



Most Important Points for Daily News

➤ 116th Mann Ki Baat- Welcoming a Milestone Year

As 2025 approaches, India stands on the threshold of significant celebrations and achievements. The year marks the 75th anniversary of the Constitution of India, a testament to the vision and dedication of the nation's founding fathers.

The Prime Minister, through the 116th episode of his monthly radio address Mann Ki Baat, shared insights and aspirations for the country's progress and unity, covering diverse themes ranging from cultural heritage to health and sports.



➤ China Unveils World's Fastest High-Speed Train Prototype

China has introduced the CR450, the world's fastest high-speed train prototype, with test speeds reaching 450 km/h. Surpassing the current CR400 Fuxing trains (350 km/h), the CR450 marks a breakthrough in rail technology, combining speed with advancements in energy efficiency, safety, and passenger comfort. This innovation aligns with China's ambitious plans to expand its high-speed rail network to 70,000 km by 2035, cementing its leadership in global rail systems.



➤ Vitul Kumar Appointed Officiating DG of CRPF

Vitul Kumar, a 1993-batch IPS officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the officiating Director General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) following the retirement of Anish Dayal Singh on December, 2024.

Kumar, who is currently serving as the Special Director General of the CRPF, will oversee the force during a crucial period, especially with the ongoing challenges in regions like Chhattisgarh and Manipur. His appointment ensures continuity in leadership until a permanent successor is named.





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➤ India's Defence Exports Cross Rs 21,000 Crore : Rajnath Singh

India's defence exports have witnessed a remarkable surge, reaching a record Rs 21,000 crore from a mere Rs 2,000 crore a decade ago. During a visit to the Army War College (AWC) in Mhow Cantonment, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh set an ambitious target of Rs 50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029.



➤ GDP to Grow at 6.6% in FY25: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its December 2024 Financial Stability Report (FSR), projected India's GDP growth at 6.6% for FY25, driven by a revival in rural consumption, increased government spending, and strong services exports. Despite a moderation in GDP growth to 6% in H1 FY25 from 8.2% in H1 FY24, the RBI highlighted India's economic resilience, supported by sound macroeconomic fundamentals, improved asset quality in banks, and robust financial system indicators.



➤ RBI Introduces Name Lookup for NEFT and RTGS

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a name lookup facility for Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) systems, aiming to reduce fraud and errors. This feature, similar to what Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) offer, will allow remitters to verify the beneficiary's name before initiating transactions.





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➤ **Rajat Verma Appointed CEO of DBS Bank India**

Rajat Verma, the current head of the Institutional Banking Group at DBS Bank India, has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India, effective March 1, 2025. This announcement comes after the retirement of Surojit Shome, who has been at the helm since 2015. Verma's appointment, subject to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval, marks a new phase for DBS India as it continues its growth trajectory in India, one of the bank's key markets.

