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International

Sushila Karki sworn in as Nepal's first woman Prime Minister.

Former Chief Justice of Nepal Sushila Karki took oath as the Prime Minister of the interim government of Nepal, becoming the first woman to lead the country.

President Ramchandra Paudel has administered the oath of office to Ms Karki at the Presidential Palace in a ceremony in Kathmandu. Ms Karki is also the country's first female Chief Justice and was widely praised for her integrity. Her appointment aligns with the demands of protesting Gen-Z demonstrators who have been calling for the immediate dissolution of Parliament and an interim government free from existing corrupt political leaders.

Albania appoints world's first AI-generated minister to fight corruption.

European nation Albania has appointed the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated government minister with a goal to make the nation corruption free.

The digital assistant is named 'Diella', meaning 'Sun', and has been asking people how to navigate government services online since January. Prime Minister Edi Rama said that Diella has been given responsibility of taking all decisions related to the public tenders, making them 100 per cent corruption-free.

Brazil's ex-President Jair Bolsonaro sentenced to 27 years for coup plot.

Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro has been sentenced to more than 27 years in prison for plotting a military coup and seeking to destroy the country's democracy. Brazil's Supreme Court ruled that Bolsonaro, a former paratrooper who was elected President in 2018, is guilty of seeking to forcibly cling to power after losing the 2022 election.

Japan's centenarian population hits record 99,763.

Japan's centenarian population hit a new record of over 99,000. Data released by the government showed persons aged 100 or above rose for the 55th straight year to a record 99,763, an increase of 4,644 from the previous year.

Women accounted for about 88 per cent of those aged 100 or older, at 87,784, while the number of male centenarians stood at 11,979. The average life expectancy of Japanese people was 87.13 for women and 81.09 for men in 2024.

India votes in favour of UN resolution backing two-state solution for Palestine.

India has voted in favour of a resolution in the UN General Assembly that endorses the 'New York Declaration' on the peaceful settlement of the Palestine issue and implementation of the two-state solution. The resolution, introduced by France, was adopted with an overwhelming 142 nations voting in favour, 10 against and 12 abstentions. Those voting against included Argentina, Hungary, Israel and the United States. India was among the 142 nations that voted in favour of the resolution titled 'Endorsement of the New York Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution'.

Indian coast guard reaffirms commitment to global maritime safety and security.

Indian Coast Guard, ICG has reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening global maritime governance and positioning itself as a key partner in shaping the agenda for safer, cleaner, and more secure seas. India participated in the two-day Coast Guard Global Summit in Rome which got underway.

ICG also announced its intent to bid for the Presidency of the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit, planned to be hosted in India in 2027.

14th International Government Communication Forum opens in Sharjah.

The 14th International Government Communication Forum (IGCF 2025) opened in Sharjah under the patronage of Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, bringing together 237 speakers from around the world across more than 110 sessions. Organised by the Sharjah Government Media Bureau at Expo Centre Sharjah, the three-day event is themed "Communication for Quality of Life" and addresses priorities including food security,

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public health, education, environmental sustainability, and the green economy.

SAJEX 2025: Saudi Arabia hosts first-ever B2B Jewellery Expo in Jeddah.

The Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition (SAJEX) 2025, the first international business-to-business jewellery exhibition of its kind in the Kingdom, is underway at the Jeddah Superdome following its inauguration. Organised by the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), in collaboration with the Consulate General of India in Jeddah and the Embassy of India in Riyadh, and supported by Invest Saudi and the Chambers of Commerce of Jeddah and Makkah, the three-day exposition features more than 200 exhibitors from India and around the world.

National

Mizoram to get first railway link after PM Modi inaugurates Bairabi-Sairang link.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth over 9 thousand crore rupees at Aizawl in Mizoram. These projects will cater to multiple sectors, including Railways, Roadways, Energy, and Sports, among others. He will inaugurate the Bairabi-Sairang New Railway line, which has been constructed at a cost of over 8 thousand crore rupees. The Rail line, built in a challenging hilly area, has 45 tunnels constructed under complex geological conditions. Additionally, it also includes 55 major bridges and 88 minor bridges. Aizawl will now be directly connected with Delhi through a Rajdhani Express. The Sairang-Guwahati Express will facilitate movement between Mizoram and Assam. Sairang-Kolkata Express will directly connect Mizoram to Kolkata.

PM Modi launches Gyan Bharatam portal.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, Gyan Bharatam Mission is set to become the voice of India's culture, literature and consciousness. Addressing the gathering at the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam in New Delhi, Mr Modi said, India has the world's largest

collection of about one crore manuscripts. The Prime Minister also launched the Gyan Bharatam Portal, a dedicated digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access, and address the gathering on the occasion.

Indian Navy commissions INS Aravali in Gurugram.

Indian Navy has commissioned INS Aravali at commissioning ceremony in Gurugram in the presence of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi. The new base would not only be a hub of technology but also of collaboration which will link platforms and partners across the oceans. INS Aravali will provide the foundation for a robust administrative and logistical support and commensurate with the increasing scale and sophistication of facilities.

AI-based mental health program 'Never Alone' launched at AIIMS Delhi.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has launched an AI-based mental health and wellness program called "Never Alone" to tackle student suicides and improve mental health awareness. The program, launched on World Suicide Prevention Day, offers 24/7 virtual and offline consultations with mental health experts through a web-based app accessible via WhatsApp.

The app provides personalised and secure mental health screening for just 70 paise per student per day for institutions with 5 thousand students.

As per the data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), in 2022, over 1.7 lakh people died by suicide in India, with young adults aged 18-30 years accounting for 35 per cent of all suicides.

C. P. Radhakrishnan takes oath as 15th Vice President of India.

President Droupadi Murmu has administered the oath of Office of Vice President of India to C. P. Radhakrishnan at a Swearing-in-Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Mr Radhakrishnan emerged victorious in the Vice Presidential elections held on the 9th of this month. NDA nominee Radhakrishnan bagged

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452 votes, defeating the I.N.D.I.A. bloc candidate and former Supreme Court Judge B Sudershan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes.

Centre to conduct two key economic surveys on household finances.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is all set to conduct two key economic surveys — to measure household finances and to gauge the economic situation of India's farmers — between July 2026 and June 2027.

These are the All-India Debt and Investment Survey (AIDIS) and the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households.

The All-India Debt and Investment Survey provides “critical” data on household indebtedness and asset ownership across both rural and urban areas.

India International Tea Conference to be held in Kochi from September 18-20.

The United Planers Association of Southern India and the Tea Board India will organise the eighth edition of India International Tea Convention in Kochi from September 18 to 20. The theme this year will be “Innovating the Tea Ecosystem for Tomorrow”.

AIIMS becomes first govt medical college in India to train on da Vinci robotic system.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi has inaugurated the advanced da Vinci Surgical Robot at its Skills, E-Learning and Telemedicine (SET) Facility, marking a significant milestone in robotic surgery training in India. This is the first installation of the da Vinci system for training at a government medical college in the country. The new robotic platform, provided by Intuitive Surgical under a memorandum of understanding, makes AIIMS Delhi the only institution in India with two robotic systems dedicated solely to training. The facility already houses a Hugo robotic trainer by Medtronic, offering comprehensive, hands-on robotic surgery training for students, residents, nurses, and faculty.

Business and Economy

Retail inflation inches up to 2.07% in August.

India's retail inflation inched up to 2.07 per cent in August, marking an increase of 46 basis point as compared to the upwardly revised figure of 1.61 percent in July. However, the inflation rate is well within the RBI's target rate of 4 per cent. Inflation in rural areas increased to 1.69 per cent and at 2.47 percent in urban regions.

NPCI announces new UPI P2M transaction limit.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced a major revision of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) limit for Person-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions, which will come into effect from 15th of September. The new UPI rules are designed to make high-value digital payments easier and more secure for Indian users. After this change users can now make UPI merchant transactions of up to 10 lakh rupees in a single day for selected verified categories.

However, the UPI limit for Person-to-Person (P2P) transfers remains unchanged at 1 lakh rupees per day.

Infosys approves share buyback worth \$2 billion.

India's top IT services provider Infosys has approved a share buyback worth 180 billion rupees (\$2.04 billion), its largest ever, the company said.

It has set a buyback price of ₹1,800 per share, and said the repurchase would be conducted via the tender offer route.

FSIB selects Ravi Ranjan for SBI MD position.

FSIB, the head-hunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, has recommended Ravi Ranjan for the position of managing director of State Bank of India (SBI). Mr. Ranjan, currently Deputy Managing Director, would replace Managing Director Vinay M Tonse, who would complete his term on November 30, 2025.

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Sports

20th World Athletics Championships kicks off in Tokyo.

The 20th World Athletics Championships is set to begin in Tokyo, Japan, today. The championship will continue till the 18th of this month. The Indian contingent, comprising 14 men and five women, will compete for medals across 15 events, with long-distance runner Gulveer Singh, along with Asian Championships silver medallist Pooja, to be in action in two events each.

World Boxing Championships: Jaismine Lamboria, Nupur Sheoran storm into finals.

In Boxing, India's Jaismine Lamboria and Nupur Sheoran have cruised into the women's finals in their respective weight categories at

the ongoing World Championships in Liverpool, United Kingdom. Jaismine defeated Venezuela's Omailyn Alcala 5-0 in the 57kg semifinal. In the 80+kg category, Nupur Sheoran defeated Turkey's Duztas Seyma, winning 5-0 to enter the finals.

FIDE Grand Swiss: Divya Deshmukh holds world champion Gukesh to 103-move draw.

In Chess, star Indian Grandmaster and World champion Gukesh Dommaraju was held to a draw by his compatriot Divya Deshmukh in round 8 of the FIDE Grand Swiss in Samarkand. Playing Black, Divya defended solidly against Gukesh's Rossolimo attack and never allowed him an edge. After a six-hour marathon game that involved 103 moves, the two teenagers split the points.