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International

NATO launches Arctic Military Exercise 'Cold Response'.

NATO has begun its biennial Arctic military exercise, Cold Response, aimed at strengthening operations in the polar region.

The drills involve around 25,000 troops from 14 countries, including the United States and Denmark.

The exercise focuses on improving military readiness and civilian support in harsh Arctic conditions and forms part of NATO's broader Arctic Sentry mission to enhance its presence in the region.

India sends 1,000 tonnes of rice to Malawi as humanitarian aid.

India has dispatched a humanitarian consignment of 1,000 metric tonnes of rice from Nhava Sheva Port to Malawi to support the country's food security following drought caused by the El Niño effect.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the assistance reflects India's continued commitment to supporting countries in the Global South and strengthening the spirit of South-South cooperation.

India-Uzbekistan launch Pharma Trade Corridor for CIS market.

India and Uzbekistan have launched a structured pharmaceutical and nutraceutical trade corridor to expand access to the CIS and wider Eurasian healthcare market, valued at \$7-10 billion. The initiative involves Uzbekistan's Health Ministry, Nutrifly and Pharma Eurasia.

It aims to promote regulatory cooperation, investment and market entry for global manufacturers, particularly from India, while strengthening partnerships and supply chains across Central Asia and Eurasia.

Important Days

CISF Raising Day: March 1. 0

CISF Raising Day is observed across India on March 10 to commemorate the establishment of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in 1969 under the CISF Act, 1968.

The day marks the 57th anniversary of the force and honours the dedication of CISF personnel in protecting critical infrastructure such as airports, metro networks, nuclear plants and government buildings.

The observance highlights the force's vital role in ensuring national security and safety.

National

Defence Ministry releases manual of security instructions 2026.

The Ministry of Defence has released the Manual of Security Instructions 2026 to strengthen security protocols within the Ministry.

The manual was unveiled by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi.

It provides detailed guidelines for officials and security personnel and will be updated periodically to address emerging threats. The Defence Secretary stressed strict adherence to security procedures to ensure a secure working environment.

Noida International Airport receives aerodrome licence.

Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu handed over the aerodrome licence issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to Noida International Airport at Jewar, Uttar Pradesh.

The move brings the greenfield airport closer to becoming operational.

The minister said the project will be one of Asia's largest airports and a major aviation hub with integrated MRO and cargo facilities, strengthening India's rapidly growing aviation sector.

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Rural Development Ministry launches logo design competition.

The Ministry of Rural Development has launched a logo design competition on the MyGov portal for the Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act 2025.

The initiative invites citizens to submit creative logo designs, with the selected entry becoming the official logo for publicity and promotional activities.

The last date for submissions is the 20th of this month, and the winner will receive a cash prize of ₹50,000.

Five cheetah cubs born at Kuno National Park.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the birth of five cubs to female cheetah Jwala at Kuno National Park.

With this, the number of Indian-born cheetah cubs has risen to 33, marking the 10th successful litter in India.

The total cheetah population in the country has now reached 53.

International Malaria Conference 2026 concludes in New Delhi.

The International Malaria Conference 2026, organized by ICMR–National Institute of Malaria Research, concluded in New Delhi after three days of scientific discussions.

Held under the theme “Discovery, Development and Delivery: Driving Malaria Elimination and Beyond,” the event brought together global scientists, policymakers and public health experts. The conference focused on innovations in malaria research, diagnostics, vaccines and strategies to accelerate malaria elimination efforts.

India–Seychelles joint military exercise ‘LAMITIYE-2026’ begins.

An Indian Armed Forces contingent has arrived in Seychelles to participate in the 11th edition of the joint military exercise

LAMITIYE-2026 with the Seychelles Defence Forces.

The exercise will be held at the Seychelles Defence Academy.

Meaning “Friendship” in Creole, the biennial exercise aims to enhance cooperation, interoperability and joint training in sub-conventional operations and peacekeeping missions between the two countries.

NHAI releases first National Highways Green Cover Index Report.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has released the first National Highways Green Cover Index (NH-GCI) 2025–26 report to assess plantations along highways.

Prepared with ISRO’s National Remote Sensing Centre, the report uses satellite data to measure green cover within the Right of Way of highways.

The first assessment covered about 30,000 km of highways across 24 states, aiming to monitor and improve environmental sustainability along India’s road network.

Business and Economy

PayU partners GoKwik to improve D2C checkout conversions.

Fintech company PayU has partnered with checkout optimization platform GoKwik to launch an integrated conversion-to-completion solution for direct-to-consumer (D2C) businesses.

The collaboration aims to reduce checkout drop-offs, improve payment success rates, and address conversion inefficiencies.

By combining GoKwik’s optimization tools with PayU’s payment infrastructure, the solution is expected to deliver smoother transactions and help D2C merchants enhance revenue growth.

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IRDAI approves Allianz Jio Reinsurance and Kiwi General Insurance.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved two new insurance entities Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited and Kiwi General Insurance Limited to start operations in the country.

The approval was granted during the regulator's 134th board meeting.

IRDAI also discussed regulatory changes following the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025, and approved drafting new regulations for stakeholder consultation.

Sports

Gary Kirsten appointed Sri Lanka men's cricket team head coach.

Sri Lanka Cricket has appointed former South African cricketer Gary Kirsten as the head coach of the national men's team, effective from April 15.

Kirsten previously coached India from 2008 to 2011, guiding the team to the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup title, and later coached South Africa.

The former international opener will serve a two-year term with Sri Lanka, running until April 2028.