

International

US flight carrying third batch of 112 Indian deportees lands in Amritsar.

A United States plane carrying a third batch of 112 Indians, who were deported from America for illegally residing in the country, landed in Amritsar on Sunday night. A US Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft touched down at Amritsar International Airport around 10 pm. This is the third such arrival in the last 10 days as a part of the US President Donald Trump-led administration's crackdown on illegal immigrants.

Congo: M23 armed group enters Bukavu capital of South Kivu Province.

In Congo, the March 23 Movement (M23) armed group has announced that its fighters have entered Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu Province. Congo accuses Rwanda of supporting the M23, while Rwanda alleges that the Congo army has allied with the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda, a rebel group accused of participating in the genocide against the Tutsi.

Winners of BAFTAs 2025

The 78th edition of the British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) was held at the Royal Festival Hall in London. Vatican drama *Conclave* and *The Brutalist* won big with four awards each.

Best Film: *Conclave*

Leading Actress: Mikey Madison, *Anora*

Leading Actor: Adrien Brody, *The Brutalist*

Outstanding British Film: *Conclave*

Director: Brady Corbet, *The Brutalist*

Supporting Actress: Zoe Saldana, *Emilia Perez*

Supporting Actor: Kieran Culkin, *A Real Pain*

Original Score: Daniel Blumberg, *The Brutalist*

Film Not In The English Language: Jacques Audiard, *Emilia Perez*

National

President Murmu inaugurates Aadi Mahotsav 2025.

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav 2025 in New Delhi. Aadi

Mahotsav is being organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs from today to 24th February.

Aadi Mahotsav aims to celebrate and showcase the vibrant culture, heritage, and economic potential of India's tribal communities. The festival, which is being held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, brings together over 600 tribal artisans, 500 performing artists, and 25 tribal food stalls, representing the diverse traditions of more than 30 states and Union Territories.

Over 29,500 registered drones in India: DGCA.

According to the government's official data, more than 29,500 drones are registered in India, with the national capital having the maximum number at 4,882.

After the national capital, the highest numbers of registered drones are in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra at 4,588 and 4,132, respectively.

Business and Economy

Fish production in country doubles in last 10 years: Ministry of Fisheries.

The fish production in the country has doubled in the last ten years. According to the Ministry of Fisheries, fish production has increased from 95 lakh tons in 2013-14 to over 184 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. India is the second-largest fish-producing country, with around eight percent share in global fish production. It also said that over the past two decades, India's fisheries sector has witnessed significant growth and transformation.

The Union Budget 2025-26 proposed the highest-ever total annual budgetary support of over two thousand 703 crore rupees for the fisheries sector.

India aims to triple textile exports to ₹9 lakh crore by 2030: PM Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the government aims to increase textile exports to nine lakh crore rupees by 2030 from the present three lakh crore rupees. Addressing the gathering at Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Mr Modi said, the country's textiles and apparel exports registered seven per cent growth last year. He highlighted

that India is the sixth largest textile and apparel exporter today.

Bharat Tex 2025, a major global event, is being held from February 14th to 17th. The event brings together the entire textile value chain, from raw materials to finished products, including accessories, under one roof.

BSNL Q3 profit after 17 years at ₹262 crore.

BSNL has posted a net profit of ₹262 crore for the December quarter, marking its return to profitability after almost 17 years, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said terming it a “significant turning point” for the state-owned telco that has been focused on expansion of service offerings and subscriber base.

BSNL scripted an improvement on several counts, clinching 14-18% growth across mobility, FTTH and leased line service offerings. Its subscriber base too has risen to about 9 crores in December, from 8.4 crore in June.

SEBI launches RPT portal to strengthen corporate governance and transparency.

Markets regulator SEBI has introduced industry standards for the minimum information that listed entities are required to provide to the audit committee and shareholders when seeking approval for the related party transactions (RPT). The new disclosure requirements will come into effect from April 1. The Industry Standards Forum (ISF) comprising representatives from three industry associations — ASSOCHAM, CII and FICCI — have formulated these standards for minimum information to be provided for review of the audit committee and shareholders for approval of RPTs in consultation with Sebi under the aegis of the stock exchanges.

NTPC Ltd. wins Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025.

NTPC Ltd. received the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category. This prestigious award was presented during a ceremony organized by the UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI), in Chennai. The recognition highlights NTPC's significant efforts in water

conservation and sustainable water management initiatives.

Sports

Uganda's Jacob Kiplimo becomes first to run half-marathon under 57 minutes

Jacob Kiplimo from Uganda has made history in the half-marathon. He became the first person to run the race in under 57 minutes on Sunday. Kiplimo finished in 56 minutes, 42 seconds in Barcelona. The 24-year-old set the record at the World Athletics Gold Label race. He broke the old record of 57:30 set by Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha in October. Kiplimo beat the record by 48 seconds, the biggest improvement ever.

Indonesia beats China to clinch first Asia mixed team badminton title

Indonesia won its first gold at the Asia Mixed Team Badminton Championship defeating two-time defending champion China. Indonesia's Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Daniel Marthin outplayed China's Chen Xujun and Huang Di 21-15, 21-9 in the decisive men's doubles to seal the victory.

Argentina Open 2025: Joao Fonseca becomes first 2006-born player to win an ATP Tour title.

Joao Fonseca defeated home favourite Francisco Cerundolo in straight sets in the Argentina Open final becoming the first 2006-born player to win a title on the ATP Tour. The 18-year-old Brazilian won 6-4, 7-6(1) against World No. 28 Cerundolo, his fourth Argentine opponent at the ATP 250 event in Buenos Aires.

Basketball: Curry wins MVP and leads Shaq's OGs to All-Star title.

Steph Curry claimed the Kobe Bryant Most Valuable Player MVP trophy and led Shaq's OGs to the All-Star title at Chase Center in San Francisco. Curry scored 12 points in the final to seal a 41-25 victory against Chuck's Global Stars. Curry ended the competition with 20 points in total, having scored eight points in the 42-35 semi-final win against Candace's Rising Stars named MVP.