merz was elected the 10th Chancellor of Germany. He emerged victorious in the second round of voting in the Bundestag, which took place for the first time since World War II. The 21st session of the Bundestag has a total of 630 members, and the CDU secured 164 seats. 69-year-old Merz is the second oldest Chancellor of Germany.



4. The first 'Mortgage Backed Pass-Through Certificate' in India is backed by a pool of loans issued by whom?

- A - ICICI** **B - LIC Housing Finance**
C - NABARD **D - HDFC**

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5. Which university has recently developed a 'non-surgical blood flow monitor'?

- A - Harvard University
C - IIT Delhi

- B - UAE University
D - Osh University, Kyrgyzstan

Researchers at the United Arab Emirates University have developed a new technology for non-surgical monitoring of blood flow, which uses piezoelectric pressure sensors. This technology gives accurate information about the speed, direction and viscosity of blood in real time without any invasive procedure. Its use is possible both in hospitals and at home.



6. Which state has recently announced the launch of India's first transmedia entertainment city 'Creator Land'?

- A - Maharashtra
C - Tamil Nadu

- B - Jharkhand
D - Odisha

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu announced India's first transmedia entertainment city 'Creator Land' at the WAVES summit. The project, to be built in Visakhapatnam at a cost of ₹10,000 crore, is expected to create about 25,000 jobs.



7. Recently, which of its executive directors has India removed from the IMF board prematurely?

- A - Dalveer Bhandari
C - Atul Rohatgi

- B - Dr. Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian
D - Priyanka Tiwari

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8. Which of the following is an example of a Greenfield airport?

- A - Jodhpur Airport
C - Agra Airport

- B - Indira Gandhi International Airport
D - Noida (Jewar) International Airport

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has recently approved two new Greenfield airports in Kota, Rajasthan and Puri, Odisha. Kota airport will serve a major educational and industrial hub, while Puri airport will promote tourism due to religious sites like the Jagannath Temple. Both projects are considered important for regional connectivity, economic development and employment growth.





One Liner

1. How many current member countries are there in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) - **190**
2. Who recently announced India's first transmedia entertainment hub? - **Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu**
3. Bundestag is the parliament of which country - **Germany**
4. What is the main purpose of 'Non-Surgical Blood Flow Monitor' - **To monitor blood flow in the body without surgery**
5. In which stock exchange has the first mortgage-backed pass-through certificate (PTC) been listed in India - **National Stock Exchange (NSE)**
6. Recently, US President Donald Trump has announced what percentage tariff on foreign films - **100%**
7. Where is the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise being held - **In the Mafilafushi Atoll of Maldives**
8. When was the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) established - **1963**
9. Recently, the Civil Aviation Ministry has approved new greenfield airports in which two cities - **Kota and Puri**
10. Recently, which country has announced that it will include AI as a compulsory subject in government schools from the upcoming academic year - **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

