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President Murmu Highlights Constitutional Unity

President Murmu emphasized collaboration among the executive, legislature, and judiciary to uphold constitutional values on Constitution Day. She stressed citizen duties, including harmony and scientific temper. Vice-President Dhankhar warned against placing "creed above country."

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Economy

Revival on the Cards for Indian Economy

India's economy is expected to grow above 7%, driven by strong GST collections, rising vehicle sales, and healthy farm output from a good kharif crop. Rural demand is improving, and investments in infrastructure and housing remain robust. Inflation, currently at 6.2%, is likely to moderate by December, supporting overall growth momentum. The RBI maintains its growth forecast at 7.2%

Source: The Indian Express



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SC Seeks Centre's Report on Pennaiyar River Dispute

The Supreme Court asked the Centre to report on Tamil Nadu-Karnataka talks over Pennaiyar river water. Tamil Nadu opposes Karnataka's diversion projects, citing historical agreements.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



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Conversion Solely for Reservation Benefits is Fraud: Supreme Court

The Supreme Court ruled that converting to another religion solely to claim reservation benefits without genuine belief is unconstitutional and amounts to a fraud on the Constitution. The case involved C. Selvarani, who sought an SC certificate as a Hindu while actively practicing Christianity. Evidence showed she was baptized and followed Christian rituals, with no credible attempt to reconvert to Hinduism. The court emphasized that reservations are meant for marginalized communities, not for misuse through insincere conversions.

Source: The Indian Express

PM Modi Advocates 'Nation-First' Approach for Constitution's Longevity



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at an event marking the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, described the document as a "living stream" guiding the nation. He credited the Constitution for enabling India's progress and safeguarding citizens' rights. Modi emphasized the importance of prioritizing the nation above all else to sustain the Constitution for centuries. Speaking at the Supreme Court, he reflected on the enduring relevance of the Constitution in fulfilling the aspirations of citizens and uniting the country's diverse elements.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Environment

Cyclone Alert Issued for Tamil Nadu Coast

A deep depression in the Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a cyclone, with heavy rainfall expected in Tamil Nadu districts like Cuddalore and Chennai. Authorities remain vigilant.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Economy

Unions Submit 12-Point Charter to President Murmu

Farmers' and workers' unions demanded legal MSP, a ₹26,000 minimum wage, repeal of labor codes, and social security measures. They also opposed public sector privatisation.

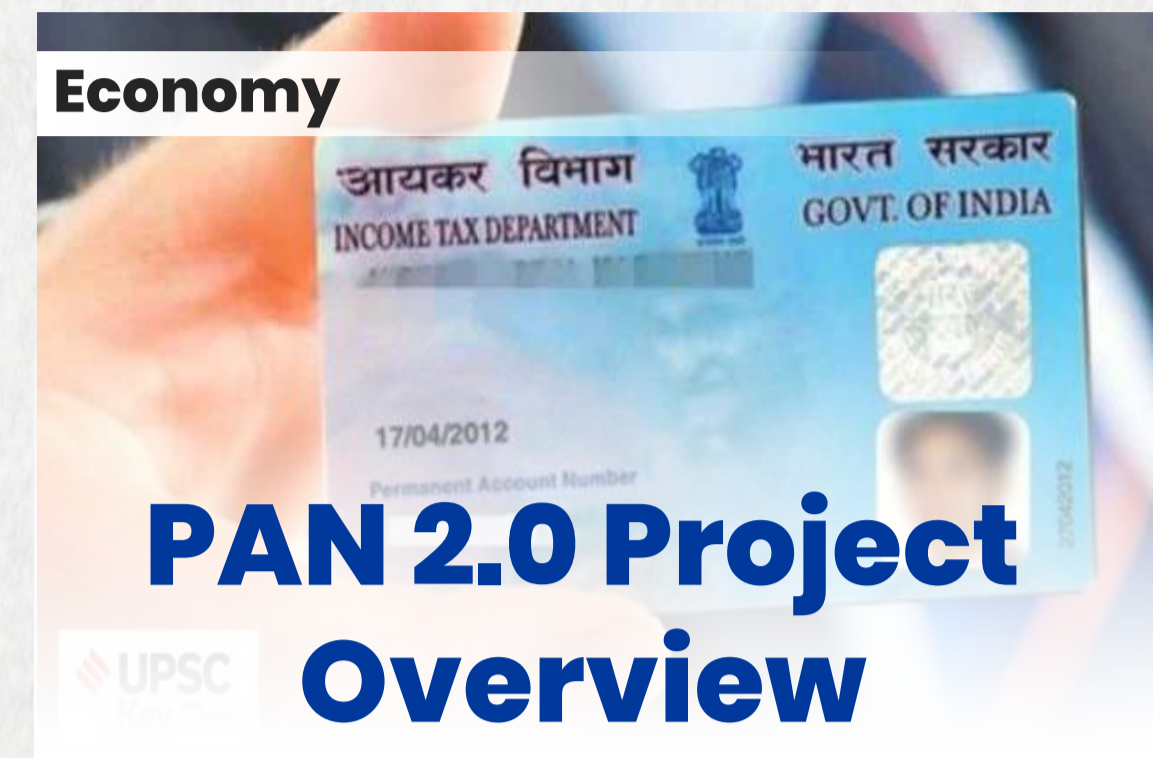
Source: The Hindu Newspaper

Israel-Hezbollah Ceasefire Deal Pending

International Relations

Israeli PM Netanyahu backed a U.S.-mediated ceasefire deal with Hezbollah amidst ongoing tensions. The two-month deal proposes Hezbollah's disarmament in southern Lebanon and UN enforcement.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



PAN 2.0 Project Overview

The Union Cabinet approved the ₹1,435 crore PAN 2.0 Project to upgrade the existing PAN system and transform it into a common business identifier for government agencies. The initiative will revamp the IT backbone, enhance taxpayer registration services, and improve access through a unified portal.

Key features include

- Free upgrades for existing users.
- Enhanced QR codes for better integration of financial transactions.
- A mandatory PAN data vault system for added security.

This project aims to improve transparency, optimize infrastructure, and ensure PAN serves as a "single source of truth" for taxpayer information while supporting India's push for e-governance.

Source: The Indian Express

Private Space Sector Rises 60 Years After India's First Launch



Science & Technology

Marking 60 years since the historic Thumba rocket launch, India's private space sector is now poised for growth with startups and private firms competing in satellite launches and other innovations. This transition highlights ISRO's role in enabling private participation in space technology. Key companies are focused on cost-effective solutions and global collaborations, ushering in a new era of Indian space exploration.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

AI Adoption Balances Innovation and Caution Across Industries



Science & Technology

Companies are increasingly integrating artificial intelligence into operations but are moving cautiously to mitigate risks. The focus lies on leveraging AI for efficiency, personalization, and data analysis while addressing concerns about ethics, security, and workforce impact. Experts highlight that a steady approach is critical for building trust and ensuring long-term success in the AI-driven market.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

SC Dismisses Petition Against EVMs



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The Supreme Court dismissed a plea for reintroducing paper ballots, emphasizing EVMs' reliability. The court highlighted the hypocrisy in EVM criticism based on election outcomes.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper