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Polity & Governance

Postal Ballots

The Election Commission rejected the Opposition's demand to count the postal ballots before the EVM counting.

• **EC's announcement** - "The penultimate (2nd last) round of EVM/VVPATs counting shall not be taken up until the counting of postal ballot papers is completed at the counting centre."

• **Legal basis** - Rule 54A, Conduct of Elections Rules 1961.

• **Provided to**

- Members of the armed forces, government employees posted outside India, or those deployed on election duty.
- Special voters such as the President, Vice-President, Governors, Union Cabinet ministers, and Speakers.
- New category of "absentee voters" - Employed in essential services including railway employees and media personnel.
- Senior citizens 85+ age, persons with disabilities.

Economy

Udan Yatri Cafe

Civil Aviation Minister inaugurates Udan Yatri Cafe at Vijayawada International Airport.

- **Inaugurated by** - Minister of Civil Aviation.
- **Objectives** - To ensure that no air passenger would travel with an unfilled stomach.
- To enhance the passenger experience by offering affordable, and quality food & beverages, including tea priced at Rs.10/-, coffee/snacks/sweets at Rs.20/-.

Performance-Linked Rewards for Coal India Workers

Coal India workers to receive rupees 1.03 lakh as performance-linked rewards.

- **Performance linked reward system** - It involves rewarding employees according to their performance, or results achieved or contribution to organisations performance as individuals or as a part of a group.
- **Announced after** - 6th meeting of the standardisation committee of the Joint Bipartite Committee for the Coal Industry.

Joint Bipartite Committee

- **Representation from** - Senior management of PSUs and central trade unions.
- **Aim** - To negotiate and decide the wages and other allowances for the workers of the coal industry.

International Trade Negotiations Program for Department of Commerce

- **Launched by** - Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).
- **Organised by** - IIFT's Centre for International Negotiations (CIN).
- **Aim** - To strengthen the negotiation skills of government officials and bolster India's global trade engagement.

Environment

e-observer system

Government will soon introduce an onboard electronic observer system for remote monitoring and recording of marine fish catch.

- **Developed by** - Fishery Survey of India (FSI).
- **Announced after** - "Species Identification and Data Collection for Tuna and Allied Species" workshop.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- **Aim** - To provide accurate scientific data for stock assessment and management by observing fishing operations across various vessel types.
- **Significance** - It builds on the [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana](#) (PMMSY)

Species Identification and Data Collection for Tuna & Allied Species

- It is a 5 days' workshop.
- **Organized by** - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) & FSI.
- **Delegates from** - 12 countries, including *Japan, France, Thailand, Indonesia, and South Africa*, along with representatives from 18 Indian coastal states and Union Territories.
- **Discussion on** - The need to revise the global tuna quota system, which India argues currently favors nations with historically higher catch levels.

Science

Lecanemab

- It is a *monoclonal antibody drug*.
- **Approved in** - Australia.
- **Aim** - To slow early Alzheimer's progression by *targeting amyloid proteins in the brain*.
- **Concern** - High cost and potential side effects, including brain swelling, limit its accessibility and raise safety concerns.

Miscellaneous

Asia Cup 2025

Prime Minister congratulates Indian Cricket Team on their victory in Asia Cup 2025.

- It is held *every 2 years* to crown the continental champions.
- **Established in** - 1983.
- **17th edition hosted in** - United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- **Organised by** - Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

Vocal for Local" & "Swadeshi

PM urged citizens to buy locally made goods and Khadi products during the festive season.

- **Historical Context** - Mahatma Gandhi emphasised Swadeshi goods against foreign goods during the freedom struggle.
- **Objectives** - To strengthen India's domestic economy, and vitalizes entrepreneurs.
- To bring hope to families, honors artisans, supports young entrepreneurs.

