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International

India placed at 45th rank on the Network Readiness Index 2025.

India has improved its position by four slots and is now placed at 45th rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2025 (NRI 2025) report. The report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 127 economies based on their performance in four pillars: Technology, People, Governance and Impact, covering a total of 53 indicators. The report has been prepared by the Portulans Institute, an independent, non-profit research and educational institute based in Washington DC. USA has topped the Network Readiness Index 2025.

India conferred with 'Country of the Year' at BIOFACH 2026.

India has been conferred the prestigious 'Country of the Year' honour at BIOFACH 2026, the world's leading trade fair for organic products, held in Nuremberg, Germany. This designation marks India's return to the centre stage of global organic farming after 14 years. BIOFACH will continue till the 13th of this month.

Organised by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India's participation will feature a 1,074 square-meter pavilion hosting 67 co-exhibitors, including exporters, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), and state government bodies.

The pavilion will showcase a wide range of organic products such as rice, oilseeds, herbs, spices, pulses, cashew, ginger, turmeric, large cardamom, cinnamon, mango puree, and essential oils, among others.

India, UNODA organise capacity building programme on UNSC Resolution 1540.

The Central government in partnership with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), is organizing the second edition of the annual Capacity Building Programme. The Ministry of External Affairs said that the event starts on the UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and Strategic Trade Controls for Asia-Pacific and African countries in Palasamudram, Andhra Pradesh till 13th of this month.

The Programme is being organized under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) framework.

23 Government experts from 9 countries are participating in the programme.

Aditya Pandya becomes India's youngest analog astronaut after Moon mission.

17-year-old Aditya Pandya has become India's youngest male analog astronaut after taking part in a lunar-habitat-inspired space mission in the white plains of Dholavira in Gujarat's Kutch region.

From February 1 to February 8, AAKA Space Studio, a space research and simulation organisation and a registered ISRO Space Tutor, conducted the analog mission to study how humans live and work in isolation under Moon-like conditions.

Aditya's role extended beyond that of a crew member. He also led the mission's hardware, Internet of Things (IoT), and habitat intelligence systems.

National

First BRICS Sherpa meeting begins in New Delhi under India's chairship.

The first meeting of BRICS Sherpas and Sous Sherpas under India's Chairship was held from 9-10 February 2026 in New Delhi. During the meeting, India presented the priorities for its Chairship in 2026 under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". India will chair BRICS for the fourth time this year, having previously held the Chairship in 2012, 2016 and 2021.

Indian Army installs & operationalizes 12-Lane Infantry Weapon Training Simulator at Myanmar Army Combat Forces School.

The Indian Army Mobile Training Team from the Simulator Development Division has installed and operationalised a 12-Lane Infantry Weapon Training Simulator at the Myanmar Army Combat Forces School, Bahtoo. Additional Directorate General of Public Information of Indian Army said that the comprehensive training was imparted to Myanmar Army personnel on system handling, scenario execution, and technical maintenance.

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Business and Economy

Amazon plans to launch AI content marketplace.

Amazon has signalled to publishing industry executives that it is planning to launch a marketplace where publishers can sell their content to firms offering artificial intelligence products. Amazon's potential move follows Microsoft's launch of its Publisher Content Marketplace, an AI licensing hub that shows publishers usage terms.

The global AI-powered content creation market is set to grow from \$3.51 billion in 2025 to \$8.28 billion by 2030, an 18.1% CAGR.

RBI approves R. Vijay Anandh's appointment as MD & CEO of City Union Bank.

City Union Bank Limited said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of R. Vijay Anandh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank. Anandh is currently serving as the Executive Director of the bank. The appointment will be subject to approval of the bank's shareholders.

Ministry of Steel signs MoUs for 85 projects with investments of over 11000 crore.

Ministry of Steel has signed MoUs for 85 projects with investments of more than 11 thousand crore rupees in New Delhi. The Ministry said that MoUs have been signed with 55 companies under the third round of Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 1.2. PLI 1.2 seeks to address the structural gap by incentivising domestic production, conserving foreign exchange, and positioning India as a reliable global supplier of advanced steel.

Gross NPAs of SCBs hit a historic low of 2.15% as of Sept. 2025: FinMin.

The gross non-performing assets (NPA) ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) for domestic operations, were at a historic low of 2.15% as of 2025 end (provisional data), which is lower than 2010-11 level, the Finance Ministry said.

Gross NPA has been continuously declining during the last eight financial years.

NRI's hold 0.6% of all NSE listed companies.

According to data from Prime Database, as of the third quarter of fiscal 2025-26, NRIs owned just 0.62% of the shares of NSE-listed companies. The largest share the cohort held in the over 2600 companies in the largest index in India was just 0.64% in the June quarter of fiscal 2025. The smallest share held by NRIs was 0.57% in December quarter of fiscal 2022.

The Union Budget 2026-27 has extended limits on Non-Resident Indian (NRI) shareholding in Indian companies.

Centre to sell up to 5% in BHEL at ₹254 a share via OFS.

The Union government will sell up to 5% stake in Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) via an offer for sale (OFS) beginning on February 11, 2026 at a floor price of ₹254 a share. The central government offers to disinvest 3% equity in the BHEL with an additional 2% as green shoe option,.

Deloitte to unveil fully India-developed AI platform.

Deloitte became the first amongst the Big Four to announce its fully-India developed global readiness for AI with GenW.AI, its next-generation open source, Java-based, low-code enterprise platform. It would help organisations rapidly build applications, dashboards, and AI agents and also help converge AI, Gen AI and agentic AI.

RBI proposes to allow UCBs to double share of unsecured assets to 20%.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released draft amendment lending norms, proposing to allow urban cooperative banks to double the share of unsecured assets to 20 per cent. As per the draft of the lending norms review for UCBs, the central bank is proposing to enhance individual loan limits and rationalise the definition of unsecured advances, enhance the individual loan limits of these loans and revise the aggregate ceiling for such advances.

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Citi India names Ankur Khurana as commercial banking head.

Citigroup has appointed Ankur Khurana as head of Citi Commercial Bank in India. Khurana brings over two decades of experience advising Indian firms across corporate and investment banking, including senior leadership roles at Standard Chartered and Credit Suisse.

ESAF SFB to apply for universal banking licence after 2 years, says MD.

Thrissur-based ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) will wait at least two years before applying for a universal banking licence as it pivots towards secured lending to improve asset quality and profitability following stress in its microfinance business, according to Paul Thomas, Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the bank.

TMB to shift 50% workforce into sales roles in 2 yrs amid tech automation.

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank will repurpose more than half its staff towards sales as it shifts focus from maintaining its long-standing customer relationships to increasing revenues. This will be done through the technology-led investments which lead to automation benefits in a lot of repeat jobs.

Sports

Asian Championship: Indian Shooters add two gold medals, gold tally touches 39.

In shooting, Indian shooters have added two more gold medals, taking the country's gold tally to 39 at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship in New Delhi.

Prachi Gaikwad has won the gold medal in the junior women's 50 metre rifle three-position final with a score of 353.3 points.

In the team event, the Indian trio of Prachi Gaikwad, Anushka Thokur, and Hazel delivered another gold in the junior women's 50 metre rifle three position category, posting a combined total of 1,748 points.

Aakriti Dahiya has won the silver medal in the women's 50-metre rifle three position event with a score of 354.2 points.

Pakistan reverses boycott, to play India in T20 World Cup.

Pakistan has withdrawn its decision to boycott and confirmed that it will play against India in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup match scheduled for February 15. The Pakistan government announced late last night that it would reverse its earlier decision and allow the team to take the field.