



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Political Parties Shift to Online Financial Reporting

The [Election Commission of India \(ECI\)](#) has introduced an online web portal for political parties to file their financial accounts electronically. This initiative aims to simplify the process of submitting **Contribution Reports, Audited Annual Accounts, and Election Expenditure Statements**, as required by the [Representation of People's Act, 1951](#). The ECI emphasizes the importance of **compliance and transparency** in financial disclosures, urging political parties to adhere to democratic principles. For those **opting not to file online, written justifications must be provided**, and the ECI will publish both the reports and the explanations on their platform.

ECI is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State **election processes in India**. It was established in accordance with the **Constitution on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1950** (celebrated as [national voters' day](#)). The secretariat of the commission is in New Delhi.

Read more: [Election Commission of India](#)

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### Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: eSARAS App

[Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna- National Rural Livelihoods Mission \(DAY-NRLM\)](#) has taken a significant step towards supporting **women in Self-help Groups (SHGs)** by launching the **eSARAS mobile App**. This app aims to enhance the **marketing initiatives for products made by SHGs**. Additionally, the **eSARAS fulfillment centre**, managed by the **Foundation for Development of Rural Value Chains (FDRVC)**, a Not for Profit Company constituted jointly by Ministry of Rural Development and Tata Trust, will handle the **processing, packaging, and shipping of products** purchased through the eSARAS Portal and App. This provides a user-friendly platform for **promoting authentic handicrafts and handlooms** but also ensures efficient logistics to deliver online orders directly to customers' doorsteps.

Read more: [Self Help Groups](#)

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### Neeraj Chopra Finishes 1st at Lausanne Diamond League 2023

**Neeraj Chopra, the Olympic gold medalist**, clinched first place in the javelin event in the Lausanne Diamond League 2023 by achieving a remarkable throw of 87.66 m. The Lausanne meet was Neeraj Chopra's second competition of the season and the first since the **Doha Diamond League**.

**Lausanne Diamond League 2023** was the **sixth meet of the Diamond League athletics series**, which took place **at the Athletissima stadium in Switzerland**.

Read more: [Olympics](#)

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### Indian Refiners Shift to Chinese Yuan for Russian Oil Payments

Indian refiners have turned to the **Chinese yuan as an alternative payment method for oil imports from Russia**. [Indian Oil Corporation](#), the largest buyer of Russian crude oil in India, became **the first**

**state refiner to do so.** Western sanctions imposed on Russia following the [Russia Ukraine tussle](#) have prompted Russia and its customers to seek alternatives to the U.S. dollar for settling payments.

**China, as Russia's top crude supplier,** has already shifted to **yuan payments for most of its [energy imports](#) from Russia.** **India, now the largest buyer of seaborne Russian oil,** has taken the lead in diversifying payment options. While the exact extent of Russian oil purchased by Indian refiners with yuan remains unclear, this development reflects a **strategic shift in payment methods amidst evolving geopolitical dynamics.**

**Read more:** [Russia Ukraine tussle.](#)

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## Data Carbon Ladder

Scientists have developed a tool called the **Data Carbon Ladder**, which enables **businesses to calculate the [carbon emissions](#) associated with their [digital data](#).** With the **global data volume projected to exceed 180 zettabytes by 2025** and doubling every two years, **understanding the carbon dioxide output of digital data is crucial.**

The tool addresses a critical oversight in [global decarbonization](#) policies by considering the carbon footprint of data, an often-neglected factor. Data centers, **responsible for 2.5% to 3.7% of all human-induced carbon dioxide emissions**, surpass the [aviation industry's](#) emissions (2.1%). By utilizing this tool, businesses and organizations can improve the sustainability of their data projects, **minimizing their environmental impact and creating more efficient and eco-friendly solutions.**

**Read more:** [Carbon emissions](#), [Decarbonization](#)

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