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National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)

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NABARD, NaBFID Sign MoU To Fund Rural Infrastructure Projects

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) and the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)...



Why in News

- **NABARD** and **NaBFID** recently signed an **MoU** to finance infrastructure projects having significant rural impact.

Institutional Framework

- **NaBFID** is a specialised **Development Finance Institution (DFI)** established in **2021** under the **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Act, 2021**.
- It is regulated and supervised by the **RBI** as an **All-India Financial Institution (AIFI)**.
- It was established primarily to address gaps in **long-term non-recourse infrastructure finance**.

Financial-Market Role

- NaBFID also seeks to strengthen India's **bond and derivatives markets** and support sustainable economic growth.

About NABARD: -

- **Full Form:** National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Established:** 12 July 1982
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai
- **Ownership:** Wholly owned by the Government of India
- **Main Objective:** Promote sustainable and equitable agriculture and rural development
- **Vision:** "Development Bank of the Nation for Fostering Rural Prosperity"

Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech (PRIP) Scheme

Why in News

- The **Department of Pharmaceuticals** has announced the **second call for applications** under the **PRIP Scheme**.

PIB

Second Call for Applications Under ₹5,000 Crore PRIP Scheme to Boost Pharma & MedTech Innovation announced

The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has announced the second call for applications under the Promotion...



Scheme Architecture

- The scheme was launched in **2023** by the **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**.

- It has a total financial outlay of **₹5,000 crore** and aims to make India a global hub for **Pharma and MedTech R&D**.
- **Component A** focuses on establishing **Centres of Excellence (CoEs)** in the seven existing **NIPERs**, with an outlay of **₹700 crore**.
- **Component B** promotes industry and academic research in identified pharmaceutical priority areas.

Priority Areas

- The six priority areas include **New Chemical Entities/New Biological Entities/Phyto-pharmaceuticals**, **complex generics and biosimilars**, and **precision medicine**.
- Other focus areas are **medical devices**, **orphan drugs**, and drug development for **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**.

Funding Parameters

- Under early-stage projects, **MSMEs and startups** can seek assistance for projects costing up to **₹9 crore**, with assistance up to **₹5 crore**.
- For later-stage projects, projects costing up to **₹285 crore** can receive assistance up to **₹100 crore**.

National Health Claims Exchange (NHCX)

THE Hindu

IRDAI panel calls for simpler, transparent, easier-to-use health covers

A sub-committee on health insurance headed by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Chairman Ajay Seth has...



Why in News

- An **IRDAI-led sub-committee** on health insurance is considering measures to encourage wider participation of insurers and hospitals in NHCX.

Digital Health Architecture

- **NHCX** is a digital gateway developed by the **National Health Authority (NHA)** under **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**.
- It enables standardised exchange of health-claim information among **insurers, healthcare providers, beneficiaries and other stakeholders**.

Core Functions

- **NHCX** supports **eligibility verification, pre-authorisation and claim submission**.
- **Providers** can use the platform for **predetermination, payment-status checks, communication and claim reprocessing**.

- It is part of the digital health infrastructure associated with **ABDM**.

Interoperability Framework

- **FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources)** standards are used to support **interoperability and standardised digital health-data exchange**.
- **NHA** developed the platform in consultation with **IRDAI** and relevant health-insurance stakeholders.

Devadurga Gold and Copper Exploration

TH The Hindu

Deputy CM launches gold, copper exploration work at Devadurga in Karnataka

HYDERABAD. Deputy Chief Minister M. Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday launched the gold and copper mining exploration programme undertaken by...



Why in News

- **Singareni Collieries Company Limited** has entered gold and copper exploration through the **Devadurga exploration block in Raichur district, Karnataka**.

Mineral Geography

- **Devadurga exploration block** covers approximately **199.13 sq km**.
- **Raichur district, Karnataka** is the geographical focus of the exploration activity.
- **Gold and copper** are metallic minerals with important industrial and economic uses.

Institutional Significance

- **Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL)** is traditionally associated with coal mining but is expanding into non-coal mineral exploration.
- **Union Ministry of Mines** oversees the broader mineral-exploration and auction framework.

Tamil Nadu's New Elephant Corridors

TH The Hindu

Tamil Nadu notifies three new elephant corridors

Tamil Nadu establishes three new elephant corridors to enhance migration and conservation of elephants between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.



Why in News

- Tamil Nadu notified **three elephant corridors** in the **Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary** and **Hosur Forest Division** to strengthen elephant movement between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Corridor Network

- **Jawalagiri–Ulibanda–Thaggatti** extends for **18.50 km** and covers about **3,241.53 hectares**.
- **Jawalagiri–Panai–Anchetty** extends for **20.90 km** and covers about **6,881.47 hectares**.
- **Billikkal–Jawalagiri** extends for **2.20 km** and covers about **196 hectares**.
- **All three corridors** form part of the trans-Cauvery elephant movement landscape between **Tamil Nadu and Karnataka**.

Ecological Importance

- **Elephant corridors** connect fragmented habitats and facilitate seasonal movement, dispersal and genetic exchange.
- **Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)** is classified as **Endangered** on the IUCN Red List.

Legal and Governance Context

- **Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary** and the **Hosur Forest Division** are central to the notified corridors.
- **Corridor notification** supports habitat connectivity and can contribute to reducing human-elephant conflict.
- **Ground verification** was undertaken as part of Tamil Nadu's elephant-corridor assessment process.

Norway: Death of King Harald V

B Bloomberg.com

[Harald V, Norway King Who Raced Olympic Yachts, Dies at 89](#)

King Harald V, Norway's monarch for 35 years and a three-time Olympic yachtsman, has died. He was 89.



Why in News

- **King Harald V** of Norway died on 28 August 2026 at the age of 89 after more than three decades as monarch.

Constitutional Monarchy

- **Norway** is a **constitutional monarchy** in which the **monarch is the head of state** and the elected government exercises executive political authority.
- **Constitution of 1814** provides the constitutional framework of the Norwegian state.
- **House of Glücksburg** is the royal dynasty to which the Norwegian monarchy belongs.

Succession and Institution

- **King Haakon VIII** succeeded Harald V following his death.
- **Royal succession** takes effect immediately upon the death or abdication of the reigning monarch, followed by formal constitutional procedures.
- **Council of State** plays a role in the formal accession process.

Phiball: Three-Team Sport by IIT Madras

 India Today

What is IIT Madras' Phiball? Meet the new sport with 3 teams and 3 baskets

IIT Madras has launched Phiball, a new team sport played by three sides on a circular court. Its rotating defence, three-basket format and...



Why in News

- **IIT Madras** launched **Phiball**, a new three-team invasion sport, ahead of National Sports Day on 29 August.

Distinctive Format

- **Phiball** features **three teams competing simultaneously** on a circular court.
- **Each team** attacks two opponent baskets while defending one basket.
- **Basketball** provided the broad sporting inspiration for the new format.

Rules and Dimensions

- **Each team has seven registered players** comprising four active players and three substitutes.
- **The court has a 26-metre diameter** and is divided into three sectors.
- **Three eight-minute quarters** make up a match, with teams rotating the basket they defend after each quarter.
- **Scoring** ranges from one to three points depending on the successful shot.

Sports Innovation

- **IIT Madras** is using institutional sports innovation to experiment with new competitive formats.
- **National Sports Day** is observed on **29 August** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Major Dhyan Chand**.

FSSAI: Front-of-Pack Warning Labels

 Live Law

After Supreme Court Rap, FSSAI Proposes Pictorial Front-of-Pack Warning Labels For Packaged Foods High In ...

The red labels are proposed to be added informing consumers of high added sugar, salt or fat in packaged foods.



Why in News

- FSSAI has proposed **red, hexagonal front-of-pack warning labels** for packaged foods high in sugar, salt or saturated fat.

Regulatory Framework

- **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** is India's statutory food-safety regulator established under the **Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006**.
- **Front-of-pack labelling** aims to make important nutritional risks immediately visible to consumers.
- **Supreme Court** proceedings have provided the context for discussion of food-labelling reforms.

Proposed Labelling System

- **Red, hexagonal warning symbols** are proposed for specified packaged-food products.
- **High fat, high sugar and high salt** are among the proposed warning categories.
- **Explicit nutrient warnings** represent a move away from relying only on a summary rating system.



Public-Health Significance

- **Excess sugar, salt and saturated fat** are associated with major non-communicable-disease risks.
- **Consumer awareness** is the central policy objective of front-of-pack warning labels.
- **Dietary Guidelines for Indians, 2024** issued by **ICMR-NIN** provide the nutritional reference framework cited in the proposal.

Other Important News of the day

Persons in News

China: Removal of General Zhao Zongqi from CPPCC

Why in News

- **General Zhao Zongqi** was removed from the Standing Committee of the 14th National Committee of the CPPCC.

CPPCC and Chinese Political Structure

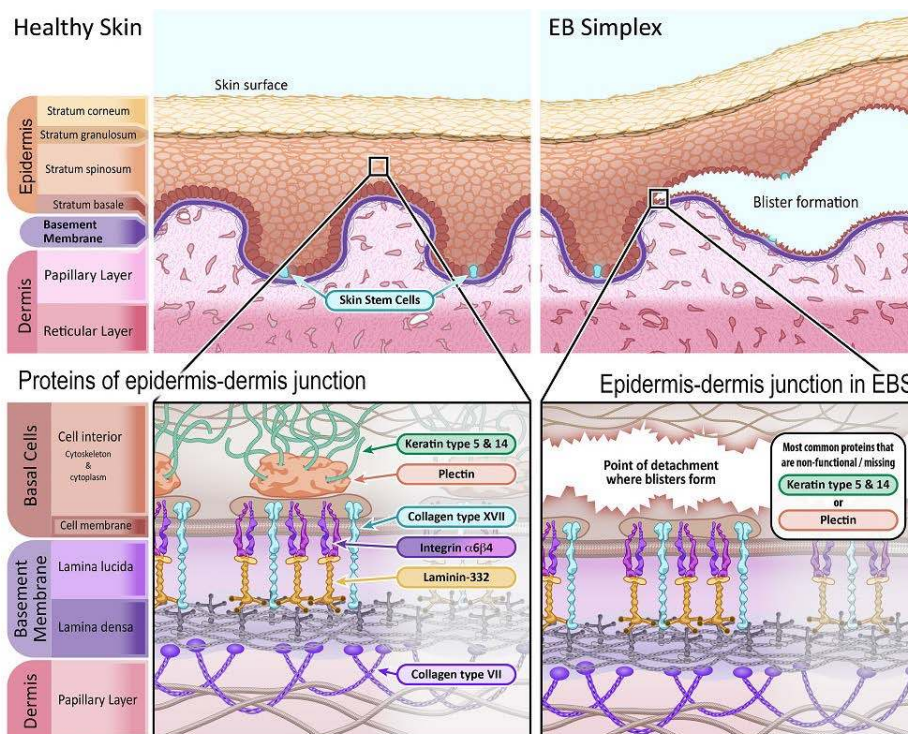
- **Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)** is a political consultative body functioning alongside the **National People's Congress (NPC)**.
- **CPPCC** is **not a legislative chamber** like the NPC.
- **Communist Party of China, other political parties, mass organisations and independent figures** are represented in the CPPCC.



	Military and Border Context • Western Theatre Command was commanded by Zhao Zongqi from 2016 to 2020. • It covers China's western strategic direction, including the frontier with India. • Line of Actual Control (LAC) is central to the India-China border context in this region. Strategic Significance • Zhao Zongqi's removal comes amid reports of a broader personnel and anti-corruption purge within the PLA. • Central Military Commission (CMC) is China's top military command institution. • PLA leadership changes are significant for understanding China's military posture and India-China strategic relations.
Environment	Dehing Patkai National Park: Butterfly Diversity  ThePrint <u>Assam: 37 endangered butterflies among 165 species recorded in Dehing Patkai National Park</u> Guwahati, Aug 26 (PTI) Altogether 165 butterfly species, including 37 endangered ones, have been recorded in Assam's Dehing Patkai National...  Why in News • A biodiversity assessment recorded 165 butterfly species, including 37 endangered species, in the Dehing Patkai National Park of Assam. Geographical Significance • Dehing Patkai National Park is located in Assam across the Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts. • The park covers about 234.26 sq km and is known for tropical wet evergreen rainforest. • Dehing Patkai landscape forms an important rainforest ecosystem in Northeast India. Biodiversity Indicators • Butterflies belong to the insect order Lepidoptera. • Butterfly diversity is useful as an indicator of ecosystem health because butterflies respond sensitively to habitat changes.

	• 165 species, including 37 endangered species highlight the biodiversity value of the landscape. Conservation Significance • Habitat connectivity is important for maintaining pollinator diversity and ecological resilience. • Rainforest conservation in Dehing Patkai supports a range of species and ecosystem services.
Health	Epidermolysis Bullosa THE Hindu <u>Karnataka: Medical college hospital gets ₹5.5 crore ICMR grant for rare skin disorder research</u> Bengaluru's SMSIMSR secures ₹5.5 crore ICMR grant for innovative research on affordable treatments for the rare skin disorder epidermolysis...  Why in News • A medical college in Karnataka reportedly received a ₹5.5-crore ICMR research grant for affordable diagnosis and precision-treatment approaches for Epidermolysis Bullosa. Medical Characteristics • Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) is a group of rare inherited genetic disorders marked by extreme skin fragility. • Minor friction or trauma can cause blisters, wounds and skin damage in affected individuals. • Severe cases may involve chronic wounds, scarring, nutritional complications and increased skin-cancer risk. Classification and Genetics • Epidermolysis Bullosa Simplex (EBS), Junctional EB (JEB), Dystrophic EB (DEB) and Kindler syndrome are the major forms. • Gene mutations affecting proteins involved in skin structure and adhesion cause the disorder. • Autosomal dominant or autosomal recessive inheritance may occur depending on the specific form. Clinical and Treatment Dimensions • Common manifestations include easily blistering skin, nail abnormalities, oral or throat blisters, milia and scarring-related hair loss.

- **EB Simplex** is generally the most common and often milder form, while some forms of **JEB and DEB** can be severe.
- **There is no universal cure** and treatment mainly focuses on wound care, pain control, nutrition and prevention of complications.



Uttar Pradesh in News

Shaadi Anudan Yojana

Jagran

OBC बेटियों की शादी को लेकर योगी सरकार का बड़ा फैसला, UP के 30000 परिवारों के लिए 60.93 करोड़ का बजट मंजूर

मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के नेतृत्व में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की शादी अनुदान...



Why in News

- The Uttar Pradesh Government has provided **₹60.93 crore to 30,466 beneficiaries** under the **Shaadi Anudan Yojana** during **2026–27**.

Scheme Architecture

- **Shaadi Anudan Yojana** provides financial assistance for the marriage of daughters from economically weaker **OBC families**.

- **₹20,000 per eligible marriage** is provided as financial assistance through direct transfer.
- **Reported annual-income ceiling of ₹1 lakh** applies for eligibility under the scheme.

<u>Beneficiary and Social-Welfare Dimensions</u>	<u>Implementation Context</u>
• Other Backward Class (OBC) households are the principal target group. • Direct Benefit Transfer supports transparent transfer of assistance to beneficiaries' bank accounts. • Vulnerable households may receive priority under the state's welfare implementation framework.	• Government of Uttar Pradesh implements the scheme as a targeted social-welfare intervention. • ₹60.93 crore corresponds to assistance reported for 30,466 beneficiaries. • Social welfare and economic support are the principal policy objectives of the scheme.