

International

Former central banker Mark Carney to become Canada's next PM

Former central banker Mark Carney will become Canada's next Prime Minister after the governing Liberal Party elected him as its leader. He will be sworn in as Prime Minister in the coming days. He will replace Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who announced his resignation in January.

Mark Carney previously served as the Governor of the Bank of Canada before making history in 2013 as the first non-citizen to lead the Bank of England.

Death toll from clashes in Syria's coastal region reaches over 1,000.

In Syria, the death toll from two days of clashes between the country's security forces and supporters of the ousted President Bashar-Al-Assad, along with subsequent revenge killings, has surpassed 1000. The clashes, which began on Thursday in the coastal region of Jableh in Latakia province, has since spread along the Mediterranean coast.

The ongoing clashes in Syria are one of the deadliest outbreaks of violence since conflict began in the country 14 years ago.

Suman Chakraborty wins UNESCO award for developing low-cost medical diagnostic solutions.

Suman Chakraborty, institute chair professor in the Mechanical Engineering department of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-KGP), has been awarded the 2026 TWAS Award in Engineering and Computer Sciences by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

This biennial award is given to "individual scientists from developing countries in recognition of an outstanding contribution to scientific knowledge in nine fields of sciences and/or to the application of science and technology to sustainable development.

National

India-Kyrgyzstan joint special forces exercise KHANJAR-XII begins on Mar 10.

The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan from March 10. The 14-day Joint Exercise will continue till the 23rd of this month. The aim of the exercise is to

exchange experiences and best practices in Counter Terrorism and Special Forces Operations in urban and mountainous high-altitude terrain scenarios. The exercise will also focus on developing advanced special forces skills of sniping, complex building intervention and mountain craft.

Since its inception in 2011, Exercise KHANJAR XII has evolved into an annual training event.

Madhya Pradesh's Madhav National Park has become the country's 58th Tiger Reserve.

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has announced that Madhav National Park of Madhya Pradesh has become the country's 58th Tiger Reserve. It is also the 9th Tiger Reserve in the State.

1st captive-bred Great Indian Bustard chick of 2025 hatched in Rajasthan.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav shared the news of the first captive-bred Great Indian Bustard, GIB chick of 2025. In a social media post, the minister said that the egg was laid on 12th February by a 4-year-old female Rewa after mating with a breeding male, Leo, on 7th February at the Sam centre in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer. It was artificially hatched by the Project GIB team.

Business and Economy

India cuts tariffs for key trade partners.

India has significantly reduced its average applied tariffs for key developed countries such as Australia, the UAE, Switzerland, and Norway under recently concluded, mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreements. Similar negotiations are currently underway with the European Union and the United Kingdom, among other partners.

In February this year, India and the US agreed to negotiate the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by the fall of 2025.

Sun Pharma to acquire Nasdaq-listed oncology firm Checkpoint Therapeutics for \$335 million.

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd and Nasdaq-listed Checkpoint Therapeutics, Inc. have announced that they have entered into an agreement by which Sun Pharma will acquire Checkpoint, an immunotherapy and targeted oncology company.

Checkpoint is a commercial-stage company focused on developing novel treatments for patients with solid tumor cancers.

India's share in global seasoning market a paltry 0.7% despite being world's largest producer: WSO.

Regardless of being the largest producer and exporter of diverse varieties of spices in the world, India's share in the global seasoning market, pegged at \$14 billion in 2024, is only a paltry 0.7%, against China's 12% and U.S.A.'s 11%, said Ramkumar Menon, chairman, the World Spice Organisation (WSO).

India currently exports 1.5 million tonnes of spices of all kinds worth \$4.5 billion, commanding a quarter of the global spice market valued at \$20 billion.

RBI grants only one-year extension to IndusInd Bank CEO Sumant Kathpalia.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted only a one-year extension to Sumant Kathpalia, managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO), IndusInd Bank. This is despite the bank's Board requesting a three-year reappointment. This marks the second consecutive time that the RBI has approved a shorter tenure instead of a full three-year term for Kathpalia.

Amul ranked among India's most valued brands, the only FMCG in the top 3 list.

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul), the country's largest milk cooperative, has been ranked as the third most valued brand in India in the prestigious YouGov India Value Rankings 2025.

Amul is the only Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) brand in the top three list, alongside e-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart.

Centre appoints Vikas Kaushal as CMD of HPCL

The Union government has appointed Vikas Kaushal as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for a five-year term. He is the first private sector executive to head a state-run oil refinery

Sports

India wins record third ICC Champions Trophy.

Team India lifted the ICC Champions Trophy for a record third time after a commanding victory over New Zealand by four wickets in the grand finale at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Chasing a target of 252 runs in the summit clash, India achieved it with an over to spare.

Earlier, opting to bat in spin-friendly conditions, New Zealand managed to score 251 for 7 in their allotted 50 overs.

World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025 to take place at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi from March 11.

India will field 145 athletes in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025, set to take place at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi from March 11. The event, which will continue till the 13th of March, will witness the participation of another 105 para-athletes from 19 countries.

The Grand Prix is expected to be a crucial preparatory event ahead of major international championships to be held later this year, including the World Para Athletics Championships.

Tennis: Kristina wins Gurugram ITF women's tournament

Kristina Dmitruk defeated second seed Ekaterina Makarova 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the \$30,000 ITF women's tennis tournament at the Tennis Project, Baliyawas, on Sunday.

F1: General Motors-backed Cadillac team confirmed for 2026 season

General Motors-backed Cadillac will become Formula One's 11th team next year after securing formal approval from the commercial rights holders and governing FIA. Formula One and the FIA confirmed in a joint statement that the necessary sporting, technical and commercial assessments had been completed.