

## International

### Uruguay's José Mujica, world's 'poorest president', dies.

Former Uruguayan President José Mujica, known as "Pepe", has died at the age of 89. The ex-guerrilla who governed Uruguay from 2010 to 2015 was known as the world's "poorest president" because of his modest lifestyle. Mujica became an icon even beyond Uruguay's borders, as he led his country to pursue environmental reforms, legalize same-sex marriage and loosen restrictions on marijuana.

### US President Trump, Saudi Crown Prince sign \$142 billion arms deal.

US President Donald Trump and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman signed a wide-ranging strategic economic partnership agreement in Jeddah. The deal covers multiple sectors, including a huge arms deal worth nearly 142 billion dollars. Agreements also include significant Saudi investments in artificial intelligence, energy production, and healthcare. President Trump began a four-day tour of the Middle East, starting with a visit to Saudi Arabia.

### Harvansh Chawla appointed as Chairman of BRICS Chamber Of Commerce & Industry.

Renowned corporate legal expert Harvansh Chawla has been appointed as the Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry. His appointment comes as part of the ongoing preparations for the BRICS 2025 summit in Brazil, where economic cooperation, trade, and sustainable development will take centre stage. The 17th BRICS Summit is scheduled for July 6-7, 2025, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Brazil is the current chair of BRICS and is focusing on strengthening Global South cooperation for inclusive and sustainable governance.

### Top 10 most spoken languages in 2025: 5 Indian languages among global 20.

According to recent research from Ethnologue, English is the most widely spoken language in the world in 2025. It is the native and second language of 1.53 billion individuals across 188 countries. Mandarin Chinese is considered the largest language in the world when counting

only first-language (native) speakers; it has 1.18 billion speakers, making it the second-most widely spoken language.

India, renowned for its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, has five widely spoken languages – Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Marathi, and Telugu – worldwide in 2025.

Hindi (609.1M speakers) - Ranked 3  
Bengali (284.3M speakers) - Ranked 7  
Urdu (246.0M speakers) - Ranked 11  
Marathi (99.3M speakers) - Ranked 16  
Telugu (95.8M speakers) - Ranked 18

## National

### 11-day nationwide outreach campaign on 'Operation Sindoor' begins.

An eleven-day nationwide outreach campaign on 'Operation Sindoor' has been launched. Largely known as Tiranga Yatra, the campaign aims to highlight the Indian Armed Forces' success against Pakistan. Ex-servicemen, social workers, social organisations, as well as prominent BJP leaders, will be part of this public programme. The campaign, which will continue till the 23rd of this month, will focus on how India decimated terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

### India achieves fastest 5G rollout with 4.7 lakh BTS deployed in 2 year. s

Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, has said that India has achieved one of the fastest 5G rollouts globally and deployed more than 4 hundred 70 thousand Base Transceiver Stations- BTS across the country in just two years. Dr. Pemmasani highlighted these while addressing the BHARAT 6G 2025-3rd International Conference and Exhibition in New Delhi .

In his address, Dr. Pemmasani said that India has expanded 5 G coverage to the country's 80 per cent population, bringing high-speed internet to previously underserved rural communities through the Make in India initiative. India is among the top six countries in terms of filing patents for 6G technologies.

## **Union Minister Vaishnaw inaugurates India's first 3nm chip design centre in Noida, Bengaluru.**

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated new state-of-the-art design facilities located in Noida and Bengaluru. Highlighting the uniqueness of the new facility, Mr. Vaishnaw stated that this is India's first design centre to work on cutting-edge 3-nanometer chip design. Mr Vaishnaw also announced the launch of a new semiconductor learning kit aimed at enhancing practical hardware skills among engineering students.

## **Chhattisgarh: 31 Maoists killed in Karregutta hill during 21-day operation.**

Thirty-one Maoists, including 16 female Maoists, have been killed in an anti-Maoist operation that lasted for about twenty-one days on Karregutta hill, situated on the Telangana border in the Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh. During this period, a total of thirty-five weapons, including self-loading rifles (SLRs), semi-automatic weapons, and four hundred and fifty IEDs, were recovered. CRPF DG Gyanendra Pratap Singh said that in order to fulfill the government's resolve to make the country Naxal-free by March 2026, the central security forces, in collaboration with the state police, are continuously conducting anti-Maoist operations.

## **Centre declares 23rd September as Ayurveda Day.**

The Central government has officially designated 23rd September as Ayurveda Day. The Ayush Ministry stated that the change notified through a Gazette notification marks a significant shift from the earlier practice of observing Ayurveda Day on Dhanteras. The Ministry said, Ayurveda Day has been commemorated annually to promote Ayurveda as a scientific, evidence-based, and holistic system of medicine that plays a pivotal role in preventive healthcare and wellness.

## **Indore becomes India's first beggar-free city.**

Indore has been declared India's first beggar-free city under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's Bhiksha Vriti Mukta

Bharat (begging-free India) initiative. One year ago, there were roughly 5,000 beggars roaming the streets of the city before the administration launched a campaign. Beggars in the city were rehabilitated by engaging them in jobs, while children who had been begging were admitted to schools.

Indore is amongst the 10 cities where the Union Ministry initiated a pilot project to eradicate begging.

## **Illinois Tech becomes the first US university approved to establish a campus in India.**

Illinois Tech, Chicago's only tech-focused university, has received formal approval from India's University Grants Commission (UGC) to open a new campus in Mumbai.

Illinois Tech will be the first American university authorized to establish a degree-granting campus in India.

Set to welcome students in fall 2026, the Mumbai campus will offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in high-demand fields such as computer science, engineering, and business.

## **Vice-President releases Haryana Governor's book 'Janta Ki Kahani –in Meri Aatamkatha'**

Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar has released Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya's autobiography book 'Janta Ki Kahani – Meri Aatamkatha'. This book shows a glimpse of his administrative efficiency as a Union Minister and dedication to the service of people as a public representative.

## **Business and Economy**

### **JSW One Platforms enters unicorn club with \$40 million funding.**

JSW Group's B2B e-commerce venture, JSW One Platforms, has raised around \$40 million in a fresh funding round led by Principal Asset Management, OneUp, JSW Steel and other investors, propelling the company to unicorn status with a valuation of \$1 billion.

JSW One Platforms plans to deploy the new funds to strengthen its national supply chain in the steel and cement segments, expand its

distribution and logistics networks across India, and scale its fintech and NBFC arms to enhance credit access for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

### **SBI joins global top 100 in net profit, becomes third Indian firm to achieve the milestone**

According to Bloomberg, State Bank of India (SBI), with a net profit of \$9.2 billion (₹77,561 crore) in FY25, has joined the ranks of the world's most profitable companies, alongside global heavyweights such as Alphabet, Apple, NVIDIA, and JPMorgan Chase. Earlier Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Reliance Industries Ltd have made it to the list.

Alphabet, the parent company of Google, leads the list with an impressive \$111 billion in annual income, followed by Saudi Aramco at \$105 billion. Tech giants such as Apple, Microsoft, NVIDIA, and Meta also feature in the top 10 .

### **Wholesale inflation eases to 13-month low of 0.85% .**

Inflation at the wholesale level in India eased to its lowest level in a little more than a year, to 0.85% in April, according to the latest data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The main drivers of easing of inflation are the falling crude oil prices, as well as softening food inflation.

## **Sports**

### **UAE Athletics Women's Gala 2025: Karishma Sanil wins javelin throw title**

India's Karishma Sanil has won the javelin throw title while Ancy Sojan and Shaili Singh finished second and third, respectively, in the long jump event at the UAE Athletics Women's Gala 2025 in Dubai. Karishma Sanil topped the three-woman field with an effort of 53.33m.

The women's long jump saw Indian athlete Ancy Sojan, an Asian Games silver medallist, come second with a season's best effort of 6.54m.

### **Maharashtra dominates Khelo India Youth Games with 148 medals.**

In Khelo India Youth Games in Bihar, Maharashtra holds the first position with 148 medals, including 56 gold and 45 silver, Haryana is in second place with 103 medals, while Rajasthan has moved to the third position in the medal tally with 54 medals.

### **Aakarshi Kashyap, Unnati Hooda reach pre-quarterfinals at Thailand Open**

In Badminton, Indian shuttlers Aakarshi Kashyap and Unnati Hooda advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the Thailand Open with impressive victories in Bangkok . Aakarshi Kashyap secured a hard-fought victory over Japan's Kaoru Sugiyama in the women's singles round of 32. While Unnati Hooda defeated Thailand's Thamonwan Nithiittikrai in another intense three-game battle.