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The Government yesterday launched Pashudhan Bima Portal in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that this initiative is aimed at making livestock insurance services more transparent, efficient, accessible and technology-driven. Mr Singh said that this portal is an important step towards protecting the livelihood of farmers and fulfilling the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to increase the farmer's income, safeguard their agricultural and livestock assets and promote the use of technology.

**S/ B --RAJIV-RANJAN :**

He said through this portal, farmers will now be able to submit their insurance applications online, while the entire process will be monitored digitally. The Portal will also be available in 11 regional languages apart from Hindi and English, enabling livestock farmers to access information and services in languages familiar to them.

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India has set an ambitious target of raising its total exports of goods and services from 863 billion dollars last year to one trillion dollars this year. Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said merchandise exports have grown by more than 15 per cent in the first six months of the current financial year, despite global challenges. Addressing the media after the 14th meeting of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments in Mumbai yesterday, Mr Goyal said bilateral trade has doubled to around 100 billion dollars under the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. The two countries now aim to take it to 200 billion dollars by 2032.

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The Minister said the UAE has already invested about 25 billion dollars in India and has indicated intent to invest another 25 billion dollars soon, with a long-term investment target of 100 billion dollars.

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Director exploration of ONGC, Om Prakash Sinha said E20 petrol can significantly reduce imports and substantially increase self-reliance. Mr Sinha was speaking at the curtain raiser for India Energy Week (IEW) 2027 organised at the ONGC Institute of Reservoir Studies in Ahmedabad. He said E20 petrol is a challenge, but with technology there will also be a solution. Mr Sinha said India has the world's highest incremental energy requirement, which makes IEW an important platform to discuss energy-related requirements, problems and solutions. He said countries are trying to reduce their dependence on foreign sources amid the war in West Asia.

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The Central Board of Direct Taxes, CBDT extended the due date for filing income-tax returns for Assessment Year 2026-27 for taxpayers covered under audit provisions. The I-T return filing deadline has been extended from October 31 to November 21, 2026. The corresponding deadline for furnishing the tax audit report has also been extended from September 30 to October 21, 2026.

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Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer, has prohibited social gatherings, physical training (PT), drills, sports activities, and other congregational activities in and around the helipad area. In an order, the DC directed all concerned departments, officers, institutions, and the general public to strictly comply with the instructions and refrain from unnecessary movement or activities around the helipad that may affect the safe operation of helicopter service.

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And, India continued its impressive medal-winning run at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with athletes making their mark across shooting, cricket, kurash and boxing. The country added eight more medals to its tally yesterday, while the Men's Cricket team advanced to the Semi-finals. India are currently 12th in the Asian Games medal standings, with a total of 45 medals comprising four gold, 20 silver and 21 bronze.

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