

International

72nd Miss World Pageant Begins at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad

The 72nd edition of the Miss World pageant began at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad, with a vibrant showcase of Telangana's cultural heritage.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy declared the event open after it started with the State anthem in the presence of Chairperson and CEO of the Miss World Organisation Julia Morley and reigning Miss World Krystyna Pyszková.

The Miss World finale is scheduled to take place on May 31 in Hyderabad.

European Leaders Push for 30-Day Ceasefire Between Russia and Ukraine

The leaders of Britain, France, Germany and Poland met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for peace talks in Kyiv in a show of unity a day after Russia's Vladimir Putin hosted his allies at a Victory Day parade in Red Square.

French President Emmanuel Macron, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer are calling on Russia to accept an unconditional ceasefire in Ukraine to create space for talks.

US-China Talks Begin in Geneva

The United States and China are holding high-level talks at Geneva in Switzerland in a possible thaw in the trade war sparked by massive tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump.

The US has placed a minimum 145 per cent tariff on most Chinese imports, and China has responded with a 125 per cent tariff on most US imports.

President Trump floated the possibility of slashing tariffs on Chinese goods to 80 per cent while demanding China open up its market to the USA.

Afghanistan Rejects Pakistan's Claim About Indian Missile Strikes

Afghanistan has strongly rejected Pakistan's allegations of missile strikes by India on Afghan territory.

Earlier, Pakistani military officials claimed that Afghan territory was also targeted in India's missile attacks on Pakistan.

The Afghan Ministry of Defence spokesperson, Inayatullah Khawarizmi, has said that there is no truth to such claims.

Important Days

National Technology Day: 11th May

On May 11, 2025, India observed National Technology Day, marking the anniversary of the 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests and celebrating the country's advancing capabilities in science and technology. This year's theme, 'Empowering a sustainable tomorrow through innovation,' highlights the importance of developing eco-friendly, indigenous, and innovative technologies to drive sustainable growth in the future.

Mother's Day 2025: 11th May

Mother's Day is a special occasion dedicated to honoring the unconditional love, strength, and commitment of mothers and maternal figures across the globe.

Mother's Day 2025 was celebrated on Sunday, May 11, as it traditionally falls on the second Sunday of May each year.

National

India and Pakistan Agree on Immediate Ceasefire

India and Pakistan announced a ceasefire, agreeing to stop firing and military action with immediate effect.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri made this announcement in New Delhi. He said Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations initiated the call for a ceasefire, after which discussions took place, and an understanding was reached.

RIMES Ministerial Meet Adopts Declaration on Disaster Preparedness

Ministerial Conference of the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) has unanimously adopted the Ministerial Declaration, reinforcing regional cooperation in disaster preparedness.

India participated as co-chair at the 4th Ministerial Conference held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

RIMES is an intergovernmental body that provides early warning services, disaster risk reduction strategies, and capacity building to its Member States.

SRS 2021: India Reports Decline in Maternal, Infant, and Child Mortality

India has witnessed a steady downward trend in maternal and child mortality towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2030 targets. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2021, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), maternal mortality ratio dropped significantly from 130 to 93 per lakh live births.

The report mentioned that infant mortality rate also declined from 39 per 1000 live births in 2014 to 27 per 1000 live births in 2021, while neonatal mortality rate decreased from 26 per thousand live births in 2014 to 19 per thousand live births in 2021.

Under-five mortality rate (U5MR) declined from 45 per thousand live births in 2014 to 31 per thousand live births in 2021. The sex ratio at birth improved from 899 in 2014 to 913 in 2021.

Total fertility rate was consistent at 2.0 in 2021, which was a significant improvement from 2.3 in 2014.

Business and Economy

GAIL Signs an MoU with Karnataka to Develop up to 1 GW Renewable Energy

GAIL (India) Ltd. has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Government of Karnataka to develop up to 1 gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy capacity in the state, with an estimated investment of ₹5,000 crore.

Under this partnership, GAIL plans to implement a diversified portfolio of renewable energy projects, including ground-mounted, rooftop, and floating solar installations, wind energy projects, and integrated energy storage systems. The initiative aligns with GAIL's target to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2035.

Sports

4 Indians Advance to Round Two of Squash World Championships in Chicago

In squash, four Indian players have advanced to the second round of the World Championships in Chicago, the United States. Ramit Tandon, Anahat Singh, Abhay Singh, and Veer Chotrani all secured impressive victories against their respective opponents in the opening round.

Ramit Tandon clinched a 3-1 win against Japan's Ryunosuke Tsukue. Anahat Singh edged past Marina Stefanoni of the USA with a hard-fought 3-2 victory. Abhay Singh defeated Switzerland's Nicolas Mueller 3-1, while Veer Chotrani registered a 3-1 triumph over England's Declan James.

Maharashtra Tops Khelo India Medal Tally

In Khelo India Youth Games, the excellent performance of Maharashtra's players added more medals to the tally. With 73 medals, including 27 gold and 22 silver, in its kitty, the Maharashtra team has held the top position in the medal tally.

Karnataka is second in the table with 39 medals, including 14 gold, while Rajasthan is in third place with 23 medals.

In the weightlifting 49-kilogram class, Harshvardhan Sahu of Odisha set the new record of the Khelo India Youth Games with gold in the clean and jerk category, lifting 115 kilograms. He surpassed the previous record of 114 kilograms, set by Babulal Hembrom of Jharkhand.

Archery: India Bags Gold in Men's Compound Team Event at World Cup

In Archery World Cup stage 2, India won three medals in Shanghai. The men's compound team of Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale, and Rishabh Yadav won gold, defeating the Mexico team 232-228 in the final. In the women's compound event, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Madhura Dhamangaonkar, and Chikitha Taniparthi took silver as they lost to Mexico in the final.

India also won bronze in the mixed team event. Verma and Dhamangaonkar teamed up to defeat Malaysia in the third-place match.