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CURRENT AFFAIRS CAPSULE (JUNE 2025)

INTERNATIONAL

Ukraine claims to have hit multiple Strategic Russian bomber aircraft

Ukraine has conducted a major drone attack, hitting over 40 Russian military aircraft. The Ukrainian forces hit Russian aircraft, including Tu-95 and Tu-22 strategic bombers, which it deploys to fire long-range missiles at Ukraine.

UNGA elected five countries as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council

The UN General Assembly elected five countries—Bahrain, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Latvia, and Liberia—as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for the 2026–2027 term. These nations will assume their roles on January 1, 2026, succeeding Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and South Korea.

US withdraws about 500 troops from Syria

The United States has withdrawn about 500 troops from Syria following the fall of the Assad regime and a shift in its Middle East policy. The US has vacated three bases in Syria.

India elected to Economic, Social Council for 2 years

India has been elected to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations for the period from 2026–28. This year, four seats were available for the Asia-Pacific region. Along with India, China, Lebanon and Turkmenistan were elected.

Bangladesh's Interim leader announces elections

Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh, Dr. Muhammad Yunus, has announced that the country's next national elections will be held in the first half of April next year.

US vetoes UN Gaza ceasefire resolution

The United States has vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, blocking a measure that had the support of all 14 other council members, including the United Kingdom.

International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure held in Nice, France

The seventh year of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI), organised by the New Delhi-headquartered Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), was held on June 6 and 7 in Nice, France. This is the first time the conference was held in Europe with the CDRI as the co-chair.

US President order banning citizens of 12 countries from entering the US comes into force

US President Donald Trump's order banning citizens of 12 countries from entering the United States came into force on June 9. The countries affected by the latest travel ban are Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, the Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

Israel strikes Iran nuclear sites

Israel has launched air strikes on Iran, targeting its nuclear program and senior military leaders in an attack that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said will last many days. The attack plunges West Asia into fresh uncertainty.

Trump Says U.S.-China Trade Deal Reached

US President Donald Trump has announced that the trade deal with China is done after the talks between the two countries in London this week. As a part of a trade agreement, China will supply rare earths upfront to the US, while Chinese students will get US visas.

Iran launches new wave of missiles at Israel

Israel and Iran have escalated their deadly exchange of missile strikes as Iranian projectiles targeted major Israeli cities, while Israeli forces simultaneously conducted new attacks on military installations in Tehran.

Vietnam officially Joins BRICS As 'Partner Country'

Vietnam has been officially admitted as a BRICS "partner country", as announced by Brazil, the bloc's chair in 2025. It is the tenth nation to gain this designation, joining others such as Kazakhstan and Nigeria.

51st G7 summit held in Canada

The 51st G7 summit was held from 16 to 17 June 2025 in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada. Leaders of some of the world's biggest economic powers have arrived in the Canadian Rockies for a Group of Seven summit.

FATF says Pahalgam terror attack not possible without financial backing

The Financial Action Task Force, FATF has condemned the Pahalgam terror attack, saying the attack could not have occurred without financial backing.

Iran plans to leave NPT amid ongoing conflict

Iran is planning to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty amid intensifying conflict with Israel. President Masoud Pezeshkian said Iran's Parliament is drafting legislation to leave the nuclear treaty.

ILO adopts landmark Convention on biological hazards

The 113th International Labour Conference (ILC) was concluded in Geneva with the adoption of the first-ever international labour standards aimed at preventing exposure to, and protecting workers from, biological hazards in the workplace.

Mali passes controversial bill granting General Goïta five more years in power

Mali's Council of Ministers have adopted a controversial bill granting the head of the military junta, General Assimi Goïta, an additional five years in power.

US carries out strikes on three nuclear sites in Iran

Under Operation Midnight Hammer, the US has conducted a surprise, significant military operation against three Iranian nuclear sites at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan in Iran.

Japan, U.S., and Philippines Conduct Joint Coast Guard Drills

Japan, the United States, and the Philippines have conducted joint coast guard exercises in the South China Sea, highlighting their commitment to regional maritime security and cooperation.

Iran Parliament Approves Strait of Hormuz Closure

Iran's Parliament has unanimously approved a dramatic proposal to close the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most critical oil and gas shipping route, in direct retaliation for US airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities.

UK House of Commons passes assisted dying bill for terminally ill Adults

In Britain, the House of Commons has approved a bill to legalise assisted dying in England and Wales, paving the way for a major social change in society.

Iran attacks US military installation in Qatar

Iran has launched ballistic missile attacks at the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest US military installation in West Asia, in retaliation for recent American bombing of its nuclear facilities

US President claims, Israel & Iran agreed to ceasefire

United States President Donald Trump has announced that Iran and Israel have agreed to a complete and total ceasefire, which will come into effect in the coming hours.

Thailand, Cambodia impose restrictions on each other

Thailand has imposed restrictions on all travellers heading into Cambodia, as the two countries remain locked in a bitter border dispute.

Iran approves bill suspending cooperation with IAEA

The Iranian Parliament has approved a bill suspending cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

India Refuses To Sign SCO Joint Statement

India has refused to sign a joint declaration at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao, China. India is not satisfied with the language of the joint document and there was no mention of cross-border terrorist activities.

NATO members agree to spend 5% of their GDPs on defense & security

All NATO members have agreed to raise defence and security spending to 5 percent of GDP by 2035. In the declaration at the NATO summit in the Hague.

U.S. signs agreements with Guatemala and Honduras to take asylum-seekers

Guatemala and Honduras have signed agreements with the United States to offer refuge to people from other countries who otherwise would seek asylum in the United States.

Congo, Rwanda sign peace deal aimed at ending decades of bloody conflict

The Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda has signed a peace deal facilitated by the U.S. to help end the decades-long deadly fighting in eastern Congo while helping the U.S. government and American companies gain access to critical minerals in the region.

G7 Nations Agree to Exempt U.S. Multinationals from Global Minimum Tax

The G7 nations have agreed to exempt U.S. multinational companies from the 15% global minimum corporate tax under certain conditions.

US Supreme Court rules lower courts have limited authority to block presidential orders

US Supreme Court has ruled that judges in lower courts have limited ability to block presidential orders. In a 6-3 ruling stemming from Trump's bid to end birthright citizenship, the court said nationwide injunctions issued by individual district court judges likely exceed their authority.

US calls off trade talks with Canada

US President Donald Trump has said that he has put an end to trade talks with Canada and will soon announce a new tariff rate for that country.

US President's 'Big Beautiful Bill' passed in Senate

US President Donald Trump's 'Big Beautiful Bill' has passed the key Senate vote. The bill was passed with a narrow vote of 51 to 49.

NATIONAL

India, Sweden Discuss Stronger Ties in Trade, Clean Energy and Tech

India and Sweden have discussed strengthening collaboration across sectors, including clean energy, digital technology, climate, healthcare and life sciences, as well as skill development.

India, Italy agree to enhance agriculture and energy cooperation, investments

India and Italy are set to boost collaboration in key sectors like aerospace, energy transition, and agriculture. Both nations aim to establish joint working groups in the automobile and space industries, while also exploring opportunities in sustainable agriculture and renewable energy

India, Kyrgyzstan's BIT comes into force

India and Kyrgyzstan have signed the Protocol and exchanged the Instrument of Ratification of the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT).

Indian Army Conducts Field Trials Of Next-Gen Indigenous Defence Technologies

The Indian Army is conducting trials of next-generation defence technologies at key locations across the country, including the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges, Babina Field Firing Ranges, and Joshimath.

Indira Gandhi And The Years That Transformed India by Srinath Raghavan

A new book titled "Indira Gandhi and The Years That Transformed India" by leading historian Srinath Raghavan explodes myths about India working to a grand plan to break up Pakistan in 1971 — claims made often by admirers of Indira Gandhi and by Pakistanis.

BharatGen aims to revolutionize AI development across India's linguistic & cultural spectrum

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched 'Bharat Gen' — India's first of its kind Indigenously developed government funded AI based Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) for Indian Languages at BharatGen Summit in New Delhi.

India to build first-ever indigenous Polar Research Vessel

India's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) and Norway's Kongsberg Oslo signed an MoU which paves the way for India to build its first ever Polar Research Vessel (PRV) indigenously.

PM Modi inaugurates world's highest railway bridge over Chenab

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chenab Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir on the 6th June. Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, stands tall in Jammu and Kashmir as a proud symbol of New India's strength and vision.

Ladakh gets new policies on quota

The Indian government has introduced a significant policy change for the Union Territory of Ladakh, aimed at preserving the region's unique cultural and demographic identity. A substantial 85% of government jobs in Ladakh are now reserved for local residents.

Two more wetlands from India added to Ramsar list

Two more wetlands Khichan in Phalodi and Menar in Udaipur, both in Rajasthan from India have been added to the list of Ramsar sites, taking the number of such sites in the country to 91.

Dassault Aviation partners with Tata Advanced Systems
Dassault Aviation and Tata Advanced Systems Limited have signed four Production Transfer Agreements to manufacture the Rafale fighter aircraft fuselage for India and other global markets.

AIIMS Delhi, IIT Delhi to establish Center of Excellence for AI in healthcare

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi to set up a Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare (AI-CoE).

India, Vietnam decide to cooperate in media & entertainment sector

India and Vietnam have agreed to step up cooperation in the media and entertainment sector during a meeting between Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr. L Murugan and a delegation of high-ranking officials from Vietnam in Delhi.

Starlink gets licence to start India services

Elon Musk's Starlink has received a licence from the telecom department for providing satellite internet services in India, a key milestone that will take it closer towards launching commercial operations in the country.

Bihar had lowest sex ratio at birth in 2022: CRS Data

According to Civil Registration System (CRS) data, Bihar's sex ratio at birth has dropped drastically from 964 girls per 1,000 boys in 2020 to 891 in 2022, the lowest among all Indian states. On the other hand, Nagaland had the highest figure of 1,068.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh Led Indian Delegation to UN Ocean Conference in France

Earth Sciences Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has led a high-level Indian delegation at the International Meet on Oceans. The United Nations Ocean Conference is being held from tomorrow to the 13th of this month at the coastal city of Nice, France.

DRDO transfers 9 defence technologies to 10 Indian firms to expand defence manufacturing base

Defence Research and Development Organisation's Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE) in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, has transferred technologies of nine defence systems to 10 Indian industries.

India-Mongolia Hold 17th 'Nomadic Elephant' Military Exercise in Ulaanbaatar

The 17th edition of the joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant 2025 between India and Mongolia was conducted at the Special Forces Training Centre in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia.

Akashvani Celebrates 90 Glorious Years of Broadcasting India's Voice to Nation and World

Akashvani celebrates its 90 years on June 8, 2025. This day, on June 8th 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio (AIR). Post-independence, AIR expanded rapidly, adopting the name "Akashvani" in 1956.

DIBD and CRIS sign MoU to collaborate on multilingual AI solutions

Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) signed a MoU to collaborate on the development and deployment of multilingual artificial intelligence solutions across key public-facing railway platforms.

Union Minority Affairs Minister launches UMEED Central Portal

Union Minority Affairs Minister has launched UMEED Central Portal, a centralized digital platform for real-time uploading, verification, and monitoring of Waqf properties.

163 cases of newly emerging COVID-19 variant XFG detected in India: INSACOG

According to data from the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), the XFG variant of the COVID-19-causing virus has been found in a total of 163 samples — highest (89) in Maharashtra, followed by Tamil Nadu

India's social security coverage jumps to 64.3%, ranks 2nd globally: ILO

India's social security coverage has increased from 19 per cent in 2015 to 64.3 per cent in 2025. In terms of beneficiary count, India now ranks second in the world, providing social protection to around 94 crore citizens.

Aadhaar Authentication Made Mandatory for Online Tatkal Ticket Booking

Indian Railways has announced key modifications in the tatkal ticket booking system. According to the new scheme, Aadhaar-based OTP authentication will be mandatory for online tatkal bookings from the 15th of July.

Air India confirms death of 241 people onboard

Air India has confirmed that 241 people on board its London-bound flight were killed when the aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff from the Ahmedabad airport. The Boeing 787-8 aircraft was carrying 242 passengers and crew members. Former Gujarat Chief Minister and BJP leader Vijay Rupani was among the dead.

India-Sri Lanka Maritime Links Strengthen with Extended Ferry Support

The Indian Government has extended financial assistance for another year to support the passenger India-Sri Lanka ferry service between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai.

India's first eco-park to come up in Delhi

The Delhi government has unveiled plans to build India's first dedicated e-waste ecopark in Holambi Kalan. Spanning 11.4 acres, the facility will be developed under a public-private partnership (PPP) spanning 15 years.

INS Guldar Set To Become India's First Underwater Museum

The decommissioned Indian Navy warship INS Guldar is set to become India's first underwater museum and artificial coral reef, located near Nivati Rock in Sindhudurg's Vengurla taluka, Maharashtra.

Over one lakh Yoga events conducted on International Day of Yoga on June 21

On International Day of Yoga on the 21st of this month, more than one lakh yoga events based on a common yoga protocol was conducted simultaneously from 6:30 to 7:40 in the morning. This year's theme is One Earth, One Health.

Minority Affairs Ministry inaugurates Lok Samvardhan Parv to showcase Minority artisans

Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the Lok Samvardhan Parv at Raj Ghat in New Delhi which showcases the government's key schemes, programmes, and achievements under the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

Goan feni gets GI-tag

Goa's Ozzo Feni becomes India's first feni to receive a Geographical Indication tag, protecting its unique preparation and enhancing its marketability. Feni is a traditional Indian spirit, well-known in Goa.

Govt forms High Level multi-disciplinary committee to probe Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad

The Indian government established a high-level, multidisciplinary committee, led by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, to thoroughly investigate the crash of Air India Flight AI-171 in Ahmedabad.

India's inaugural Agri-Drone Indigenization Hub inaugurated in Chennai

Union Minister Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated India's inaugural Agri-Drone Indigenization Hub in Chennai, under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.

Five Global Universities Get Green Light to Set Up Campuses in Navi Mumbai

India has issued Letters of Intent (LoIs) to five foreign universities to open full-fledged campuses in Navi Mumbai, offering programs at 25–30% lower fees than their overseas branches. The institutions include the University of Aberdeen, University of York (UK), University of Western Australia, Illinois Institute of Technology (US), and Istituto Europeo di Design (Italy).

Under SEEDS Initiative, India Supports Suriname's SME and Farming Sector

India has dispatched the second and final batch of machinery for Passion Fruit Processing to Suriname under the SEEDS (Supply of Equipment for Efficient Development of SMES) initiative.

Indian Army successfully tests Rudrastra

In a major milestone for India's unmanned aerial warfare capabilities, the successful trial of the Hybrid VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) UAV Rudrastra, designed and developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL) for the Indian Army, was conducted.

Audrey Truschke, author of India: 5000 Years of History

Audrey Truschke's latest book, India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent, offers a panoramic view of subcontinental history, from early signs of life to the 21st century, documenting the most important political, social, religious, intellectual, and cultural events.

Adish Aggarwala Releases Book on PM Modi's Legal Reforms: 'Modi's Niti Shastra'

Senior advocate and former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Adish C Aggarwala has authored a new book titled 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster', which explores the legal transformations witnessed in India during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure.

Fifth FPV 'Achal' built by Goa Shipyard Ltd Launched for ICG

'Achal', the fifth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of eight being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), was ceremoniously launched in Goa.

Aberdeen becomes first Scottish university with plans to open campus in India

The University of Aberdeen is the first of the UK's ancient universities and the first Scottish university to be granted permission for a branch campus in India. The institution has been granted permission by the Indian government to take forward proposals in Mumbai.

Railways Minister inaugurates India's largest Gatishakti Cargo Terminal in Manesar

Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, has inaugurated India's largest Gatishakti Multi Modal Cargo Terminal in Manesar, Haryana. Mr Vaishnaw highlighted that the Cargo Terminal, sprawling across 45 acres, can carry 4 lakh 50 thousand vehicles.

India launches Operation Sindhu

India has launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran in view of the deteriorating situation due to the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel.

Indian Navy set to commission INS Arnala

INS Arnala, the first of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, has been commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. Built by GRSE Kolkata, it features advanced sonar and indigenous components, replacing older corvettes.

Centre plans to implement nationwide scheme for cashless treatment of road accident victims

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has chaired a high-level meeting in New Delhi on the implementation of the nationwide scheme for cashless treatment of road accident victims.

Govt to launch FASTag-based annual pass

The Union government will introduce a FASTag-based Annual Pass priced at three thousand rupees from 15th August this year, which will enable seamless and cost-effective travel across National Highways throughout the country.

India, US conduct Special Forces drill 'Tiger Claw'

In a first-of-its-kind independent Special Forces exercise between India and the United States, the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) have successfully conducted Exercise "Tiger Claw" across North India.

CROPIC : New scheme to study crops using AI to be launched

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare plans to launch CROPIC, a study to gather crop information using field photographs and AI-based models. CROPIC stands for Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops.

India-Croatia sign 4 MoUs

India-Croatia signed four MoUs in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2026-2030, Programme of Cooperation in the field of Science & Technology for the period 2025-2029, the establishment of the Hindi Chair at the University of Zagreb.

Chandigarh claim top spot in school education index

Chandigarh has claimed the top position in the school education index, revealed Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2023-2024 by the Union Ministry of Education. While Meghalaya ranked lowest at the tenth and lowest category.

Tripartite MoU signed to promote inclusive education for persons with disabilities

A tripartite MoU was signed between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The MoU aims to promote inclusive education for persons with disabilities.

MoPR signs MoU with Bhashini

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) and Bhashini, the National Language Translation Mission under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi.

Indo-French biennial Joint Military Exercise held in France

The 8th edition of the biennial Indo-French Joint Military Exercise SHAKTI was held at La Cavalerie, France.

Exercise SHAKTI is a bilateral training engagement between the Indian and French Armies aimed at enhancing interoperability, operational coordination, and mutual understanding.

India's Hypersonic Glide Missile Is In Advanced Stage': DRDO Chief

India's hypersonic glide missile is in an advanced stage of development and could complete trials within the next two to three years, DRDO chief Dr Samir V Kamat has said. He confirmed that one development trial has already been conducted

IYD celebrated at 100 tourist-based iconic destinations & 50 cultural sites

The Ministry of Culture marked the 11th International Day of Yoga by organizing yoga sessions at 100 tourist-based iconic destinations and 50 more cultural sites across the country.

MoTA & AIIMS to conduct competition for Sickle cell drug treatment

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Science, Delhi, will undertake a competition for drug development for the treatment of sickle cell disease, which disproportionately affects India's tribal populations.

Govt Launches Start-Up Challenge to Boost Rooftop Solar and Renewable Innovations

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has launched Innovative Projects Start-Up Challenge to Accelerate Rooftop Solar and Distributed Renewable Energy Innovations. The selected innovators will compete for a total prize pool of 2.3 crore rupees

India to Link Rare-Blood Donor Registry with e-Rakt Kosh for Better Emergency Response

India is set to integrate its rare-blood donor registry with the e-Rakt Kosh portal, aiming to streamline access to rare blood types during emergencies. This move will enhance the efficiency of blood transfusion services by creating a centralized digital platform that connects patients, hospitals, and rare-blood donors.

Under Operation Sindhu 1117 Indian nationals evacuated from Iran so far

Under Operation Sindhu, launched by India's Ministry of External Affairs, a total of 1,117 Indian nationals have been safely evacuated from Iran so far.

INS Tamal, India's last imported warship, to be commissioned on July 1

The Indian Navy is all set to commission its latest stealth multi-role frigate INS Tamal on July 1 at Kaliningrad in Russia. This will be the last warship of Indian Navy to have been built outside India and the eighth in the series of Krivak class frigates inducted from Russia

Rajnath Singh to Release 'Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2' Featuring President Murmu's Speeches

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will release a book Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2, based on speeches delivered by President Droupadi Murmu at a function in New Delhi.

PM Modi lauds Andhra Pradesh for record-breaking Yoga event in Visakhapatnam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has complimented the people of Andhra Pradesh for how they have strengthened the movement to make Yoga a part of their lives. Sharing the Guinness World Records of the largest yoga lesson ever in Visakhapatnam on June 21 with 3 lakh 105 participants,

India, Pakistan extend airspace ban for each other till July 24

India has extended the closure of its airspace for flights operated by Pakistan airlines by another month till July 24. The Indian airspace has been closed for planes operated, owned or leased by Pakistan airlines and operators, including military flights, since April 30.

DRDO offers 28 indigenous weapon systems to defence forces

In line with the union government's self-reliance push, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has offered 28 existing weapon systems that it designed and developed, for emergency procurement by the armed forces.

Defence Ministry approves ₹1,981 crore emergency procurement

In a significant move to strengthen the Indian Army's operational readiness in counter-terrorism operations, the Ministry of Defence has cleared thirteen contracts under the Emergency Procurement mechanism. These contracts, amounting to one thousand 981 crore rupees, have been finalised against an overall sanctioned outlay of two thousand crore rupees for the Indian Army.

Tripura Becomes India's 3rd Fully Literate State After Mizoram, Goa

Tripura is now the third Indian state, after Mizoram and Goa, to become a fully literate state, surpassing the 95% benchmark set by the Ministry of Education for a state to be declared fully literate. According to UNESCO, states that cross the 95 per cent mark would be declared as fully literate.

Centre plans first nationwide Household Income Survey in 2026

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has formed a Technical Expert Group (TEG) to oversee India's first full-scale household income distribution survey, scheduled for 2026. Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, former Executive Director for India at the IMF, will chair the TEG.

ICMR-NIIH launches India's first national rare blood donor registry

In a first, the National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH) in Mumbai, operating under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has launched a national registry for rare blood donors.

'History that India Ignored' challenges conventional notions about Independence movement

Veteran journalist Prem Prakash's latest book 'History that India Ignored', is a re-examination of India's Independence movement.

Centre authorises CDS & Secretary of DMA to issue orders for all three Services

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has authorised the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to issue joint instructions and orders for all three services. This is a major step towards modernisation and transformation of the Armed Forces.

MWCD, MSDE Launches 'NAVYA' –for Skilling Adolescent Girls

Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), in convergence with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), has launched the joint pilot initiative of both the Ministries for Skilling of Adolescent Girls NAVYA – Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh.

CBSE to conduct Class 10th Board Exams twice a year from 2026

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced that Class 10 board exams will be held in two terms starting from next year. According to the new framework, the initial examination will take place in February, which will be compulsory for all students.

Operation Chakra-V: CBI cracks down on cyber fraud network

In continuation of the ongoing efforts to combat cybercrime and Digital Arrest Scams, CBI has launched nationwide searches at 42 locations in five states in connection with Mule Bank accounts being used in Cyber frauds.

Kerala Gets India's First Butterfly Sanctuary With 266+ Species

The Kerala State Wildlife Board has officially renamed the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary in Kannur as the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, making it India's first protected forest dedicated entirely to butterflies. Spanning 55 square kilometres in the lush folds of tropical and semi-evergreen forest, the renamed sanctuary is one of the richest butterfly habitats in Kerala, with over 266 recorded species

ICG inducts 'Adamyia' the first FPV out of the eight being built by GSL

'Adamyia' the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) under the eight FPV Project at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) was inducted in the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Goa.

India's social security coverage soars from 19 % to 64.3 %

India has achieved a remarkable milestone in social security, expanding coverage from 19 percent in 2015 to 64.3 percent in 2025, bringing over 94 crore people under at least one social protection benefit.

India achieves 78% decline in the under-five mortality rate

India has achieved a 78 per cent decline in the under-five mortality rate surpassing the global reduction of 61 per cent. As per the United Nations Inter-agency group for child mortality estimation 2024 report, the Neonatal Mortality Rate has also declined by 70 per cent as compared to 54 per cent globally.

Govt launches 'GoStats' app for easy access to official data on the Go

The central government has launched the 'GoStats' mobile application, which will help stakeholders seamlessly access official data on the go. The initiative by the National Sample Survey Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI),

Ahead of Census, States asked to finalise boundary changes before December 31

The Registrar General of India (RGI) has informed the States that the first phase of the Population Census 2027 - House Listing and Housing Schedule (HLO) - will tentatively begin on April 1, 2026 and preparations need to be made accordingly.

Union Home Minister inaugurates National Turmeric Board in Telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, Telangana. He also unveiled the official logo of the board, symbolising a new era of farmer innovation and global competitiveness.

Salkhan Fossils Park makes it to UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites

Salkhan Fossils Park located in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh, one of the oldest fossil sites in the world—has been included in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

Amit Shah releases "The Emergency Diaries", book chronicles PM Modi's role in fight against emergency

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book 'The Emergency Diaries-Years that forged a leader' in New Delhi. The book delves into the compelling role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then a young RSS Pracharak, played in the fight against Emergency. The book paints a vivid picture of Mr Modi fighting for the ideals of democracy.

BANKING & ECONOMY

India to Remain Fastest-Growing Major Economy in FY26: SBI Report

According to a State Bank of India (SBI) report, SBI estimates India's GDP growth for Fiscal Year 25 at 6.5 percent, supported by a strong 7.4 percent growth in the fourth quarter.

Tata Power-DDL, Nissin Electric to install India's first micro substation

Tata Power-DDL, in collaboration with Japan-based Nissin Electric Co Ltd, has commissioned India's first micro substation with power voltage transformer (PVT) that will provide low-cost and reliable power supply to consumers.

World Bank Approves \$426 Million For Bengaluru Water Security Project

The World Bank has sanctioned USD 426 million for a new initiative to enhance water security for over four million residents in Bengaluru.

India's GST collections in May crosses ₹2.01 lakh crore

India's gross GST, collection crossed the 2 lakh crore rupees mark for the second consecutive month in May. Gross GST collection in May stood at 2.01 lakh crore rupees, which is 16.4 per cent higher in comparison to 1.72 lakh crore rupees collected in May 2024.

Kotak Bank's Dy. MD Shanti Ekambaram to retire

Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced that Shanti Ekambaram, deputy managing director, will be retiring from her role effective October 31 upon completion of her current term. Paritosh Kashyap, currently group President and business head – wholesale banking group, will be appointed as whole-time director (executive director) and key managerial personnel.

FPIs Infuse ₹38,475 Crore into Indian Markets in May

Foreign investors have pumped nearly 40,000 crore rupees into the Indian capital market in May. Foreign Portfolio Investors, or FPIs, injected 19,860 crore rupees into Indian equity markets and 19,615 crore rupees into the debt market, bringing total net investment in the Indian capital markets to 38,475 crore rupees for the month.

RBI's balance sheet increases 8.2% to ₹76.25 lakh crore in FY25

As per the central bank's annual report, the balance sheet of the RBI increased to ₹76.25 lakh crore, aided by nearly 33 per cent gains in foreign exchange transactions, as of March 2025, leading to a bumper ₹2.7 lakh crore dividend to the central government.

Venu Lambu to take over as new CEO & MD of LTIMindtree on May 31

LTIMindtree has said Debashis Chatterjee has opted to retire due to personal reasons as the CEO & MD of the company with effect from May 30, 2025. Following which, the Board of Directors of LTIMindtree has appointed Venu Lambu, currently the CEO Designate, as the Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of LTIMindtree with effect from May 31, 2025.

Centre extends tenure of Punjab & Sind Bank MD S K Saha till Feb 2027

The Centre has extended the tenure of Swarup Kumar Saha, managing director and chief executive officer of Punjab & Sind Bank, until his superannuation on February 28, 2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. He took over as MD and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank in June 2022.

Germany Is the World's Largest Creditor

Germany overtook Japan to become the world's largest creditor nation. Japan overtook Germany for the title in 1991 and held it until this week. Germany holds \$3.99 trillion in net external assets (the value of assets, minus the value of debts owed to the rest of the world).

Bank deposit growth slows to 10% in FY25: RBI Data

The growth of bank deposits in India slowed down to 10.6 per cent year-on-year in the financial year ended March 2025 as compared to 13 per cent in the previous fiscal. The overall deposit base remains strong. Term deposits continued to make up the largest share of total deposits, accounting for 59.5 per cent as of March 2025.

Centre notifies guidelines to boost electric car production

The Centre has notified the guidelines to promote domestic manufacturing of electric cars, offering a concessional import duty of 15% on completely built-up units on a day Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said global EV giant Tesla was not interested in manufacturing cars in India.

Deutsche Bank appoints Stefan Schaffer as CEO of India GCC

Deutsche Bank has announced the appointment of Stefan Schaffer as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Deutsche India, the firm's Global Capability Centre (GCC).

Canara Bank removes minimum balance penalty for savings accounts

Canara Bank has announced the removal of charges for non-maintenance of minimum balance across all types of Savings Bank (SB) accounts, including regular, salary, and NRI accounts. Effective June 1, 2025

Candere Hurun's 2025 list: Roshni Nadar tops next-gen leaders

Mumbai has emerged as the top hub for India's most influential women, according to the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List, which recognises 97 exceptional women across nine categories.

Representing the next-generation women leaders Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCL Technologies. Shweta Jalan, Managing Director at Mumbai-based Advent International, leads the investor category.

In the philanthropy category, Rohini Nilekani from Bengaluru tops with total donations amounting to ₹154 crore through Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies.

Yes Bank board approves raising ₹16,000 crore

Yes Bank's Board has approved raising of ₹16,000 crore through a mix of equity and debt to fund business growth.

Flipkart secures approval for direct lending in India

Walmart's Flipkart has secured a lending licence from the Indian central bank and banking regulator RBI, enabling it to offer loans directly to customers and sellers on its platform.

Central Bank of India acquires Future's stake in life, general insurance JVs with Generali for ₹508 crore

PSU lender Central Bank of India has completed acquisition of Future Enterprises' stake in Future Generali India Insurance Company (FGIICL) and Future Generali India Life Insurance Company (FGILICL) for ₹508 crore.

TCL India extends its partnership with Rohit Sharma as its Brand Ambassador

TCL, a leading consumer electronics brand and a global player in the TV industry has recently announced the extension of Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador for the second year in a row.

RBI cuts repo rate by 0.5%

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee has voted 5:1 to reduce the policy repo rate by a bigger-than-expected 50 basis points to 5.50% with immediate effect. The RBI has also reduced the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 100 basis points, now standing at 3% will unlock ₹2.5 lakh crore liquidity to the banking system for lending to productive sectors of the economy.

RBI reduces qualifying asset threshold for NBFC-MFIs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reduced the qualifying asset threshold for non-banking financial companies – microfinance institutions (NBFC-MFIs) to 60% from 75%, in a boost to the industry.

Sudarshan Venu to take over as chairman of TVS Motor

TVS Motor Company board has named its current managing director Sudarshan Venu as also its incoming Chairman. Effective August 25, 2025, Mr. Venu will be appointed as chairman and managing director.

LIC raises stake in Dr. Reddy's

Life Insurance Corporation of India's stake in Dr. Reddy's Laboratories raced past the 8% mark recently with the country's largest institutional investor acquiring an additional, more than 2% in the generic drugmaker since October 2024.

RBI to raise gold lending LTV to 85% for loans under ₹2.5 lakh: Malhotra

Providing relief to small borrowers, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the loan-to-value (LTV) ratio for gold-backed loans up to ₹5 lakh, while the LTV for loans below ₹2.5 lakh has been set at 85 per cent, and those between ₹2.5 lakh and ₹5 lakh at 80 per cent.

T. Rabi Sankar appointed as a part-time member of India's 16th Finance Commission

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar has been appointed as a part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission. His appointment comes in place of Ajay Narayan Jha, who stepped down from the Commission midway through his term.

AP ties up with NVIDIA to set up India's first AI university

Andhra Pradesh has signed an MoU with NVIDIA to launch India's first dedicated AI University in Amaravati. Under the partnership, NVIDIA will provide infrastructure, curriculum guidance, and technical training to 10,000 students over two years.

India, Central Asian countries express interest in joint rare earths exploration

India and five Central Asian countries have expressed interest in joint exploration of rare earths and critical minerals, they said in a joint statement after the fourth meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue, held in New Delhi.

India attracts FDI from 112 nations, up from 89 in 2014: Piyush Goyal

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said India is receiving FDI inflows from 112 countries compared to 89 in 2013-14, underscoring the country's rising global appeal. He highlighted the significant increase in FDI during 2024-25 to USD 81.04 billion, exhibiting a growth of 14 per cent over the 2023-24 fiscal (USD 71.28 billion).

World Bank's raised poverty line of \$3 a day

With the World Bank raising its threshold poverty line to \$3 a day (daily consumption of less than \$3) from the earlier \$2.15 a day, the extreme poverty rate for India declined sharply to 5.3 per cent in 2022-23 from 27.1 per cent in 2011-12. In absolute terms, people living in extreme poverty fell from 344.47 million to just 75.24 million.

Bank of Baroda, HDFC Bank reduce lending rate by up to 50 bps, 10 bps

State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) has cut its benchmark lending rate linked to repo rate by 50 basis points in line with the rate reduction by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

SBI pays ₹8,076.84 crore dividend to Centre for FY25

SBI has paid a dividend of ₹8,076.84 crore to the central government for the financial year 2024-25. During 2024-25, the bank earned a record net profit of ₹70,901 crore, as against ₹61,077 crore in the preceding year, registering a 16 increase.

Maharashtra, Karnataka account for 51% of FDI in India in FY25: Government

According to the latest data of the DPIIT, Maharashtra and Karnataka have accounted for 51% of the foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into the country during the last financial year 2024-25. Maharashtra attracted maximum foreign inflows at \$19.6 billion and accounted for 31% of the country's total FDI during April-March 2024-25.

LIC MD Sat Pal Bhanoo given additional charge as CEO and MD for three months

LIC Managing Director Sat Pal Bhanoo has taken charge of the financial and administrative powers and functions of the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, in addition to his own duties.

AU Small Finance Bank Partners with IFC

AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to integrate climate risk considerations into its core banking framework.

World Bank Projects India's FY26 Growth at 6.3%

The World Bank has pegged India's economic growth projection at 6.3 per cent for the Financial Year 2025-26, stating that the country is projected to maintain the fastest growth rate among the world's largest economies.

SEBI Mandates UPI Payment System for Market Intermediaries from Oct 1

SEBI has mandated a new UPI payment mechanism for all registered intermediaries who collect funds from investors to enhance investor protection and financial transparency within the securities market. The UPI payment mechanism will be implemented from 1st October 2025.

Daily VRR Auctions discontinued

The Reserve Bank of India has discontinued daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions, in view of a liquidity surplus in the banking system, currently estimated at around 2.75 to 3 lakh crore rupees.

DBT surges 90-fold in decade, says FM

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that there has been a more than ninety times increase in direct benefit transfer (DBT) in just a decade. She said that from over 7 thousand crore in 2014, DBT has risen to 6.83 lakh crore in the last financial year. The Minister also stated that India also leads the world in real-time payments as transactions of more than 260 lakh crore rupees were processed in 2024-25.

Centre cuts customs duty on crude edible oils from 20 to 10 percent

The Centre has reduced the basic customs duty on crude edible oil, including crude sunflower, soybean, and palm oils, from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.

DFCC Bank makes green bond listing on India's NSE IX

DFCC Bank PLC of Sri Lanka has become the first foreign corporate to list a bond on India's National Stock Exchange - International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City.

RBI grants Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Scheduled Bank status

Pune based Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB)-Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank has been granted the status of a Scheduled Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Poonawalla Fincorp Launches Digital-First Business Loan Product for MSMEs

Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (PFL), a non-banking financial company under the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has launched industry-first digital loan 'Business Loan 24/7', offering tailored for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

India's forex reserves jump \$5.17 billion to reach record \$696.6 billion

According to the Reserve Bank of India, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, were up by over 3.4 billion dollars to over 587.6 billion dollars. Gold reserves surged by over 1.5 billion dollars, totaling 85.88 billion dollars.

NABARD secured government approval for deep-discount debt issue

India's NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) has secured government approval to raise up to ₹19,500 crore through deep-discount zero-coupon bonds.

India directed IREL to suspend its exports of rare earths to Japan

India has directed IREL (India) Ltd., the state-owned rare-earth miner, to suspend its exports of rare earths to Japan including a 2012 agreement with Toyotsu Rare Earths India to prioritize domestic supply and reduce dependency on China.

ADB approves \$109.97 million loan under its Gujarat Skills Development Program

The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$109.97 million loan to enhance youth employability in Gujarat under the Skills Development Program. The initiative aims to train nearly 3 million individuals over a decade, focusing on sectors like manufacturing, services, semiconductors, green tech, and MSMEs.

RBI approves reappointment of Pralay Mondal as MD and CEO of CSB Bank

Private bank CSB Bank Ltd has announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Pralay Mondal as managing director and CEO of the bank for a further period of three years, effective September 15, 2025.

TA Associates exits AU Small Finance Bank

Private equity firm TA Associates has exited AU Small Finance Bank by selling its entire 1.26 percent stake in the company for Rs 714 crore through an open market transaction.

India's trade deficit narrowed to \$6.6 bn in May

According to the monthly trade data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's overall trade deficit narrowed to \$6.6 billion in May 2025, down nearly 30% over its level in May last year, as total imports fell largely due to a fall in oil prices while total exports grew on the back of a strong performance by the services sector.

Wholesale inflation falls to 14-month low in May

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation eased to a 14-month low of 0.39 percent in May, down from 0.85 percent in April.

RBI introduces STRIPS in state-government bonds

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to introduce Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities (STRIPS) in all fixed coupon State Government Securities (SGS) having a residual maturity of up to 14 years and a minimum outstanding of ₹1,000 crore as on the day of stripping.

India to export 150 locomotives to Africa worth over ₹3,000 crore

India will supply 150 locomotives worth more than ₹3,000 crore to the African country of Guinea. The Make-in-India locomotives are meant for use at the Simandou iron ore project site in the country. The Railway Locomotive factory in Marhowrah, Bihar, will supply 150 Evolution Series ES43ACmi locomotives.

Bangladesh: Defaulted loan rises to Taka 4.2 trillion
Bangladesh's banking sector faces mounting challenges as defaulted loans soared to 24.13 percent by March 2025, up from 20.20 percent in December 2024, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

Meta appoints Arun Srinivas as India head
Meta appointed Arun Srinivas as Managing Director and Head for Meta in India with effect from July 1, 2025. He is currently Meta's Director and Head of Ads Business in India.

MSC Bank sets up country's first cyber security operations centre

Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank has launched India's first cyber-security operation centre, 'Sahakar Suraksha,' in Navi Mumbai, costing Rs 50 crore. This initiative aims to protect cooperative banks from increasing cyber threats, which have caused significant financial losses.

Aernnova Aerospace signs \$300 million multi-year sourcing contact with Mahindra Aerostructures

Aernnova Aerospace, SAU has signed a multi-year contract with Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. (MASPL) worth about \$300 million for manufacture of metal sub-assemblies and components for a range of Airbus aircraft and also for Embraer aircraft families (including the Embraer C390 Millennium military transport aircraft).

Dassault-Reliance announce final assembly line in Nagpur for manufacturing Falcon 2000

French manufacturer Dassault Aviation, and Reliance Infrastructure subsidiary, Reliance Aerostructure Limited has announced a landmark strategic partnership to manufacture Falcon 2000 business executive jets in India for the global markets with a final assembly line in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Anuradha Thakur to replace Ajay Seth on SEBI Board
Economic Affairs Secretary designate Anuradha Thakur will be new member in the Board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

US Fed keeps interest rates unchanged for 4th time
The US Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has kept interest rates unchanged for the fourth consecutive time at a 4.25 per cent to 4.5 per cent range in its latest meeting. It projected the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to advance 1.4 per cent this year

SEBI approves major market reforms

SEBI has announced a set of important reforms aimed at making the Indian financial markets more efficient, inclusive, and investor-friendly. According to new measures, is that startup founders will now be allowed to keep their employee stock ownership plans (Esops) even after their companies go public. SEBI has made it mandatory to have a one-year gap between issuing Esops and filing for an IPO.

SEBI relaxing merchant banking norms

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has said that merchant bankers (MB) can now engage in unregulated activities such as advisory and consultancies without needing a separate legal entity.

NABARD to lend ₹10,000 cr in FY26 for green projects
The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) plans to lend about ₹10,000 crore this year as part of its Green Lending Facility. The minimum loan amount disbursed would be ₹100 crore and these are for projects such as ethanol plants and electric vehicles.

HAL wins ₹511-crore deal to build, own and commercialise SSLV launches

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has won a Transfer of Technology (ToT) deal, valued at ₹511 crore, from the Indian Space Research Organisation, to build and operate Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs).

Core sectors grow at nine-month low of 0.7% in May
Growth in the eight core sectors of the economy slowed to a nine-month low of 0.7% in May 2025, driven by contractions in the crude oil, natural gas, fertilisers, and electricity sectors.

Pakistan signs five-year syndicate financing facility for \$1 billion

Pakistan has signed a five-year long-term syndicated financing facility for \$1 billion, indicating strong support from leading financiers amid the country's ongoing economic crisis. The Dubai Islamic Bank acted as the Sole Islamic Global Coordinator

Amazon to invest \$233 million in India to expand infrastructure, improve tech

Amazon will invest more than 20 billion rupees (\$233 million) in India in 2025 to expand and update its operations infrastructure, develop new technology for its fulfilment network and improve delivery safety.

RBI issues project finance directions, banks to provide 1-1.25% for projects under construction

The Reserve Bank (RBI) has issued RBI (Project Finance) Directions 2025 asking Regulated Entities (REs) to maintain general provision of 1.25% for under construction Commercial Real Estate (CRE) loans and 1% for infrastructure projects under construction.

HDFC Bank CEO moves Bombay High Court over FIR by Lilavati Trust

HDFC Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Sashidhar Jagdishan has moved the Bombay High Court, seeking quashing of the First Information Report (FIR) lodged against him by Prashant Mehta, a permanent trustee of the Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust, which oversees Lilavati Hospital.

Gross direct tax collections rise by 4.86% in the current financial year, so far

The country's gross direct tax collections for the financial year 2025-26 rose by 4.86 per cent to about 5.45 lakh crore rupees compared to about 5.19 lakh crore rupees in the same period last year.

Sivasubramanian Ramann Takes Charge as Chairperson of PFRDA

Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann formally assumed charge as Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). He will serve a five-year term or until he turns 65, whichever comes first.

Amazon India launches home diagnostics services in six cities

Amazon India is foraying into the diagnostics space with the launch of a new at-home diagnostics service that enables customers to book lab tests, schedule and track appointments, and access digital reports from the Amazon app.

Gandhinagar civic body's maiden municipal bond issue oversubscribed 9 times

Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation's (GMC) debut municipal bond issue received an overwhelming response from investors, being oversubscribed nine times, marking a historic financial milestone.

HDB Financial Services launches ₹12,500 crore IPO

HDB Financial Services has launched a ₹12,500-crore initial public offering (IPO). The company has set a price band of ₹700-740 for the fund raise, which is reportedly at a 66 per cent discount to the price of the share in the grey market.

RBI trims PSL target for small finance banks from FY26

The RBI has revised the priority sector lending (PSL) requirements for Small Finance Banks, reducing the overall PSL target from 75% to 60% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent of Off-Balance Sheet Exposures (CEOBE), whichever is higher. The revised norms will be applicable from the financial year 2025-26 onwards.

Oman plans to impose personal income tax from 2028, first among Gulf States

Oman plans to levy personal income tax as part of a broader push to move the sultanate's economy away from reliance on hydrocarbons. The tax would be a first among the six-member oil-rich Gulf Cooperation Council.

S&P raises India's FY26 GDP growth estimates to 6.5%

S&P Global Ratings has raised India's GDP forecast for current fiscal to 6.5% assuming a normal monsoon, lower crude oil prices and monetary easing.

India's 1st off-grid green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch
Adani Group has commissioned India's first off-grid 5 megawatt green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat.**India's total exports reach all-time high of \$825 billion, grows 6.3%**

Addressing the Exim Bank Trade Conclave 2025 in New Delhi, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the country's total exports have reached an all-time high of 825 billion US dollars and achieved six per cent growth over the previous year.

World Economic Forum features 10 Indian startups as Tech Pioneers

Ten Indian startups working on cutting-edge technologies from artificial intelligence to space tech have made it to the World Economic Forum's prestigious list of top 100 emerging companies for 2025. The Indian startups featured in the list include Equal, GalaxEye, Agnikul, CynLr, Dezy, Digantara, Exponent Energy, Freight Tiger, SolarSquare, and The ePlane Co.

JLR cars to be produced at Chennai plant from early 2026

Tata Motors Ltd-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) will begin the production of its vehicles at its parent's new plant in Tamil Nadu by early 2026 and the plant will be fully operational by 2032.

IMF approves \$1.3 billion of \$4.7 billion loan program for Bangladesh

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has finally approved a \$1.3 billion disbursement of the third and fourth tranches of Bangladesh's \$4.7 billion loan program.

Bharat Biotech to begin supplies of GSK's malaria vaccine RTS,S to GAVI

Bharat Biotech International Ltd (BBIL) and GSK plc will be supplying world's first malaria vaccine (RTS,S) to global vaccine alliance Gavi for its next vaccine replenishment phase during 2026-2030.

Adani Group to invest \$15-20 bn across businesses over next 5 years

The Adani Group plans to invest a record \$15-20 billion across businesses over the next five years to chart out the next phase of growth, Chairman Gautam Adani said.

SEBI proposes revamp of MIIs to boost governance

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) proposed measures to strengthen the governance of market infrastructure institutions (MII) in a consultation paper released on June 24.

NSE offers \$160 million to settle with SEBI, move ahead with IPO

The National Stock Exchange of India has offered to pay the country's markets regulator SEBI ₹13.88 billion (\$160 million) to settle a legal dispute so it can proceed with a long-delayed initial public offering.

EPFO raises auto-settlement limit for advance claims for members to ₹5 lakh

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has enhanced the auto-settlement limit for advance claims from ₹1 lakh at present to ₹5 lakh.

Nirmala Sitharaman Lauds EXIM Bank's Trade Assistance Programme at Trade Conclave 2025

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has lauded EXIM Bank's pioneering Trade Assistance Programme (TAP) as a critical enabler for Indian exporters to penetrate high-risk markets during the Trade Conclave 2025 hosted by the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM) on June 24 in New Delhi.

Cabinet approves establishment of International Potato Centre at Agra

The Central government has approved the proposal for establishing the International Potato Centre South Asia Regional Centre at Agra in Uttar Pradesh.

Centre authorises Aadhaar authentication for IBPS exams to curb impersonation

The Union government has authorised the use of Aadhaar authentication for candidate verification in examinations conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection – IBPS

Govt has provided ₹21,535 crore of incentives under PLI schemes

The Central government's Production-Linked Incentive scheme has seen the government provide ₹21,534 crore worth of incentives in various sectors, thereby attracting investments worth ₹1.76 lakh crore. The scheme has generated production or sales worth ₹16.5 lakh crore as of March 2025.

India's FDI Inflows Jump to 8.8 billion dollars in April

Gross foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India surged to 8.8 billion dollars in April this year, higher than 5.9 billion dollars in March and 7.2 billion dollars in April 2024. India ranked 16th globally in FDI inflows and recorded 114 billion dollars in greenfield investment in digital economy sectors over the last five years (2020-2024).

Nvidia climbs to record high to become world's largest stock again amid AI optimism

Nvidia has become the most valuable company in the world after a sharp rise in its share price on June 26, 2025. Its stock went up by over 4%, taking its total market value to about \$3.763 trillion to move ahead of Microsoft, which is now the second-most valuable firm globally with a market value of \$3.658 trillion. Nvidia's shares touched a new record high of \$154.10

Zou Jiayi Elected as President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Zou Jiayi has been elected as the next President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) by the Bank's Board of Governors. Madam Zou's five-year term will begin January 16, 2026

U.S. economy shrank 0.5% between January and March

The U.S. economy has shrank at a 0.5% annual pace from January through March as President Donald Trump's trade wars disrupted business, the Commerce Department said in a downgrade from its previous estimate.

World Bank Group, IAEA Formalize Partnership to Collaborate on Nuclear Energy for Development

The World Bank Group and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have sealed an agreement to work together to support the safe, secure and responsible use of nuclear energy in developing countries.

JSW Paints to acquire 74% stake in Akzo Nobel India for ₹8,986 crore

JSW Paints Ltd has entered into definitive agreements to acquire up to 74.76% stake in Akzo Nobel India Ltd (ANIL) from Akzo Nobel N.V. and its affiliates, for a maximum consideration under the Share Purchase Agreement of up to ₹8,986 crore.

India reports current account surplus of \$13.5 billion in Q4 FY25

India's current account balance recorded a surplus of \$ 13.5 billion (1.3% of GDP) in Q4 FY25 as compared with \$4.6 billion (0.5% of GDP) a year earlier and against a deficit of \$11.3 billion (1.1% of GDP) in Q3 FY25, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

DBS Bank India waives prepayment, foreclosure charges for registered MSMEs

DBS Bank India Ltd. (DBIL) has waived prepayment and foreclosure charges for all Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) borrowers registered with UDYAM, making it easier for businesses to access credit and manage cash flow.

Union Minister Sonowal inaugurates India's 1st maritime sector NBFC, Sagarmala Finance Corporation

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, has inaugurated India's first Non-Banking Financial Company-NBFC in the maritime sector, Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited-SMFCL.

MDL to Acquire Controlling Stake in Colombo Dockyard for US \$52.96 mn

Government-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has decided to acquire a controlling stake in Sri Lanka's Colombo Dockyard PLC under a 52.96 million dollar deal.

Torrent Pharma to acquire J.B. Chemicals & Pharma for equity valuation of ₹25,689 crore

Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd has entered into definitive agreements to acquire controlling stake in J. B. Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals from KKR at an Equity Valuation of ₹ 25,689 crore (on fully diluted basis), followed by a merger of the two entities.

AWARDS

Kumar Mangalam Birla receives Global Leadership Award

Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, has been honored with the 2025 Global Leadership Award by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).

President Murmu presents 92 Distinguished Service Awards

President Droupadi Murmu has conferred upon 92 Distinguished Service Decorations during the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-II) at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. Personnel of the Armed Forces, Indian Coast Guard and Border Roads Organisation were awarded by the President. 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, 5 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 57 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSMs) were given to the personnel for distinguished service.

Javed Akhtar receives Dostoevsky Star Award

Veteran screenwriter, lyricist, and poet Javed Akhtar has been honoured with the Dostoevsky Star Award by the Russian House in Mumbai. He becomes the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award for promoting cultural and literary dialogue.

Leena Nair Receives UK's Commander Of The British Empire Honour

Leena Nair, the Global Chief Executive Officer of Chanel, has been honoured with the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Prince William, Prince of Wales.

PM Modi sets record with most foreign honours for an Indian PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III of Cyprus, the country's highest civilian honour. So far Prime Minister Modi has been honoured with 28 of the highest state awards from foreign nations between 2016 and 2025, in recognition of his visionary leadership.

England legend David Beckham receives knighthood

Former England football captain and global fashion icon David Beckham was knighted for his services to sport and charity, with The Who singer Roger Daltrey and actor Gary Oldman also receiving the honour.

Desi Oon wins Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at International Animation Festival

Desi Oon, an animation film by filmmaker Suresh Eriyat, has won the Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 in France.

Qatar Airways Named World's Best Airline By Skytrax

Qatar Airways has retained its 2025 Skytrax 'World's Best Airline' title for a record-breaking 9th time. Qatar Airways was also named the Best Airline in the Middle East, the Best Business Class in the World, and the Best Business Class Airline Lounge.

PSA Awards 2024-25: India's Anahat Singh bags two Player of the Season honours

India top women's squash player Anahat Singh bagged twin honours at the PSA Awards 2024-25, winning the Women's Challenger Player of the Season and sharing the Women's Young Player of the Season title with Amina Orfi of Egypt.

Indian chef Vijay Kumar wins James Beard Award

Indian Chef Vijay Kumar from Madurai's Natham has won the prestigious James Beard Awards for best chef in New York State, one of the highest honours in the United States' culinary world.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Opal Suchata

Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri has been crowned Miss World 2025 at the 72nd Miss World Pageant held in Hyderabad.

Luis Montenegro

Portugal's President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has confirmed Luis Montenegro as the leader of Portugal's 25th government, following the end of the vote counting process.

Blaise Metreweli

The UK's foreign intelligence agency, MI6, will be led by a woman for the first time in its 116-year history. Blaise Metreweli, who joined the Secret Intelligence Service in 1999, will become the 18th chief of the organisation, taking over from Richard Moore.

Dangeti Jahnnavi

Dangeti Jahnnavi from Palakollu in Andhra Pradesh is set to travel to space in 2029. She holds the distinction of being the first Indian to successfully complete NASA's prestigious International Air and Space Program. Jahnnavi has been selected to travel to the Titan's Orbital Port Space Station, a US-based project slated for inauguration in the next four years.

Zohran Mamdani

A young left-wing candidate, Zohran Mamdani, is poised to become the Democratic nominee for New York mayor after delivering a stunning political upset defeating his main rival and political veteran Andrew Cuomo who previously served as state governor.

Parag Jain

Centre has appointed senior IPS officer Parag Jain as the next Secretary of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) for a term of two years. Jain, who is a 1989-batch IPS officer of the Punjab cadre, will succeed Ravi Sinha.

Shubhanshu Shukla

India created history as the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, carrying the Axiom-4 crew, including Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, gently docked with the International Space Station (ISS). With this, India has an astronaut in space after 41 years. Shukla is also the second Indian in space, following Rakesh Sharma's flight in 1984.

Anna Wintour

Magazine legend Anna Wintour is stepping down as editor of fashion bible U.S. Vogue after 37 years in the post. British-born Wintour, 75, has been one of the most influential and formidable figures in fashion and magazine journalism for decades.

Rajiv Memani

Ernst & Young (EY) India's Chairman and CEO, Rajiv Memani, has assumed office as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the 2025-26 term. He takes over from Sanjiv Puri, Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Ltd.

Karol Nawrocki

In Poland, Karol Nawrocki, an independent candidate backed by the opposition Law and Justice party, has won Poland's presidential runoff election. Nawrocki is set to succeed the incumbent President Andrzej Duda.

Sheikh Hasina

In Bangladesh, the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) had issued warrants for the arrest of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a case filed over alleged crimes against humanity during the July-August mass uprising.

Annalena Baerbock

Germany's former foreign minister, Annalena Baerbock was elected as the next president of the United Nations General Assembly. Baerbock replaces Cameroon's Philemon Yang and will begin her one-year term in September.

Lee Jae-myung

Liberal Democratic Party leader Lee Jae-myung was sworn in as the 21st President of South Korea. He will serve a five-year term.

Dick Schoof

Netherlands Prime Minister Dick Schoof has announced his resignation following the far-right Party for Freedom (PVV) decision to quit the coalition government.

Yashasvi Solanki

Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki has become the first woman officer from the Indian Navy to be posted as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India.

Katrina Kaif

The Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation has announced that they were delighted to have Kaif, a prominent face in the Indian film industry, as the Global Brand Ambassador for the Maldives.

Valmik Thapar

Valmik Thapar, a renowned wildlife and tiger conservationist, passed away. Thapar was widely recognized for his powerful wildlife photography and his extensive body of work, authoring nearly 50 books focused primarily on tigers.

Miguel Uribe Turbay

Colombia's right-wing presidential candidate, 39-year-old Senator Miguel Uribe Turbay, was shot multiple times during a campaign event in the capital, Bogotá.

Edgar Lungu

Zambia's former President Edgar Lungu has died at the age of 68. Lungu led Zambia for six years from 2015, losing the 2021 election to the current President Hakainde Hichilema by a large margin.

Bill Atkinson

Bill Atkinson, a pioneering computer engineer and programmer at Apple, instrumental in the creation of the Macintosh computer in January 1984, died. He was the creator of QuickDraw, a foundational graphics library.

Mangala Bhatt

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-winning Kathak exponent Mangala Bhatt passed away in Hyderabad due to a brain hemorrhage. She was 62.

Nellai Su. Muthu

Nellai Su. Muthu, a former scientist of the ISRO passed away. He has authored more than 70 books on topics varying from science, children's literature, poetry, history, translation, to criticism.

Maruti Chitampalli

Noted environmentalist, wildlife expert, and Padmashree awardee Maruti Chitampalli, passed away. He dedicated his life to forests, wildlife, and conservation literature. Chitampalli received the Padma Shri from the President on April 30 this year.

Dilip Doshi

Dilip Doshi, the former India left-arm spinner, has died aged 77. Doshi, who bowled with a classical left-arm's action, took 114 Test wickets in 33 appearances, including six five-wicket hauls.

Frederick Smith

Frederick Wallace Smith, the visionary founder of FedEx and one of the most transformative figures in global logistics, died of natural causes in Memphis, Tennessee. Smith launched Federal Express in 1973 with 14 Dassault Falcon jets.

SPORTS**India Finish Second with 24 Medals at Asian Athletics Championships 2025**

At the Asian Athletics Championships 2025 in Gumi, South Korea, India finished second in the medal tally with 24 medals. India won eight gold, 10 silver and six bronze in the Championships.

Mona Agarwal Wins Silver at Para Shooting World Cup

In Shooting, India's Mona Agarwal has won the silver medal in the Women's P2 – 10 metre Air Pistol SH1 event at the 2025 Para Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.

Spanish Grand Prix 2025: Piastri wins

Oscar Piastri has won the Spanish Grand Prix 2025 ahead of teammate Lando Norris as McLaren continued its early dominance of the Formula 1 championship.

Singapore Open: New world no. 1 Kunlavut seals crown in style

Kunlavut Vitidsarn has celebrated becoming the first man from Thailand to top the badminton world rankings by winning the 2025 Singapore Open in style. He demolished China's unseeded Lu Guangzu in just 37 minutes.

In the women's final, the fifth seed Chen Yufei outplayed second-seeded Wang Zhiyi.

India's Team MGD1 win 2025 FIDE World Rapid Team Chess Championship

Team MGD1, with Indian Grandmasters Arjun Erigaisi as their star player and N Srinath as the non-playing captain, won the FIDE World Rapid Team Championship 2025 in London.

Mumbai International Chess: Local teen Maniar holds Grandmaster Mikulas to draw

In a stunning start to the Mumbai International Grandmaster Chess Tournament, 13-year-old local talent Hriday Maniar held Slovak Grandmaster Manik Mikulas to a draw in the first round.

Chess: Gukesh stuns Carlsen in Norway

India's D. Gukesh defeated World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in the sixth round of the Norway Chess 2025 tournament in Stavanger City. This marks Gukesh's first-ever classical win over Carlsen.

Glenn Maxwell retires from ODIs

Glenn Maxwell, who was part of Australia's squad during the two ICC World Cup titles in 2015 and 2023 has announced retirement from Australia's One-Day Cricket.

RCB clinch maiden IPL title

Royal Challengers Bengaluru have won the Indian Premier League trophy for the first time. They defeated Punjab Kings by 6 runs at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Piyush Chawla announces retirement from all forms of Cricket

Indian spin bowler Piyush Chawla has officially retired from all forms of Cricket. In his 20-year professional career, he played three Tests, 25 ODIs and seven T20Is. Chawla was part of the winning Indian squad during the 2007 ICC T20 World Cup and then 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup.

Coco Gauff Clinches First French Open Title

In Women's Single at the French Open Tennis 2025, American tennis star Coco Gauff defeated world number one Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka, clinching her maiden Roland Garros title and second Grand Slam crown.

Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram wins 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial

In Chess, Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram won the 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial chess tournament held in Jermuk, Armenia.

Portugal wins second Nations League title

Portugal has won the UEFA Nations League trophy 2025 after his team's victory in the UEFA Nations League 2025 final match by beating holder Spain 5-3 on penalties following a thrilling 2-2 draw in Sunday's final.

Tennis: Carlos Alcaraz win French Open final

Carlos Alcaraz came from two sets behind to stun Sinner in a five-set marathon, winning the contest 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6. It was also the longest-ever French Open final 5 hours, 29 minutes in the Open Era.

Chess: Magnus Carlsen and Anna Muzychuk triumph at Norway Chess 2025

Magnus Carlsen has taken his seventh Norway Chess title after a thrilling final round, while the last-year runner-up Anna Muzychuk won the Norway Chess Women 2025.

Dhoni, Hayden, Taylor, Mir among latest ICC Hall of Fame inductees

MS Dhoni, Matthew Hayden, Daniel Vettori, Hashim Amla, Graeme Smith, Sarah Taylor and Sana Mir were the latest inductees into the ICC Hall of Fame. Mir became the first woman from Pakistan to be a Hall of Fame inductee.

Taiwan Athletics Open 2025: India finish with 16 medals

India claimed the top position at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2025, held in Taipei on June 7 and 8. The Indian team has won a rich haul of 16 medals, including 12 golds, three silvers, and one bronze.

Priyanka Goswami Wins Gold at Austrian Racewalking Championships

Indian racewalkers delivered a commendable performance at the Austrian Racewalking Championships in Innsbruck, with Priyanka Goswami won gold in the women's 10km race with a time of 47:54. In the men's 35km event, Sandeep Kumar secured silver

Nicholas Pooran Retires from International Cricket

Nicholas Pooran of West Indies, has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 29. He was West Indies' most capped T20I player, featuring in 106 matches and scoring 2,275 runs.

ISSF WC 2025: Sift Kaur Samra wins bronze in 50m rifle 3 positions

Indian shooter Sift Kaur Samra has secured a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany.

Cristiano Ronaldo officially named the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025

Cristiano Ronaldo has been officially named the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF), held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Yajik Hillang bags Gold medal at South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships

India's Yajik Hillang won Gold medal at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 at Thimphu in Bhutan. She secured 1st position in the Women's Model Physique upto 155 cm event.

BCCI constitutes committee to formulate guidelines for victory celebrations

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has decided to constitute a committee to formulate comprehensive guidelines aimed at preventing such incidents that occurred during the IPL victory celebrations of RCB in Bengaluru. RCB victory celebration resulted in the death of 11 people.

South Africa Clinch WTC 2025

South Africa have won their first ICC title in 27 years, beating Australia to win the World Test Championship (WTC) final 2025 at Lord's Cricket Ground, London.

Canadian Grand Prix: George Russell wins

George Russell has won his first race of the Formula 1 season as the Mercedes driver held off defending race winner Max Verstappen at the 2025 Canadian Grand Prix.

U Mumba clinches their maiden Ultimate Table Tennis title

Mumbai-based franchise, U Mumba, has claimed their maiden Ultimate Table Tennis title with a dominant 8-4 win over the Jaipur Patriots in the Season 6 grand finale.

Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah Finish Runners-Up at WTT Contender Skopje 2025

India's table tennis players Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah lost to the second-seeded South Korean pair of Lim Jonghoon and Oh Junsung in the final of the men's doubles of WTT Contender Skopje 2025.

Nishant Dev wins 2nd professional fight in Super Welterweight bout

In Boxing, Indian boxer Nishant Dev has won his second professional fight, defeating Josue Silva via unanimous decision 60-54 in the Super Welterweight bout at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Tennis: Taylor Fritz claims Stuttgart Open final

Taylor Fritz claimed his first title of the year with a 6-3, 7-6(0) win over top seed Alexander Zverev in the Stuttgart Open final extending his winning streak against the German to five matches.

WR Chess wins 2025 FIDE World Blitz Team Championship

WR Chess team has defended its title as they defeated KazChess 4-2 in both matches at the 2025 FIDE World Blitz Team Championship. Hexamind Chess Team won the third place.

Chennai to host Hockey India Masters Cup

The Hockey India Masters Cup for men and women kicked off in Chennai. This 10-day tournament, hosted by the Tamil Nadu Hockey Unit, features men in the 40 age group and women over 35

Chess: Divya Deshmukh Defeats World Number One Hou Yifan

India's Divya Deshmukh has defeated World number one Hou Yifan of China in a big match at the World Team Blitz Chess Championship held in London.

Reddit appoints Sachin as brand ambassador

Social media platform Reddit has announced Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar as its brand ambassador.

NBA: Los Angeles Lakers sold for \$10 billion

The Los Angeles Lakers has been sold to TWG Global CEO Mark Walter for a record-breaking \$10 billion, ending the Buss family's 46-year control of the NBA giant.

Neeraj Chopra Wins Gold at Paris Diamond League 2025

Neeraj Chopra has won the men's javelin throw competition of the Paris Diamond League 2025 at Stade Sébastien Charléty.

Delhi CM unveils Logo & Mascot of World Para Athletics Championship

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has unveiled Logo, Mascot and flags off 100 days to go countdown for New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Championship in National Capital. The official mascot, called Viraaj, is a young elephant with a blade prosthesis.

India scripts historic finish at U23 Asian Wrestling Championships with double team titles

India's young wrestlers have delivered a stellar performance on the final day of the Under-23 Asian Wrestling Championships in Vung Tau, Vietnam, winning six medals in men's freestyle.

India's Maaya Rajeshwaran clinches women's single ITF J200 Gladbeck title in Germany

In Tennis, India's Maaya Rajeshwaran has won the women's singles ITF J200 Gladbeck title in Germany. The 16-year-old defeated Switzerland's Noelia Manta 6-2, 6-4 in the final.

Marc Marquez wins Italian MotoGP 2025

Ducati's Marc Marquez has won the Italian Grand Prix at the Mugello Circuit taking the chequered flag ahead of his brother Alex to maintain his iron grip on the riders' championship.

Asian Para-Badminton Championship Thailand: India wins 27 medals

Indian shuttlers have won 27 medals at the Asian Para-Badminton Championship 2025 in Thailand, resulting in the country's best-ever performance at the event.

Indian forward Lalit Upadhyay retires from international hockey

Indian forward Lalit Upadhyay announced his retirement from international hockey. Lalit made played a pivotal role in India's historic bronze medal finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Four years later, he was also part of India's bronze medal-winning squad at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

1st test: England defeat India by 5 wickets

England defeated India by five wickets in the opening match of the Anderson-Tendulkar Cricket Trophy at Headingley, Leeds.

Neeraj Chopra wins Ostrava Golden Spike Javelin title

Neeraj Chopra has claimed the Javelin Throw title in the Ostrava Golden Spike 2025 meet in the Czech Republic.

U17 Asian Wrestling Championships : Indian Women's team win overall title

The Indian Under-17 Women's Wrestling Team has emerged as the Champion Team at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships held in Vung Tau, Vietnam. The Indian Women's Team dominated across weight categories, winning a total of 10 medals – 5 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze, thus securing the Champion Trophy with 215 points.

2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships: India claims all 3 titles

India showed its authority at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships with a commanding performance, winning all three titles, men's, women's, and mixed doubles events.

Khelo India University Games 2025 to Be Held in November in Jaipur

The Khelo India University Games 2025 will be held in November this year in Jaipur, Rajasthan, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said.

Praggnanandhaa wins UzChess Cup Masters Title, becomes India's No.1

R Praggnanandhaa reached a historic milestone when he became the No.1 ranked Indian chess player in the live rankings. He achieved the feat by beating Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov with Black pieces in the final round of the UzChess Cup Masters. This win has made the Indian grandmaster No.4 on the rankings, the highest he has achieved in his career so far.

Badminton: Ayush Shetty wins maiden US Open title

Ayush Shetty made history by becoming the first Indian to win a BWF World Tour title this season by winning the US Open 2025. Ayush claimed victory over Canada's Brian Yang in the final.

Dutch MotoGP 2025: Marc Marquez wins

Marc Marquez has delivered a clinical masterclass at MotoGP's Cathedral of Speed on Sunday to claim victory at the Dutch Grand Prix.

Lando Norris wins F1 Austrian Grand Prix 2025

Lando Norris has held off a race-long challenge from his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri to win the Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday and lift his Formula 1 title hopes.

MISCELLANEOUS

India wins presidency of IAS

India has won the presidency of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) in the election, which was held between India and Austria.

India at 131st place in Global Gender Gap Index 2025

India has ranked 131 out of 148 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2025, slipping two places from its position last year. Iceland retained the top spot, followed by Finland, Norway.

China launches satellite Zhangheng 1-02

China has launched an electromagnetic monitoring satellite named Zhangheng 1-02 successfully sending it into its planned orbit, which is expected to enhance the country's space-air-ground integrated monitoring capabilities for major natural disasters.

Former New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern's memoir is out

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's long-awaited memoir, "A Different Kind of Power", is finally out.

India increased its nuclear warhead count to 180 in 2024: SIPRI report

According to SIPRI, India now possesses more nuclear warheads than Pakistan, with the number at 180 as opposed to Islamabad's 170. Russia tops the list with 5,459 nuclear warheads then followed by US with 5,177.

Copenhagen replaces Vienna as the most liveable city in the world in 2025

According to the 2025 Global Liveability Index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), Copenhagen has been declared the world's most liveable city in 2025, surpassing Vienna, while Damascus remained at the bottom of the index.

India third-fastest growing nation globally in power generation: IEA report

According to the latest report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), India has emerged as the third-fastest growing nation in power generation capacity globally over the past five years, following China and the US.

India's population reaches 146.39 crore: UN report

According to the latest United Nations report titled "State of the World Population 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis", India's population has reached an estimated 146.39 crore as of April 2025, officially making it the most populous country in the world. India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has dropped to 1.9, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.

India Pavilion Among Top 5 at World Expo 2025 in Osaka

The India Pavilion has been ranked among the top five pavilions at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, alongside the US, Italy, Japan, and France. The pavilion showcases India's rich cultural heritage, innovation, and sustainable development, featuring sections on heritage, Ayurveda, ISRO, and more.

QS Rankings 2026 features record 54 Indian institutes

A record 54 Indian Institutes have been featured in the QS World University Rankings, with the IIT, Delhi emerging as the country's top-ranked Institute. IIT Delhi's global ranking has seen a significant jump from the earlier 150th position to the current 123rd rank.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) retains its top position for the 14th consecutive year.

U.S. News Releases 2025-2026 Best Global Universities Rankings

U.S. News & World Report published the 2025-2026 Best Global Universities rankings.

Overall Best Global Universities – Top 3

Harvard University (U.S.)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (U.S.)
Stanford University (U.S.)

India ranks 99th on the 2025 SDG Index

According to the U.N's latest Sustainable Development Report (SDR), India ranks 99th on the 2025 SDG Index with a score of 67, while China ranks 49th with 74.4 and the US 44th with 75.2 points. European countries Finland ranked first, Sweden second and Denmark third.

Botswana earns WHO Gold Status for ending HIV infant transmission

Botswana has become the first African country and the first globally with a high HIV burden – to achieve the World Health Organisation's Gold Tier status for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV, marking a milestone in global public health.

Axiom-4 mission carrying Indian astronaut launched from Kennedy Space Centre

Axiom-4 mission, carrying Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to space, was launched at 12:01 PM IST from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, United States.

Vietnam ends death penalty for eight crimes

Vietnam has lifted the death penalty for eight crimes. The legal reforms in Vietnam ended the death penalty for eight crimes, including trying to overthrow the government, damaging state infrastructure, making and selling fake medicine, starting wars, spying, drug trafficking, embezzlement, and taking bribes.

World's First Jet-Powered Humanoid Takes Flight

The Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) has achieved a major breakthrough in humanoid robotics by completing the first successful flight of iRonCub3, the world's first jet-powered flying humanoid robot built for real-world environments.

World No Tobacco Day: 31st May

World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31st May every year to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use. The 2025 theme for this year is, "Bright products. Dark intentions. Unmasking the Appeal".

World Bicycle Day: 3rd June

World Bicycle Day is observed on June 3 every year to celebrate the bicycle as a simple, affordable, and eco-friendly mode of transport.

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04th June

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on June 4th. This day was established by the United Nations in 1982, originally in response to the tragic impact of the Lebanese Civil War and the large number of child victims.

World Environment Day 2025 observed on June 5

The World Environment Day is being celebrated across the globe on June 5 to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. The theme of this year's World Environment Day is "Beat Plastic Pollution."

World Food Safety Day: 7th June

World Food Safety Day 2025 is observed on 7th June with the theme "Food Safety: Science in Action."

World Oceans Day 2025: 8th June

World Oceans Day is observed every year on June 8th. This year's theme, "Wonder: Sustaining What Sustains Us,"

World Day Against Child Labour: 12th June

World Day Against Child Labour 2025 is observed on June 12 with the theme "Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!"

World Blood Day: 14th June

World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on June 14, honoring voluntary, unpaid blood donors on the birthday of Dr. Karl Landsteiner, who discovered blood groups. The 2025 theme, "Give blood, give hope: together we save lives,"

World Day to Combat Desertification observed on June 17

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is being observed on June 17 globally. The theme for this year is – "Restore the land. Unlock the opportunities".

UN General Assembly declares Dec 4 as international day against unilateral coercive measures

The UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution declaring December 4 every year as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures.

World Refugee Day observed on June 20

World Refugee Day is being observed on June 20 globally. The theme for this year is "Solidarity with Refugees".

World Music Day: 21st June

World Music Day was celebrated on June 21, 2025, across the globe to honor the universal language of music.

World Rainforest Day: 22nd June

World Rainforest Day is observed annually on June 22nd to raise awareness about the critical importance of rainforests and the urgent need for their protection.

Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas to be observed On June 25

Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas (Constitution Murder Day) was observed June 25. It serves as a reminder of what happened when the Constitution of India was trampled on 25th June 1975.

International Day of the Tropics: 29th June

The International Day of the Tropics is observed annually on 29th June to highlight the unique challenges and opportunities faced by tropical regions.

Hul Diwas is being observed on June 30

Hul Diwas is being observed on June 30 to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by the Santhal people in their fight for freedom and justice against the British East India Company.