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Karnataka Introduces Automatic Property Mutation System to Speed Up Land Transactions

- The **Karnataka government** has announced the rollout of an **automatic property mutation system**, a major reform aimed at **speeding up land and property transactions** across the state.
- The initiative is part of Karnataka's broader push towards **digitisation of land records and revenue administration**.
- By enabling automatic updating of ownership details after property registration, the reform seeks to reduce delays, curb bureaucratic hurdles, and improve transparency in the real estate ecosystem.

What Is Property Mutation?

- Property mutation refers to the updating of ownership details in land revenue records after a property is transferred through sale, gift, inheritance, or other legal means. Mutation is essential for:
 - Establishing legal ownership
 - Ensuring correct payment of property tax
 - Avoiding future land disputes
- With the **new automatic mutation system**, ownership details will be **updated automatically** once a property transaction is registered at the sub-registrar's office.
- The reform directly links property registration with land revenue records, making the process faster and more efficient.
- The auto-mutation system builds on Karnataka's existing **digital land governance framework**.
- Similar auto-mutation systems are already operational in states such as **Andhra Pradesh** and **Chandigarh**, indicating a growing national trend toward digital land administration.
- **About Karnataka:**
 - **Chief Minister:** Siddaramaiah
 - **Governor:** Thaawarchand Gehlot

Tripura Gramin Bank launches India's First RRB Co-Branded RuPay Credit Card with PNB

- Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB), in collaboration with its sponsor bank Punjab National Bank (PNB), launched a Co-branded RuPay Credit Card.
- TGB became the first Regional Rural Bank (RRB) in India and also the first among the eight PNB-sponsored RRBs to introduce a co-branded credit card.
- The launch of the TGB–PNB Co-Branded RuPay Credit Card marks the Golden Jubilee (50th year) of Tripura Gramin Bank.
- The card, powered by the RuPay network, is developed jointly by TGB, PNB, and PNB Cards & Services Limited



Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Launches Upgraded NYPS 2.0 Portal to Broaden Youth Parliament Participation

- The **Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA)** unveiled the upgraded **National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) 2.0 Web Portal** to expand the **reach and inclusivity** of the **Youth Parliament Programme** in India.
- Since its launch on **11 September 2024**, the portal recorded **95,319 participants** across **660 Youth Parliament Sittings** as of **27 January 2026**, reflecting strong nationwide engagement.
- The **upgraded version** enhances **inclusive access** by enabling wider participation from **remote and rural areas**, removing barriers present in the earlier portal.
- Earlier limited to students of **recognised institutions**, **NYPS 2.0** now allows participation from **all educational institutions, groups, and individual citizens** across India.
- The portal supports **Institutional Participation**, allowing **schools, colleges, and universities** to organise **Youth Parliament Sittings (YPSs)**.
- Institutional sittings are conducted under **Kishore Sabha** (for younger students) and **Tarun Sabha** (for **Undergraduate (UG)** and **Postgraduate (PG)** students).
- The platform also enables **Group Participation** for organised citizen groups and **Individual Participation**, broadening **democratic engagement** among youth.

About Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs :

- Cabinet Minister : Kiren Rijiju
- Minister of State : Arjun Ram Meghwal, L. Murugan

World Bank Approves USD 830 Million Loan for PM-SETU

- World Bank Group approved a USD 830 million loan for India's Pradhan Mantri – Skilling and Employability Transformation Through Upgraded Industrial Training Institutes (PMSETU) program.
- Aiming to revamp ITIs to align skills training with labor market needs and enhance youth employment opportunities.
- The program is part of the WBG's new Country Partnership Framework for India (Financial Year 2026–31), which envisages USD 8–10 billion in annual financing.
- The loan has a final maturity of 19.5 years, including a 4-year grace period.
- The program was jointly prepared by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

About PM-SETU:

- PM-SETU was launched on 04 October 2025 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh held at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi
- The centrally sponsored scheme PM-SETU, has a total financial outlay of Rs. 60,000 crore over a period of five years.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- The scheme focuses on upgrading 1,000 ITIs (200 hubs and 800 spokes) and strengthening five NSTIs.



Odisha to Establish a National UAV Test & Innovation Corridor

- **Government of Odisha partnered with BonV Aero to establish India's first National UAV Test & Innovation Corridor at Rangeilunda Airport (Ganjam district)**
- It will be India's first operational commercial airport repurposed as a live UAV test and development facility, enabling drones to fly and be tested in real and dynamic airspace.
- Testing allowed in **dynamic airspace up to 1,000 metres altitude.**
- Purpose: Support **drone research, testing, and innovation.**
- This move will help Odisha become a major drone technology hub in India.
- It will also create skilled jobs and investment opportunities in the state.

About Odisha:

- **Chief Minister:** Mohan Charan Majhi
- **Capital:** Bhubaneswar
- **Governor:** Hari Babu Kambhampati



Kerala Becomes First State to Announce Elderly Budget FY27 In India

- In the **FY27 Budget**, Kerala announced **India's first-ever Elderly Budget**, focusing exclusively on senior citizens.
- While this move looks path-breaking, a closer look shows that a major share of the allocation is tied to pensions that the state already pays.

What Is an Elderly Budget

- An Elderly Budget is a **policy tool that consolidates all government spending related to senior citizens** into a single budget statement.
- It includes **pensions, healthcare, social security, and welfare** schemes.
- While it does not always mean additional spending, it improves transparency and helps assess the impact of ageing on public finances.
- Countries facing demographic transition increasingly use such budgetary classifications for planning.
- The allocation for the Elderly Budget stands at ₹46,236.52 crore, which is 19.07% of Kerala's total Budget size.
- The move aims to highlight spending on elderly welfare in a transparent and focused manner.

About Kerala:

- **Chief Minister:** Pinarayi Vijayan
- **Governor:** Rajendra Arlekar



NGEL and Assago have signed an MoU to develop India's first indigenous Green Urea Plant



- In February 2026, NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a subsidiary of NTPC Limited, signed an MoU with Assago Industries Private Limited (AIPL).
- The MoU is for developing and operating India's first large-scale Green Urea production facility.
- The facility will be set up at the upcoming Green Hydrogen Hub at Pudimadaka, near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Under the agreement, NGEL will supply green ammonia to the project.
- NGEL will also provide captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) for urea production.
- The project will use renewable energy (RE) power and utilities supplied by NGEL.
- Assago Industries will establish a 1,000 tonnes per day (TPD) green urea manufacturing plant.
- The plant will use clean and renewable feedstock instead of fossil fuels.
- The project supports decarbonisation by replacing conventional urea production with renewable hydrogen and green ammonia.

- It will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fertilizer manufacturing.
- The initiative aims to reduce India's urea imports, which currently range between 8–10 million tonnes annually.
- India's total urea consumption is about 35–40 million tonnes per year.
- Lower imports will help reduce foreign exchange outflow.
- The project will also minimise price volatility risks in the fertilizer sector.
- The plant will be part of the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub, planned with a capacity of 2.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA).

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2026 Winter Olympics will be held in Italy from 6 to 22 February 2026



- The 2026 Winter Olympics, officially known as Milano Cortina 2026, will be held in Italy.
- The Games will be held in Italy from 6 to 22 February 2026.
- Italy is hosting the Winter Olympics for the third time in its history.
- Previously, the Games were held at Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1956 and Turin in 2006.
- The 2026 Winter Olympics will follow a multi-city hosting model.
- Events will be held across Milan, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Bormio, and Val di Fiemme.
- It will be the 25th edition of the Winter Olympic Games.
- The event is organised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- The previous Winter Olympic Games were held in Beijing, China, in 2022 (XXIV Olympic Winter Games).
- France is set to host the 2030 Winter Games. The competition will return to France for the first time in 38 years, with the country hosting the last Winter Games in Albertville in 1992.
- It will be the fourth time the Winter Olympic Games have been held in France.

- The first Winter Olympic Games, the 1924 Winter Olympics, were held in Chamonix, France.
- The Games were held every four years from 1924 to 1936, interrupted in 1940 and 1944 by World War II, and resumed in 1948.
- The United States has hosted the Winter Olympic Games the most times, hosting on four occasions: 1932 (Lake Placid), 1960 (Squaw Valley), 1980 (Lake Placid), and 2002 (Salt Lake City). The U.S. is scheduled to host for a fifth time in 2034.

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