National News A1–A10

A1: Battery Energy Storage Plant, Bengaluru
- Inaugurated by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi
- Location: Bidadi, Bengaluru
- Capacity: 5 GWh, one of India's largest
- Supports 500 GW non-fossil fuel target by 2030
- ₹5,400 cr Viability Gap Funding for 30 GWh storage
- Balances solar & wind fluctuations, integrates into grid

A2: Revised Waste-to-Energy Guidelines
- Ministry of New & Renewable Energy revised rules
- Central Assistance in 2 stages (50% + 50%)
- Proportional aid if capacity <80%, none if <50% PLF
- Claim within 18 months of commissioning
- Joint inspections with NIBE + states
- Benefits especially for MSMEs

A3: India Energy Stack
- Announced by Ministry of Power
- Digital public infrastructure for energy sector
- Secure, open & interoperable
- Improves renewable integration, efficiency & transparency

A4: Mandatory ABS & Helmets for 2-Wheelers
- Effective from 1 Jan 2026
- ABS compulsory for all 2-wheelers
- 2 BIS-certified helmets with each purchase
- Road safety step: 1.5 lakh accidents in 2022, 44% deaths from 2-wheelers

A5: Rationalised Railway Fares
- Effective 1 July 2025
- Fare hikes:
  - Passenger trains: +0.5 paisa/km
  - Mail/Express: +1 paisa/km
  - AC classes: +2 paisa/km
- Suburban tickets & season passes unchanged
- Applies to Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Vande Bharat

A6: Jiyo Parsi Scheme Biometric Drive
- Conducted in Mumbai by Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Scheme parts:
  - Medical Assistance (IVF, surrogacy, etc.)
  - Health of the Community (aid for couples & elderly)
  - Advocacy (marriages, fertility awareness)
- Aim: Support dwindling Parsi population (50k–60k)

A7: Air India Flight AI 171 Accident Probe
- Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau launched probe
- Flight Data Recorder (25 hrs data) recovered
- Cockpit Voice Recorder (2 hrs conversations) recovered
- Helps reconstruct events, improve aviation safety

A8: Safai Apnao Bimaari Bhagao Campaign
- Launched under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0
- 6 Mantras: clean hands, homes, neighbourhoods, toilets, drains, public spaces
- Smart Cities SPVs to use ICCCs for real-time monitoring
- Supported by multiple ministries
- Goal: Behaviour change, hygiene, disease prevention

A9: Upgraded Passenger Reservation System
- Reservation charts ready 8 hrs before departure (was 4 hrs)
- Trains before 2 PM → charts ready by 9 PM previous day
- Booking capacity: 1.5 lakh tickets/min (earlier 32k)
- Enquiries: 40 lakh/min (earlier 4 lakh)
- New features: multilingual, seat selection, fare calendar
- Tatkal booking only by authenticated users from 1 July 2025
- Aadhaar/DigiLocker OTP mandatory by end July

A10: Football for Schools Programme
- Launched in Kolkata by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan
- 2,487 FIFA footballs to 349 Kendriya Vidyalayas
- 21 other KVs in West Bengal also covered
- Total: 88,113 footballs distributed in state
- FIFA pledged 9.6 lakh footballs to India
- Implemented in 129 countries with AIFF & SAI support

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