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CURRENT AFFAIRS CAPSULE (AUGUST 2025)

INTERNATIONAL

US President signs executive order raising tariffs on 68 countries & EU

US President Donald Trump signed an executive order raising tariffs on dozens of key trading partners around the world. Under the new policy, 68 countries and the 27-member European Union will face a default 10 per cent tariff.

Russia Officially Ends Commitment to 1987 INF Nuclear Arms Treaty

Russia has officially declared it no longer considers itself bound by the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. The 1987 arms control deal had banned ground-launched missiles with ranges between 500 and 5,500 kilometres.

Trump raises U.S. tariffs on Indian imports to 50%

U.S. President Donald Trump has signed an executive order imposing an additional 25% tariff on imports from India, in response to India's importing of oil from Russia. This is over and above the 25% tariff on Indian imports that Mr. Trump approved on July 31.

Canada plans to recognize Palestinian State

Canada is planning to recognise a Palestinian state at the United Nations in September, becoming the third G7 nation to make such an announcement in recent days.

Myanmar announces formation of new government

Myanmar's National Defence and Security Council, NDSC has formed a new union government and State Security and Peace Commission. The Union government is led by U Nyo Saw as Prime Minister.

India Launches Collaborative Initiative with UN WFP to Strengthen Rice Fortification

India has launched a new collaborative initiative with the support of the UN World Food Programme to strengthen Rice Fortification and Supply Chain Management in Nepal.

Pakistan: Over 300 people died due to monsoon-triggered rains

In Pakistan, over 300 people, including 140 children, have died and over 715 people have been injured since June 26 due to monsoon-triggered rains and landslides.

Australia and Japan Sign Largest-Ever Defence Deal

Australia and Japan have signed their largest-ever defence agreement. Under the deal, Australia will acquire 11 advanced Mogami-class stealth frigates from Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to upgrade its naval fleet.

Thailand and Cambodia sign a ceasefire agreement

Thailand and Cambodia signed a ceasefire agreement during an extraordinary General Border Committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

Azerbaijan and Armenia Sign Landmark Agreement

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan have signed an agreement aimed at ending decades of conflict.

Bangladesh elections to be held in February next year

Bangladesh's Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) has said that the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad (National Parliament) elections will be held in the first half of February next year.

Australia to Recognize Palestinian State

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced that Australia will formally recognise the State of Palestine at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September, marking a significant shift in the nation's foreign policy.

US & China Agree To Extend Trade Truce Until November 10

The US and China have agreed to extend their trade truce until November 10, just hours before new tariffs were set to take effect. In a joint statement, both countries said they will pause the planned tariff increases for another 90 days.

UN negotiations fail to reach global consent to end plastic pollution

Efforts to reach a global treaty to end plastic pollution in Geneva have failed once more, as UN negotiations ran into deadlock despite continuing overnight past the deadline.

Alaska Summit Ends Without Deal on Ukraine Conflict

Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin said that they made progress in three hours of talks in Alaska, moving closer to finding an end to the Ukraine War, but did not announce an immediate ceasefire.

Thousands of Palestinians leave Gaza City fearing Israeli offensive

Fearing an imminent Israeli ground offensive, thousands of Palestinians have left their homes in eastern areas of Gaza City, now under constant Israeli bombardment.

Afghanistan, China, Pakistan Agree to Extend CPEC

The Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan have agreed to expand their cooperation in multiple fields, including the extension of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Kabul.

European postal services suspend shipment of packages to US over import tariffs

Postal services in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Italy have announced that they will halt most merchandise shipments to the United States with immediate effect.

Nepal joins International Big Cat Alliance

Nepal has officially joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), an India-led global initiative to protect seven species of big cats.

South Korea bans phones in school classrooms nationwide

South Korea has passed a bill banning the use of mobile phones and smart devices during class hours in schools - becoming the latest country to restrict phone use among children and teens. The law, which comes into effect from the next school year in March 2026.

Argentina Eases Entry Rules for Indian Citizens

South American nation Argentina has relaxed its entry rules for Indian citizens, allowing those with a valid US tourist visa to travel without needing to apply separately for an Argentine visa.

France, Germany & UK trigger 30-day process to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran

France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, known as the E3, have triggered a 30-day process to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program. The move starts a countdown at the UN Security Council.

Trump administration approves sale of 3,350 ERAM missiles to Ukraine

The Donald Trump administration has approved the sale of 3,350 Extended Range Attack Munitions (ERAM) missiles to Ukraine. The ERAM missiles, which have a range of 150-280 miles, could be delivered later this year.

NATIONAL

India, EAEU to Begin Free Trade Agreement Negotiations

India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), comprising Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Russia, have signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) to launch negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

India, China Agree to Resume Direct Flights

India and China have agreed to resume direct flight connectivity between the Chinese mainland and India at the earliest and finalise an updated Air Services Agreement.

Cabinet approves ₹6,520 crore outlay for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana

The Union Cabinet has approved a total outlay of 6520 crore rupees, including additional outlay of 1920 crore rupees for ongoing Central Sector Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" during 15th Finance Commission Cycle.

Sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha return home after 127 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hailed the return of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Gautam Buddha to India from Hong Kong after 127 years.

Himgiri delivered to Indian Navy in Kolkata

Himgiri, the third ship of Nilgiri Class (Project 17A) and the first of the class built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers was delivered to the Indian Navy

The book, The Man Who Became Cinema, deconstructs Dilip Kumar's acting method

The Man Who Became Cinema, written by Ashok Chopra, presents the actor Dilip Kumar's on-screen enigma and his distinct approach to character portrayal. Published by Penguin Random House

Bihar SIR: Draft electoral roll published

The Election Commission has published the draft electoral roll for Bihar prepared under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign.

Starlink to launch satellite internet service in India

Elon Musk-led Starlink has received a license to launch satellite internet service in India and a framework for spectrum allocation is also in place for a smooth rollout.

ICRISAT launch AI-powered climate advisory

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), along with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and others, has launched personalised and real-time climate advisory services, powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

India performs record 18,900 transplants in 2023

Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said last year India achieved a remarkable milestone by performing nearly 18 thousand nine hundred transplants, the highest in a single year.

The first-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival.

Organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), the first-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival called 'SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody' was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

India's first green hydrogen plant

With the commissioning of India's first Make-in-India Green Hydrogen Plant in the port sector at Kandla in Gujarat, Kandla becomes the first Indian port to house a megawatt-scale indigenous green hydrogen facility.

'Pariksha Pe Charcha' Sets Guinness World Record

PM Narendra Modi's flagship initiative, Pariksha Pe Charcha has been conferred with the Guinness World Record for the 'Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month'. This recognition is a testament of achievement made with three crore 53 lakh registrations during the eight edition of the programme, hosted on the MyGov platform.

Cooperatives join hands to launch 'Bharat' taxi service

India's cooperative sector is set to challenge ride-hailing giants Ola and Uber with the launch of a taxi service under the brand "Bharat" by the end of this year, backed by Rs 300 crore authorised capital.

Maharashtra Launches India's First AI-Powered Anganwadi Centre

The Maharashtra government has launched India's first AI-powered anganwadi in Waddhamna village, Nagpur district, Maharashtra, situated around 18 km from the city.

NITI Aayog Unveils \$200 Billion Electric Vehicle Opportunity Report and India Electric Mobility Index

NITI Aayog has released its report titled 'Unlocking a 200 Billion Dollar Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India,' and the first edition of the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) in New Delhi. The report on unlocking a 200 billion dollar opportunity in electric vehicles.

Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi Inaugurates 'Agnishodh' Research Cell

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi has inaugurated 'Agnishodh', the Indian Army Research Cell at IIT Madras, aimed at turning academic research into defence-ready technologies.

India and Philippines Agree to Elevate Bilateral Ties to Strategic Partnership

India and the Philippines have agreed to elevate bilateral cooperation to the level of strategic partnership. Both nations adopted the plan of action for the period of 2025 to 2029 to guide cooperation under the elevated strategic partnership during the bilateral talks. 14 MOUs across various sectors were concluded and exchanged between India and the Philippines.

PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Bhavan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Kartavya Bhavan, the first of 10 Common Central Secretariat buildings that will house the bureaucracy across ministries.

The Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 passed by Parliament.

The Parliament has passed the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 to regulate vessels engaged in trade within the country's coastal waters. The bill aims to consolidate and amend the law relating to the regulation of coastal shipping, promote coastal trade & encourage domestic participation.

Telangana leads in organ donations.

Telangana state has held the maximum number of organ donations in the country. Telangana reported a significantly higher rate of 4.88 organ donations per 10 lakh population during 2024, while the national average stood at 0.8 per 10 lakh population.

India's first homegrown server 'Rudra'.

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) designed and developed a computer server, named 'Rudra', as part of the National Supercomputing Mission.

Indian Railways Conducts Trial Run of Asia's Longest Freight Train 'Rudrastra'

The Indian Railway has achieved a new milestone by successfully conducting a trial run of Asia's largest, a 4.5 km long freight train 'Rudrastra'. The trial run was conducted from the Ganjkhawja railway station in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh, to Garhwa in Jharkhand,

Govt Approves ₹12,000 Cr for Ujjwala Yojana

The Centre has approved the continuation of targeted subsidies for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana consumers for the year 2025-26 with an estimated cost of over 12 thousand crore rupees.

ICMR Launches SHINE Program

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Health Research organized a nationwide student outreach program on Science and Health Innovation for the Nextgen Explorers (SHINE) in New Delhi.

EC delists 334 registered unrecognised political parties

The Election Commission has delisted 334 registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs), which have failed to fulfil the essential condition of contesting even a single election for six years since 2019.

Skyroot test fires India's largest privately developed rocket stage

Space start-up firm Skyroot Aerospace had successfully completed a static test firing of the rocket's Stage 1 solid fuel booster, made from advanced carbon composite materials.

NITI Aayog launches portal for 'Work for Viksit Bharat'

NITI Aayog has officially launched the 'Work for Viksit Bharat' portal for recruitment of consultants and young professionals in diverse sectors including Agriculture, Climate Change, Data Analysis, Industry and Foreign Investment, Health and more.

Ex-CJI DY Chandrachud's upcoming book talks about understanding relevance of the Constitution

Penguin Random House has announced the forthcoming publication of 'Why the Constitution Matters' by Justice DY Chandrachud, who retired as the 50th Chief Justice of India in November 2024.

Cybercrimes in India jump up 4 times

The number of cybercrime cases rose from 4.5 lakh in 2021 to over 22 lakhs in 2024, a jump of over 401%. Over 12 lakh cybercrimes have already been reported in India up to June 30 this year. In 2025, Maharashtra is the worst-affected state with 1.6 lakh cases of cybercrimes.

SC Issues Strong Directions To Control Menace Of Dog Bites & Rabies In Delhi

The Supreme Court has issued strong directions to control the menace of dog bites and rabies in the National Capital Territory of Delhi to immediately catch and sterilise stray dogs and relocate them permanently to shelters.

Nation's first animal stem cell biobank inaugurated at NIAB, Hyderabad

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the nation's first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank', a state-of-the-art facility that will store and preserve high-quality stem cells from various animal species, at the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), in Hyderabad city.

PM Modi Inaugurates 184 Newly Constructed Type-VII Multi-Storey Flats For MPs In New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 184 newly constructed type-seven Multi-Storey flats for Members of Parliament at Baba Kharak Singh Marg in New Delhi. He said, around 350 new MP houses have been built so far since 2014.

Parliament Passes Merchant Shipping Bill 2024

The Parliament has passed the Merchant Shipping Bill 2024 which will replace the Merchant Shipping Act 1958. It amends the law relating to merchant shipping to ensure compliance with country's obligation under the maritime treaties and international instruments to which India is a party.

India's Asiatic lion population jumps 32% in five years

As per the 16th Lion Population Estimation report, India's Asiatic lion population has grown from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025, a 32.2% increase. Asiatic lions are exclusively found in Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat.

BSNL Teams Up with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to Launch Industry-Led Digital Skilling

BSNL signed MoUs with four global technology leaders: Ericsson India Pvt. Ltd., Qualcomm Technologies Inc., Cisco Systems, and Nokia Solutions and Networks India Pvt. Ltd, aimed at accelerating India's digital transformation and strengthening the skilling ecosystem.

Union Health Secretary Launches SHRESTH Initiative to Boost Drug Quality and Safety

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava has launched the State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) initiative in New Delhi, aims to drive improvements in the performance of state drug regulatory authorities across India, ensuring that drug safety and quality standards are consistently met.

LS Speaker Constitutes 3 Member Committee To Probe Corruption Allegations Against Justice Yashwant Varma

The Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has constituted a three-member Committee to probe the allegations levelled against High Court Judge Justice Yashwant Varma, after a sum of burned cash was found at his residence in New Delhi in March this year.

Parliament Passes National Sports Governance and Anti-Doping Amendment Bills, 2025

Parliament has passed the National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025. The National Sports Governance Bill seeks to provide for recognition of national sports bodies and regulate their functioning.

Lok Sabha Passes Indian Ports Bill, 2025 to Boost Coastal Development

The Lok Sabha has passed the Indian Ports Bill, 2025 which seeks to consolidate the law relating to ports, promote integrated port development, facilitate ease of doing business and ensure the optimum utilization of India's coastline.

18th IOAA held in Mumbai

The 18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) was held in Mumbai. The prestigious event was hosted by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, in Mumbai.

Centre Approves ₹4,594 Crore for Four New Semiconductor Projects

The Central government has approved four new semiconductor projects in Odisha, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh with an estimated cost of 4,594 crore rupees. These four proposals approved are from SiCSem, Continental Device India Private Limited (CDIL), 3D Glass Solutions Inc., and Advanced System in Package (ASIP) Technologies.

UIDAI Signs Agreement with ISI to Strengthen Aadhaar Security and Reliability

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed an agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute for joint research and development to further enhance the robustness, security and reliability of Aadhaar operations.

Indias First Drone-Based Cloud Seeding Launched In Rajasthan

Rajasthan has carried out India's first drone-based artificial rain experiment, replacing aeroplanes with unmanned aerial vehicles for cloud seeding. The drones will spray special chemicals into clouds to trigger the formation of water droplets, which could lead to rain.

PixxelSpace India-led consortium to establish India's first commercial earth observation satellite constellation

The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) has announced the selection of the PixxelSpace India-led consortium to design, build, and operate India's first fully indigenous commercial earth observation (EO) satellite constellation under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

SC Orders ECI to Publish Names, Reasons for 65 Lakh Voter Exclusions in Bihar

The Supreme Court, in an interim order, directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to release booth-wise lists of nearly 65 lakh electors excluded from Bihar's draft roll during the Special Intensive Revision.

Major Announcements by PM Narendra Modi During His I-Day Address

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made several major announcements during his Independence Day 2025 speech on August 15 of 79th Independence Day. He outlined new economic and security initiatives, including a GST overhaul, a ₹1-lakh-crore scheme for first-time job seekers, indigenous semiconductor production, and Mission Sudarshan Chakra, aimed at safeguarding strategic and public sites.

India achieves landmark milestone of 100 Gigawatt of solar Photovoltaic modules manufacturing capacity

India has achieved a landmark milestone of 100 Gigawatt of solar PV module manufacturing capacity listed under the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM), a remarkable leap from just 2.3 GW in 2014.

NHAI Launches FASTag Annual Pass at 1,150 Toll Plazas Nationwide

The FASTag Annual Pass has been launched with the aim to eliminate the need to frequently recharge FASTag through a one-time fee payment of 3 thousand. The pass carries validity of one year or 200 toll plaza crossings.

Piyush Goyal Inaugurates India's First All-Women Operated Clean Street Food Hub in Mumbai

Union Minister and North Mumbai MP Piyush Goyal has inaugurated "Maui – the very first All-Women Operated Clean Street Food Hub" in Kandivani near Mumbai. Referring to the uniqueness of this hub, which is entirely managed by women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Lodha Foundation unveils privately funded Mathematical Sciences Institute in Mumbai

Lodha Mathematical Sciences Institute (LMSI) was established in Mumbai to provide a collaborative and meritocratic environment for mathematics researchers from across the globe. Called "the first ever privately funded mathematics research institute in the country

Navy adds Ikshak, a state-of-the-art warship for surveys and coastal missions

The Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has delivered to the Indian navy yet another warship, 'Ikshak'. 'Ikshak' – the name stands for 'Guide' – is the third in a series of four Survey Vessels (Large) being built by the GRSE. The 110-metre-long Ikshak will join INS Sandhayak and INS Nirdeshak after being commissioned. **Varanasi becomes India's first city to get portable solar panels between railway tracks**

Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi has become the country's first city to have portable solar panels between railway tracks. Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi has commissioned India's first 70m removable solar panel system (28 panels, 15KWp) between railway tracks

Centre aims Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2035 & Man on Moon by 2040

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has reiterated the government's commitment to establish an operational Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2035 and send an Indian crewed mission to the Moon by 2040.

Constitution 130th Amendment Bill 2025 sent to Joint Committee

The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025 was sent to a Joint Committee. It states that any minister, Chief Minister, or the Prime Minister, who is arrested and is in custody for over 30 days after being accused of an offence punishable by a jail term of five years or more, shall be removed from office.

India successfully test-fires Agni V

India has successfully test-fired Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile 'Agni 5', from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha. The launch validated all operational and technical parameters. The missile test-fired is a variant of the Agni-5 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) that can reach around 7,000 kilometres.

Parliament passes Bill to establish IIM at Guwahati in Assam
Parliament has passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025 with the Rajya Sabha approving it. The Bill will further amend the Indian Institutes of Management Act, 2017.

LS passes Bill encouraging e-sports, online social gaming, prohibits harmful online money gaming

The Lok Sabha passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025. The bill encourages e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services.

U.P.'s Jalalabad to get a new name, Parashurampuri

The Union Home Ministry has approved the renaming of Jalalabad town in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur district to Parashurampuri. Jalalabad is known as the birthplace of Parashuram, the saint, and houses an ancient temple dedicated to him

UIDAI collaborates with private net service Starlink for Aadhaar verification

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has collaborated with a private satellite based internet service provider Starlink for seamless Aadhaar based customer verification.

ISRO: India's maiden space mission – Gaganyaan to conduct its first test flight in December this year

ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan said that India's first uncrewed mission of the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission, G1, is expected to conduct its first test flight in December this year with the half-humanoid robot – Vyommitra.

OpenAI establishes Indian unit, plans to open office in New Delhi

ChatGPT maker OpenAI will open its first office in India in New Delhi. The firm has already started hiring in India, its second largest market after the U.S., and established an Indian entity, OpenAI India Private Limited.

MoT launches the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has officially launched the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan – envisaged as the world's largest tribal grassroots leadership programme, aimed at empowering tribal communities, strengthening responsive governance, and creating local leadership opportunities across the country.

National summit on Technical textiles and Viksit Bharat held at Patna

A National Summit on Technical Textiles and Viksit Bharat was held in Patna, focusing on the role of technical textiles in India's growth story.

DRDO successfully tests multi-layered air defence system

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted the maiden flight tests of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) off the coast of Odisha.

ISRO completes first Integrated Air Drop Test for safe crew recovery in Gaganyaan mission

ISRO has successfully accomplished first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) for end-to-end demonstration of parachute-based deceleration system for the Gaganyaan missions.

Indian Navy commissions stealth frigates Udaygiri, Himgiri

The Indian Navy has commissioned two state-of-the-art Project 17A stealth frigates, Udaygiri and Himgiri, at Naval Base, Visakhapatnam. Both vessels are follow-on variants of the Shivalik-class frigates, featuring enhanced stealth capabilities, advanced weaponry, and modern sensor systems.

Centre sets up panels to mark 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Patel, Birsu Munda & A.B Vajpayee

The Central government has set up three high-level committees to mark the 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and tribal icon Birsu Munda, as well as the birth centenary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair all three committees.

SC collegium recommends Justices Alok Aradhe, Vipul Pancholi for top court

The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai has recommended the elevation of Chief Justices of Bombay and Patna High Courts, Justices Alok Aradhe and Vipul Manubhai Pancholi, as apex court judges. Chandrashekhkar as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.

NHAI Launches 'Project Aarohan' to Provide Scholarships for Toll Plaza Workers' Children

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched Project Aarohan, an initiative designed to support the educational aspirations of toll plaza employees' families.

PM Modi Flags Off 'E-Vitara' EV, Inaugurates Hybrid Battery Electrodes Plant in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Made in India battery electric vehicle (BEV) 'E-Vitara' from Hansalpur, Gujarat. The new electric vehicle, produced under India's green mobility push, will be exported to over 100 countries, including major markets such as Europe and Japan.

Cabinet Approves Restructuring of PM SVANidhi Scheme

The Union Cabinet has approved the restructuring of Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme. It also gave approval for the extension of the lending period beyond 31st December 2024. The lending period has now been extended until 31st March, 2030. The total outlay for the scheme is 7 thousand 332 crore rupees.

OpenAI launches India-first Learning Accelerator

OpenAI has launched an 'India-first' Learning Accelerator initiative, thus marking a major commitment to the country's education sector. The program includes a research grant of Rs 4.5 crore (approximately \$500,000) to IIT-Madras and the distribution of 500,000 free ChatGPT licenses to educators and students.

Jitendra Singh launches India's first National Biofoundry Network

Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh has launched the country's first National Biofoundry Network, describing it as a step towards making biotechnology a driver of India's economy, environment and employment.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana completes 11 years on August 28

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana PMJDY has completed 11 years on August 28. It is one of the biggest financial inclusion initiatives in the world, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August 2014.

Pixxel, Dhruva Space launch satellites on SpaceX Falcon-9 from California

Two Indian Space start-ups Pixxel Space and Dhruva Space have launched satellites successfully onboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

Mumbai, Kohima Safest For Women: NARI 2025

According to the National Annual Report & Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025, Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar and Mumbai have emerged as the safest cities in the country for women, while Patna, Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Srinagar and Ranchi were ranked the lowest.

Ashwini Vaishnav Inaugurates India's First Tempered Glass Plant in Noida

Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnav, inaugurated the country's first tempered glass manufacturing plant in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

INS Kadmat Joins Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day Celebrations

The Indian Navy's indigenous ASW Corvette INS Kadmat reached Port Moresby to participate in Papua New Guinea's Golden Jubilee Independence celebrations.

NeGD Integrates Nearly 2,000 e-Government Services Nationwide on DigiLocker and e-District

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), operating under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has reached a major milestone by enabling pan-India integration of close to 2,000 e-Government services through the DigiLocker and e-District platforms. Among the states, Maharashtra leads with 254 services, the highest in the country.

Govt to Roll Out Beta Version of Adi Vaani, AI Translator for Tribal Languages

The government is set to launch the Beta Version of Adi Vaani which is India's first AI powered translator for tribal languages. Developed under the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh initiative, Adi Vaani aims to bridge communication gaps between tribal and non-tribal communities.

Maharashtra to Observe August 7 as Sustainable Agriculture Day Honouring Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

Maharashtra government has announced August 7 will be celebrated annually as "Sustainable Agriculture Day" to mark the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, the architect of India's Green Revolution.

BANKING & ECONOMY

New banking laws to come into effect from August 1

The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025, aimed at improving governance standards in the banking sector and ensuring enhanced protection for depositors and investors, will come into effect from August 1, 2025. The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 contains a total of 19 amendments across five legislations

Tata Motors to acquire Italian CV major Iveco

Tata Motors Ltd. has signed an agreement to acquire Iveco Group N.V. a European leader in commercial vehicles and mobility, through a subsidiary for ₹38,000 crore (\$4.5 billion).

Income Tax Act gets President Droupadi Murmu's assent

President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Income-tax Act, 2025, which will replace the archaic Income Tax Act, 1961. The Income Tax Act, 2025, will come into effect from the next financial year, beginning April 1, 2026.

US Fed keeps interest rates unchanged

The US Federal Reserve has left its key short-term interest rate unchanged for the fifth time this year. The Fed's decision leaves its key short-term rate at about 4.3 per cent, where it has stood after the central bank reduced it three times last year.

Startup Policy Forum Launches IndiaAI in Action Podcast in Partnership with IndiaAI Mission

The Startup Policy Forum (SPF), in partnership with the IndiaAI Mission, has announced the launch of "IndiaAI in Action," a podcast series dedicated to showcasing how India's leading startups are applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to solve industry challenges and drive real-world business and social outcomes.

HCLTech, Pearson India and MeitY Startup Hub join forces to launch ARISE FOR YOU™

HCLTech in collaboration with Pearson India and under the strategic advisory of MeitY Startup Hub, have announced the launch of ARISE FOR YOU™, a transformative national initiative aimed at igniting the entrepreneurial spirit among India's youth.

RIL holds 88th position in Fortune Global 500,

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has maintained its position as India's highest-ranked company in the Fortune Global 500 list for 2025, securing the 88th spot globally. India is represented by nine companies this year—five from the public sector and four from the private sector. Walmart tops the Fortune Global 500 list for the 12th consecutive year.

Decathlon targets India sourcing worth \$3 billion by 2030

Decathlon, a French sports retailer brand has a strategic target to scale its local sourcing from India to \$3 billion by 2030.

Air New Zealand names Nikhil Ravishankar as CEO

Air New Zealand has appointed Nikhil Ravishankar as its next chief executive officer, following the planned departure of current CEO Greg Foran in October.

July 2025 GST revenue up 7.5% to ₹1.96 lakh crore

The Central government's gross revenue from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) grew to ₹1.96 lakh crore in July, up 7.5% from the collections in July last year, and 6% higher than the collections in June 2025.

Microsoft valuation surges above \$4 trillion

Shares of Microsoft increased on July 31 following good quarterly results, lifting the tech giant into the previously unprecedented \$4 trillion club along with Nvidia, another artificial intelligence standout.

DLF retains title as India's most valuable real estate

With a value of ₹2.1 lakh crore, DLF Ltd. has retained its title as India's most valuable real estate company in the 2025 GROHE- HURUN India Real Estate 150.

IEPFA Launches "Saksham Niveshak"

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has launched a 100-day campaign titled "Saksham Niveshak", running from 28th July to 6th November 2025. This is aimed at empowering shareholders by creating awareness about unclaimed dividends held by companies and guiding them through the process of updating their KYC & nomination details to reclaim their rightful dividend.

Renault Group buys Nissan's remaining 51% stake

Renault Group has acquired Nissan's remaining 51% stake in their joint plant in Chennai (Renault Nissan Automotive India Private Ltd – "RNAIPL"), thus becoming its sole owner.

IOB engages an advisor to help sell NPAs

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has for the first time engaged an external advisor to find a buyer for more than ₹12,000-crore of non-performing assets (NPAs), with the lender focusing on exposures that are either stuck due to litigation or are undergoing liquidation.

Public sector banks can transfer unclaimed shares, bond redemption amounts to IEPF from Aug 1

The Union government has notified amendments to the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 which allows Public sector banks (PSBs) to transfer unclaimed shares, interest, and bond redemption amounts to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF), bringing them in line with practices followed by companies under the Companies Act.

Centre may call IDBI bids in Q3

The Centre expects to invite financial bids for the strategic sale of IDBI Bank in the third quarter of FY26 and select the winning bidder by the end of this fiscal. At present, the central government holds 45.48% and state-run Life Insurance Corp (LIC) 49.24% in IDBI Bank.

India Post Payments Bank starts Aadhaar-based face authentication for digital banking

India Post Payments Bank has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based face authentication for customer transactions, enhancing security and convenience, especially for elderly and differently-abled individuals.

India Ranks Second Globally in Fish Production

India holds the second rank in the world in fish production, said Union Minister of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Rajiv Ranjan Singh at a programme in Kolkata. He informed that the fish production has increased by 103% in 2024-25 compared to 2013-14 in India.

India's smartphone exports peak in the first quarter of the financial year 2025-26.

India's smartphone exports hit a record high in the first quarter of the financial year 2025-26, with shipments reaching 7.72 billion dollars, a 58 per cent increase from 4.9 billion dollars in the same period last year.

NAM India opens first branch in Leh.

Nippon Life India Asset Management (NAM India) — promoted by Japan's Nippon Life Insurance Company — became the only asset management company in the country to establish a physical presence in the high-altitude region of Leh, by opening a branch in Leh.

IndusInd Bank appoints Rajiv Anand as MD and CEO

IndusInd Bank has announced the appointment of Rajiv Anand, former Deputy Managing Director of Axis Bank, as its new MD and CEO. Rajiv Anand will be appointed for a three-year tenure.

Mutual fund industry AUM grew sevenfold in 10 years

The asset under management (AUM) of India's mutual fund (MF) industry as of June 2025 was estimated at ₹74.40 lakh crore, marking a more than seven-fold growth in 10 years, Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund said in a report.

Jaguar Land Rover Appoints First Indian CEO

Tata owned Jaguar Land Rover has named PB Balaji as its Chief Executive Officer, the first Indian to hold the top position at the marquee British brand. Mr Balaji succeeds Adrian Mardell.

NRL inks pact with BSNL to deploy India's first 5G captive non-public network

Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) has signed an agreement with state-owned BSNL to deploy India's first 5G captive non-public network (CNPN) in its area. Under this MoU, BSNL and NRL will jointly implement India's first 5G CNPN in the refinery sector.

Digital Fraud, Cybercriminals Stole ₹23,000 Crore From Indians In 2024

India lost ₹22,842 crore to cybercriminals and fraudsters in 2024, DataLEADS, a Delhi-based media and tech company, said in its report on widespread digital financial frauds in the country.

India emerges as world's 5th biggest aviation market

According to data released by global airlines' grouping IATA, India emerged as the world's fifth biggest aviation market, handling 241 million passengers, while Mumbai-Delhi was one of the busiest airport pairs in 2024. The US remains the world's biggest aviation market with 876 million passengers in 2024.

MPC keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.5%

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) after assessing the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, have voted to maintain the policy repo rate at 5.50%. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) remains unchanged at 5.25% and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 5.75%.

The central bank has maintained its GDP growth projection for FY26 at 6.5%.

RBI now expects headline inflation to average 3.1% in FY26, lower than the 3.7% projected earlier.

RBI announces three consumer-centric steps for re-KYC, easier bank claims and retail investing

The RBI has introduced three customer-centric measures, including simplified KYC procedures via panchayat-level camps, streamlined claims for deceased account holders, and enhanced features on the Retail Direct platform for government securities.

GST evasion of ₹7.08 lakh crore detected in five years

Central Goods & Services Tax (GST) field officers have detected tax evasion of about ₹7.08 lakh crore in the last five years till 2024-25 fiscal, including input tax credit (ITC) fraud of about ₹1.79 lakh crore.

Bank of Baroda unveils digital forex platform

Bank of Baroda has announced the launch of bob FxOne — a digital foreign exchange platform designed for the Bank's corporate and MSME customers.

Axis Bank Releases 'Lock FD' Feature

Axis Bank has launched a new security feature called 'Lock FD' that allows account holders to restrict the premature closure of fixed deposits through digital platforms. This initiative is aimed at enhancing customer protection as online banking fraud continues to rise.

The highest U.S. tariff levels since 1934.

The United States has imposed a wide-ranging series of new tariffs, with rates ranging from 10 per cent to 50 per cent, targeting imports from around 70 countries.

AUSFB gets RBI nod to a universal bank.

In a first in 11 years, the Reserve Bank has granted 'in-principle' approval to AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. (AUSFB) for transitioning from a small finance bank (SFB) to a universal bank.

SBI Q1 Profit Rises 12.5% to ₹19,160 Crore

The State Bank of India (SBI) reported a 12.5% year-on-year increase in its net profit for the first quarter of FY2024-25, reaching ₹19,160 crore.

SEBI Removes Transaction Fee for Mutual Fund Distributors
SEBI has announced the removal of transaction charges for mutual fund distributors aimed at incentivizing distributors. It has now scrapped this provision after public consultation, clarifying that the change applies only to regular schemes, not direct plans.

Government e-Marketplace Achieves ₹5.4 Lakh Crore GMV in FY 2024–25.

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has achieved a remarkable milestone by recording a Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of 5.4 lakh crore rupees in the financial year 2024-25.

ICICI Bank Hikes Minimum Balance for New Savings Accounts to ₹50,000

ICICI Bank has increased the minimum monthly average balance (MAB) for new savings accounts opened on or after August 1, 2025, from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000—five times higher than before.

Government Extends PM E-DRIVE Plan by Two Years till March 2028

The Government of India has extended the PM E-DRIVE scheme by two years, pushing its completion timeline to March 2028. The initiative aims to promote electric mobility, enhance EV infrastructure, and accelerate the adoption of clean transportation across the country.

ICICI Bank reports lowest attrition rate

ICICI Bank has reported the lowest employee attrition rate among large private sector lenders in the last three financial years, reflecting higher stickiness due to competitive remuneration and a better working environment. The employee attrition rate at the bank declined to 18% in FY25 from 24.5% in FY24.

KSFE, first miscellaneous NBFC in India to cross Rs 1 lakh crore business turnover

Kerala State Financial Enterprises (KSFE) has achieved a significant milestone. It is now the first miscellaneous non-banking financial company in India to reach a business turnover of Rupees one lakh crore.

Weaver Services to buy Centrum Housing Finance

Weaver Services, backed by Gaja Capital, is set to acquire a 75% stake in Centrum Housing Finance for ₹600 crore.

PNB set to sell NPAs worth ₹5,000 crore to ARCs,

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has identified about 100 non-performing asset (NPA) accounts for sale to asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) during the current financial year.

India Becomes World's Third-Largest Automobile Market: Nitin Gadkari

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that India has emerged as the third-largest automobile industry in the world. Presently the size of the US automobile industry is 78 lakh crore rupees, followed by China 49 lakh crore and India by 22 lakh crore rupees.

Bank of Baroda launches global UPI features on bob ₹ Pay app

The new features include UPI Global Acceptance, Foreign Inward Remittances, and UPI services tailored for NRIs. Under UPI Global Acceptance, customers can use the bob ₹ Pay app to pay international merchants via QR code from their Indian bank accounts.

Mutual Fund Equity Inflows Soar to Record ₹42,702 Crore in July

According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), Mutual fund equity inflows touched record high of 42,702 crore rupees in July this year, rising sharply from 23,587 crore in June.

Retail Inflation Falls to 8-Year Low at 1.55% in July

India's retail inflation moderated to eight year low of 1.55 per cent in July, down from 2.1 per cent in June. It is the lowest year-on-year inflation rate after June, 2017.

SBI halts Nayara transactions over US tariffs

State Bank of India has ceased processing trade and foreign currency transactions for Nayara Energy due to potential US sanctions following recent tariff increases. This decision aims to prevent SBI from facing US and European Union restrictions.

Tata's Nelco partners with Eutelsat

Tata Group's satellite communication arm, Nelco has signed an agreement with Eutelsat to roll out OneWeb low Earth orbit (LEO) satellite connectivity services across India.

Karur Vysya Bank expands footprint in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh

Private sector Karur Vysya Bank has strengthened its footprint with the inauguration of three new branches in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. It has opened a new branch in KK Nagar, Udayanpatti, Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu, Thane in Maharashtra, and Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh.

India's Defence Production Hits Record ₹1.51 Lakh Crore in FY 2024–25

The annual defence production has soared to an all-time high figure of one lakh 51 thousand crore rupees in the financial year 2024-25.

RBI allows 'vostro' accounts to invest entire surplus in government securities

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that foreign investors can now invest surplus funds from their vostro accounts into central government securities. This move aims to boost the internationalization of the Indian rupee.

U.S. national debt reaches record \$37 trillion

The U.S. government's gross national debt has surpassed \$37 trillion, a record number that highlights the accelerating debt on America's balance sheet and increased cost pressures on taxpayers.

GIFT City, GTU join hands to boost IFSC education, fintech innovation

Gujarat International Finance Tec-City has inked an MoU with Gujarat Technological University (GTU) to strengthen collaboration in IFSC education, fintech innovation, and research.

Banks to clear cheques within few hours from Oct 4: RBI

The RBI will introduce a faster cheque clearing system from October 4 for clearance of cheques within hours of being presented to banks, reducing the current time period of up to two working days. Phase 1 starts on October 4, 2025, while phase 2 begins on January 3, 2026.

SBI to impose nominal charges on IMPS beyond Rs 25,000 transfer from August 15

SBI has revised its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) charges, effective August 15th, 2025. Online fund transfers exceeding ₹25,000 will now incur nominal charges ranging from ₹2 to ₹10, plus GST. Salary package account holders and specific current account holders are exempt from these charges.

RBL Bank ties up with CAMS

RBL Bank has announced a partnership with CAMSPay, the payments unit of CAMS, to launch a new digital payment gateway platform targeting Indian enterprises. The bank will serve as the merchant acquiring settlement service partner for the initiative.

Paytm Payments Services gets 'in-principle' nod from RBI to operate as online payment aggregator

Paytm Payments Services Limited has received in-principle nod from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Hindustan Zinc, first Indian firm to join International Council on Mining and Metals

Homegrown Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) has become the first Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals.

India's Trade Deficit Narrows to \$31.3 Billion in April–July 2025

India's overall trade deficit declined 3.7% to \$31.3 billion in April–July 2025, driven by robust growth in services exports. Total exports rose 5.2% to \$277.6 billion, outpacing imports, which grew 4.2% to \$308.9 billion.

S&P upgrades India to BBB with a Stable Outlook

S&P Global Ratings' upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-' and short-term rating to 'A-2' from 'A-3', marking the country's first S&P upgrade in 18 years.

S&P Global upgrades ratings of SBI, HDFC Bank, other 8 financial institutions

S&P Global Ratings has upgraded ratings of top 10 financial institutions, including SBI, HDFC Bank and Tata Capital, a day after the US-based agency raised India's sovereign credit rating.

ICICI Reduces Minimum Balance For New Savings Accounts After Outrage

ICICI Bank has partially reversed its minimum average balance (MAB) requirements from ₹50,000 to ₹15,000 for new customers in urban areas. The revised MAB requirement is still ₹5,000 more than the earlier one.

India's exports rise 7.3% to 37.24 billion dollars in July

According to provisional data by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's merchandise exports showed a strong performance in July, registering an increase of around 7.3 per cent to 37.24 billion dollars on an annual basis.

UPI powers half of world's real-time transactions

Prime Minister Modi has announced on Independence Day that India's UPI handles 50% of global real-time transactions, calling it a 'wonder'. With 1,947 crore transactions processed in July 2025 alone, UPI is now operational in seven countries, including France, marking its European debut.

WPI inflation in negative zone for second straight month

India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation stood in the negative zone at 0.58 per cent in July on an annual basis. This marks the second straight month of wholesale deflation.

PSU banks to hold majority in digital payment intel body

State-run banks will take the lead in setting up the Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP) and hold more than 50% stake in the proposed venture aimed at harnessing advanced technologies to mitigate payment fraud risks.

Bajaj Finance MD Rajeev Jain best paid NBFC top exec in FY25

Bajaj Finance managing director Rajeev Jain emerged as the highest-paid top executive of a non-banking finance company in fiscal 2025 with a total package exceeding ₹65 crore. Including employee stock options worth ₹40 crore, his overall earnings crossed ₹105 crore for the year.

AU SFB sets ball rolling on its succession plan

AU Small Finance Bank, set to transition into a universal bank, has hired global advisory firm Korn Ferry to assist with succession planning and talent acquisition for key roles in wholesale, retail, and treasury banking.

NPCI to stop UPI P2P 'collect requests' from October 1 to combat fraud

To combat financial fraud, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has directed banks and payment apps to discontinue peer-to-peer (P2P) 'collect requests' on UPI by October 1, 2025.

IoB joins hands with Mumbai Metro One for ticketing solutions

Indian Overseas Bank has partnered with Mumbai Metro One to provide ticketing solutions, including smart cards, paper tickets, and QR-based options, for commuters on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar line.

Infosys acquires 75% in Telstra's Versent Group

Infosys has acquired a 75 percent stake in Versent Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Telstra Group, to form a joint venture aimed at accelerating AI-led cloud and digital transformation for Australian enterprises.

AU Small Finance Bank opens 51 new branches on Aug 15

AU Small Finance Bank has inaugurated 51 new branches across India on August 15, 2025, marking the 79th Independence Day. The expansion includes 30 liability branches and 21 Microfinance & Inclusive Banking (MFIB) branches.

Indian Oil's Panipat Refinery achieves India's 1st ISCC CORSIA certification for sustainable aviation fuel

In a landmark development for India's clean energy sector, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Indian Oil) has become the first company in the country to secure the International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC) CORSIA for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production at its Panipat Refinery.

Major GST shake-up: 12% and 28% slabs to be axed

The Centre has proposed to reduce the number of slabs under the Goods and Services Tax system, retaining the 5% and 18% slabs, while introducing a lower concessional rate below 1% and a high "sin rate" of 40% on just five to seven items each.

Accenture to buy Australian cybersecurity firm CyberCX for \$650 million

Accenture will buy Australian cybersecurity firm CyberCX in its largest-ever deal in the sector, valuing the transaction at more than A\$1 billion (\$650 million).

NSIC enters into MoU with various private sector banks under the MSME Credit facilitation program

National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) entered into Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) with various private sector banks such as Axis Bank, Dhanlaxmi Bank, Karnataka Bank, AU Small Finance Bank and IndusInd Bank under its MSME Credit facilitation program.

NBFCs tap \$3.67 billion in overseas syndicated loans,

Data from the LSEG Loan Connector, a global loan data website, showed that Indian NBFCs raised \$3.67 billion so far in 2025 from the syndicated loan market overseas, compared with \$1.64 billion garnered in the whole of 2024.

ARCs triple retail SR issuance in Q1

Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) ramped up purchases of retail loan pools in the first quarter of FY26, issuing ₹1,713 crore in security receipts (SRs) against just ₹496 crore a year earlier.

UPI transactions surge in 2025

According to a report by SBI, UPI transactions have expanded significantly in 2025, both in terms of value and volumes. In terms of value, the report highlighted that average daily transactions rose from ₹75,743 crore in January to ₹90,446 crore in August.

SBI emerged as the top remitter member, handling 5.2 billion transactions. Yes Bank took the top position as the leading beneficiary member, with nearly 8.0 billion transactions.

Maharashtra has emerged as the number one state in UPI usage, accounting for a 9.8 per cent share in July alone.

NTPC becomes first PSU to adopt global standard for power supply continuity

NTPC Limited has become the first public sector company in the country's power industry to implement a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) aligned with ISO 22301:2019, the international benchmark for business continuity management systems (BCMS).

Kotak International, first Indian firm to receive SCA license in UAE

Kotak International has secured a license from the UAE to offer investment funds to retail investors, becoming the first Indian firm to do so.

SBI's special loan scheme for Agniveers

State Bank of India has unveiled a special personal loan scheme tailored for Agniveers, coinciding with the 79th Independence Day celebrations. This initiative is an extension of SBI's Defence Salary Package and offers a remarkable benefit to Agniveers with salary accounts at the bank.

NCLT declares ex-DHFL chairman Kapil Wadhawan bankrupt over ₹4,546 crore dues

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Mumbai has declared Kapil Wadhawan, former chairman of the now-defunct Dewan Housing Finance Corp (DHFL), bankrupt following a petition by Union Bank of India for recovery of ₹4,546 crore.

SEBI proposes to ease minimum shareholding norms in view of expanding market

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed to increase the flexibility of minimum public shareholding (MPS) and minimum public offer (MPO) for companies aspiring to get listed aimed at simplifying fund-raising by issuers in India.

Japan's SoftBank to invest \$2 billion in Intel

Japan-based tech investor SoftBank Group will invest \$2 billion in Intel, as the U.S. government reportedly considers taking a 10-percent stake in the troubled U.S. chip giant.

23% of total 56.04 crore PM Jan Dhan accounts inoperative

As many as 23% of the total 56.04 crore Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts are inoperative. Out of 56.03 crore PMJDY accounts at the end of July 31, 2025, 13.04 crore such accounts are inoperative.

Banks sanction ₹62,791 cr to 2.75 lakh beneficiaries under Stand-Up India Scheme

Banks have sanctioned ₹62,791 crore to 2,75,291 loan accounts under the Stand-Up India Scheme since its launch, Parliament was informed. The Stand-Up India Scheme was launched on April 5, 2016, with an aim to promote entrepreneurship among the SC/ST and Women.

HDFC Bank invests in BharatGPT creator CoRover

HDFC Bank has invested in conversational artificial intelligence firm CoRover, the developer of BharatGPT, a sovereign and enterprise-grade large language model. CoRover has a user base of 1 billion and caters to over 25,000 enterprises and developers.

PNB becomes the first Public Sector Bank to migrate to '.bank.in' domain

Punjab National Bank has become the first Public Sector Bank in India to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain, reaffirming its commitment to safe and secure digital banking for its customers.

Exim Bank signs \$40 million credit line deal with Africa's ECOWAS Bank

The Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) and the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) have signed a commercial credit line agreement of \$40 million.

Suzlon joins RE100, commits to 100% renewables by 2030

Suzlon Group has become the first Indian energy company to join the RE100 Initiative, a global movement led by Climate Group in partnership with CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project). The company has pledged to use 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030 across all 15 of its manufacturing facilities.

Indian Oil, Air India ink MoU on sustainable aviation fuel supply

State-owned oil refiner and marketer Indian Oil Corporation has entered into an MoU with Air India for supply of sustainable aviation fuel, SAF.

Private banks told to step up Jan Suraksha, credit outreach play

The Central government has directed private sector banks to step up participation in flagship schemes such as Jan Suraksha and to play a more active role in State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) for settling issues concerning micro and small enterprises and other credit outreach programmes.

Growth in core sector activity slows to 2% in July

Growth in industrial activity in India's eight core industries slowed to 2% in July 2025, dragged down by contractions in the fossil fuel categories. Steel and cement sectors, however, witnessed double-digit growth.

AU Small Finance Bank unveils UPI for NRE, NRO account holders

AU Small Finance Bank has launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services for its Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) account holders with international mobile numbers.

Wipro to acquire a Samsung-owned tech firm, in a cash deal of \$375 million

Wipro Limited has entered into an agreement to acquire the Digital Transformation Solutions (DTS) business unit of HARMAN, a Samsung company, in a cash deal of \$375 million.

Malaysia Launches Ryt Bank -- The World's First AI-Powered Bank

Malaysia has made history with the launch of Ryt Bank, the World's First AI-Powered Bank created by Malaysians, for Malaysians.

UltraTech Cement to sell up to 6.5% stake in unit India Cements

UltraTech Cement board has approved the plan to sell up to 2.01 crore shares of India Cements, representing 6.49 percent stake in the company. The stake sale will be done through an offer for sale (OFS).

Honda sets up new subsidiary in India for auto financing business

Honda Motor Co. Ltd. of Japan has announced the establishment of a new company in India, Honda Finance India Private Ltd. that will offer customers retail sales financing services including loans and lease sales options for Honda products in India.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey moots regulated pre-IPO trading platform

SEBI chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey has suggested introducing a regulated platform for pre-IPO (initial public offering) share trading, potentially replacing existing grey market operations.

EPFO hikes death relief fund ex-Gratia to ₹15 lakh

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has raised the ex-gratia amount under the Death Relief Fund for Central Board employees from ₹8.8 lakh to ₹15 lakh, effective from April 1, 2025.

RBI ED Indranil Bhattacharyya nominated as MPC member

The Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), at its meeting held in Lucknow, has approved the nomination of Indranil Bhattacharyya, Executive Director, as an ex officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Dream11, top gaming apps halt money-based games after ban

Some of the top mobile gaming apps like Dream11, PokerBaazi and Mobile Premier League have suspended real-money games after parliament passed a ban on August 22, 2025, threatening the future of a sector once projected to hit \$3.6 billion by 2029.

Payments Council of India re-elects Vishwas Patel as chairperson

Payments Council of India (PCI) has announced that the executive council of the association has unanimously approved the re-appointment of Vishwas Patel, Joint MD, Infibeam Avenues Ltd, as the chairperson.

Avanse Financial raises \$200 million via ECB

Avanse Financial Services Ltd., an education-focused non-banking financial company (NBFC) has secured a multi-currency syndicated External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) loan equivalent to \$200 million.

Kyndryl plans to spend \$2.25 billion in India over 3 years

Kyndryl, a provider of mission-critical enterprise technology services firm formed in 2021 from the spin-off of IBM's infrastructure services business, plans to spend \$2.25 billion in India over the next three years.

India's MF industry, at 16-18% CAGR, to reach ₹400 lakh cr. by 2035

India's mutual fund industry may reach ₹400 lakh crore by 2035, growing at 16 to 18% CAGR from ₹75 lakh crore currently, according to Madhu Nair, Managing Director, Union Mutual Fund.

PFC signs EUR 150 million loan agreement with KfW

Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC), a Maharatna CPSE and India's leading NBFC in the power sector, has signed a loan agreement of EUR 150 million, with KfW, Germany's largest promotional bank.

UIDAI launches Aadhaar onboarding framework for cooperative banks

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has introduced a new framework to onboard cooperative banks and enable them to deliver Aadhaar-based authentication services, giving a boost to last-mile banking and digital inclusion.

SMBC gets RBI nod to acquire up to 24.99% stake in Yes Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) to purchase up to 24.99% stake in Yes Bank's paid-up share capital/voting rights. The approval, issued on 22nd August 2025, will remain valid for one year.

CBI files ₹2,929-crore bank loan fraud case against RCom

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has conducted searches at two locations in Mumbai after registering a case against Reliance Communications Limited (RCom), its then director Anil D. Ambani, and others, on the charge of causing a wrongful loss of ₹2,929.05 crore to the State Bank of India (SBI).

Centre will set up a mineral trading exchange

Union Coal Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy has said the Centre will set up a mineral trading exchange similar to the London Metal Exchange. He stated that the mineral exchange will be established in accordance with SEBI's norms.

Bank of India tags Reliance Communications, Anil Ambani as 'fraud'

After the State Bank of India, Bank of India has classified the loan account of insolvent Reliance Communications as fraudulent and named its former director, Anil Ambani, citing alleged fund diversion in 2016.

Bank of India has granted a ₹700 crore loan in August 2016 to Reliance Communications

Fitch affirms India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-'

Fitch Ratings has affirmed India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-', with a stable outlook, saying a strong record of delivering growth and improving fiscal credibility will drive improvements in structural metrics. It forecasts India's GDP growth at 6.5% in FY26

Goldman to advise govt on stake sale in four banks

The Central government has enlisted Goldman Sachs as the transaction advisor for divesting its stake in Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Central Bank of India, UCO Bank, and Punjab & Sind Bank. The Centre currently holds more than 90% in each of the four banks.

ABCDL Gets RBI's In-Principle Nod to Operate as Online Payment Aggregator

Aditya Birla Capital Digital Ltd. (ABCDL) has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an online payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

ABCDL is a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. (ABCL),

25% Additional Levy on Indian Exports to US Comes Into Effect from August 27

The levy of an additional 25 per cent on Indian exports to the United States came into effect on August 27. US President Donald Trump had earlier announced a 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports after a deal between the two countries was not reached before the 1st of August deadline.

India may emerge as second-largest economy by 2038 in PPP terms: EY

According to a report by EY, India may become the world's second-largest economy in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms by 2038, with a projected GDP of USD 34.2 trillion. Citing an IMF report, EY said India's economy could reach USD 20.7 trillion (PPP) by 2030.

Industrial growth jumps to four-month high of 3.5%

India's industrial production rose to a four-month high of 3.5% in July, up from 1.5% in June, driven by 5.4% growth in manufacturing. Mining output fell 7.2%, while electricity grew only 0.6%.

Punjab National Bank opens its first startup branch

Government-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) has inaugurated its first startup-centric branch in New Delhi. Aligned with the Startup India initiative, this branch aims to promote entrepreneurship and supports innovation through services, including all facets of banking solutions.

Centre extends duty-free imports of cotton by three months till December 31

The Union government has extended duty-free import of cotton by three more months till December 31 to support textile exporters facing steep 50% tariffs in the U.S.

Jana Small Finance Bank set to merge investment and financial holding firms

Jana Small Finance Bank has initiated a process to merge its non-operative financial holding company into core investment company to create a leaner structure even as the bank is awaiting the Reserve Bank of India's decision on its universal bank licence application.

Murugappa Group's CG Semi opens 'pilot line' in Gujarat semiconductor facility

CG Semi, a subsidiary of the Murugappa Group that has received fiscal support from the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), has inaugurated a "pilot line" on its semiconductor packaging facility in Sanand, Gujarat. India's first 'made-in-India' semiconductor chip will roll out of Gujarat's CG Semi Pvt Ltd in Sanand

India's GDP growth in Q1 quickens to five-quarter high of 7.8%

According to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), India's economic growth rate in the first quarter (April-June) of the current financial year quickened to a five-quarter high of 7.8%, driven by strong performances by sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and services.

Reliance Industries forms new subsidiary Reliance Intelligence

During the Annual General Meeting August 29, 2025, Reliance Industries had announced the formation of a new wholly-owned subsidiary called 'Reliance Intelligence' to focus in AI and deep tech.

Tamil Nadu, Karnataka among top performers in annual survey of industries

According to the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2023-24, two southern states – Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have ranked in the top five in the industry sector. The survey was carried out to ascertain growth achieved by states in total number of factories, fixed capital, total persons employed, output and gross value added (GVA) categories.

Out of 2,60,061 factories across India, Tamil Nadu topped the list, being home to 15.43% of them.

Air India Express becomes fourth Indian airline to join global body IATA

Air India Express has joined the International Air Transport Association, IATA as a member, making it the fourth Indian carrier currently to be part of the global airlines' association. Now, there are four Indian airlines that are IATA members – Tata Group-owned Air India and Air India Express, IndiGo and SpiceJet.

Abu Dhabi signs agreement with IOC to provide one million tonnes of LNG per year

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has signed a 15-year Sales and Purchase Agreement with Indian Oil Corporation to supply one million tonnes per annum of liquefied natural gas from its lower-carbon Ruwais LNG project.

Unity Bank joins hands with BharatPe to roll out first EMI credit card

Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity Bank) and BharatPe have jointly launched a credit card that allows customers to either pay in full or convert their spends into equated monthly installments (EMIs). This is being introduced as India's first EMI-driven credit card on the RuPay network.

Jio Payments Bank to allow customers to invest idle deposits in overnight MFs

Jio Payments Bank plans to introduce 'Savings Pro,' an innovative savings account that auto-invests idle cash in overnight mutual funds for higher returns.

Mastercard partners with Infosys to scale cross-border payments

Infosys has partnered with Mastercard to integrate Mastercard Move's cross-border payment capabilities into Infosys Finacle.

Rakesh Gangwal's family trust sells 1.3% stake in IndiGo for ₹2,933 crore

IndiGo promoter Rakesh Gangwal's family trust sold a 1.3% stake in the country's largest airline for ₹2,933 crore through open market transactions, cumulatively offloading shares worth ₹14,497 crore so far this year.

SBI, AFD Ink €100-Million Deal to Push Green Financing

SBI has signed a €100-million Line of Credit agreement with Agence Française de Développement (AFD) to strengthen green financing in India. The funding will support climate mitigation projects that cut greenhouse gas emissions and promote climate adaptation measures to limit the impact of global warming.

AWARDS

71st National Film Awards Winners announced

The winners of the 71st National Film Awards were announced

Winners:

Best Feature Film: 12th Fail
Best feature film promoting national, social and environmental values: Sam Bahadur
Best Popular Film for Entertainment: Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani
Best Hindi Film: Kathal
Best Documentary: God Vulture and Human
Best Actor in a Leading Role: Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan) and Vikrant Massey (12th Fail)
Best Actress in a Leading Role: Rani Mukerji (Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway)
Best Direction: Sudipto Sen, The Kerala Story
Best Supporting Actor: Vijayaraghavan and Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar
Best Supporting Actress: Janki Bodiwala and Urvashi
Best Music Direction: GV Prakash Kumar Tamil film Vaathi
Best Editing Award: Pookalam
Best Children's Film: Naal 2

Gadkari honoured with 43rd Lokmanya Tilak Award

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was honoured with the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award at a ceremony in Pune. Presented by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust, the award recognizes significant contributions to national progress.

Paradip Port receives 'Major Port of the Year – Non-Containerised Cargo' award

The Paradip Port has received the prestigious "Major Port of the Year – Non-Containerised Cargo" award at the 15th All India Maritime and Logistics Awards (MALA) 2025.

Guwahati Airport Wins International Architectural Award 2025

Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport has earned global acclaim by winning the International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport category.

President approves 127 Gallantry awards & 40 Distinguished Service awards for meritorious service

President Droupadi Murmu has approved 127 Gallantry awards and 40 Distinguished Service awards to the Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the eve of Independence Day.

These are 4 Kirti Chakras, 15 Vir Chakras, 16 Shaurya Chakras, 2 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 58 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 6 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), 26 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 7 Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medals and 9 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Yudh Seva Medals.

President Murmu has also approved Tatrakshak Medals to 5 Indian Coast Guard personnel. The medals are in recognition of their acts of conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty, and meritorious service.

1090 Personnel honoured with Gallantry, Service Medals on Independence Day 2025

A total of 1090 Personnel of Police, Fire, Home Guard and Civil Defence and Correctional Services have been awarded Gallantry and Service Medals on the occasion of Independence Day.

According to the Home Ministry, 233 personnel have been awarded the Medal for Gallantry (GM), 99 personnel awarded the President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) and 758 personnel awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM).

Power Grid Wins SCOPE Eminence Award

Power Grid Corporation of India has been awarded the SCOPE Eminence Award for Human Resource Management.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Michele Dougherty

In a historic first, the United Kingdom has appointed Professor Michele Dougherty as Astronomer Royal, making her the first woman to hold the prestigious title in its 350-year history.

Manika Vishwakarma

Manika Vishwakarma from Rajasthan has been crowned Miss Universe India 2025. The grand finale was held in Jaipur. She will now represent India at the Miss Universe 2025 pageant in Thailand on November 21.

Rajiv Ranjan

Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, Executive Director at the RBI and a former member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), has been appointed as the Vice-President and Chief Risk Officer of the New Development Bank (NDB), formerly known as the BRICS Bank.

H.E Zeenat Kureshi

H.E. Zeenat Kureshi has become India's first woman to be appointed as the Gulf Cooperation Council, GCC-India Trade Commissioner under an international chamber of commerce.

Sergio Gor

US President Donald Trump has announced the appointment of his close aide Sergio Gor as the next US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs.

Rajit Punhani

Senior bureaucrat Rajit Punhani has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Punhani, a 1991-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Bihar cadre

Gintautas Paluckas

Lithuanian Prime Minister Gintautas Paluckas has stepped down from his post, triggering the automatic resignation of the entire cabinet.

Ajay Kumar Bhalla

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla to discharge the functions of Nagaland Governor in addition to his own duties.

Krishangi Meshram

Indian-origin law graduate Krishangi Meshram has become the youngest solicitor in England and Wales in recent years. She is 21.

Radhakrishnan

Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan will be the NDA's candidate for the upcoming Vice-Presidential Election. The election has been necessitated due to the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Ranil Wickremesinghe

Former Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe was arrested on charges of misusing public funds during an international tour in 2023. He was summoned to present before the Criminal Investigation Department to record a statement in the matter.

Thaksin Shinawatra

Former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was relieved of all charges in the royal defamation case. King and his family are not allowed to be criticised in Thailand.

Sitiveni Ligamamada

Prime Minister of Fiji, Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka was on a three-day visit to India aimed at shoring up bilateral ties in areas such as trade and investment. It is Mr. Rabuka's first trip to India in his capacity as the Prime Minister of the South Pacific nation.

Satish Kumar

The Union government has reappointed Satish Kumar, the incumbent Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board, to the position for another year.

Paetongtarn Shinawatra

Thailand's Constitutional Court had dismissed Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra from office for an ethics violation after only a year in power. With this ruling, Paetongtarn Shinawatra is the fifth prime minister to have been removed from office by Thai courts since 2008.

Phumtham Wechayachai

Thailand's cabinet has named Deputy Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai as acting prime minister after the Constitutional Court disqualified Paetongtarn Shinawatra from office.

Inga Ruginiene

The Lithuanian Parliament has approved the appointment of Social Democrat Inga Ruginiene as the country's new Prime Minister. Ruginiene was first elected to parliament in 2024.

Dinesh K Patnaik

India has announced the appointment of Dinesh K. Patnaik, currently serving as Ambassador to Spain, as the next High Commissioner to Canada. Mr Patnaik, a 1990-batch Indian Foreign Service officer.

B. Sudershan Reddy

Former Supreme Court Judge B Sudershan Reddy was the candidate for the Vice-Presidential election from the INDIA bloc against the National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s C P Radhakrishnan. He served as Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, and at the Supreme Court between 2007 and 2011.

Urjit Patel

Former Reserve Bank of India Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Patel has been appointed for a period of three years

Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr,

Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr, President of the Philippines, was in New Delhi on a five-day State visit to India. This was the first visit of President Marcos to India since his assumption of office as the President of the Philippines.

Laura Dahlmeier

Olympic biathlon champion Laura Dahlmeier has passed away at the age of 31. She was on a trip in the Karakoram mountains in Pakistan when she was caught in a rockfall at an altitude of approximately 5,700 metres.

Shibu Soren

Leader and founder of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Shibu Soren, popularly known as 'Dishom Guru or Guruji', passed away. He previously served as the 3rd Chief Minister of Jharkhand, first for 10 days in 2005, then from 2008 to 2009, and again from 2009 to 2010.

Satya Pal Malik

Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Satya Pal Malik passed away. Satyapal Malik was Governor during Article 370 abrogation in August 2019. He was a three-time parliamentarian, served as Union Minister under VP Singh. He has also served as the Governor of Meghalaya, Goa, Odisha and Bihar.

U Myint Swe

In Myanmar, acting President U Myint Swe passed away at the age of 74. He became the acting President in February 2021, after the then-President U Win Myint was detained.

Jim Lovell Dies

Astronaut Jim Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 Moon Mission, who guided the Apollo 13 safely back to Earth in 1970, has died. Lovell, who was also part of the Apollo 8 mission, was the first man to go to the Moon twice but never actually landed.

Succes Masra

Former Chadian Prime Minister Succes Masra was sentenced to 20 years in prison by a criminal court. Chad's criminal court has founded him guilty of inciting the public to hatred and hostility.

La Ganesan

Nagaland Governor La Ganesan passed away in Chennai. A senior BJP leader, La Ganesan was appointed Governor of Nagaland in February 2023. Earlier, he served as Governor of Manipur and also briefly held additional charge of West Bengal.

Dr Vece Paes

Dr Vece Paes, father of legendary tennis player Leander Paes, and an Olympic medallist himself, died. Vece Paes was a member of the 1972 Munich Olympic Games bronze-winning Indian men's hockey team.

Bob Simpson

Former Australian cricket captain and coach Bob Simpson has died aged 89. Simpson played 62 Tests for Australia between 1957 and 1978, scoring 4,869 runs - including 10 centuries - at an average of 46.81.

Lord Swraj Paul

Leading British industrialist Lord Swraj Paul passed away in London. Lord Paul, founder of U.K.-based Caparo Group of industries. He was conferred with the prestigious civilian award Padma Bhushan by the Government of India in 1983.

Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy

Veteran Communist Party of India (CPI) leader and former Member of Parliament, Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy, died. Mr Reddy was a two-time Member of Parliament, representing the Nalgonda constituency in the 12th (1998-1999) and 14th (2004-2009) Lok Sabha.

SPORTS**World Athletics mandates gene test for female category eligibility**

The World Athletics has stated that athletes will be eligible to compete in the female category for world ranking competitions such as the World Championships only if they clear a one-time gene test in a bid to protect the integrity of women's sport.

Indian women wrestlers shine at U17 World Championships with 5 medals

Indian women wrestlers have delivered an impressive performance at the 2025 U17 World Wrestling Championships in Athens, securing a total of five medals, including two gold, two silver, and one bronze.

Murali Sreeshankar wins gold

India's Murali Sreeshankar clinched the gold medal in the men's long jump at the 2025 Qosanov Memorial, a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze event in Kazakhstan.

Brazil holds Women's Copa America crown.

Brazil successfully defended their Women's Copa America crown by defeating Colombia 5-4 in a shootout on August 3, 2025, to claim their ninth continental title

Lando Norris wins the Hungarian Grand Prix

Lando Norris held off McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri in a close finish to win the Hungarian Grand Prix on August 3, 2025, and boost his title chances.

India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls.

The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Government of Telangana signed a MoU to launch India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex.

India Beat England in Oval Thriller, Level Series 2-2

India pulled off a thrilling six-run win against hosts England in the final Cricket Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at the Oval in London to level the five-match series 2-2.

Argentina wins Double Gold at 2025 Pan American Hockey Cup

Argentina has dominated the 2025 Pan American Cup, winning gold in both the men's and women's hockey tournaments in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Annu Rani Wins Gold In Women's Javelin Throw

In Athletics, India's Annu Rani has won a gold medal in the women's javelin throw at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial in Poland.

World Games 2025 starts in China

The World Games, held every four years since 1981 was held in Chengdu, China. This year's edition featured 253 medal events across 34 sports and 60 disciplines.

India Hosts World Athletics Bronze-Level Continental Tour for First Time

The World Athletics Bronze-Level Continental Tour 2025 event was being hosted for the first time in the country at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar of Odisha.

Asia Rugby U-20 Sevens: China win women's title, Hong Kong lift men's

In the Asia Rugby Under-20 Sevens men's final, Hong Kong defeated Sri Lanka to claim the championship title. In the Women's category China thrashed Hong Kong to win the title of the championship.

Asian Surfing Championships: Ramesh Budhial wins medal
In the Asian Surfing Championships, Ramesh Budhial became the first Indian to win a medal securing bronze in the Open Men's category in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.

Rishabh Yadav wins India's first medal in World Games 2025

In the World Games 2025, Rishabh Yadav etched his name into the history books by clinching India's first individual medal, securing a bronze in the men's compound archery event, in Chengdu, China.

Indian Open 2025 World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze Meet : Annu Rani Wins Gold

Annu Rani has won the women's javelin throw title at the Indian Open 2025 World Athletics Bronze Level Continental Tour at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

World Games: Namrata Batra scripts history in Wushu

India's Namrata Batra has scripted history by winning a silver medal in Wushu in the women's 52 kg final at the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China. She went down 2-0 to local favourite Mengyue Chen in the final.

Gill Named ICC Men's Player of the Month for July

India's Test captain Shubman Gill has been named the ICC men's Player of the Month for July, 2025. This is Gill's fourth Player of the Month honour, having won previously in February this year and in January and September 2023.

Asian U19 & U22 Boxing Championships 2025 : India Bags 27 Medals

In Boxing, India's campaign at the Asian Under-19 & Under-22 Boxing Championships 2025 ended on a high note with India's teams claiming a total of 27 medals across both age groups.

IOA Officially Approves India's 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid

Indian Olympic Association, IOA has formally approved India's bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030 in its Special General Meeting in Delhi. India will now submit its proposal for the final bid before the deadline of 31st August

Chess: German Grandmaster Vincent Keymer wins Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025

German Grandmaster Vincent Keymer has won the Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 with one round to spare, becoming the first sole champion in the event's history..

India to Host Asian open short track speed skating Trophy 2025 for the first time

For the first time, India is going to host the biggest international winter sports event. The Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 will be organized from 20 to 23 August 2025 at the Maharana Pratap Sports College, in Raipur, Dehradun.

Venus Williams Receives Wild Card for U.S. Open

In Tennis, Venus Williams will become the oldest singles player at the U.S. Open in more than 40 years after receiving a wild card at age 45.

Tanya Hemanth Wins Women's Singles Title at Saipan International 2025

In Badminton, Indian shuttler Tanya Hemanth clinched the women's singles crown at the Saipan International 2025 in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Devika Sihag wins First International Challenge Title in Malaysia

Indian shuttler Devika Sihag has claimed her first International Challenge title by winning the women's singles event at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025 in Ipoh.

Marc Marquez wins Austrian Grand Prix

MotoGP champion Marc Marquez has marked the 1,000th premier class race in history by winning the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix for the first time in his career to take a 142-point lead over his brother Alex in the championship.

500+ Humanoid Robots Compete at World Robot Games in Beijing

More than 500 humanoid robots from 16 countries, including Japan, showcased their skills at the World Humanoid Robot Games in Beijing.

Asian Shooting Championship, Kazakhstan; Girish Gupta wins gold in 10m air pistol

India's Girish Gupta has won gold in the 10m air pistol men youth event of the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan. He shot 241.3 in the final,

NSW Squash Bega Open: Anahat finishes runner-up

Habiba Hani of Egypt beat India's Anahat Singh in the final of the \$27,500 Bega Open PSA women's squash tournament in Australia.

Carlos Alcaraz Wins Maiden Cincinnati Open Title

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz has won his maiden Cincinnati Open title in Ohio after Jannik Sinner retired due to illness, trailing 0-5 in the opening set.

India's First Khelo India Water Sports Festival held at Dal Lake

The first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) was held at the scenic Dal Lake in Jammu & Kashmir. Over 400 top athletes from 36 states and Union Territories have competed for 24 gold medals in rowing, kayaking, and canoeing in the three-day national event.

U20 World Wrestling Championships 2025: Tapasya Wins India's First Gold

Indian wrestler Tapsya has won the nation's first gold medal at the U20 World Wrestling Championships 2025 in Bulgaria. Tapasya defeated Norway's Felicitas Domajeva 5-2 in the women's 57kg category final.

Sara Errani, Andrea Vavassori wins U.S. Open mixed doubles title

Sara Errani/Andrea Vavassori have won a dramatic 2025 U.S. Open mixed doubles final. The Italian pair and only recognized mixed doubles team in the tournament, beat third seeds Iga Świątek/Casper Ruud to claim the top prize of \$1 million.

Cheteshwar Pujara announces retirement

Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara has announced his retirement from all forms of Indian cricket. Over the course of his career, he represented India in 103 Test matches and 5 ODIs, amassing 7,195 Test runs at an average of 43.60, which included 19 centuries and 35 fifties.

India bags all three mixed air rifle gold medals at Asian Shooting Championship

India dominated the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, by clinching all three gold medals in the mixed air rifle categories.

NorthEast United FC retains Durand Cup

North East United FC successfully defended their Durand Cup title, registering a commanding 6-1 victory over Diamond Harbour FC in the final at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata

Khelo India Water Sports concludes in Srinagar

The three day "Khelo India Water Sports Festival", at the iconic Dal Lake concluded at the iconic Dal Lake in summer capital Srinagar. Madhya Pradesh emerged as the overall champion, topping the medal tally with a total of 18 medals

India's U-21 team wins their 1st-ever Junior World title at 2025 World Archery Youth Championships

The Indian compound men's U-21 team created history by winning their first-ever Junior World title at the 2025 World Archery Youth Championships in Canada. The Indian trio of Kushal Dalal, Mihir Apar, and Ganesh Mani Ratnam edged past Germany in a thrilling shootoff.

2025 World Youth Archery Championship: Sharvari Somnath Shende wins gold medal

India's Sharvari Somnath Shende has won the U18 women's individual recurve gold medal at the 2025 World Youth Archery Championships in Winnipeg, Canada.

61st Rubinstein Memorial: Nodirbek Yakubboev wins title
Uzbekistan's GM Nodirbek Yakkuboev has won the 61st Rubinstein Memorial chess tournament as he bagged 6.5 points while Poland's Radoslaw Wojtaszek was second

Archery: Chikitha Taniparthi wins India's maiden individual gold medal

India's Chikitha Taniparthi has created history by becoming the first Indian female compound archer to secure the Individual Junior World title at the World Youth Championships in Canada.

MotoGP Hungarian GP 2025: Marquez registers seventh victory in succession

Ducati's Marc Marquez has delivered a masterclass at the Balaton Park Circuit, winning the first Hungarian Grand Prix in 33 years to secure his seventh straight sprint-race double.

Union Cabinet Approves Bid Submission for Commonwealth Games 2030

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for submission of a bid for the Commonwealth Games CWG 2030. Athletes from 72 countries will participate in the Commonwealth Games.

Praggnanandhaa qualifies for Grand Chess Tour final

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has sealed his spot in the Grand Chess Tour finale after finishing runner-up at the Sinquefeld Cup, where American Wesley So claimed the title with a dramatic three-way playoff victory.

India Announces 73-Member Squad for World Para Athletics Championships

The Indian squad for next month's World Para Athletics Championships was announced. The championship is to be held in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, from September 27 to October 5.

Goa announced as official host for the FIDE World Cup 2025

The FIDE World Cup finally has its host city with the global governing body of chess announcing Goa to be the official host. The World Cup will be played from October 30 to November 27.

Neeraj Chopra secures 2nd place at Diamond League Final in Zurich

Chopra has secured second place at the Diamond League Final in Zurich, Switzerland, marking his 26th consecutive top-two finish in international javelin events. Germany's Julian Weber claims gold.

World Para Athletics Championships: Dharambir, Preeti named India's flag bearers

Dharambir and Preeti Pal were named India's flag bearers for the upcoming World Para Athletics Championships. The championships, to be held in New Delhi from September 27 to October 5, will see a 73-member Indian contingent in action on home soil.

India wins 2025 SAFF U17 Women's Championship Title

India have clinched the 2025 SAFF Under-17 Women's Championship Football title in dominant fashion, overpowering Nepal 5-0 at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu.

India Tops Medal Tally at 25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championship

India emerged as the overall champion at the 25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championship held in Ahmedabad, finishing at the top of the medal tally with 13 medals – 4 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze.

Govt Forms Task Force to Draft Sports Goods Manufacturing Policy

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the first-ever Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave in New Delhi, where he announced the formation of a task force to frame a national policy for sports goods manufacturing.

India Creates History with 50 Gold Medals at 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Kazakhstan

India scripted history at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, by topping the medal tally for the first time in the tournament's history. Indian shooters bagged an unprecedented 50 gold medals, taking the overall medal count to 99, including 26 silver and 23 bronze.

MISCELLANEOUS

India Elected as Chairman of AIBD Executive Board

India has been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) with the highest number of votes during the 23rd AIBD General Conference, held in Phuket, Thailand.

Europe witnesses record-breaking wildfire season in 2025

Europe is witnessing a record-breaking wildfire season in 2025, with experts attributing the intensity to climate change. In total, the EU has recorded more than 1800 forest fires, emitting over 38 million tonnes of CO2.

World Water Week 2025 held in Stockholm

World Water Week 2025 is being held in Stockholm, Sweden, and online, from August 24-28, 2025. Organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), the event's theme is "Water for Climate Action".

UN Secretary-General Hails UNGA's Move to Establish New Global AI Governance Mechanisms

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has welcomed the UN General Assembly's decision to establish two new mechanisms on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to strengthen international cooperation in AI governance. The two bodies include the United Nations Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance.

Sri Lankan recognizes Sabarimala pilgrimage in Kerala

The Sri Lankan Cabinet has decided to give recognition to the annual pilgrimage by nationals to the Ayyappa shrine in Sabarimala, Kerala. Every year, over 15,000 Sri Lankan nationals visit Sabarimala.

IBM & NASA Launch Surya, New AI for Predicting Solar Weather

IBM and NASA have announced the open-source release of Surya, an AI foundation model built to interpret high-resolution solar observation data and forecast solar weather.

SpaceX Conducts 10th Successful Starship Test Launch from Texas

Elon Musk owned SpaceX has successfully launched its 10th Starship flight test from Starbase, Texas, marking a significant step toward developing the world's first fully reusable rocket.

Deforestation Linked to Over 500,000 Heat-Related Deaths in Tropics

According to a new study in Nature Climate Change, deforestation has caused more than 5,00,000 deaths in tropical regions over the past 20 years due to heat-related illnesses. The research found that land clearance in the Amazon, Congo, and Southeast Asia raised local temperatures by reducing shade, rainfall, and increasing fire risk.

4 astronauts from US, Japan, Russia successfully dock at space station: NASA

Four astronauts from the US, Japan, and Russia have successfully reached the International Space Station (ISS) as part of NASA's Crew-11 mission. During their six-month stay, the Crew-11 astronauts will carry out a variety of scientific experiments and technology demonstrations.

India positioned 67th among the world's safest countries

India was positioned 67th among the world's safest countries in the latest Numbeo Safety Index mid-2025 rankings, achieving an index score of 55.8. In city-wise safety rankings, Mangalore has been ranked as the safest city in India. Abu Dhabi holding the top spot as the safest city globally for the ninth consecutive year

Moldova becomes 107th member of International Solar Alliance

Moldova has become the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance, reiterating its commitment to renewable energy and sustainability. The Republic of Moldova handed over the Instrument of Ratification.

MIT Scientists Develop Superbug-Killing Antibiotics Using Generative AI

Scientists have developed two potential antibiotics using artificial intelligence (AI) that could kill drug-resistant gonorrhoea and MRSA. Researchers at the MIT used generative AI algorithms to scan through a list of potential molecules to predict which one could work as an antibiotic for the superbugs.

Russia Plans Venera-D Venus Mission Launch by 2036

Russia is set to launch the Venera-D mission to revisit Venus before 2036. The mission will include a lander, a balloon probe, and an orbital spacecraft, with the launch expected between 2034 and 2036.

WHO Declares Kenya Free of Sleeping Sickness

The World Health Organisation (WHO) certified Kenya as having eliminated human African trypanosomiasis, also known as sleeping sickness, as a public health challenge, making it the 10th country to reach this critical milestone.

Dubai launches AI-powered passenger corridor to clear immigration in seconds

Dubai International Airport (DXB), the world's busiest hub for international travel, has launched an AI-powered passenger corridor that allows travellers to clear immigration in seconds without presenting documents.

Australia bans Youtube for children under 16

Australia has added YouTube to its list of banned social media platforms for children under 16, expanding a law aimed at shielding teens from harmful online content.

Bengaluru ranked 26th in Global AI City Index

According to Counterpoint Research, Bengaluru has secured the 26th position in the Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) City Index. Globally, Singapore claimed the top spot as the world's leading AI city, followed by Seoul, Beijing, Dubai, and San Francisco in the top five.

Hiroshima Day on August 6

The world is observing the 80th anniversary of the first use of a nuclear weapon as Hiroshima Day on August 6. On this day in 1945, the United States has dropped the first atomic bomb, Codenamed 'Little Boy', on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

National Handloom Day 2025

Every year, August 7 is celebrated as National Handloom Day to mark the launch of the Swadeshi Movement in 1905, a call to use Indian-made goods instead of imports. The theme for this year is 2025 theme: 'Handlooms – Empowering Women, Empowering the Nation'

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples:9th August

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed every year on 9 August to promote and protect the rights of indigenous communities worldwide.

World Sanskrit Day 2022: 9th August

World Sanskrit Day is celebrated annually on Shravana Purnima to honor Sanskrit, one of the world's oldest languages and the foundation of India's ancient knowledge systems.

Nagasaki Day:9th August

Nagasaki Day is observed on 9 August to commemorate the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945 during World War II. Three days after Hiroshima, the U.S. dropped the "Fat Man" atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

World Biofuel Day:10th August

World Biofuel Day is observed every year on 10 August to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional energy sources.

World Lion Day:10th August

World Lion Day is observed on 10 August to raise awareness about the conservation and protection of lions, one of the most iconic big cats in the world.

International Youth Day observed on August 12

International Youth Day is celebrated globally every year on August 12, recognising youth while highlighting their contributions, challenges, and potential. 2025, the theme "Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond."

World Elephant Day celebrated on August 12 every year

World Elephant Day is celebrated on August 12 every year. India is home to nearly sixty percent of the world's wild elephant population, with 33 Elephant Reserves and 150 identified Elephant Corridors.

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day:14th August

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is observed on 14th August every year to remember the immense human suffering and tragedy caused by the Partition of India in 1947.

World Photography Day observed on Aug. 19

World Photography Day is celebrated on August 19 every year. This year, the theme is "My Favourite Photo".

Sadbhavana Diwas 2025 observed on August 20

Sadbhavana Diwas, or the "Day of Harmony," is observed every year on August 20 to mark the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, who became India's youngest Prime Minister.

August 21: International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on August 21st every year. This year, the theme "United for Hope: Collective Actions for Victims of Terrorism".

National Space Day celebrated across the country on August 23

The second National Space Day is being celebrated across the country on August 23. The day commemorates the successful soft landing of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission's Vikram Lander and the deployment of the Pragyan Rover on the Moon on 23rd of August 2023. The theme for this year's celebration is Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities"

World Lake Day: 27th August

World Lake Day, observed annually on August 27, underscores the importance of protecting and sustainably managing the world's lakes.

National Sports Day being celebrated on Aug. 29

National Sports Day is celebrated annually on August 29th, to emphasise the importance of sports and physical activities and serves to honour greatest field hockey player Major Dhyan Chand's legacy in Indian hockey.

International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30th August

Every year on 30 August, the world marks the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, highlighting one of the gravest violations of human rights and human dignity.