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1. Cabinet nod to job-linked incentive scheme:-

Context:-

- The Union Cabinet approved a major Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme on July 2, 2025, aimed at boosting job creation, especially in the manufacturing sector.
- Announced in the Union Budget 2024–25 as part of a larger ₹2 lakh crore package for youth employment and skilling.

Key Provisions:-

- Total Outlay: ₹99,446 crore
- Target: Over 3.5 crore jobs in 2 years (Aug 1, 2025 July 31, 2027)
- First-time employees: around 1.92 crore beneficiaries
- Salary eligibility: Up to ₹1 lakh/month

Incentive Structure:-

- For Employees:
 - ♦One-time wage benefit of up to ₹15,000, paid in two instalments
- For Employers:
 - ♦Incentive up to ₹3,000/month per employee
 - ♦Duration: 2 years
 - ♦ For manufacturing sector: extended benefits for 3rd and 4th years
 - ♦ Condition: Employment must be sustained for at least 6 months

Government's motive:-





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- Encourages formal employment, particularly first-time workers
- Focus on youth employability in core industrial sectors

2. Navy inducts second indigenous stealth frigate in record time:-

Context:-

- On July 2, 2025, the Indian Navy inducted INS Udaygiri, the second Project 17A stealth frigate, in a record 37 months since its launch.
- Built under the Ministry of Defence's Make in India initiative, it signals a major boost to indigenous defence capabilities.

Key Features:-

- Part of the Project 17A frigates (successor to Shivalik-class under Project 17)
- Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDSL), Mumbai
- Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau

Technological Advancements:-

- Enhanced stealth capabilities
- Blue-water capability: Can operate in deep ocean and counter multiple threats
- Equipped with:
 - ♦ Supersonic Surface-to-Surface Missiles (SSMs)
 - ♦ Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAMs)
 - ♦76 mm gun
 - ♦30 mm and 12.7 mm Close-In Weapon Systems (CIWS)

Timeline & Legacy:-

- INS Udaygiri (2025) is a modern version of the earlier INS Udaygiri, decommissioned in 2007 after 31 years of service.
- It is the second of 7 ships under P-17A. The remaining five ships are to be delivered by end of 2026.

Strategic Importance:-





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- Strengthens India's maritime deterrence
- Showcases India's naval design self-reliance
- Boost to Make in India and indigenous warship production

3.INS Tamal, the last of foreign-built Navy ships, commissioned:-

Context:-

- INS Tamal (F71), a multi-role stealth guided missile frigate, was commissioned on July 2, 2025, at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- It marks the final foreign-built major warship to be inducted into the Indian Navy, signaling a shift to complete indigenisation under Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India.

Key Features:-

- Part of Project 1135.6 (Talwar-class); 8th ship in the series
- Second ship of the follow-on Tushil-class
- Equipped with:BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles (dual role)
- Capable of blue-water warfare across:
 - ♦ Air, surface, sub-surface, and electronic domains

Command & Operations:-

- Commanding Officer: Captain Sridhar Tata (gunnery & missile warfare specialist)
- The ship is expected to join the Western Fleet under the Western Naval Command Indo-Russian Naval Partnership:
- 51st warship built through Indo-Russian collaboration
- Represents 65 years of bilateral defence cooperation
- Commissioned in presence of:
 - ♦ Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh (Chief Guest)
 - ♦ Vice Admiral R. Swaminathan (Warship Production Controller)
 - ♦ Russian officials including Mikhaeil Babich





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4. Railways launches RailOne app to ease ticket booking, travel

services:-

Context:-

- On July 2, 2025, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched RailOne, a new mobile app designed to integrate all railway-related services for passengers.
- Developed by CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems) a PSU under Indian Railways.

Key Features of the RailOne App:-

- All-in-one platform for railway services replaces need for multiple apps.
- Available on both Android Play Store and iOS App Store.
- 3% discount on:
 - ♦Unreserved tickets
 - ♦Platform tickets

Services Integrated:-

- Live train tracking
- E-catering
- Grievance redressal
- Porter booking
- Taxi booking for last-mile travel
- UTS ticketing (Unreserved Ticketing System)

Login & User Access:-

- Single sign-on via:
 - **♦mPIN**
 - ♦Biometric authentication
 - ♦Existing UTS and RailConnect ♦credentials supported

Ticketing Note:-





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- Reserved tickets still booked via IRCTC
- RailOne is authorised by IRCTC (like other partner apps)

Vision for Future:-

- Part of digital modernization of Indian Railways.
- Linked to upcoming next-gen Passenger Reservation System (PRS):
 - ♦1.5 lakh bookings/min
 - ♦40 lakh enquiries/min
 - ♦ Multilingual, scalable, smart system

5. Court suspends Thailand PM to investigate leaked phone call:-

What Happened?:-

- Thailand's Prime Minister, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, has been suspended by the Constitutional Court.
- She is being investigated for misusing her position during a phone call with Cambodia's Senate President Hun Sen.

Why the Problem?:-

- A border fight between Thailand and Cambodia happened on May 28, where one Cambodian soldier died.
- In a leaked phone call, she spoke too softly or politely to the Cambodian leader, which made Thai people angry.
- People felt she was not strong enough in defending Thailand.

Why It Matters?:-

- Her suspension could cause political instability in Thailand.
- Many in the military and government fear the Shinawatra family is gaining too much power again.
- Her father, Thaksin Shinawatra, was a famous but controversial former PM.