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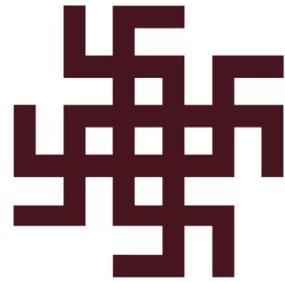
MHA Tightens Rules Governing OCI Card Holders Registration

- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs issued a gazette notification in exercise of powers given by the clause (da) of Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955), aimed to tighten the rules governing Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders.
- ✓ According to the notification, OCI card registrations may now be canceled if
- ✓ The cardholder is sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more, or
- ✓ They are named in a chargesheet for an offence punishable with seven years or more of imprisonment.
- ✓ This rule applies regardless of whether the conviction or charge occurs in India or abroad, as long as the offence is recognized under Indian law.
- ✓ OCI Scheme was introduced in August 2005.
- ✓ The scheme enables registrations for persons of Indian origin who were citizens of India on or after January 26, 1950, or were eligible for citizenship on that date.



IGNCA signed MoU with BSIP to mark India's Unified Platform for Science and Culture

- ✓ The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, an autonomous trust under the Ministry of Culture, along with the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at IGNCA, New Delhi.
- ✓ On the occasion, an orientation programme for the eleven PG Diploma Courses conducted by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts was also held.
- ✓ The MoU represents the first initiative in India to integrate science and culture on a unified platform



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MY Bharat signs MoU with School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation (SOUL) for Youth Leadership Development

- ✓ MY Bharat, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation (SOUL) to collaborate on knowledge sharing, capacity building, and youth leadership development.
- ✓ The partnership aims to support the national vision of creating 100,000 youth leaders in the age group of 18–29 years from across India through joint programs in governance, public policy, social entrepreneurship, digital literacy, financial literacy, and other domains.
- ✓ The MoU is valid for three years, and can be further extended with mutual consent.
- ✓ The MoU provides for design and delivery of leadership programs, organisation of conclaves and workshops, joint research, and capacity building of youth-serving organisations.



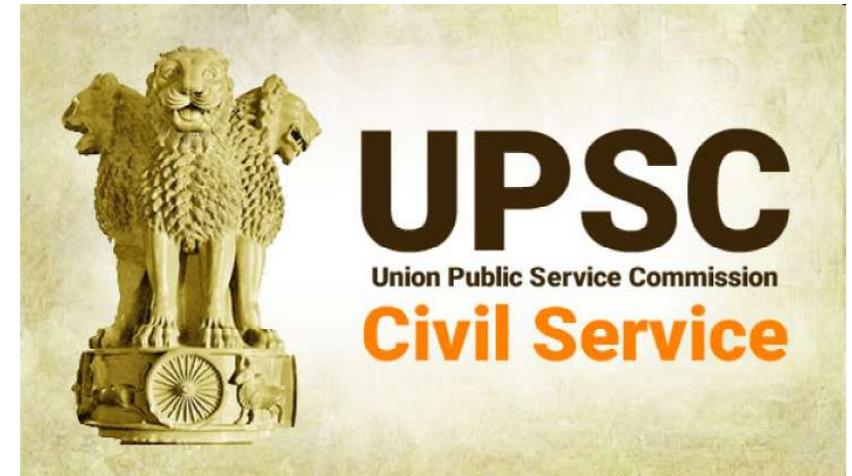
India Sends 5 Tonnes of Cowpea Seeds to Fiji as Humanitarian Aid

- ✓ Under its Act East Policy, India has sent 5 metric tons of cowpea (black-eyed pea) seeds to Fiji as a humanitarian gesture.
- ✓ The aim of this seed assistance is to strengthen Fiji's agricultural sector, empower farmers, and enhance food security.
- ✓ The consignment was officially handed over in Sabeto, Nadi, Fiji by the Ministry of External Affairs and the High Commission of India, Suva.
- ✓ Cowpea seeds are environmentally adaptable, drought-resistant, and suitable for various climatic conditions, helping Fijian farmers cope with the threats of climate change.
- ✓ With their high protein content, this crop will also improve the nutritional levels in Fiji.
- ✓ Static Point: Cowpea (scientific name: *Vigna unguiculata*) is an important pulse crop that can grow even with low water availability and under harsh conditions.



UPSC to start centenary celebrations from October 1

- ✓ The UPSC will begin celebrating its 100th anniversary from October 1, 2025, which will continue until October 1, 2026.
- ✓ This decision was taken during a meeting chaired by UPSC Chairman Ajay Kumar.
- ✓ During the centenary year, the UPSC will organize several programs, new initiatives, reforms, and release a symbolic logo and tagline representing its service.
- ✓ The celebration aims to proudly recall the UPSC's legacy of 100 years of service based on transparency, fairness, and meritocracy
- ✓ The UPSC selects candidates for senior government positions, including IAS, IPS, and IFS, through a rigorous and impartial process.
- ✓ The UPSC was established on October 1, 1926, under the Government of India Act, 1919, and on the recommendations of the Lee Commission; it was later named the Union Public Service Commission in 1950 when the Indian Constitution came into effect.
- ✓ About UPSC The UPSC is India's constitutional and independent commission, established under Article 315 of the Constitution.



- ✓ The UPSC was initially established in 1926 as the “Public Service Commission,” and in 1937, it was renamed the Federal Public Service Commission.

Recent News:

- ✓ UPSC Launches ‘Pratibha Setu’ to Connect Top Candidates with Private Employers
- ✓ Former Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar Takes Charge at UPSC
- ✓ Sujata Chaturvedi Appointed As A UPSC Board Member
- ✓ Anuj Kumar Singh Appointed as Joint Secretary in UPSC

Indian Army launches drone competition 'Surya Dronathan 2025' in HP

- ✓ The Indian Army's Surya Command organized a drone competition called "Surya Dronathan 2025" in Sumdo, Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, in August 2025.
- ✓ This is a national-level competition in which freelancers, startups, and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) from across the country participate.
- ✓ The main objective of the competition is to promote indigenous drone technology and innovation in the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat, thereby strengthening the domestic defense industry.
- ✓ The competition includes various stages such as challenging drone obstacle courses and endurance races, conducted at an altitude of 10,700 feet.
- ✓ The event was held in two phases: the first from August 10-15 and the second from August 20-24, 2025.

Recent Exercises

- ✓ Exercise PASSEX between Indian and Greek Navy - Arabian Sea
- ✓ Joint Exercise 'Jaa Mata' between India and Japan Coast Guard - Off Chennai Coast



India's Retail Inflation Falls to 8-Year Low at 1.55% in July and WPI inflation falls to 2-year low in July

- ✓ **Retail inflation:** Retail inflation declined to 1.55% in July, as against 2.1% in June.
- ✓ The rate has reached its lowest level since June 2017, as reported by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- ✓ **Food Inflation Data (As per All India Consumer Food Price Index)**
- ✓ Overall food inflation (July): 1.76% - the lowest since January 2019. (Rural: 1.74%, Urban: 1.9%)
- ✓ CPI (Consumer Price Index): It is the change over time in the general level of prices of goods and services that households acquire for consumption.
- ✓ Published by Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 12th of every month.
- ✓ **Wholesale Price Index (WPI):** India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) stood at (-) 0.58 percent, which is the lowest level in the last two years.
- ✓ Data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ Wholesale Price Index: The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is an economic index that measures the average change in prices of commodities at the wholesale level.



PM Narendra Modi breaks Indira Gandhi's record with 12 consecutive Independence Day speeches

- ✓ On 15 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered his 12th consecutive Independence Day speech from the Red Fort.
- ✓ With this feat he broke the record of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who had given 11 consecutive speeches.
- ✓ Modi has now reached second place in this list after Jawaharlal Nehru (17 speeches).
- ✓ Modi hoisted the flag and delivered a speech for the first time as Prime Minister in 2014. Since then, he has delivered the speech every year, which shows his political continuity and stability.
- ✓ This achievement is also a reflection of the mandate he had as Prime Minister for three consecutive Lok Sabha terms.
- ✓ During this, PM Modi launches Rs 1 lakh crore **Pradhan Mantri Vikas Bharat Rozgar Yojana**, to create 3.5 crore jobs
- ✓ The scheme will be implemented across the country from August 15, 2025, with the aim of providing new employment opportunities to the youth and encouraging the private sector.



- ✓ The scheme will be administered by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and will be supported by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in its implementation.
- ✓ The scheme has two parts: Part A focuses on first-time job seekers, and Part B focuses on employers
- ✓ **Part A** -Jobs created between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2027 are eligible.
- ✓ Must be a first time private sector employee.
- ✓ Must be registered with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- ✓ Monthly income should be up to Rs. 1 Lakh.
- ✓ Every youth who gets his first job will be given Rs. 15,000 directly into his account by the government
- ✓ **Part B** -Incentive for hiring employees with income up to Rs. 1 lakh.
- ✓ Employers hiring new employees will get an incentive of up to Rs. 3,000 per month per new employee.

Bengaluru to get second cricket stadium, 80,000 seating capacity approved

- ✓ Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has approved the construction of a mega sports complex at Surya City, Bommasandra in Bengaluru at a cost of Rs1,650 crore.
- ✓ The complex will have a state-of-the-art cricket stadium with a capacity of 80,000 spectators, which will be the second largest cricket stadium in India after the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ The sports complex will be spread over an area of 100 acres and will have facilities for eight indoor and eight outdoor sports, including cricket.
- ✓ The complex will also include a state-of-the-art gym, training centre, swimming pool, guest house, hostel, three-star and five-star hotels and a convention hall where international seminars can be held.
- ✓ The entire cost of the project will be borne by the Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) from its own funds, with no financial assistance from the state government.
- ✓ The Greater Bengaluru Development Authority has been entrusted with the task of developing an integrated township on 9,000 acres at Bidadi on the western outskirts of the city, which also includes plans to build a “sports city”.



Namrata Batra Makes History, Reaches Wushu 52 kg Final at 2025 World Games

- ✓ India's Namrata Batra created history by reaching the final of the women's 52kg weight category at the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China.
- ✓ She defeated Crizan Faith Collado of the Philippines 2-0 to secure India's first World Games medal in wushu.
- ✓ Earlier, Rishab Yadav won bronze in men's compound archery to give India its first individual medal at the Games
- ✓ Namrata Batra had also won a gold medal at the Moscow Star International Wushu Championship before the Games.



Real Madrid Named World's Most Valuable Football Club in 2025

- ✓ Real Madrid is the world's most valuable football club brand for the second year in a row and has been ranked as the strongest brand for the fourth consecutive year, according to the Football 50-2025 report published by Brand Finance.
- ✓ Real Madrid's brand value is 1.921 billion euros, up 14% compared to last year.
- ✓ The club received a near-perfect brand strength score of 94.9 and the highest AAA+ brand rating.
- ✓ Manchester United: The club's valuation of \$6.6 billion places them in the second position
- ✓ Other clubs in the top 5: Barcelona (5.65 billion), Liverpool (5.4 billion), and Manchester City (5.3 billion)

