

International

One Billion Followers Summit opens in Dubai with 'Content for Good' theme.

The fourth edition of the One Billion Followers Summit, the world's largest gathering for the content creator economy, opened in Dubai under the theme *Content for Good*.

Organised by the UAE Government Media Office, the three-day event is being held across key venues in the city. It brings together over 30,000 participants, including global creators and speakers, to discuss digital innovation, storytelling and positive social impact.

Nepal eases citizenship rules for children without father's identity.

Nepal has removed legal hurdles for children to obtain citizenship certificates in their mother's name when the father's identity is unknown.

The move follows the approval of the Nepal Citizenship (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2082, now published in the Nepal Gazette.

The amendment allows citizenship through the mother if the father is unidentified, deceased, absent, or not supportive, and also provides clarity on naturalised citizenship for eligible children of Nepali women.

India and EU hold high-level Talks on Free Trade Agreement.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal held high-level discussions with European Union Trade and Economic Security Commissioner Maros Sefcovic in Brussels to advance negotiations on the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.

The talks focused on key aspects of the proposed pact, reaffirming commitment to a rules-based trading system.

Both sides emphasized building a modern economic partnership that protects farmers and MSMEs while integrating Indian industries into global supply chains.

Important Days

World Hindi Day: 10th January.

World Hindi Day is being observed on 10th January to promote the use of Hindi across the world.

Celebrated annually on January 10, the day marks the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur in 2006.

The Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions abroad organise events to encourage Hindi in diplomacy and culture.

National

India and Fiji discuss strengthening cooperation in agriculture sector.

India and Fiji reviewed ongoing cooperation and explored new areas of collaboration in agriculture during a bilateral meeting in New Delhi. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met Fiji's Minister for Agriculture and Waterways Tomasi Tunabuna, highlighting agriculture and food security as key priorities.

Both sides agreed to set up a Joint Working Group and discussed cooperation in training, technology sharing, digital agriculture, research, and reducing food loss and waste.

Amit Shah chairs 9th NCORD meeting to review fight against drug menace.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 9th apex-level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) meeting in New Delhi to review India's collective efforts to combat drug trafficking.

The meeting saw participation from central ministries, state governments and law enforcement agencies. Discussions focused on dismantling drug cartels, tackling dark net challenges, preventing precursor misuse and adopting a whole-of-government approach.

The NCORD mechanism, established in 2016, operates through a four-tier coordination structure.

DRDO successfully tests long-duration Scramjet Engine for hypersonic missiles.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation has conducted a successful long-duration ground test of its Actively Cooled Scramjet Engine, marking a major milestone in hypersonic missile development.

The engine ran for over 12 minutes at DRDO's Hyderabad-based facility, demonstrating sustained supersonic combustion.

Developed by DRDL with industry support, the achievement strengthens India's hypersonic cruise missile programme.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates EV Vehicle factory in Lucknow.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said India's defence sector is steadily moving towards self-reliance.

Inaugurating an EV vehicle factory in Lucknow, he said government reforms and simplified rules have boosted investor confidence.

The Minister noted that defence production has risen from ₹46,000 crore to ₹1.5 lakh crore annually, while exports have increased from ₹1,000 crore to about ₹25,000 crore, with expectations to cross ₹50,000 crore by 2029–30.

Business and Economy

UN projects India's GDP growth at 7.4% in current fiscal year.

India is expected to grow by 7.4 per cent in the current financial year, driven by strong consumption and public investment, according to the UN's *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026* report.

The UNDESA projects growth of 6.6 per cent in 2026–27 and 6.8 per cent in 2027–28. The report cites tax reforms and monetary easing as key support factors, while noting global economic uncertainty amid trade tensions and fiscal pressures.

Sports

PV Sindhu enters Semifinals of Malaysia Open Super 1000.

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu has advanced to the semifinals of the Malaysia Open Super 1000 in Kuala Lumpur, where she will face China's Wang Zhi Yi.

Sindhu progressed after Japan's Akane Yamaguchi retired due to injury during the quarterfinal, following Sindhu's 21-11 win in the opening game.

Meanwhile, India's men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty exited the tournament after a straight-games loss to Indonesia's Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Fikri.

Sikkim plans to introduce Ice Hockey as winter sport.

Sikkim is planning to introduce ice hockey by developing a natural ice rink in Gnathang Valley of East Sikkim, expected to be operational by next winter.

The initiative, supported by the state Sports Department, Sikkim Mountaineering Association and the Ice Hockey Association of India, aims to develop Gnathang as a winter sports hub. Experts have found the region suitable due to favourable climate, terrain and infrastructure, promising new opportunities for youth sports and winter tourism.

Tamil Nadu tops medal tally on day Four of Khelo India Beach Games 2026.

Tamil Nadu topped the medal table on day four of the Khelo India Beach Games 2026 at Ghoghla Beach in Diu, winning two gold, two silver and three bronze medals.

Strong performances in pencak silat and beach volleyball powered their surge. Hosts Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu stood second, while Manipur and Chandigarh followed. Over 1,100 athletes are competing across eight sports at the Games.