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Indian Economy & Policy

Women in Indian Agriculture: From participation to systemic leadership

Women's roles in production, processing, and knowledge transmission are increasingly recognized, driving efforts to empower them as leaders and innovators. Strengthening women's access to resources and institutions is vital for resilient and inclusive agri-food systems.

Government sets 30.3 million tonne wheat procurement target

In a strategic move to bolster food security, the government has established an ambitious wheat procurement goal of 30.3 million tonnes for the upcoming 2026-27 Rabi Marketing Season. This decision emerged from a gathering of State Food Secretaries, reflecting a proactive approach towards higher wheat output, which is projected to surpass last year's impressive yield.

Indian Politics & Governance

MP Su. Venkatesan seeks relief for MSMEs hit by U.S. tariffs, urges RBI to ease NPA norms

Mr. Venkatesan pointed out that the impact is severe in Tamil Nadu, a major exporter of textiles, where the majority of units belong to MSMEs

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee calls for protests on LPG price hike

Speaking about the BJP led government at the Centre, she said that the Union government is relying on the support of N Chandrababu Naidu and threatened to overthrow the government at the Centre if genuine electors are removed from voter list

Geopolitics (India Focus)

Anthropic vows court fight in Pentagon row

Amodei argued that under the relevant statute, the intention is "to protect the government rather than to punish a supplier" and requires the Pentagon to use "the least restrictive means necessary”

Former rapper Balendra Shah’s Rastriya Swatantra Party heading towards landslide victory in Nepal

The election is being closely watched by India, which hopes for a stable government in the politically fragile Himalayan nation to take forward the developmental partnership between the two sides

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Indian Stock Market & IPOs

Women account for only 5% of CEOs in India’s listed companies: Primeinfobase report

Women remain significantly underrepresented in leadership roles at India’s listed companies despite improvements in boardroom diversity. A Primeinfobase report shows women hold only 5% of CEO or MD positions and just 10% of executive directorships, highlighting persistent structural barriers and a widening gender gap in senior corporate leadership and pay.

Coforge, Persistent Systems among 10 stocks that have fallen most in 2026. Do you own any?

Several stocks on the BSE 200 index have seen sharp declines at the start of CY2026 as volatility grips markets. Technology and new-age companies dominate the list of laggards. Coforge, LTIMindtree and Persistent Systems lead the fall, reflecting pressure on IT stocks amid global uncertainty and concerns around rapid advances in artificial intelligence.

Marketing, Brands & Consumer Trends

Bank holidays: Are banks closed today and tomorrow on 7-8 March for the weekend? Check full RBI calendar here

The RBI has listed a total of 18 public holidays for all banks in March 2026 for public and private lenders across India. This also includes the weekend holidays for second Saturday, fourth Saturday, and all Sundays this month.

Planning an FD? Check latest interest rates of SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and other top lenders in India

Fixed deposits provide guaranteed returns with higher interest rates than savings accounts, appealing to risk-averse investors. Here's a comparison between the major banks in India.

Sports (Business & Governance)

Sinner, Sabalenka make dominant starts in quest for first Indian Wells titles

Sabalenka and men's world number two Jannik Sinner headlined the day's play as seeded players swung into action after enjoying first-round byes.

‘If I was India coming into the tournament, the one team I wouldn’t have wanted to play in the final…’: Brad Haddin on New Zealand

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