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Pralhad Joshi gets Education charge

Forex reserves update.
DRI gold seizure.

Art. 75(2)

RESIGNATION

USD 676
bn

FOREX RESERVES

27 kg

GOLD SEIZED

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Cabinet

Portfolio change.

DRI

Gold seized.

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3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 6-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



National and International Affairs

Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation accepted; Pralhad Joshi given Education Ministry charge

25 July 2026 | Press Information Bureau

A PIB press communique of 25 July 2026 said the President, as advised by the Prime Minister, accepted the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution.

The President also directed that Cabinet Minister Pralhad Joshi be assigned the charge of the Ministry of Education in addition to his existing portfolio. A PIB communique of 24 July 2026 had likewise recorded the acceptance of the resignation of Ravneet Singh from the Union Council of Ministers.

Key facts

Resignation accepted: Dharmendra Pradhan

Additional charge of Education: Pralhad Joshi

Provision: Article 75(2), Constitution

Earlier (24 July): Ravneet Singh's resignation accepted

Exam takeaway: Article 75(2) says Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the President.

One-minute recall: Pradhan resigns; Joshi gets Education charge (PIB, 25 July 2026).

Press Information Bureau

DRI seizes over 27 kg smuggled gold in nationwide operations; 12 arrested

25 July 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) carried out intelligence-led operations across the country that led to the seizure of over 27 kg of foreign-origin smuggled gold and the arrest of 12

persons.

At Mumbai, DRI intercepted three passengers arriving from Addis Ababa on 23-24 July 2026 and recovered 6 gold bars weighing about 12 kg concealed in the ceiling panels of an aircraft's rear lavatory.

Key facts

Gold seized: over 27 kg

Persons arrested: 12

Agency: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

Mumbai recovery: 6 bars, about 12 kg

Exam takeaway: DRI is the apex anti-smuggling agency under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.

One-minute recall: DRI seizes 27 kg gold, 12 arrested (PIB, 25 July 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Reports, Indices, Science and Technology

India's forex reserves at USD 676,237 million (week ended 17 July 2026)

24 July 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

This item is carried forward from the RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement released on 24 July 2026 and reported in the 25 July edition. Total foreign exchange reserves stood at Rs 65,11,163 crore (USD 676,237 million) as on 17 July 2026.

The reserves rose by USD 1,080 million over the week, and were lower by USD 14,871 million than at end-March 2026.

Key facts

Total reserves (17 July 2026): USD 676,237 million

Weekly change: up USD 1,080 million

Versus end-March 2026: down USD 14,871 million

Source: RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement

Exam takeaway: Reserves comprise foreign currency assets, gold, SDRs and the reserve position in the IMF.

One-minute recall: Forex reserves USD 676,237 million as on 17 July 2026 (RBI WSS).

Reserve Bank of India

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Article 75(2): Ministers hold office at the President's pleasure.

Forex reserves: Foreign currency assets, gold, SDRs and IMF position.

WSS: Weekly Statistical Supplement.

DRI: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

Council of Ministers: Union executive headed by the PM.

Rapid-revision prompts

What does Article 75 say?

What are forex reserves?

What does DRI do?

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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