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D.K. Shivakumar takes oath as Karnataka's 24th CM; South Korea's **KSTAR** sets a plasma-duration record; and NASA's **JWST** delivers the first chemical fingerprint from an interstellar object.

D.K. SHIVAKUMAR — 24TH KARNATAKA CM

(Full article in edition.)

KSTAR — 102 SECONDS OF FUSION PLASMA

(Full article in edition.)

JWST DETECTS METHANE ON INTERSTELLAR COMET 3I/ATLAS

(Full article in edition.)

INDIA'S THREE-YEAR ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN

India's **Home Ministry** and anti-narcotics agencies are finalising a comprehensive **three-year anti-narcotics action plan** targeting domestic drug cartels and international fugitives.

Background

- **Nodal agency: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)** — under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**; apex drug-law enforcement body.
- **NDPS Act, 1985** — Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act; governs narcotics offences; enforced by NCB, CBIC, state police.
- **NCORD (Narco-Coordination)** — inter-ministerial coordination mechanism; structured platform for central ministries + state governments + enforcement agencies.
- **NIDAAN — National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-Offenders**; ~9.5 lakh searchable records of NDPS-arrested/convicted persons.
- **Drug-Free India by 2047** — long-term government goal.

- Key recent efforts: **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan** (2020); enhanced coastal surveillance for sea drug routes; de-addiction centres under NIMHANS.

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NCB = under MHA; apex narcotics agency; enforces NDPS Act, 1985.

NCORD = inter-agency coordination platform.

NIDAAN = national narco-offender digital database.

BANGLADESH ELECTED UNGA 81ST SESSION PRESIDENT

Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman *was elected* **President of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)** on **June 2, 2026**.

Background

- **UNGA** — the **plenary** deliberative body of the UN; every member state has one vote; 193 members; convenes in the first week of September annually.
- The **UNGA President** is elected for the session (1 year); the post rotates among the UN's five regional groups.
- Bangladesh's election signals its rising diplomatic profile in South Asia and the Global South.
- India-Bangladesh relations remain significant: **Operation Sindoor** aftermath, Teesta water-sharing, border management, and Yunus-led Bangladesh government ties with India are active issues.

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UNGA = 193 member states; 1 vote per state; 81st session President: Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh).

UNGA sessions begin September; President rotates among 5 regional groups.

RBI BALANCE SHEET GREW TO ₹91.97 LAKH CRORE (2025-26)

*The RBI's balance sheet grew from ₹76.25 lakh crore to **₹91.97 lakh crore** (as of the close of **financial year 2025-26**); domestic investments rose **44.9%** to **₹22.59 lakh crore**.*

Background

- The **RBI balance sheet** reflects its total assets and liabilities; key components on the asset side include **foreign exchange reserves, gold, government securities, loans to banks**.
- Growth in RBI's balance sheet signals expanding monetary base; the sharp jump in domestic investments (g-secs) reflects continued open-market operations and liquidity management.
- The **RBI is India's central bank and monetary authority** (Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934; Banking Regulation Act, 1949).
- RBI's transfer to the government (**dividend**) is determined by the **Bimal Jalan Committee** Economic Capital Framework (2019).

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RBI balance sheet: ₹91.97 lakh crore (as of close of FY2025-26); domestic investments up 44.9% (₹22.59 lakh cr).

Bimal Jalan Committee (2019) — set ECF for RBI dividend/surplus transfer.

INDIA WINS AWARDS AT SAUDI HAJ MINISTRY (KHITAMAHU MISK CEREMONY)

*The **Indian Haj Mission** won two prestigious awards — **Best Haj Coordination** and **Best Communication** — at the **Khitamahu Misk ceremony** on June 1, 2026; first time India has won from the Saudi Haj Ministry.*

Background

- India typically sends one of the **world's largest Haj contingents** (~1.75 lakh pilgrims/year).
- Haj management is coordinated by the **Haj Committee of India** under the **Ministry of Minority Affairs**.
- India uses the **Haj quota** negotiated with Saudi Arabia; **bilateral** Haj agreement governs logistics, accommodation, and medical support.
- Digital tools (**Haj Suvidha app**, direct benefit transfer for Haj subsidy) have improved coordination.

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Haj Committee of India: under Ministry of Minority Affairs.

India Haj quota: one of the world's largest (~1.75 lakh).

Awards: Best Haj Coordination + Best Communication (Khitamahu Misk, June 1, 2026).

UPSC RELEVANCE (COMBINED)

PAPER	KEY THEMES
GS2	Karnataka CM (Articles 163-164); UNGA; RBI governance; Haj Committee; NDPS
GS3	KSTAR fusion; JWST/3I/ATLAS; NCB anti-narcotics; RBI balance sheet

FACTS CORNER — COMBINED SNAPSHOT

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DK Shivakumar — 24th Karnataka CM; sworn June 3, 2026; Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot; Lok Bhavan Bengaluru.

KSTAR — 102 seconds H-mode plasma at 100 million°C; previous 48 sec; target 300 sec; KFE, South Korea.

3I/ATLAS — 3rd interstellar object; methane detected by JWST MIRI; 3rd visitor (1I/'Oumuamua 2017, 2I/Borisov 2019).

NCB — under MHA; NDPS Act 1985; NCORD coordination; NIDAAN database.

UNGA 81st President — Bangladesh FM Khalilur Rahman (elected June 2).

RBI balance sheet — ₹91.97 lakh crore (end of FY2025-26).

Haj awards — Best Coordination + Best Communication; first India win; Ministry of Minority Affairs.

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