

## International

### Trump, Yunus rank high, no Indian in TIME's most influential leaders list.

The TIME magazine has officially revealed the 2025 edition of the TIME100, its annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Among the world leaders and political heavyweights included on this year's list are US President Donald Trump, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, Elon Musk and Mexican presidential front-runner Claudia Sheinbaum. However, no Indian names feature on the list this year. The 'Leaders' list however does include Reshma Kewalramani this year, the Indian-Origin CEO of Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

The magazine's annual list is divided into several categories like 'Leaders', 'Icons' and 'Titans', among others.

The 2025 issue is released with five international covers, each spotlighting a standout honoree –Demi Moore, Snoop Dogg, Serena Williams, Ed Sheeran, & Demis Hassabis.

### UAE assumes Chair of INTERPOL Committee on Governance.

The UAE, represented by the Ministry of Interior, has been elected to chair INTERPOL's Committee on Governance, a key body which advises the organisation's leadership. As Chair of the Committee on Governance for a two-year term, the UAE will lead discussions and facilitate decision-making within the committee. The Committee on Governance is tasked with scrutinising and enhancing INTERPOL's processes and the effective running of the world's top policing institution.

### Harvard Univ. gets hit by \$2.3 billion funding freeze.

The US government has frozen the funding of 2.3 billion dollars to Harvard University after the institution rejected the Trump administration's demand to dismantle its diversity, equity, and inclusion programmes. The development came after the US Education

Department sent a letter with a list of demands to fight antisemitism on campus, including changes to governance, hiring practices, and admissions procedures.

## National

### Karnataka tops justice delivery in India: IJR

According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2025, Karnataka is the top performer in justice delivery among Indian states with a population above 10 million. Ranks are attributed based on a ten-point score system across four parameters – police, prisons, judiciary, and legal aid. While Karnataka has a composite score of 6.78 out of 10, followed by Andhra Pradesh (6.32), Telangana (6.15), Kerala (6.09), and Tamil Nadu (5.62), West Bengal ranked the lowest with a score of 3.63.

Among the smaller states, Sikkim tops the list, while Goa is at the bottom.

The Report is collaboratively put together by Bengaluru-based think tank DAKSH, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Common Cause, Centre for Social Justice, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, and TISS-Prayas.

### Former SC Justice Dinesh Maheshwari appointed Law Commission Chairperson.

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Dinesh Maheshwari has been appointed as the Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India. Advocate Hitesh Jain and Prof. DP Verma have been appointed as full time members of the Commission. Their tenure will last till August 31, 2027.

The Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body and is constituted by a notification of the Central government with definite terms of reference.' As per its terms of reference, 23rd Law Commission's is tasked with identifying obsolete laws and recommending which of those need to be repealed or amended.

## **CJI Sanjiv Khanna names Justice BR Gavai as his successor**

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna has recommended the name of Justice B R Gavai as the next Chief Justice. Justice Gavai is the second-most senior judge of the Supreme Court, and his name has been recommended to the Union Law Ministry. The tenure of the current CJI, Justice Khanna is going to end on the 13th of next month.

## **India's Haj quota increases by nearly 40,000 from 2014 to 2025.**

India's Haj quota has been increased from 1 lakh 36 thousand in 2014 to 1 lakh 75 thousand in 2025. In a social media post, the Ministry of Minority Affairs said it is managing the arrangements through the Haj Committee of India for over 1 lakh 22 thousand pilgrims this year under the main quota.

## **Business and Economy**

## **US announces sweeping retaliatory tariffs of up to 245% on Chinese imports.**

US President Donald Trump's administration has announced sweeping new retaliatory tariffs of up to 245 per cent on imports of Chinese goods, sharply escalating the trade conflict between the two countries. The decision comes in response to Beijing's recent export restrictions and retaliatory tariffs.

## **Wholesale inflation eases to 2.05% in March.**

Wholesale price inflation eased to 2.05% in March, as against 2.38% in February. The wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation, however, rose year-on-year. It was 0.26% in March 2024. Food inflation eased to 1.57% in March, from 3.38% in February, with vegetables seeing a sharp drop. Deflation in vegetables was 15.88% during the month, compared to 5.80% in February.

## **PNB unveils 34 new products.**

Public-Sector lender, Punjab National Bank has launched 34 new products, including 12

customer-centric deposit schemes and 10 digital transformation products. The innovative products were launched on the occasion of its 131st foundation day. Among the deposit products rolled out are schemes for salaried professionals, women, defence personnel, farmers, NRIs, senior citizens, pensioners, students and youth.

The bank has also introduced a QR code-based customer feedback mechanism, a live-chat assistant "Pihu", and new internal banking functionalities for enhanced customer service. PNB came into existence on April 12, 1895, as part of the Swadesi movement with its first branch in Lahore, now in Pakistan.

## **Accounting lapses in derivative portfolio to cost IndusInd Bank ₹1,979 crore.**

IndusInd Bank said that accounting lapses in the derivative portfolio will have a negative impact of ₹1,979 crore on the bank's net worth. The bank has assessed an adverse impact (on a post-tax basis) of 2.27% to its net worth as of December 2024 on account of discrepancies relating to derivative deals.

## **Cargo traffic on India's inland waterways surges to all-time high of 145.5 million tonnes in 2024-25.**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways said that India's National Waterways reached a record high of 145.5 million tonnes during the Financial Year 2024-25. It said that cargo traffic on National Waterways has recorded a compound annual growth rate of 20.86 per cent in the last fiscal year. The Ministry said that in Financial Year 2025, traffic movement registered a year-on-year growth of 9.34 per cent compared to the previous financial year. Five key commodities like coal, iron ore, iron ore fines, sand and fly ash constituted over 68 per cent of total cargo moved on National Waterways.

## **GeM facilitates insurance for over 1.3 cr individuals, hires 10 lakh manpower in FY 2024-25.**

Government e-Marketplace (GeM), India's largest e-marketplace for public procurement, has facilitated insurance of more than 1 lakh 30 thousand crore individuals covering Health, Life and Personal Accident Insurance policies in the Financial Year 2024-25.

In a statement, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that GeM has also hired 10 lakh manpower resources in the same financial year.

## **Sports**

## **FIDE Women's World C'ship: Ju Wenjun defends her title.**

Chinese Grandmaster Ju Wenjun won the FIDE Women's World Championship 2025 by beating fellow compatriot Tan Zhongyi. Ju

Wenjun, who held the FIDE Women's World Championship title since 2018, defeated Tan Zhongyi 6.5-2.5 in the 2025 World Chess Championship match.

## **2025 Bahrain Grand Prix: Oscar Piastri wins.**

McLaren's Oscar Piastri, who was also the pole sitter at the 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix, won his second race this season. Piastri had more than a 15-second lead on Mercedes' George Russel, who was nearly a second ahead of McLaren's Lando Norris. Piastri also had the fastest lap of the race.