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FDCs BANNED

Odisha

BCGCL PROJECT

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Reserves data.

Health

FDC ban.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Forex reserve data, a ban on 16 drug combinations and a coal gasification project foundation lead this edition.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 8-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Banking and RBI

Forex reserves fall to US\$ 671.63 billion as on 12 June 2026

20 June 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI's Weekly Statistical Supplement extract released on 19 June 2026 shows total foreign exchange reserves at US\$ 671,625 million (Rs 63,88,464 crore) as on 12 June 2026, a fall of US\$ 9,985 million over the week.

Foreign currency assets were US\$ 544,290 million, up US\$ 846 million over the week; the fall in total reserves is therefore mainly from gold, which stood at US\$ 103,821 million (Rs 9,87,517 crore). The RBI also announced an overnight VRR auction of Rs 1,25,000 crore for 22 June 2026, with reversal on 23 June.

Key facts

Total reserves: US\$ 671,625 mn (12 June), down US\$ 9,985 mn on the week

Foreign currency assets: US\$ 544,290 mn, up US\$ 846 mn

Gold: US\$ 103,821 mn

Overnight VRR 22 June: Rs 1,25,000 crore

Exam takeaway: Reserves change with RBI forex operations and valuation changes in gold and currencies.

One-minute recall: Forex reserves US\$ 671.63 bn on 12 June 2026, down US\$ 9.99 bn (RBI WSS).

Reserve Bank of India

Government Schemes

Health Ministry bans 16 irrational Fixed Dose Combinations under Section 26A

20 June 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued notifications under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, prohibiting manufacture for sale, sale and distribution for human use of 16

Fixed Dose Combinations (FDCs), with immediate effect.

The decision follows Supreme Court directions for a comprehensive FDC review. The Drugs Technical Advisory Board's Expert Committee found these FDCs lacked therapeutic justification and posed risks not justified by benefit.

Key facts

Action: 16 FDCs prohibited under Section 26A, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940

Effect: immediate

Basis: DTAB Expert Committee review, per Supreme Court direction

Ministry: Health and Family Welfare

Exam takeaway: An FDC combines two or more active drugs in a fixed ratio in one dosage form.

One-minute recall: 16 FDCs banned under Section 26A, 20 June 2026 (PIB).

Press Information Bureau

National and International Affairs

President Murmu and PM Modi lay foundation of BCGCL Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project in Odisha

20 June 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi remotely laid the foundation stone of the Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project of Bharat Coal Gasification & Chemicals Limited (BCGCL) on 20 June 2026 at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda district, Odisha.

The project is a joint venture involving Coal India. The release describes it as a step towards energy security, technological self-reliance and sustainable use of domestic coal. Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy briefed the press at the site.

Key facts

Project: BCGCL Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project

Location: Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda, Odisha

Foundation laid: 20 June 2026, by President and PM remotely

Minister: G. Kishan Reddy (Coal and Mines)

Exam takeaway: Coal gasification converts coal into syngas used for chemicals and fertiliser inputs.

One-minute recall: BCGCL coal-to-ammonium nitrate project foundation laid in Odisha, 20 June 2026 (PIB).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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FDC: Fixed Dose Combination.

DTAB: Drugs Technical Advisory Board.

Coal gasification: Converting coal to gas for chemicals.

VRR: Variable Rate Repo.

BCGCL: Bharat Coal Gasification & Chemicals Limited.

Rapid-revision prompts

What are the reserves?

What did Health Ministry ban?

Where is the BCGCL project?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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