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- The Government has listed for sale real estate assets of state-run telecom firms MTNL and BSNL at a reserve price of around ₹1,100 crore, according to documents uploaded on the DIPAM website. BSNL properties located in Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Bhavnagar and Kolkata have been posted for sale at a reserve price of around ₹800 crore. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) website has listed MTNL assets located in Vasari Hill, Goregaon in Mumbai for sale at a reserve price of around ₹270 crore.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/govt-puts-on-sale-mtnl-bsnl-assets-worth-about-1100-cr/article37596270.ece>
- Joint bank account is not mandatory for spouse pension, the government said today. Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Jitendra Singh said the government has always sought "ease of living" for all sections of society including retirees and pensioners who are the nation's assets with all their experience and long years of service rendered by them. He said in case the head of office is satisfied that it is not possible for the retiring government servant to open a joint account with his or her spouse for reasons beyond his or her control, this requirement may be relaxed, an official statement said.
https://www.business-standard.com/article/pf/joint-bank-account-not-mandatory-for-spouse-pension-says-govt-121112000856_1.html
- IDFC First Bank has partnered Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to facilitate fuel payments at their retail outlets using the bank's FASTags. In addition, IDFC First Bank's FASTags can now also be bought, recharged and replaced by passenger vehicle users at select HPCL retail outlets. This tie-up makes the purchase and use of tags convenient for about five million motorists, it said in a statement.
<https://www.financialexpress.com/money/idfc-first-bank-hpcl-in-fact-to-enable-fuel-payments-using-fastag/2372699/>
- Swadeshi Jagaran Manch (SJM) co-convenor Ashwani Mahajan suggested that the government should also ensure that the data and hardware used in mining, processing, and transacting of the cryptocurrencies stay at domestic servers. It will help the government unearth illicit transactions and take action against them, he added.
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/crypto-transactions-should-be-recognised-as-asset-class-regulated-centrally-rss-body/article37593453.ece>
- After its decision to repeal the three agri laws, the Centre is now facing pressure from agitating farmer unions and opposition parties to bring in a legislation guaranteeing Minimum Support Price. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of the agitating unions, is meeting on Sunday to decide on the next course of action, including on the MSP issue and the proposed daily tractor march to Parliament during the upcoming Winter Session, SKM core committee member Darshan Pal said.



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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/crucial-farmer-unions-meet-today-to-decide-on-agitation-course-msp-issue-in-focus-now/article37605935.ece>

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