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PRIVATE HELICOPTER PINS APPROACH

The **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** has approved the **first private Point-in-Space (Pins) Instrument Approach Procedure** for **helicopter operations** in India at the **Undavalli Heliport in Andhra Pradesh**.

The procedure was developed by the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** and approved by the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.

HERITAGE SITE STATUS

The **National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)**, under the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**, has designated the **Borjuli wetland** in the **Sonitpur district of Assam** as a ‘**Biodiversity Heritage Site**’. This initiative aims to conserve India’s **wild rice genetic resources**, specifically the ancestral species **Oryza rufipogon**.

The conservation is being carried out under the project ‘**In-situ Conservation and Management of Wild Rice (Oryza rufipogon) of Assam**’, which has been operational **since 2022**. The project is executed by scientists from the **ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBPGR)**, New Delhi.

PM MODI INAUGURATES REFINERY

PM Narendra Modi has dedicated the **first greenfield integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex of India** to the nation at **Pachpadra in Balotra, Rajasthan**.

Additionally, the PM laid the foundation stone for **Phase 2 of the Jaipur Metro Rail Project**, which entails an **investment of more than ₹13,000 crore**.

DEEP WATER PORT

Kamarajar Port Ltd (KPL) in **Chennai** has completed the **Capital Dredging Phase VI** project at an investment of **₹440 crore**. The port has now achieved an **operational draft of 18.0 metres**, enabling it to accommodate **Capesize vessels** with cargo parcels of up to **1.7 lakh Deadweight Tonnage (DWT)**.

With this, **KPL** has become the **second major port in India** to offer an **18-metre draft**, after **Visakhapatnam Port**. This initiative aims to **reduce logistical costs** and **enhance operational efficiency** at the port.

NEW VIKSIT BHARAT MISSION LAUNCHED

Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu and **Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** have launched the ‘**Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Yojana (VB-G RAM G)**’ nationwide at **Mukkavaripalli village in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh**.

The centre has committed a **total financial outlay of ₹7.5 lakh crore** for the implementation of the scheme over a **5-year period**. The **annual outlay** for the scheme is **₹1.51 lakh crore**, with the **Centre contributing ₹95,692 crore** and the **States providing the remaining 40% of the funding**.

LITERACY STATUS

Uttarakhand has become the **6th literate state** in India, with a **literacy rate of over 98%**. This milestone was achieved under the framework of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and the **Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS)** programme.

Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim are the other states that have attained this status.

LAUNCH OF PRAGATI PROGRAMME

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched the ‘**Promoting Regenerative Agriculture Through Agri-Entrepreneurship Initiative**’ (**PRAGATI**) in New Delhi.

The programme will be implemented in **8 states: Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan**. The initiative aims to **empower 20,000 agri-entrepreneurs** and **support 20 lakh smallholder farmers** across India by promoting **sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture**.

CABINET APPROVES SEMICON 2.0

The **Union Cabinet** has approved ‘**Semicon 2.0**’ with a total outlay of **₹1.27 lakh crore** to holistically develop the **semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem** in India.

The scheme is structured around **6 key pillars: Design, Machines and materials, setting up more fabs, strengthening the Assembly, Testing, Marking, and Packaging (ATMP) and Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) industry, Research & Development (R&D), and Talent development**.

MOBILE PHONE MANUFACTURING SCHEME

The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by **PM Narendra Modi**, has approved the **Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)** with a budgetary outlay of **₹62,500 crore**. The scheme will be implemented over **5 years**, from **FY27 to FY31**.

The **MPMS** aims to **scale up production, deepen domestic value addition, strengthen supply chain resilience, and enhance global competitiveness** in the mobile phone manufacturing sector. The scheme offers **incentive support** on eligible sales for manufacturing mobile phones in India at rates ranging from **2.25% to 5%**.

MILESTONE IN FOOD STANDARDS

India has achieved a milestone at the **49th session** of the **Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)** in **Geneva, Switzerland**, with the **adoption of three Codex standards** for **large cardamom, coriander, and vanilla**. During the session, **India** was accepted as the **Co-Chair** of a newly constituted **Electronic Working Group (EWG)** focused on **risk analysis for new food products**.

It is to be noted that the **CAC** is an **international body** established jointly by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** and the **WHO**. It develops **science-based food safety and quality standards** to protect consumer health and ensure fair practices in international food trade.

FIRST HYDROGEN TRAIN

PM Narendra Modi has flagged off the **first hydrogen-powered train** in India, connecting **Jind to Sonipat in Haryana**. With this, India has joined a **select group of countries** that possess operational hydrogen-powered trains.

The train features a **10-coach configuration**, making it one of the longest hydrogen-powered passenger trains developed to date. It is equipped with a **3,200 Horsepower (HP) propulsion system**, making it one of the most powerful hydrogen-powered trainsets currently in operation.

UNION CABINET APPROVES BHAVYA – RASAYAN SCHEME

The Union Cabinet has approved the ‘**Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan**’ (**BHAVYA – Rasayan Scheme**) to establish **3 dedicated Chemical Parks** in India. The scheme has a **total outlay of ₹3,030 crore** (**₹3,000 crore for infrastructure** and **₹30 crore for administrative expenses**) and will be implemented over **5 years** from **FY27 to FY31**.

Under the scheme, the **central government** will provide a **grant of up to ₹1,000 crore per park**, while the respective **state government** must contribute a **minimum of ₹500 crore**.

AI BIRD SANCTUARY

The **Maharashtra government** has approved the establishment of the **first AI-powered bird sanctuary in India**, named ‘**Bhandup Bird Park**’, at the **Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS)** in **Mumbai**.

The project, estimated to cost **₹45 crore**, will be developed across **20.09 hectares** along the Thane Creek shoreline. The park will feature an **AI surveillance system** with a **1.5-km radius** to **track bird migration and identify species in real-time**.

TASK FORCE ON NTA REFORMS

PM Narendra Modi has announced the formation of a **high-powered task force** to suggest **reforms for the examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA)**. The task force is chaired by **Nandan Nilekani** (**Infosys co-founder**).

The committee members include **S Somanath** (former Chairman of the ISRO), **V Kamakoti** (Director of the IIT Madras), **Tapan Deka**, **Anita Karwal**, and **Amrit Lal Meena**.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The **Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath** in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**, has been inscribed as the **45th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India**. The announcement was made during the **48th Session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC)** held in **Busan, South Korea**.

The site had been on the **UNESCO Tentative List since 1998**, marking the end of a **28-year wait** for this designation. This is the **4th UNESCO World Heritage Site in Uttar Pradesh**. With **45 sites, India now ranks 6th globally** in terms of the number of World Heritage properties.

MISSION GOLDEN SPICE LAUNCHED

Union Minister **Jyotiraditya M Scindia** and Meghalaya CM **Conrad K Sangma** have launched the “**Mission Golden Spice – Integrated Lakadong Turmeric Value Chain Enhancement Project**” in New Delhi.

It is a **5-year roadmap (2025–2030)** with a total outlay of **₹175.45 crore**, aimed at transforming Meghalaya’s **Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged Lakadong turmeric** into a **globally competitive premium spice**.

STRICTER NORMS TO CURB EXAM PAPER LEAKS

The **Union Cabinet** has approved amendments to the **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024** to **curb paper leak incidents**. The **minimum prison sentence** for those convicted has been increased from 3 years to **5 years**, while the maximum is **10 years**.

For **organized crimes**, the **financial penalty** has been increased to **₹10 crore** from the previous ₹1 crore. The legislation also mandates a **fast-track mechanism** to complete investigations, trials, and judgments within a **3-month timeframe**.

ECONOMY

GDP FORECAST

According to the report titled “**India: Improved Macro Outlook after the United States of America (USA)–Iran Deal**” released by **Goldman Sachs**, **India’s real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for Calendar Year 2026 (CY26)** has been raised to **6.8%**. The growth forecast for **FY27** is increased to **6.5%**.

The report also lowered **India’s retail inflation projection** for the current year to **4.4%** and reduced the **Current Account Deficit (CAD) projection** by **20 basis points (bps)** to **1.1% of GDP**.

GDP FORECAST BY IMF

According to the “**World Economic Outlook (WEO) Update – July 2026**” report titled “**Global Economy in Crosscurrents of War and Technology**” released by the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, **India’s GDP growth** is revised to **6.4%** for **FY27** from the 6.5%.

For **FY28**, the report has revised **India’s growth projection** to **6.7%** from the earlier estimate of 6.5%. The report also noted that **India’s GDP** recorded a growth of **7.7%** during **FY26**.

INDEX OF SERVICES PRODUCTION

The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** has launched **India’s first trial Index of Services Production (ISP)** for **April 2026**. This **high-frequency monthly indicator** serves as the services-sector counterpart to the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**.

The **trial series** uses **2024–25 as the base year** and is structured according to the **National Industrial Classification (NIC), 2025**. The **ISP covers 19 service sub-sectors**, with updates scheduled to be released on the **29th of every month**.

REPORTS

DATA ON GI REGISTRATIONS

According to the **Geographical Indications (GI) Registry**, the **total number of GI tags registered in India** stands at **822**. Between **April 2025 and March 2026, 125 GIs were registered** across the country, with **eastern states** recording a significant number of these registrations.

During this period, **Madhya Pradesh recorded 26 registrations**, followed by **West Bengal with 24**. **Uttar Pradesh** holds the **highest cumulative number of GI registrations at 79**, followed by **Tamil Nadu** and **West Bengal**.

INTERNATIONAL

INDIA JOINS WTO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

India has deposited its Instrument of Acceptance for the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS), becoming a party to the agreement. India is the 123rd member to deposit its acceptance for the same.

The AFS, adopted at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference in Geneva in 2022, is the first multilateral WTO agreement with an environmental sustainability objective.

DEFENCE

OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE FOR NETRA

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has received the Final Operational Clearance (FOC) from the DRDO for the indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system named ‘Netra’.

The system is integrated onto the Brazilian modified twin-engine Embraer EMB-145I aircraft platform and has a radar detection range of 240-300 km It is to be noted that the ‘Netra’ programme was initiated in 2003 and sanctioned in 2004, with the IAF receiving the Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) in 2017.

INDIGENOUS TACTICAL AEROSTAT

The IIT Delhi, in collaboration with the DRDO and a domestic startup, has developed India’s first indigenous tactical aerostat.

This low-cost, balloon-based high-altitude platform is designed to carry surveillance and communication payloads, providing operational coverage of up to 20 km.

INS MALVAN COMMISSIONED

INS Malvan, the second indigenously designed and built Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), has been commissioned at Karwar, Karnataka.

It is the 2nd of 8 Mahe-class ASW-SWCs being constructed by Cochin Shipyard Ltd and the 6th of 16 ASW-SWCs to be commissioned into the Indian Navy (IN). The ship features over 80% indigenous content.

LAUNCH OF ASW VESSEL

Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) has launched the ‘Machilipatnam’ (BY 529), the 7th of 8 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) vessels being built for the Indian Navy.

The vessel has over 80% indigenous content and is named after the historic port city of Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh. It is equipped for Underwater Surveillance, ASW operations, Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), and Mine Warfare.

SCIENCE

DENGUE VACCINE

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has granted marketing authorisation for the Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine (Live, Attenuated), known as “Qdenga”. This is the first dengue vaccine to be approved in India for the prevention of the disease.

Manufactured by Takeda GmbH, Germany, and imported by Takeda Biopharmaceuticals India Pvt Ltd, the vaccine is indicated for individuals aged between 4 and 60 years. It is produced in Vero cells. It is to be noted that the vaccine has already received regulatory approval in 42 countries.

GEOTHERMAL WELLS IN LADAKH

VK Saxena, the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, has commissioned India’s first and deepest two 1,000-metre geothermal wells at Puga Valley, Ladakh. These wells, executed by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) Energy Centre, are critical for the 1 Megawatt (MW) Pilot Geothermal Power Plant.

This project is India’s first demonstration-scale geothermal power project situated at an altitude of over 14,000 feet. It is to be noted that the wells reached a maximum temperature of 135°C at a depth of 400m.

APPOINTMENTS

MAHESH DIXIT APPOINTED AS IB DIRECTOR

The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** has approved the appointment of **Mahesh Dixit** as the **Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)** for a tenure of **2 years**. He succeeds **Tapan Kumar Deka**.

NEW DIRECTOR OF VSSC

Dr UP Rajeev has been appointed as the **Director** of the **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)** in **Thiruvananthapuram**. He succeeds **Dr A Rajarajan**.

NEW CMD FOR HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD

Rear Admiral C Raghuram has been appointed as the **CMD** of **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL)** in **Visakhapatnam**. He succeeds **Captain Ganti Venkateswarlu**.

NEW APPOINTMENT IN IREDA

Bijay Kumar Mohanty has assumed the **additional charge** as the **CMD** of the **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)** for a period of **3 months**, effective from **July 2026**.

He **succeeds Pradip Kumar Das**. He continues to serve as the **Director (Finance)** and **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)** of **IREDA**.

NEW APPOINTMENT IN NCRB

Amit Garg has been appointed as the **Director** of the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**. He succeeds **Alok Ranjan** and will serve in this position until **October 2027**.

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN NCM

Harjit Singh Grewal has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **National Commission for Minorities (NCM)** for a **tenure of 3 years**. He succeeds **Iqbal Singh Lalpura**. **S Munawari** has been appointed as the **Vice-Chairperson** of the NCM.

NEW APPOINTMENT IN IRCTC

Rahul Himalian has been appointed as the **additional Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC)**. He **succeeds Sanjay Kumar Jain**.

NEW FIU-IND DIRECTOR

Satya Pal Kumar has been appointed as the **Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND)** for a tenure of **5 years**. He **succeeds Pankaj Kumar Mishra**.

NEW CEO FOR NITI AAYOG

Anurag Jain has been appointed as the **CEO** of the **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog** for a **tenure of 2 years**. He succeeds **Nidhi Chhibber**.

AWARDS

WHITLEY AWARD 2026

Parveen Sheikh and **Barkha Subba**, two **Indian conservationists**, have been named among the 6 global recipients of the **2026 Whitley Award**, commonly known as the “**Green Oscar**”.

The former was honoured for her **community-led efforts to protect the Indian Skimmer** across river systems in India. The latter, a conservationist from the **Darjeeling Himalayas**, was recognised for her work in **safeguarding the rare Himalayan salamander and its wetland habitat**.

71ST IMO PRIZE

The **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** has named **French meteorologist Dr. Florence Rabier** as the recipient of the **71st International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize**.

The award, often called the “**Nobel Prize of meteorology**”, carries a **cash prize of 10,000 Swiss Francs (CHF)**.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR E-GOVERNANCE 2026

The **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** organized the **29th edition** of the **National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026** in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**. The event was held under the theme “**Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-Enabled, Data-Driven and Secure Digital Governance**”.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh conferred **17 awards** across **7 categories**, comprising **10 Gold, 6 Silver, and 1 Jury award**. The NAeG provides a **cash prize of ₹10 lakh** for **Gold award winners** and **₹5 lakh** for **Silver award winners**.

NEW HONOUR FOR NITA AMBANI

Nita Ambani, the Founder and Chairperson of the Reliance Foundation, has been conferred with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) Humanitarian Award. She was also presented with the Key to the City of Tampa.

UNESCO AWARD

The Jestha Varna Mahavihar, a historic Buddhist monastery located in Lalitpur, Nepal (also known as Jyaba Bahi or Chakrabahil), has been conferred with the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award 2025. The award recognises the outstanding conservation and restoration work undertaken following the damage caused by the 2015 Gorkha earthquake.

It is to be noted that the restoration project was supported by the Government of India (GoI) through its post-earthquake cultural heritage reconstruction grant, with financial assistance of NPR 13.78 crore.

WSIS PRIZE 2026

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has been named the global winner of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2026. The award was conferred under Action Line C6 - Enabling Environment for its flagship project, ‘Samriddh Gram: Integrated Phygital Service Delivery Model Enabled by BharatNet’.

The recognition was presented during the WSIS Forum 2026 held in Geneva. The WSIS Prizes, instituted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), honour Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects that advance sustainable development.

BECA 2026

The Anti-Money Laundering Division (AMLDD) of Taiwan has won the Best Egmont Case Award (BECA) 2026, which is one of the highest honours of the Egmont Group.

The Financial Intelligence Unit - India (FIU-IND) was named the runner-up.

NATIONAL FILM AWARDS 2024

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) has announced the winners of the 72nd National Film Awards 2024. The Hindi film ‘Article 370’ won the Best Feature Film award, and Yami Gautam was honoured with the Best Actress (Leading Role) award for her performance in the same film.

The Best Actor award was jointly conferred upon Mammooty for ‘Bramayugam’ and Kartik Aaryan for ‘Chandu Champion’. Rajkumar Periasamy won the Best Direction award for the Tamil film ‘Amaran’, and Randeep Hooda was recognised as the Best Debut Director.

BHARAT SAMMAN 2026

Dr. Nandini Azad, the President of the Working Women’s Forum (India) (WWF-I) and the Indian Cooperative Network for Women (ICNW), has been conferred with the Bharat Samman 2026.

AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Gujarat has been honoured with the ‘Agriculture Leadership Award 2026’ for its performance in the horticulture sector.

The award was presented by Union Minister Rajnath Singh at the 17th Agriculture Leadership Conclave-2026 held in New Delhi.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR AJIT DOVAL

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval has been selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026. The award will be presented to him by Union Minister Amit Shah on August 1.

SPORTS

YOUNGEST INDIAN CRICKET DEBUTANT

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, a 15-year-old from Bihar, has become India’s youngest international cricket debutant at the age of 15 years and 99 days. He made his Twenty20 International (T20I) debut against England at Old Trafford, Manchester.

With this, he surpassed the record of Sachin Tendulkar (16 years and 205 days in 1989) and Shafali Verma (15 years and 239 days in 2019). It is to be noted that Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is associated with the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

ICC WOMEN T20 WORLD CUP 2026

Australia, captained by **Sophie Molineux**, has won the **2026 ICC Women’s T20 World Cup**, marking their 7th championship victory. They defeated the hosts **England** by **7 wickets** in the final held at the Lord’s cricket stadium in London.

The 2026 ICC Women’s T20 World Cup featured **12 teams**, marking an expansion in participation for the first time. **Danni Wyatt-Hodge** of England emerged as the top run-scorer with 302 runs, while **N Shree Charani** of India was the **leading wicket-taker** with 14 wickets. **Beth Mooney** of Australia was named the **Player of the Match** in the final.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Jannik Sinner of **Italy** won the **men’s singles title** of the **2026 Wimbledon Championships** by defeating **Alexander Zverev** of Germany.

Linda Noskova of the **Czech Republic** won the **women’s singles title** after defeating **Karolina Muchova** of the **Czech Republic** in the final.

NEW MEMBERS IN ICC HALL OF FAME

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has inducted former Indian captain **Sourav Ganguly** into the **ICC Hall of Fame** during its **Annual Conference** held in **Edinburgh, Scotland**. He becomes the **12th Indian overall** and the **10th Indian male cricketer** to be inducted.

Kevin Pietersen (England) and **Anjum Chopra** were also inducted into the Hall of Fame. Anjum Chopra, the former captain of the women cricket team of India, is the **first female player from India to play 100 One Day Internationals (ODIs) and score 1,000 runs** in the format. It is to be noted that the **total count of ICC Hall of Fame members has reached 125**.

RECOGNITION FOR JUDO

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS)** has granted **conditional recognition** to the **Judo Federation of India (JFI)**, allowing the body to **resume governance of the sport** and participate in national and international competitions.

It is to be noted that the **JFI** had been operating under the **supervision of a court-appointed administrator since 2022**. An **interim Executive Committee** has been elected to lead the federation, with **Mukesh Kumar** as **President**, **Banee Brata Das** as **Secretary General**, and **Shailesh Shrikant Tilak** as **Treasurer**.

ASIAN U23 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

India finished **4th in the medal tally** with **16 medals** (**3 gold, 4 silver, and 9 bronze**) at the **inaugural Asian Under-23 (U23) Athletics Championships** held at the Ordos Sports Development Center Stadium in **Ordos, China**. The championship was organized by **Asian Athletics**.

China topped the medal standings with **52 medals**, including 23 gold, followed by **Japan and Uzbekistan**. The **gold medals for India** were secured by the **Mixed 4x400m Relay team**, the **Women’s 4x400m Relay team**, and **Anand Singh** in the **Men’s Javelin Throw event**.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

The **Spain** football team, captained by **Rodri**, has won the **2026 FIFA World Cup**, defeating **Argentina** by **1-0** in the final held at the **New York New Jersey Stadium (MetLife Stadium), USA**. The tournament, which featured **48 participating teams**, was co-hosted by the **USA, Canada, and Mexico**.

Ferran Torres scored the match-winning goal in the **106th minute** and was named the **Man of the Match**, while **Luis de la Fuente** became the **oldest manager** to win a FIFA World Cup.

INTERIM FIDE PRESIDENT

Viswanathan Anand, a **5-time World Chess Champion** and the **Deputy President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE)**, has **assumed charge as the Interim President of FIDE**.

He takes over following the **voluntary suspension of duties by the incumbent President, Arkady Dvorkovich**.

OBITUARY

TEEJAN BAI PASSED AWAY

Teejan Bai, a **legendary Pandavani folk singer**, passed away at the age of 70. She was one of the first women to perform Pandavani in the **Kapalik style**.

She was a recipient of the **Padma Shri** in 1988, **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award** in 1995, **Padma Bhushan** in 2003, **Fukuoka Prize** in 2018, and **Padma Vibhushan** in 2019.

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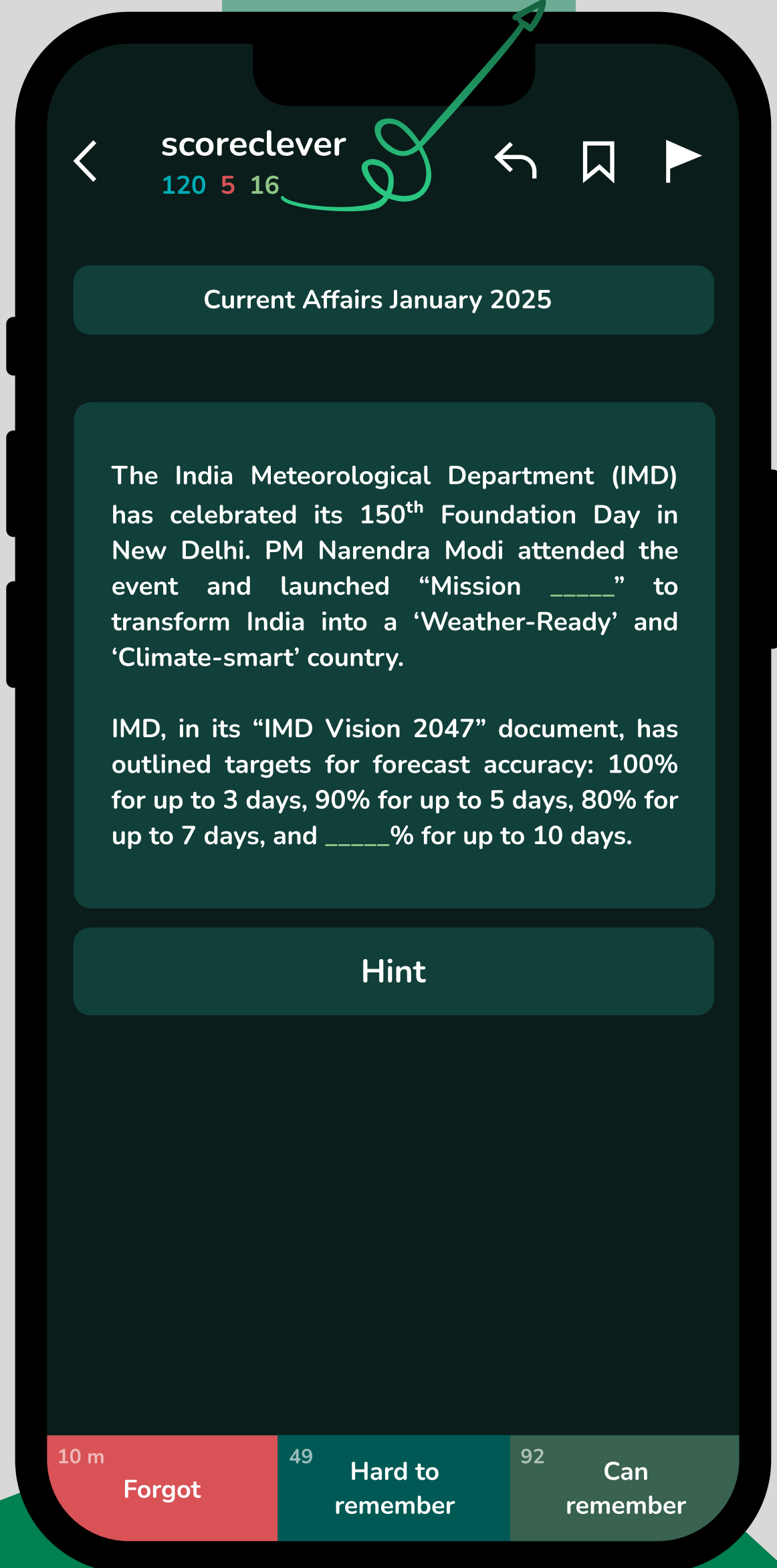
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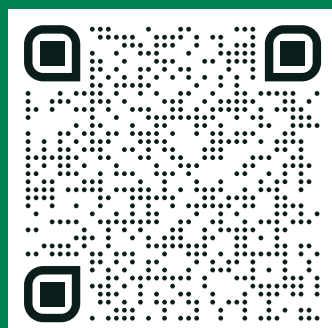
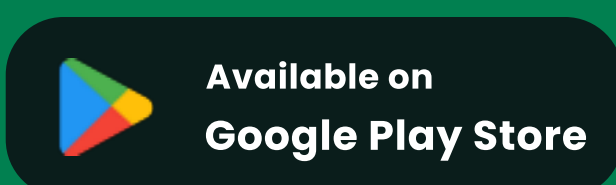
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