

International

Australia to recognize Palestinian state.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced that Australia will formally recognise the State of Palestine at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September, marking a significant shift in the nation's foreign policy. This decision aligns Australia with countries like France, Britain, and Canada, which have also signalled their intent to recognise Palestinian statehood, aiming to bolster international momentum toward a two-state solution in the Middle East.

Numbeo Safety Index mid-2025 rankings: India was positioned 67th among the world's safest countries.

India was positioned 67th among the world's safest countries in the latest Numbeo Safety Index mid-2025 rankings, achieving an index score of 55.8. In city-wise safety rankings, Mangalore has been ranked as the safest city in India, praised for its low crime rates and strong civic infrastructure, globally ranking #49 with a safety index score of 74.2.

The capital city, New Delhi, along with Noida and Ghaziabad, has been ranked among the most unsafe Indian cities.

Leading the list is Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with a safety index score of 88.8 mid-year, holding the top spot as the safest city globally for the ninth consecutive year, while the UAE ranks second at the country level.

Guwahati Airport wins International Architectural Award 2025.

Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport has earned global acclaim by winning the International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport category. This recognition places it among the seven worldwide airports honoured for architectural excellence and thoughtful urban planning. The prestigious award is presented annually by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, in collaboration with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, and Metropolitan Arts Press, Ltd.

National

Cybercrimes in India jump up 4 times; Maharashtra, UP top victims.

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of cybercrime cases rose from 4.5 lakh in 2021 to over 22 lakhs in 2024, a jump of over 401 per cent. Cybercrimes like digital arrest, sextortion, online fraud, and cyberattacks have jumped fourfold over the last four years. Over 12 lakh cybercrimes have already been reported in India up to June 30 this year. In 2025, Maharashtra is the worst-affected state with 1.6 lakh cases of cybercrimes, followed by Uttar Pradesh (1.4 lakh) and Karnataka (1 lakh).

Gujarat, Odisha, and Karnataka have witnessed the highest rate of increase in cybercrime over the last four years—824 per cent, 783 per cent, and 763 per cent, respectively.

SC issues strong directions to control menace of dog bites & rabies in Delhi.

The Supreme Court has issued strong directions to control the menace of dog bites and rabies in the National Capital Territory of Delhi to immediately catch and sterilise stray dogs and relocate them permanently to shelters. The Court warned that any person or group obstructing this drive will face legal action. Authorities are also allowed to use force if necessary. The Court said stray dogs must not be released into public areas once picked up. These directions came in a suo motu case, based on reports of stray dog attacks on children.

Nation's first animal stem cell biobank inaugurated at NIAB, Hyderabad

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the nation's first 'Animal Stem Cell Biobank', a state-of-the-art facility that will store and preserve high-quality stem cells from various animal species, at the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), a premier institute under the Department of Biotechnology's Biotechnology Research Innovation Council (BRIC), in Hyderabad city.

PM Modi inaugurates 184 newly constructed Type-VII multi-storey flats for MPs in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 184 newly constructed type-seven multi-storey flats for Members of Parliament at Baba Kharak Singh Marg in New Delhi.

He said, around 350 new MP houses have been built so far since 2014. Dedicated areas for offices, staff accommodation, and a community centre have been included to support Members of Parliament in fulfilling their responsibilities as public representatives.

Parliament passes merchant shipping Bill 2024.

The Parliament has passed the Merchant Shipping Bill 2024 with the Rajya Sabha approving it. This Bill will replace the Merchant Shipping Act 1958. The Bill amends the law relating to merchant shipping to ensure compliance with country's obligation under the maritime treaties and international instruments to which India is a party. It will also ensure the development of Indian shipping and efficient maintenance of Indian mercantile marine in a manner best suited to serve the national interest.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan transfers ₹3,900 cr to farmers under PMFBY.

An amount of 3,900 crore rupees was transferred through DBT to more than 35 lakh farmers of the country as claim payment under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. In this, an amount of 1,400 crore rupees was transferred to 9 lakh 70 thousand farmers of Rajasthan.

He said that from 2016 till now, the farmers of the country have received an amount of more than 2 lakh 12 thousand crore rupees in the form of crop insurance claim.

India's Asiatic lion population jumps 32% in five years.

As per the 16th Lion Population Estimation report, India's Asiatic lion population has grown from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025, a 32.2% increase. Asiatic lions are exclusively found in Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat.

This conservation success is tempered by concerns, as most lions now live near human settlements, altering their natural hunting instincts and increasing reliance on livestock or human-provided food.

BSNL teams up with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to launch industry-led digital skilling.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) signed MoUs with four global technology leaders: Ericsson India Pvt. Ltd., Qualcomm Technologies Inc., Cisco Systems, and Nokia Solutions and Networks India Pvt. Ltd, aimed at accelerating India's digital transformation and strengthening the skilling ecosystem.

These partnerships will roll out advance training initiatives in 5G, AI/ML, networking, and digital technologies at BSNL's apex training institute, Bharat Ratna Bhim Rao Ambedkar Institute of Telecom Training (BRBRAITT) in Jabalpur.

Business and Economy

India becomes world's third-largest automobile market: Nitin Gadkari

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that India has emerged as the third-largest automobile industry in the world. Addressing the Green Revolution -2025 on World Biofuels Day in New Delhi, Mr Gadkari said, presently the size of the US automobile industry is 78 lakh crore rupees, followed by China 49 lakh crore and India by 22 lakh crore rupees. He said, the automobile industry has created four crore 50 lakh jobs till now.

India's Fish exports doubled in a decade to ₹60,000 Crore: Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh.

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that India's fish exports have grown significantly over the past ten years, doubled from 30 thousand crore to 60 thousand crore rupees. Mr Singh said that his ministry is preparing plans for the sixteenth finance commission cycle, the ministry invited exporters and state representatives, especially from states with high export potential to share their views.

Bank of Baroda launches global UPI features on bob ₹ Pay app.

Bank of Baroda has upgraded its UPI app, bob ₹ Pay, introducing international services to enable easy cross-border digital payments for Indian and NRI customers. The new features include UPI Global Acceptance, Foreign Inward Remittances, and UPI services tailored for NRIs. Under UPI Global Acceptance, customers can use the bob ₹ Pay app to pay international merchants via QR code from their Indian bank accounts. This service is available in eight countries: Mauritius, Singapore, UAE, USA, France, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan. bob ₹ Pay, a Bank of Baroda indigenous UPI app, has quickly gained 1.3 million registered users.

Sebi plans single window gateway for low risk foreign investors.

SEBI has proposed introducing a single window access for low-risk foreign investors seeking to participate in the Indian securities market, a move aimed at simplifying compliance and enhancing the country's attractiveness as an investment destination. The new framework -- Single Window Automatic and Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors (SWAGAT-FI), if implemented, would provide easier investment access to low risk foreign investors, enable a unified registration process across multiple investment routes and reduce repeated compliance and documentation for such entities.

Mutual Fund equity inflows soar to record ₹42,702 crore in July.

According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), Mutual fund equity inflows touched record high of 42,702 crore rupees in July this year, rising sharply from 23,587 crore in June. The surge was led by new fund offerings (NFOs), which mobilised 30,416 crore rupees during the month.

Meanwhile, the total net assets under management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry hit an all-time high of 75.35 lakh crore rupees as compared 74.41 lakh crore rupees in June. Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions also touched an all-time high of 28,464 crore rupees.

Sports

Indian Open 2025 World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze Meet: Annu Rani wins gold in women's javelin throw.

In Athletics, Olympian Annu Rani has won the women's javelin throw title at the Indian Open 2025 World Athletics Bronze Level Continental Tour at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She recorded a best throw of 62.01 meters. In the men's javelin throw, India's Shivam Lohakare has secured the silver medal with a throw of 80.73 meters.

U19 Asian Boxing Championships, Bangkok: Nisha & Muskan wins gold medals.

Young Indian women boxers Nisha and Muskan showcased their impressive skills by winning gold medals, while five others bagged silver in the U19 Asian Boxing Championships in Bangkok. Out of the 10 female boxers in the fray, nine will return with medals including two gold, five silver, and two bronze.

In the 54kg category, Nisha impressed with a 4:1 win over China's Sirui Yang, while in the 57kg category Muskan edged out Kazakhstan's Ayazhan Ermek in a close 3:2 match.