

## International

### 78th Festival de Cannes winners

The 78th Cannes Film Festival has concluded in France, with Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi taking home the Palme d'Or for his political drama "It Was Just an Accident".

### Winners list

**Palme d'Or:** It Was Just an Accident'

Director: Jafar Panahi

**Grand Prix:** AFFEKSJONSVERDI (Sentimental Value) Director: Joachim Trier

**Best Director:** Kleber Mendonça Filho for O AGENTE SECRETO (The Secret Agent).

**Best Performance by an Actress:** Nadia Melliti in LA PETITE DERNIÈRE

**Best Performance by an Actor:** Wagner Moura in O AGENTE SECRETO (The Secret Agent)

**Special Award:** KUANG YE SHI DAI (Resurrection)

**Best Screenplay:** Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne for JEUNES MÈRES

### Social media platform X faces glitches due to data centre outage

Social media platform X services have remained down for the longest period ever, with users reporting glitches on the platform for the third day in a row. Elon Musk-led X started facing a glitch on May 22 due to data centre outage and remained down in several parts of the globe including in India on Saturday as well.

### World Thyroid Day observed on May 25

World Thyroid Day is being observed across the globe on May 25 to raise awareness about thyroid disorders, promote early diagnosis, and encourage proactive management of thyroid health.

The thyroid is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located at the base of the neck. Though small in size, its role is enormous. It produces hormones that regulate critical functions, including metabolism, heart rate, body temperature, energy levels, menstrual health, and mental well-being.

## National

### Agnikul Cosmos successfully test-fired India's first electric motor-driven semi-cryogenic rocket engine

Agnikul Cosmos, the Chennai-based private space startup, has achieved a significant milestone by successfully test-firing India's first electric motor-driven semi-cryogenic rocket engine, which will power its upcoming Agnibaan launch vehicle. The engine's most notable feature is its electric motor-driven throttling system, which enables precise control over thrust by varying the speed of the electric motor.

### UP Government Launches India's First Vistadome Jungle Safari Train

The Uttar Pradesh government and the Indian Railways has launched the country's first Vistadome coach train jungle safari, connecting Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary with Dudhwa National Park in the Terai belt in northern Uttar Pradesh. The initiative will provide wildlife lovers an immersive experience along with showcasing Uttar Pradesh's lush biodiversity.

The tourist train features specially designed coaches with panoramic glass windows and a transparent rooftop, offering travellers unobstructed views of the natural surroundings. The train will initially run only on weekends and will later be expanded to daily operations as interest among travellers grows.

### Tamil Nadu: India's first Mahouts Village inaugurated

For the first time in India, 44 houses have been built for the elephant's Mahouts, which is called Mahouts Village in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Theppakadu Elephant Camp, at a cost of Rs 5.6 crore. The Theppakadu Elephant Camp in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve was established during the British era. The British used it to capture wild elephants and transport trees in the area. Theppakadu Elephant Camp is the oldest elephant camp in Asia.

### Shirui Lily Festival Concludes Peacefully in Ukhrul

The five-day 5th State-Level Shirui Lily Festival has concluded peacefully, celebrating Manipur's rich cultural diversity, natural

heritage, arts, and musical talent. The festival, held in the picturesque Ukhrul headquarters, also marked the 75th anniversary of the discovery of the rare Shirui Lily (*Lilium mackliniae*), Manipur's state flower.

## **Business and Economy**

### **India Becomes World's 4th Largest Economy, Surpasses Japan: NITI Aayog**

India has surpassed Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy. NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam said, India is now poised to displace Germany from the third rank in the next 2.5 to 3 years. India is now a 'four trillion dollar' economy as per the IMF data. He said, it's only the United States, China, and Germany's economies which are larger than India.

The April edition of the World Economic Outlook (WEO) report by the IMF mentioned that the nominal GDP for fiscal year 2026 is estimated to touch nearly \$4,187.017 billion, slightly more than the GDP of Japan, projected at \$4,186.431 billion.

### **Centre approves 8.25% interest rate on EPF deposits for FY 2024-25**

The Centre has approved 8.25 percent interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for the financial year 2024-25. This will benefit over 7 crore salaried employees across India. This rate was recommended earlier this year by the Central Board of Trustees of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

### **RBI to have six-member payments regulatory board**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the formation of a six-member Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) to regulate and supervise payment systems in the country, as per a central bank notification.

Headed by the RBI Governor, the PRB will have three nominees from the central government, the RBI deputy governor in charge of payment systems and one RBI official nominated by the central board. The RBI Governor, Deputy Governor, and the nominated RBI officer will be ex-officio members of the board.

## **Sports**

### **Abhay and Anahat clinch a double at national squash doubles championships**

Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh were the standout players at the National doubles championships at the ISTA, Nehru Park. Top seed Abhay won the men's doubles in the company of Velavan Senthilkumar and later paired up with Anahat to bag the mixed doubles crown.

### **Malaysia Masters 2025: Kidambi Srikanth loses to Li Shi Feng in the final**

Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth ended as a runner-up finish at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament, going down in straight games to China's world No. 4 Li Shi Feng in the men's singles final. He lost the final in 11-21 9-21 in 36 minutes.