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Polity

Himanta Biswa Sarma to Form Assam Government

- Assam Governor **Lakshman Prasad Acharya** invited **Himanta Biswa Sarma** to form the new state government.
- The NDA coalition successfully secured **102 out of 126** assembly seats in the **2026 elections**.
- The official swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for **May 12, 2026**, in **Guwahati**.
- **Static GK:** Assam's capital is **Dispur** and it is home to the famous **Kaziranga National Park**.

Economy

100% FDI Approved in Insurance Sector

- The **Central Government** officially notified **100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in the insurance sector.
- This historic change will be implemented through the **automatic route** without requiring prior government approval.
- The primary objective is to exponentially increase **insurance penetration** and capital inflow into India.
- **Static GK:** The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** was established in **1999** in **Hyderabad**.

Science & Tech

India Launches Quantum Communication Satellite-2

- India successfully launched its highly anticipated **Quantum Communication Satellite-2 (QCS-2)** into orbit.

- The cutting-edge satellite relies on the principles of **quantum entanglement** for secure data transmission.
- Its primary objective is to establish highly secure and completely **unhackable communication channels**.
- **Static GK:** Quantum entanglement was famously described by **Albert Einstein** as "spooky action at a distance".

Economy

RBI Issues New Guidelines for Green Bonds

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** unveiled comprehensive new guidelines for the issuance of **Green Bonds**.
- The policy aims to channel greater domestic and foreign investment towards **environmentally sustainable projects**.
- This crucial move will dramatically streamline the governance of **green financial instruments** in India.
- **Static GK:** The **RBI** was established on **April 1, 1935**, under the **RBI Act, 1934**.

International

SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi

- **New Delhi** proudly hosted the pivotal **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** Defence Ministers' meeting today.
- Member states focused on strengthening **regional security**, border management, and comprehensive **counter-terrorism efforts**.
- This gathering significantly strengthens India's diplomatic relations and strategic position within the **Eurasian bloc**.
- **Static GK:** The **SCO** was founded in **2001** and its secretariat is located in **Beijing, China**.

Environment

Cabinet Approves National Urban Greening Mission

- The **Union Cabinet** officially approved the transformative **National Urban Greening Mission** across the country.
- This flagship government scheme primarily focuses on exponentially increasing **green cover** in major cities.
- It aims to actively promote **urban biodiversity** and drastically improve overall **air quality**.
- 📌 **Static GK:** The first Indian city to be recognized as a "Tree City of the World" was **Hyderabad**.

Polity

C. Joseph Vijay Sworn In as Tamil Nadu CM

- Renowned actor-turned-politician **C. Joseph Vijay (Thalapathy Vijay)** took oath as the Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu**.
- He officially became the **13th Chief Minister** of the state following recent assembly election victories.
- His immediate action included chairing a high-level meeting to thoroughly review the state's **law and order**.
- 📌 **Static GK:** The **Tamil Nadu** legislative assembly consists of **234 seats**, with its capital in **Chennai**.

Defence

India Appoints Its 3rd Chief of Defence Staff

- Lieutenant General **N. S. Raja Subramani** was officially appointed as India's **3rd Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**.
- He will oversee tri-service integration and head the **Department of Military Affairs**.
- His appointment ensures continuity in India's ongoing military modernization and strategic theater command initiatives.
- 📌 **Static GK:** General **Bipin Rawat** served as the very first **Chief of Defence Staff of India**.

International

Turkiye Develops Advanced Yildirimhan Missile

- **Turkiye** successfully developed and tested its highly advanced **Yildirimhan Missile** system today.
- The new tactical weapon is designed to strike long-range targets with unprecedented precision and stealth.
- This development significantly boosts Türkiye's domestic defense manufacturing capabilities on the global stage.
- **Static GK:** The capital city of Türkiye is **Ankara**, and its official currency is the **Turkish Lira**.

Science & Tech

IIT Madras Launches Deep-Tech Center in USA

- **IIT Madras** officially launched its first international deep-tech startup center in the **United States**.
- The facility will promote rapid innovation and connect Indian tech entrepreneurs with global venture capital.
- This strategic move aims to strengthen the thriving **US-India technology and academic corridor**.
- **Static GK:** IIT Madras was established in **1959** with technical and financial assistance from the former **West Germany**.

Awards

Dr. Shekhar Suman Wins University Innovator Award

- Indian-origin scientist **Dr. Shekhar Suman** was honored with the prestigious **University Innovator Award** in the **USA**.
- He received the accolade for his groundbreaking research in advanced material science and renewable energy.
- The award recognizes globally impactful innovations developed within American university research laboratories.
- **Static GK:** The **National Science Day** in India is celebrated annually on **February 28**.

Polity

Suvendu Adhikari Sworn In as West Bengal CM

- **Suvendu Adhikari** was officially appointed as the **9th Chief Minister** of **West Bengal** today.
- He chaired his first official cabinet meeting to discuss ongoing state welfare schemes.
- His appointment marks a significant political transition in the eastern Indian state's governance structure.
- **Static GK:** The first Chief Minister of West Bengal was **Prafulla Chandra Ghosh**.

Defence

Krishna Swaminathan Appointed 27th Naval Chief

- Vice Admiral **Krishna Swaminathan** was officially appointed as India's **27th Chief of Naval Staff**.
- He will take charge of naval operations to enhance India's maritime security in the **Indian Ocean Region**.
- His extensive experience includes commanding key frontline warships and leading strategic naval commands.
- **Static GK:** The Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year on **December 4**.

Awards

Deepak Bhatia Honored with Earth Dubai Award

- Prominent Indian environmentalist **Deepak Bhatia** was awarded the prestigious **Earth Dubai Award** in the UAE.
- He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to global corporate sustainability and climate action initiatives.
- The international award highlights pioneering individuals leading environmental conservation across the Middle East and Asia.
- **Static GK:** The global headquarters of the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** is located in **Nairobi, Kenya**.

International

Ecuador Launches Smart Island Surveillance System

- **Ecuador** launched the world's very first **Smart Island Surveillance System** in the Galapagos.
- The system utilizes advanced AI and satellite tracking to monitor illegal fishing and protect biodiversity.
- This high-tech initiative establishes a new global benchmark for marine conservation and ecological security.
- **Static GK:** The capital of Ecuador is Quito, and the Galapagos Islands are a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Art & Culture

UNESCO & Sikkim Tie-up for Ru-Soam Bridges

- **UNESCO** partnered with the **Sikkim Government** to formally document traditional '**Ru-Soam**' engineering methods.
- The project will carefully preserve the ancient techniques of building indigenous bamboo, cane, and wood bridges.
- This cultural collaboration will safeguard the unique architectural heritage of the Himalayan tribal communities.
- **Static GK:** Sikkim became the 22nd state of India through the 36th Amendment Act of 1975.

Important Days

National Technology Day 2026 Observed

- India proudly celebrated **National Technology Day** on **May 11** to honor the achievements of its scientists.
- The day featured numerous nationwide exhibitions showcasing breakthroughs in AI, quantum computing, and space exploration.
- It highlighted the vital role of technology in accelerating India's socio-economic and industrial development.

- **Static GK:** The day commemorates the successful Pokhran-II nuclear tests, codenamed Operation Shakti, in 1998.

State

Maharashtra Rolls Out Agriculture Export Policy

- The **Maharashtra Government** officially commenced the implementation of its progressive new **Agriculture Export Policy**.
- The policy is specifically designed to double farmers' income by boosting the global export of regional crops.
- It includes establishing dedicated export hubs and providing subsidies for international cold-chain logistics.
- **Static GK:** Maharashtra is the leading Indian state in the production of onions and grapes.

Tech

AI Safety System on Mumbai-Pune Expressway

- A newly developed **AI-based safety system** was officially activated on the **Mumbai-Pune Expressway** today.
- The intelligent network utilizes smart cameras to instantly detect over-speeding and potential traffic hazards.
- This major infrastructure upgrade aims to drastically reduce road accidents on the busy intercity corridor.
- **Static GK:** The Mumbai-Pune Expressway, inaugurated in 2002, was India's first six-lane concrete access-controlled expressway.

Schemes

Jan Suraksha Schemes Complete 11 Years

- Three major social security initiatives—**PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY**—successfully completed **11 years** of implementation.
- These flagship schemes have provided vital insurance and pension coverage to millions of unorganized sector workers.

- The schemes play a crucial role in enhancing comprehensive financial inclusion at the grassroots level.
- **Static GK:** The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).