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Polity & Governance

Niveshak Shivir

IEPFA and SEBI to Organise 'Niveshak Shivir' in Bhopal

• **Niveshak Shivir** – Promotes a direct, intermediary-free engagement between investors, companies, and Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs).
• **Act as –** one-stop facilitation platform to assist investors in resolving issues related to unclaimed dividends and shares,
• It also enable direct access to investor services and on-ground grievance redressal mechanisms.

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)

• **Under** – Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
• **Entrusted with** – Responsibility of administration of the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF).
• It also makes refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, matured deposits/debentures etc. to investors.
• **Promotes** – awareness among investors, and protecting the interests of the investors.
• *It does not offer any investment advice or evaluation.*

Competition Commission of India (CCI)

CCI approves acquisition of Macquarie AirFinance by Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE) Ltd through DAE Eirecam Designated Activity Company

• ***CCI*** is the *statutory regulatory body*.
• **Under –** the Ministry of Corporate Affairs responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002.
• **Ensures** – fair market competition, investigates anti-competitive agreements and abuses of dominant position, and regulates corporate mergers and acquisitions to protect consumer interests.

National Sports Tribunal (NST)

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has invited applications for the appointment of two Members of the NST.

• **NST** – a statutory body, established under the ***National Sports Governance Act, 2025.***
• **Constituted to** – adjudicate and hear disputes relating to sports.
• **Eligibility** – persons of eminence in public life possessing wide knowledge and experience in sports, public administration, and law can send applications.
• The selection process will be conducted by the *Search-cum-Selection Committee.*

International Relations and Issues

India and South Africa agree to scale up bilateral cooperation

• **Focus** – Quantum Technologies, Biotechnology and Hydrogen Energy.
• **To create** – affordable, scalable and inclusive technological solutions for the developing world.
• **Agreed to** – accelerate interactions among scientists, institutions and technical experts to transform these focus areas into concrete collaborative programmes and outcomes.

India leads the world in producing US unicorn founders

India's growing influence on America's innovation and startup ecosystem
• India-born entrepreneurs have founded 96 billion-dollar startups in the United States, more than founders from Israel, the UK or China.
• **As per** – National Foundation for American Policy (NFAP) report data.
• China ranked fourth with 41 billion-dollar startups founded by immigrants.

Environment

Assam's NariShakti to Plant 1 crore trees

• Assam is set to witness a major community-led environmental initiative this World Environment Day.
• **Participation** – with 35 lakh women from self-help groups (SHGs) joining hands to plant one crore trees across the state.

Schemes

PM-SETU(Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs)

• It is a *centrally sponsored initiative* launched on October 4, 2025.
• **Aim** - To modernize India's vocational training system and align it with global industry requirements.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
• **Objectives** – To transform 1,000 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into modern institutions.
• **Co-financed by** – *World Bank and the Asian Development Bank*.

Miscellaneous

Common Yoga Protocol Session

• **Under** – Mission LiFE Initiative
• **Theme** – "Linking Yoga Practice to Mindful and Low-Consumption Living,"
• **Aimed** – to promote sustainable lifestyles, environmental consciousness, and holistic well-being through the practice of yoga.
• **Highlighted** – close relationship between individual well-being and environmental sustainability.

Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

• **Highlight** – PM inauguration of the 36-km Kim-Ena section (Package VI) and the 27.5-km Gandeva-Ena section (Package VII) of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.
• The *eight-lane corridor* is expected to significantly reduce travel times and improve regional connectivity.
• PM Narendra Modi will also lay the foundation stone for National Highway projects worth Rs 12,421 crore in south Gujarat.



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