



### 1. Political Transition Begins in Cuba



Cuba began a five-month political transition, expected to end with **Raul Castro's** departure from the **presidency**, capping his family's near-total dominance of the country's political system for nearly **60 years**. Over the rest of this month, Cubans will meet in small groups to nominate municipal representatives.

- Cuban officials said 12,515 block-level districts will nominate candidates for city council elections on October 22.
- In the second electoral stage, a commission dominated by government-linked organisations will pick all the candidates for elections to provincial assemblies and Cuba's national assembly.
- The congress is expected to pick the President and members of the powerful Council of State by February. Castro has said he will leave the presidency by that date, though he is expected to remain **head of the Communist Party**.

### 2. First Diesel Consignment from India to Myanmar Dispatched



Symbolising the growing hydrocarbon engagement between India and Myanmar, the first consignment of **30 MT** of High Speed Diesel was sent from India to Myanmar by land route.

- **Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. (NRL)**, which has been supplying HSD to Bangladesh, despatched the first diesel consignment through NH 37 across the **Moreh** Custom Check Point on the Indian side and **Tamu** Custom Check Point on the Myanmar side.
- Supply of diesel consignment to Myanmar is another step in realizing the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to enhance hydrocarbon synergy with neighbouring countries as well as promoting India's Act East Policy.
- NRL has entered into an agreement with **Parami Energy Group** of Companies for the supply of diesel and collaboration in the retail petroleum sector of Myanmar. NRL refinery, situated at

420 km from the India-Myanmar border, is ideally suited to supply diesel to Northern Myanmar where connectivity is a challenge, particularly in the rainy season.



### 3. Teacher's Day Celebrated On September 5



Today Teacher's Day is being celebrated across the nation to commemorate the birth anniversary of the **first Vice President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan** who was an academician, statesman and philosopher.

- President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have greeted the teachers on this occasion.
- The National Award to the meritorious teachers working in primary, middle and secondary schools will be conferred by the Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu as public recognition.
- These awards were instituted in **1958**, and each award carries a medal, certificate and **rupees 50 thousand**. Special awards also have been instituted for special educators who promote inclusive education in schools.
- **World Teacher's Day** is observed every year on **October 5**.

### 4. Lucknow Metro Becomes Operational



The first commercial run of Lucknow Metro starts today. The Metro train has been flagged off by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and governor Ram Naik.

- Metro trains will be available from tomorrow morning to the general public. Each train comprises four-coaches and has a capacity to accommodate nearly 1,100 passengers at a time, with a seating capacity for 200 people. The coaches have been equipped with LED lights and CCTV cameras.
- The metro will run from **Transport Nagar to Charbagh**, which is part of the Phase 1 of the project, and has **8 stations** in between will be operational for the public from 6 am to 10 pm everyday.

- Cost of this phase is around **Rs. 2600 crores** and it took almost **3 years** to complete.



### 5. IPL Media Rights To Star India



Indian Premier League (IPL) media rights for the next **five years** have been awarded to **Star India**.

- Star India won the bid held in Mumbai for various media rights of the league at **Rs. 16,347.50 crore** for the period of **2018 – 2022**.
- For each IPL match BCCI will get **Rs. 55 crore** compared to **Rs. 43 crore** for each international match that India plays.
- Media rights consist of **TV and digital rights** for various segments namely India, Middle East, Africa, Europe and America.
- The previous bid was won by **Sony** in 2008 for **10 years** at Rs. 8200 crore.

### 6. Konsam Ormila Devi Won Gold Commonwealth Youth Weightlifting



On the very first day of the Commonwealth Youth weightlifting championships Kongsam Ormila Devi won **gold medal** in **44kg** category.

- She bagged the gold medal by lifting 57kg in snatch and 76kg in clean and jerk for an overall effort of 133kg.
- The Commonwealth Youth Weightlifting Championship is being held at **Gold Coast, Australia**.



### 7. Banking Operations started by Fincare Small Finance Bank



Fincare Small Finance Bank has started its functioning with 25 operational branches in **four states** of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

- Earlier it was known as **Disha Microfin Limited.**
- RBI has granted small finance bank license to this bank in May 2017.
- CEO: Rajeev Yadav
- **Headquarter: Bengaluru**



#### **8. Trinamool Leader Sultan Ahmed Is No More**



Former Union minister and sitting Trinamool Congress MP Sultan Ahmed has died following a cardiac arrest.

- He was elected to the Lok Sabha from Uluberia constituency from Trinamool Congress party.
- He was the Union Minister of State for Tourism in the UPA government.

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