

International

US, China reach tentative deal to ease trade tensions.

US and China said that they have agreed in principle to a framework for de-escalating trade tensions between the world's two biggest economies.

The announcement came after two days of negotiations in London between top officials from Beijing and Washington. Chinese exports of rare earth minerals, which are crucial for modern technology, were high on the agenda of the meetings.

Israel launches first naval strike on Yemen's Hodeidah port.

The Israeli navy conducted its first direct naval attack on the Yemeni port city of Hodeidah, targeting docks that are a crucial entry point for humanitarian aid into the war-torn country.

The action represents a significant escalation, marking the first time Israeli naval forces have directly engaged Houthi-controlled targets in Yemen during the ongoing conflict.

India, UAE reaffirm anti-terror commitment in high-level meeting.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri met the Chairman of Defense Affairs, Interior and Foreign Affairs Committee, Federal National Council of UAE, Dr Ali Alnuaimi.

The Indian Embassy in the UAE highlighted that the two reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

They also discussed India-UAE Parliamentary cooperation.

Important Days

International Day for Dialogue Among Civilizations: 10th June.

The International Day for Dialogue Among Civilizations is observed on June 10 every year to promote mutual understanding, respect, and peaceful coexistence among diverse cultures and societies.

In 2025, the day reaffirms the importance of dialogue in countering intolerance, conflict, and extremism. It encourages global citizens to engage in meaningful conversations that bridge cultural divides and foster unity in diversity.

International Day of Play: 11th June.

The International Day of Play 2025, observed on June 11 with the theme "Choose Play – Every Day", celebrates the vital role of play in every child's development, well-being, and learning.

2025 Theme: "Choose Play – Every Day" encourages governments, schools, families, and communities worldwide to deliberately incorporate play into children's everyday lives.

Science and Technology

Axiom-4 launch carrying Indian astronaut delayed.

The Axiom 4 mission carrying Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and three others has been postponed for the second time.

Shubhanshu Shukla and the astronauts from the US, Poland and Hungary will spend two weeks at the international space station performing about 60 experiments, scientific studies and outreach programs. This is the first time that India, Poland and Hungary are sending their astronauts to the International Space Station.

National

India's population reaches 146.39 crore: UN report.

According to the latest United Nations report titled "State of the World Population 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis", India's population has reached an estimated 146.39 crore as of April 2025, officially making it the most populous country in the world. The report highlights a significant demographic shift, noting that India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has dropped to 1.9, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.

The report further projects that India's population will continue to grow, peaking at around 170 crores in the next 40 years, after which it is expected to begin declining. In contrast, China's current population stands at 141.61 crore, indicating India's clear lead in terms of population size.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar holds bilateral talks with global election chiefs at IDEA conference in Sweden.

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar held bilateral meetings with Heads of Election Management Bodies on the sidelines of his visit to the International IDEA conference in Stockholm, Sweden. These engagements aim to strengthen India's longstanding partnerships in election management and democratic cooperation.

Delhi Cabinet approves ordinance to regulate fees charged by schools .

The Delhi Government has approved the Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Ordinance, 2025, to regulate arbitrary fee hikes by private schools in the national capital.

It will give major relief to lakhs of students studying in private schools and their parents in the city.

Business and Economy

Indian markets add \$1 trillion since March.

India's listed companies have added nearly \$1 trillion in market capitalization since early March 2025, driven by a sustained rally following a five-month correction between October 2024 and February 2025.

India is currently the fifth largest market globally, after the US, China, Japan and Hong Kong.

India's benchmark indices, the Sensex and Nifty, have advanced by 12.5 per cent and 13.5 per cent during this period, while the broader BSE MidCap and SmallCap indices have climbed by over 20.7 per cent and 26 per cent.

Sports

Priyanka Goswami wins Gold at Austrian Racewalking Championships.

Indian racewalkers delivered a commendable performance at the Austrian Racewalking Championships in Innsbruck, with Priyanka Goswami winning gold in the women's 10km race with a time of 47:54. This was her first win of the season.

In the men's 35km event, Sandeep Kumar secured silver with a time of 2:38:45, and Ram Baboo took bronze with 2:41:47. Jaromír Morávek of the Czech Republic won gold 2:34:41, and Jerome Caprice from Mauritius finished fourth 3:14:05.

Nicholas Pooran retires from international cricket.

Nicholas Pooran, the dynamic left-handed batter from the West Indies, has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 29.

A white-ball specialist, Pooran became West Indies' most capped T20I player, featuring in 106 matches and scoring 2,275 runs at a strike rate of 136.39 making him their all-time leading T20I run-scorer.

In ODIs, he played 61 games, amassing 1,983 runs at an average of 39.66. Despite his success in limited-overs formats, he never played a Test match for the West Indies.