

## International

### India, Sri Lanka inaugurate 90 new houses in Anuradhapura.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya and Indian High Commissioner Santosh Jha have jointly inaugurated 90 newly built houses in Elapathgama village, Anuradhapura.

The houses were built under the India-assisted Sri Shobhita Nahimigama Project.

Supported by over 450 million Sri Lankan rupees from India, it involves the construction of 115 houses and essential facilities, transforming Elapathgama into Sri Shobhita Nahimigama.

### New Caledonia to become new State within French republic.

France has announced a historic deal with New Caledonia in which the South Pacific overseas territory will be declared a new state.

The deal also calls for an economic and financial recovery pact that would include a renewal of the territory's nickel processing capabilities.

France colonized the Pacific archipelago in the 1850s, and it became an overseas territory after World War II, with French citizenship granted to all Kanaks in 1957. The last independence referendum in New Caledonia was held in 2021.

### U.S. President Trump imposes 30% tariff on EU and Mexico imports.

U.S. President Donald Trump imposed a 30 per cent tariff on imports from Mexico and the European Union, starting on August 1.

The announcement came after weeks of negotiations with key trading allies failed to produce a more comprehensive trade deal.

### Taiwan deploys US supplied HIMARS during military exercise Han Kuang.

Taiwan has begun deploying U.S.-supplied High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) during its 10-day Han Kuang military exercise, aimed at bolstering defences against China.

China, which claims Taiwan as its own, condemned the drills as a bluffing and self-deceiving trick and reiterated firm opposition to U.S.-Taiwan military cooperation.

## National

### Youth Affairs & Sports Ministry opens nominations for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2024 .

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the opening of nominations for the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (TNNAA) 2024.

This award recognizes outstanding achievements in adventure, aiming to foster endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork, and quick reflexes among youth in challenging situations.

It also encourages young individuals to engage in adventure activities across land, sea, and air.

Presented annually alongside the Arjuna Awards, the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award honours excellence in four categories: Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure, and Lifetime Achievement for adventure activities across these domains.

### WHO recognises India's pioneering efforts in integrating AI with traditional medicine.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized India's pioneering efforts in integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) with traditional medicine, particularly Ayush systems.

In its first-ever technical brief titled "Mapping the Application of Artificial Intelligence in Traditional Medicine", WHO document highlights India's advancements in applying AI to Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Sowa Rigpa, and Homoeopathy.

The Ayurgenomics initiative, a fusion of Ayurvedic principles and genomics, uses AI to identify disease markers and tailor health recommendations.

### All-India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi to Host 3-day national seminar 'Shalyacon 2025'.

The All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, is organising Shalyacon 2025, a three-day national seminar starting today, in celebration of the auspicious 'Sushruta Jayanti'. Celebrated annually on 15th July, Sushruta Jayanti commemorates the legendary

Acharya Sushruta, revered as the Father of Surgery.

With a theme focused on Innovation, Integration, and Inspiration, Shalyacon 2025 is poised to be a dynamic confluence of tradition and technology.

### **AAIB preliminary report reveals, fuel to both engines were cut off leading to last month's Ahmedabad plane crash.**

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) released its preliminary report of the investigation into the fatal Air India plane crash.

The AAIB in its report said that, within seconds of lift off, both engine fuel control switches of the aircraft transitioned from 'RUN' to 'CUTOFF' position one after another with a time gap of 1 second and turned off, resulting in a devastating air tragedy.

### **India to host first-ever International Conference on Manuscript Heritage.**

India is set to host its first-ever International Conference on Manuscript Heritage, titled "Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage", from September 11 to 13, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Key outcomes include the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration on Manuscript Heritage, the creation of dedicated working groups for conservation, digitization, translation, and archiving, and the launch of a Manuscript Research Partner Programme aimed at engaging youth and scholars in preserving India's rich manuscript legacy.

### **Business and Economy**

### **Net direct tax collections dip by 1.3% due to higher refunds.**

India's net direct tax collections witnessed a 1.3% decline in the current fiscal year,

primarily due to a significant increase in tax refunds issued by the government. According to data released by the Income Tax Department, although gross collections saw a modest rise, the higher volume of refunds has led to a slight dip in net collections.

### **Sports**

### **Iga Swiatek wins maiden Wimbledon title.**

In Tennis, world No.4 Iga Swiatek was crowned Wimbledon champion tonight after a stunning 6-0, 6-0 victory over 13th seed Amanda Anisimova on Centre Court in London. The match lasted just 57 minutes, marking a historic milestone as the first women's final in the Open Era to be won without the champion dropping a single game.

The triumph secures Swiatek's maiden Wimbledon title and her sixth Grand Slam overall. It also marks her 100th match win at a Grand Slam, and makes her the first Polish player to win a Wimbledon singles title.

### **Jasprit Bumrah surpasses Kapil Dev for most five-wicket hauls in away tests.**

Star Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah has etched his name in cricketing history by surpassing legendary all-rounder Kapil Dev for the most five-wicket hauls in away Tests by an Indian fast bowler.

He also achieved securing his name on the iconic Lord's Honours Board, a coveted recognition in world cricket, by taking a brilliant five-wicket haul against England at the historic Lord's Cricket Ground.