

International

The Krasheninnikov Volcano erupts for the first time since 1463 CE.

The Krasheninnikov volcano, situated on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, erupted for the first time in recorded history, its first in 600 years. Krasheninnikov's last known eruption occurred around 1463 CE. The eruption may be linked to a powerful 8.7 magnitude earthquake and repeated aftershocks in the region earlier in the week, which also triggered tsunami warnings. The ash plume has moved eastward toward the Pacific Ocean, and no populated areas are at risk.

Tragedy off Yemen's southern coast.

According to the UN's International Organisation for Migration (IOM), at least 68 Ethiopian migrants died and 74 remain missing after a vessel sank off Yemen's southern coast. The boat, carrying 154 people, capsized near Abyan governorate, where bodies have washed ashore. Only 12 survived. Despite ongoing conflict, Yemen remains a key transit route for migrants heading to Saudi Arabia.

National

The President of the Philippines' state visit to India.

Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr, President of the Philippines, will arrive in New Delhi on August 4, on a five-day state visit to India. This will be the first visit of President Marcos to India since his assumption of office as the President of the Philippines. India's relations with the Philippines are an integral pillar of the Act East Policy, Vision MAHASAGAR, and the vision of the Indo-Pacific. The state visit of President Marcos coincides with the 75th anniversary of India-Philippines diplomatic relations.

JMM leader Shibu Soren, No More.

The 81-year-old leader and founder of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Shibu Soren, popularly known as 'Dishom Guru or Guruji', passed away in New Delhi on August 4, 2025. Born on 11 January 1944, in United Bihar in Nemra village of today's Ramgarh district of Jharkhand, Shibu Soren was the person who

raised his voice against the system of money lending. He formed JMM in 1972.

India's first green hydrogen plant

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

With an annual production capacity of 140 metric tonnes of green hydrogen, the facility marks a key milestone in India's Net Zero journey. Deendayal Port becomes the first Indian port to operationalise a megawatt-scale green hydrogen plant.

The first-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival.

Organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), the first-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival called 'SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody' will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Artists from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand will perform at the musical evening.

Business/Economy

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

India's smartphone exports hit a record high in the first quarter of the financial year 2025-26, with shipments reaching 7.72 billion dollars, a 58 per cent increase from 4.9 billion dollars in the same period last year. According to reports, the tech giant Apple Inc. led the surge, exporting 6 billion dollars' worth of iPhones through its contract manufacturers, an 82 percent jump from the previous year.

This sharp growth can be attributed to the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, introduced in 2020, which has significantly boosted local manufacturing.

India is expected to emerge as a significant player in the global semiconductor market.

In an official statement released on 3rd August 2025, the central government highlighted that India's semiconductor market, valued at around USD 38 billion in 2023, is projected to grow to

USD 45-50 billion by 2024-2025 and further expand to USD 100-110 billion by the end of the decade. The global semiconductor market is expected to reach USD 1 trillion by 2030.

NAM India opens first branch in Leh.

Nippon Life India Asset Management (NAM India) — promoted by Japan's Nippon Life Insurance Company — became the only asset management company in the country to establish a physical presence in the high-altitude region of Leh, by opening a branch in Leh. This will deepen financial inclusion. This marks NAM India's 167th branch and its presence in 266 pin codes across the country.

Sports

Brazil holds Women's Copa America crown.

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

ninth continental title after a see-saw final in Quito ended 4-4.

Lando Norris wins the Hungarian Grand Prix

Lando Norris held off McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri in a close finish to win the Hungarian Grand Prix on August 3, 2025, and boost his title chances. It was the fourth one-two finish in a row for McLaren, with Norris winning three of those head-to-heads as the momentum swung back toward him ahead of the four-week midseason break.

India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls.

On the sidelines of the Telangana Sports Conclave, the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Government of Telangana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex.