

International

Exercise Talisman Sabre, military exercise drawing together 19 nations begins in Australia.

The largest-ever war fighting drills in Australia, Exercise Talisman Sabre, is underway. This year, more than 35,000 military personnel from 19 nations, including Canada, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, and the United Kingdom, will take part over three weeks. Talisman Sabre began in 2005 as a biennial joint exercise between the United States and Australia.

Cameroon's President Biya seeks eighth term.

Cameroon's 92-year-old President Paul Biya has announced that he will seek his eighth term in the upcoming October elections. The announcement comes after months of speculation that the aging leader would not run. Paul Biya, Africa's second longest serving President after Teodoro Obiang of Equatorial Guinea, is frequently sick and abroad. Cameroon's second President since independence from France in 1960, Mr. Biya has been in power since 1982.

Royal palaces in Bavaria, archaeological ensemble in Jamaica, 10 other sites get UNESCO tag.

Twelve historic sites including the Palaces of King Ludwig II of Bavaria in Germany, the Archaeological Ensemble of the 17th century Port Royal in Jamaica and Rock Paintings of Shulgan-Tash Cave in Russia were inscribed on the coveted UNESCO World Heritage List. Nine other cultural sites, including the 'Maratha Military Landscapes of India' -- representing the extraordinary fortification and military system of the Maratha rulers, were also inscribed on the coveted list.

The fresh inscriptions have taken the total number of sites added to the coveted list during the ongoing 47th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) in Paris to 21.

India breaks into top 10 world's biggest tourism economies in 2024-25.

According to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), the global travel and tourism sector has contributed US\$10.9 trillion to the world economy in 2023. As per the WTTC, the United States remains the world's largest tourism economy in 2024, contributing an unprecedented \$2.36 trillion. China ranks second with \$1.3 trillion, and is projected to become the global leader within the next decade. Japan is placed at the fourth place with a \$297 billion contribution.

India has made notable progress, now ranking as the eighth-largest tourism economy worldwide with a contribution of \$231.6 billion, up from its previous position of tenth.

National

MEA's Annual Report: India strengthens global counter-terrorism cooperation, engaging 26 countries through Joint Working Groups.

India has deepened its cooperation on counter-terrorism efforts by engaging 26 countries through Joint Working Groups on Counter Terrorism. Ministry of External Affairs' (MEA) Annual Report for 2024 stated that these strategic dialogues underscore India's proactive stance in fostering international collaboration to combat the growing threat of terrorism.

The report highlights that India has been engaging with regional and multilateral bodies such as BIMSTEC, G20, ASEAN Regional Forum, SCO, BRICS, EU, FATF and the QUAD Forum on Counter Terrorism.

President nominates four prominent personalities to Rajya Sabha.

President Droupadi Murmu has nominated eminent lawyer Ujjwal Deora Nikam, Social Worker C Sadanandan Master, former Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and historian and academician Dr Meenakshi Jain to the Rajya Sabha.

Ujjwal Nikam who hails from Maharashtra has served as a government counsel in the Mumbai terror attacks case. C. Sadanandan Master from Kerala has a long career in education. Harsh Vardhan Shringla has also served as the Ambassador to the United States, Bangladesh

and Thailand. Dr. Jain has served as Associate Professor of history at Gargi College, University of Delhi.

The President nominates 12 persons to the Upper House of Parliament for their contributions towards arts, literature, sciences and social services.

Mumbai's Carnac Bridge renamed 'Sindoor'.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has inaugurated the newly constructed Sindoor Bridge, formerly known as Carnac Bridge in Mumbai. Construction of the new 328-metre-long structure was completed on June 13, 2025, with four vehicular lanes replacing the earlier two-lane passage. The bridge aims to significantly reduce traffic congestion in the busy South Mumbai corridor. The renaming honours the success of Operation Sindoor, India's recent counter-terror offensive, and also seeks to erase the colonial legacy of British governor James Rivett-Carnac. The original Carnac Bridge, built in 1868.

Telugu actor & Padma awardee Kota Srinivasa Rao passes away.

Veteran actor and Padma Shri awardee Kota Srinivasa Rao passed away in Hyderabad on Sunday at the age of 83. He made his film debut in 1978 and went on to act in more than 750 films across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi languages. In 2015, the Government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri for his contribution to the arts.

Kerala's Arthunkal police station becomes first in India to receive ISO certification.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has announced that Arthunkal Police Station, located in Alappuzha District, Kerala, has become the first police station in India to receive the prestigious IS/ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) certification from BIS. This certification acknowledges the station's outstanding performance in the areas of crime prevention, investigation, maintenance of law and order, traffic management, emergency response, judicial coordination, and public grievance redressal.

Business and Economy

India-born billionaires tops the list of America's richest immigrants.

India-born billionaires have outnumbered all other foreign-born counterparts in the US, with 12 such individuals featured on America's Richest Immigrants list by Forbes — surpassing those from Israel and Taiwan. According to the list, Israel and Taiwan each have 11 billionaires. Recent entrants include Sundar Pichai, Satya Nadella, and Nikes Arora. Cybersecurity mogul Jay Chaudhry CEO of Zscaler, is the richest Indian-American, with a net worth of \$17.9 billion. He holds the eighth spot overall. Tech billionaire Elon Musk tops the list, with an estimated net worth of \$393.1 billion.

Google to pay \$2.4 billion in deal to license tech of Windsurf.

Google has agreed to pay about \$2.4 billion in a deal to license the technology of artificial intelligence-assisted coding tool Windsurf. Google is recruiting Windsurf CEO Varun Mohan, co-founder Douglas Chen and a few staff members, who will join its DeepMind artificial intelligence team unit.

Windsurf, officially known as Exafunction Inc., is among a group of startups developing AI-powered coding assistants — systems capable of performing tasks like generating code from natural language prompts.

Nutella maker Ferrero plans to buy WK Kellogg for \$3 billion.

Italian confectioner Ferrero, known for brands like Nutella and Kinder, is buying the century-old U.S. cereal company WK Kellogg in an effort to expand its North American sales.

The Ferrero Group will pay \$23 for each Kellogg share, or approximately \$3.1 billion. The transaction includes the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of WK Kellogg Co's portfolio of breakfast cereals across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

India's gross direct tax collections surged 274% in 10 years.

The gross direct tax collections in India have witnessed a 274 percent growth over the last ten years. Between 2013-14 and 2024-25, the refunds issued by the tax department have increased by 474 percent, and the taxpayer base has grown by 133 percent. The average time of issuing tax refunds has decreased from 93 days in 2013 to just 17 days in 2024.

Kumar Mangalam Birla joins the USISPF Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

The U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) has announced the appointment of Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, to the USISPF Board of Directors, as a Member of the Board's Executive Committee.

Mr. Birla was recently presented with the Global Leadership Award at the 2025 USISPF Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., in recognition for his business leadership and commitment to strengthen U.S.-India economic partnership.

Sports

Jannik Sinner wins maiden Wimbledon 2025 Title.

World No.1 Jannik Sinner has won his maiden Wimbledon 2025 title at the All England Club in London. He defeated defending champion Carlos Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in the final to become the first Italian man to win Wimbledon in the competition's 148-year history.

A Ra Harikrishnan becomes India's 87th Grandmaster.

A Ra Harikrishnan has earned his third GM-norm at the La Plagne International Chess Festival in France to become India's 87th Grandmaster. In chess, a Grandmaster (GM) norm is a performance in a tournament that meets specific criteria, indicating a strong level of play. To achieve the GM title, a player typically needs to earn three GM norms and reach a FIDE rating of 2500.