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➤ **Pranab Mukherjee Memorial at Delhi's Rajghat Complex**

The Central Government has decided to set up a memorial for former President Pranab Mukherjee at the Rashtriya Smriti Sthal, part of the Rajghat precinct in Delhi. Mukherjee, who passed away on August 31, 2020, was a veteran Congress leader and the 13th President of India. His daughter, Sharmistha Mukherjee, expressed her gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this unexpected gesture. The memorial will be a tribute to Mukherjee's decades-long contribution to Indian politics.



➤ **Prabowo Subianto to Be Republic Day Chief Guest in 2025**

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto has formally accepted New Delhi's invitation to be the chief guest at India's 2025 Republic Day parade. His visit marks a significant step in enhancing India-Indonesia relations, signaling the importance of the Act East Policy in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term. The two countries are expected to bolster their strategic cooperation, defense ties, and economic engagement during this visit.



➤ **Indusfood 2025: India Hosts Global Exhibitors from 30 Countries**

Indusfood 2025, Asia's premier food and beverage trade exhibition, will be held from January 8-10, 2025, at Greater Noida, India. The event, organized by the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is set to feature over 2,300 exhibitors from 30+ countries and attract 7,500 international buyers, along with 15,000 Indian trade visitors.





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➤ **Indonesia's Addition Strengthens BRICS Alliance**

Indonesia has officially become a full member (11th) of the BRICS group of emerging economies. Brazil, holding the presidency of BRICS for 2025, announced this development, noting that Indonesia's candidacy was endorsed by BRICS leaders at the Johannesburg summit in 2023. Indonesia's membership aligns with the ongoing efforts to reform global governance institutions and deepen cooperation within the Global South, key priorities for Brazil's BRICS presidency.



➤ **Indian Railways' Capital Expenditure in FY25**

Indian Railways has achieved a significant milestone in the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25) by surpassing ₹2 lakh crore in capital expenditure (capex), accounting for 76% of its budgetary allocation. By December 2024, Indian Railways expended approximately ₹1.91 lakh crore from the GBS, ₹824 crore from external resources, and ₹8,733 crore from extra-budgetary resources, totaling over ₹2 lakh crore.



➤ **Fiscal Deficit Target on Track Despite Revised GDP Growth**

Despite a downward revision in India's GDP growth forecast for the fiscal year 2024-25, the government's fiscal deficit target of 4.9% of GDP remains attainable. The National Statistics Office (NSO) has projected a nominal GDP growth of 9.7% for FY25, slightly below the earlier estimate of 10.5%. This adjustment is expected to have a minimal impact on the fiscal deficit, as the government plans to reduce capital expenditure to offset the lower GDP growth.





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➤ e-Shram Portal Expands to 22 Scheduled Languages

The e-Shram portal, designed to provide unorganised workers with seamless access to various government schemes, has been upgraded to support all 22 scheduled languages. This enhancement, launched by Union Minister of Labour and Employment Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, aims to make the portal more accessible to workers across India.

