

International

India inaugurates Second Bailey Bridge to aid Sri Lanka's cyclone recovery.

India has inaugurated a second Bailey Bridge in cyclone-affected Sri Lanka, continuing its reconstruction efforts under Operation Sagar Bandhu.

Indian High Commissioner Santosh Jha said the inauguration marks the formal launch of India's 450 million US dollar assistance package for Sri Lanka's rebuilding.

India supplied 228 tonnes of Bailey bridge material to restore connectivity. The bridge is expected to enhance mobility, revive essential services, and support recovery in the up-country region.

Mufti Noor Ahmad Noor takes charge at the Afghanistan Embassy in India.

Senior Taliban member Mufti Noor Ahmad Noor has arrived in New Delhi to assume charge as the Charge d'Affaires at Afghanistan's Embassy. He earlier served as Director General in Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry and was part of Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi's delegation to India last year. The move reflects improving India-Afghanistan engagement, with India continuing humanitarian assistance and cooperation in trade, energy and regional connectivity.

Obituary

Olympian Hockey gold medallist Davinder Singh Garcha passes away.

Former Indian hockey player, Olympian and 1980 Moscow Olympics gold medallist Davinder Singh Garcha passed away today at the age of 74.

A former IPS officer, Garcha was a key member of the gold-winning Indian hockey team and scored eight goals in six Olympic matches.

He also represented India in several international matches and served as President of the Mohinder Singh Munshi Hockey Tournament.

National

X admits lapses in content moderation, assures compliance with Indian laws.

Social media platform X has acknowledged shortcomings in its content moderation practices and admitted gaps in enforcing standards. Government sources said the company has assured that it will operate in line with applicable laws and regulations. The issue arose after concerns over obscene and sexually explicit content, including AI-generated material via Grok. Following scrutiny, about 3,500 posts were blocked and over 600 accounts deleted, with X committing to prohibit obscene imagery in future.

PRAGATI completes 50 meetings, showcases Jabalpur-Gondia rail project success.

Prime Minister's flagship governance platform PRAGATI has marked its 50th meeting, highlighting a decade of real-time monitoring and cooperative federalism. Launched in 2015, PRAGATI has accelerated infrastructure delivery and grievance redressal through direct Prime Ministerial review.

A key success story is the 285-km Jabalpur-Gondia Gauge Conversion project, approved at ₹1,991 crore, which overcame forest and land challenges under PRAGATI oversight and was fully commissioned in March 2021, strengthening rail connectivity across Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

India's non-fossil energy capacity touches 266.78 GW in 2025.

Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi said India's clean energy sector recorded strong growth in 2025, with non-fossil fuel installed capacity reaching 266.78 gigawatt, a 22.6 per cent rise over 2024.

Over 49 gigawatt capacity was added during the year, led by solar power, which grew by 38.8 per cent, while wind energy also saw steady expansion.

The growth strengthens India's journey towards energy security and the 500-gigawatt target by 2030.

Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrates resilience and civilisational pride.

The Somnath Swabhiman Parv underway at Gujarat's Somnath Temple marks a thousand years since the first recorded attack on the shrine in 1026, celebrating resilience rather than destruction.

The observance highlights India's civilisational continuity and collective resolve, symbolised by repeated rebuilding of the temple over centuries. This year also marks 75 years since the temple's reopening in 1951.

Business and Economy

RBI grants final PA-CB licence to fintech firm Skydo.

Cross-border payments fintech Skydo has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a payment aggregator-cross-border (PA-CB). With the licence, the Bengaluru-based firm will expand its services and trade corridor coverage, focusing on inward cross-border payments for Indian exporters.

Skydo currently serves over 30,000 MSMEs and startups across 50 cities. The approval comes as the RBI has authorised 19 entities under the PA-CB framework to strengthen regulated cross-border payment systems.

Sports

Lovlina and Nikhat shine at National Boxing Championships 2026.

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and two-time world champion

Nikhat Zareen emerged champions at the National Boxing Championships 2026 in Noida. Lovlina clinched the women's 75kg title with a dominant 5-0 final victory, while Nikhat secured the 52kg crown with a similar win. World champions Minakshi Hooda and Pooja Rani also claimed titles, as Jadumani Singh won the men's 55kg category with an emphatic performance.

India's campaign ends at Malaysia Open Super 1000.

India's challenge at the Malaysia Open Super 1000 concluded today with the exit of PV Sindhu and the men's doubles pair.

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu lost the semifinal to China's Wang Zhi Yi 16-21, 15-21 in Kuala Lumpur. Sindhu had reached the semifinals after Japan's Akane Yamaguchi retired due to injury.

Earlier, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were eliminated in the quarterfinals by Indonesia's Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Fikri.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Trophy begins three-day tour of India.

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, along with former Brazilian footballer Gilberto D'silva, unveiled the FIFA World Cup 2026 trophy as it began a three-day tour of India. The trophy will be displayed in Delhi for two days before moving to Guwahati for a day. The tour aims to boost football enthusiasm ahead of the 2026 World Cup, to be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico, featuring 48 teams for the first time.