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India, U.S. to double bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030

Seeking to allay U.S. concerns about the trade deficit with India, Modi promises more energy purchases and investment in infrastructure; Trump announces that his administration has cleared way for extradition of 26/11 accused Tahawwur Rana

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WASHINGTON DC

India and the U.S. agreed to negotiate the first segment of a trade agreement by the autumn of 2025, with India looking to increase energy purchases from the U.S. to address U.S. President Donald Trump's concerns about the U.S.'s trade deficit with India, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Mr. Trump for bilateral discussions in Washington.

Mr. Trump announced that his administration had cleared the way for the extradition of Tahawwur Rana, wanted in India in con-



Power point: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with U.S. President Donald Trump during a meeting at the

U.S. pushes for more defence deals, offers F-35 fighter jet

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NEW DELHI

The United States will increase military sales to India "by many billions of dollars" starting this year, President Donald Trump said on Thursday at a joint press conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while also offering India America's most ad-



KEY POINTS

- U.S. President Trump and Indian Prime Minister Modi met in Washington, discussing trade, defense, energy, and technology.
- Key outcomes included a goal to double bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030, increased U.S. energy exports to India, and cooperation on defense, including F-35 fighter jets and maritime aircraft.
- They also launched the U.S.–India "COMPACT" framework for military, trade, and tech partnerships.





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GS Paper 3-Environment

Oil PSUs launch energy conservation campaign

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Oil and gas Public Sector Undertakings, including Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited, launched a 14-day campaign on green energy

tion and the judicious use of petroleum products to ensure a safer environment and sustainable energy resources for future generations.

As part of the campaign, a walkathon was held on Friday. Over 250 school students and officials from



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- The campaign aims to promote sustainable energy use.

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GS Paper 1(Society)



Preserving, cultural heritage In the biodiversity-rich Kodagu district, bamboo shoots are a staple food. In the Kodagu district, bamboo shoots are a staple food. In the Kodagu district, bamboo shoots are a staple food.

Guardians of 'green gold'

Kodagu district is a hotbed of bamboo shoots in the Western Ghats forest during the monsoon. Kodagu district is a hotbed of bamboo shoots in the Western Ghats forest during the monsoon.

L. Anupama Sankar

In January 21, 2024, as the clock struck eight, a small village in the Western Ghats was abuzz with activity. The people were busy with their traditional work of bamboo shoots.

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- The Konda Reddi tribe in Andhra Pradesh is exploring the commercial use of bamboo products, including sticks for tobacco farming and supporting banana plants.
- They harvest bamboo shoots from the abundant Konda Veduru species, which are boiled and used in traditional dishes with health benefits. Konda Veduru covers over 53% of India's bamboo area.




The Indian **EXPRESS**

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Masters of the sea

Eighth Indian Ocean Conference is an opportunity for India and region to secure maritime supremacy



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the country. Consequently, in areas like shipbuilding and naval vessels, India remained a laggard power in the last seven decades. It ranks 20th in the global shipbuilding industry, holding a meagre 0.06 per cent market share.

Interestingly, the first to alert India about the importance of the Indian Ocean for its future was a renowned diplomat, KM Panikkar, who served as India's ambassador to China and France. "So far as India is concerned, it should be remembered that the pe-

KEY POINTS

- The Eighth Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) in Muscat, Oman, brings together foreign ministers from 30 countries to discuss the future of the Indian Ocean, a historically significant and peaceful region. India, once a dominant maritime power, has taken steps to strengthen its naval presence, notably through the SAGAR initiative.
- The region is crucial for global trade but faces challenges like piracy and climate change. Global powers, including the US, UK, France, and China, are increasing their presence.





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GS Paper 2-Governance

Ayushman Bharat Vay Vandana Scheme Launched In Puducherry For Senior Citizens





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KEY POINTS

- The Ayushman Bharat Vay Vandana Scheme was launched in Puducherry, offering free health insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh rupees per year for senior citizens aged 70 and above

