

International

Russia and Belarus conduct tactical nuclear launch drills during 'Zapad' military exercise.

Russia has practised launching cruise missiles over the Barents Sea during joint military exercises with Belarus codenamed Zapad (West). About 7,000 soldiers, including 6,000 Belarusians, have participated in the exercises held in Belarus and Russia. Belarus, which borders Russia and Ukraine, as well as NATO members Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, hosts Russian tactical nuclear weapons, which Moscow retains command and control of.

INS Kadmatt in Fiji for Joint exercises and outreach activities

The Indian Naval Ship Kadmatt, an anti-submarine warfare corvette, has reached Suva, Fiji, as part of its overseas deployment. During the visit, the ship's crew will engage in professional exchanges, cultural activities and community outreach programmes.

Joint exercises with the Republic of Fiji Navy are also planned to enhance interoperability and strengthen maritime cooperation. The three-month deployment underlines the country's commitment to fostering friendship and security in the Indo-Pacific region while promoting people-to-people ties with Fiji.

Emmy Awards 2025 full list of winners.

The 77th Primetime Emmy Awards were held at the Peacock Theatre in Los Angeles. The Studio from Seth Rogen was the biggest winner of the night, bagging 13 awards, the most by a comedy series ever.

Netflix's hit mini-series Adolescence, about a teenage boy accused of murdering a schoolmate, scooped six trophies at the Emmy Awards ceremony.

Winners

Best Drama Series- The Pitt

Best Comedy Series- The Studio

Best Limited or Anthology Series- Adolescence

Lead Actor in a Drama Series- Noah Wyle – The Pitt

Lead Actress in a Drama Series- Britt Lower, Severance

Lead Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series- Stephen Graham – Adolescence

Lead Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series- Cristin Milioti – The Penguin

Lead Actress In A Comedy Series- Jean Smart, Hacks

Outstanding reality competition programme- The Traitors

Hollywood icon Robert Redford passes away.

Hollywood actor-director Robert Redford passed away at the age of 89 at his home in Utah, Western United States. The actor-director-producer is known for his roles in classic films such as 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid', 'The Sting', and 'All the President's Men'. He won an Oscar for directing 'Ordinary People' in 1980 and received an honorary lifetime achievement Oscar in 2002.

National

India adds 7 new sites to UNESCO's tentative World Heritage list.

Seven new sites from across India have been added to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites, taking India's total to 69 properties under consideration. With these additions, the Tentative List now features 49 cultural sites, 17 natural sites, and three mixed sites.

The 7 New Sites on India's Tentative List

1. Deccan Traps at Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar – Maharashtra's volcanic basalt formations.
2. Geological Heritage of St Mary's Island Cluster – Columnar basalt rocks in Udupi, Karnataka.
3. Meghalayan Age Caves – Iconic caves of East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.
4. Naga Hill Ophiolite – A rare geological feature in Kiphire, Nagaland.
5. Erra Matti Dibbalu – Red sand dunes of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
6. Tirumala Hills – Sacred natural heritage site in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
7. Varkala – Coastal cliffs and formations in Kerala.

CSIR-CCMB Scientists Discover Key Role of SPIN90 protein in cell movement.

The Hyderabad-based CSIR – Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists have made a groundbreaking

discovery about how cells adapt their internal structures to move and change shape. They revealed the critical role of a protein called SPIN90 in helping cells, like white blood cells, form the rapid protrusions which are necessary to chase down and destroy pathogens.

The findings have been published in the international journal Nature Structural & Molecular Biology.

Business and Economy

India's agriculture growth at 3.7% – highest in the world: Union Minister

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that with the hard work of farmers and scientists and the policies of the government, agriculture in the country is growing at 3.7 per cent, the highest in the world. Addressing the National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025 in New Delhi, Mr Chouhan said, States and the Centre will continue working together for the welfare of the nation and farmers.

The two-day National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025, inaugurated by the Minister, is being organised under the theme of 'One Nation – One Agriculture – One Team'.

Startup India-DPIIT signs MoU with CarDekho Group.

Startup India, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CarDekho Group, an autotech and finance solutions platform, to further strengthen India's startup ecosystem across mobility, fintech, insurtech, and emerging technology sectors.

Under the collaboration, DPIIT and CarDekho Group will accelerate the growth of DPIIT-recognised startups by providing strategic mentorship, market access, technology infrastructure, and funding opportunities. Startups will gain access to CarDekho's diverse platforms—CarDekho, InsuranceDekho, rupyy, BikeDekho, ZigWheels, PowerDrift, Revv, CollegeDekho, Crack-ED and others—opening avenues for collaborations and customer reach.

UCO Bank gets approval to work with sanctioned refiner Nayara.

Indian lender UCO Bank has received government approval to facilitate trade payments for Nayara Energy Ltd, nearly two months after the refiner was sanctioned by the EU and subsequently shunned by large financial institutions.

RBI rolls out a comprehensive framework for Payment Aggregators, Gateways to boost the digital payment ecosystem.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rolled out detailed regulatory guidelines for Payment Aggregators (PAs) and recommended baseline technology standards for Payment Gateways (PGs), to ensure safety, transparency and resilience in the fast-growing digital payments ecosystem.

The central bank, in its notification titled "Guidelines on Regulation of Payment Aggregators and Payment Gateways", said that while PAs handle funds and therefore require direct regulation, PGs will be treated as technology providers and are encouraged to adhere to prescribed security recommendations. According to the RBI's guidelines, non-bank PAs must seek RBI authorisation under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. Such entities are required to be incorporated in India and maintain a minimum net-worth of ₹15 crore at the time of application, which should be increased to ₹25 crore by the end of the third financial year. This net-worth requirement must be maintained at all times thereafter.

Google-parent Alphabet hits \$3 trillion in market capitalisation for the first time.

Google-parent Alphabet hit a market capitalisation of \$3 trillion for the first time on September 15, riding on renewed optimism around artificial intelligence and a favourable antitrust ruling. Class A shares of the company were up 4.6% at \$251.88, while Class C shares climbed 4.5% to \$252.3, both trading at record highs.

CoreWeave, Nvidia sign \$6.3 billion order for cloud computing capacity.

Data centre operator CoreWeave signed a new order with Nvidia with an initial value of \$6.3 billion, in a deal that guarantees that the AI

chipmaker will purchase any residual cloud capacity not sold to customers. CoreWeave operates AI data centres in the U.S. and Europe, offering access to Nvidia's GPUs, which are highly sought after for training and running large AI models.

The latest order, which requires Nvidia to purchase any unsold capacity through April 13, 2032, builds on an April 2023 agreement.

Sports

Anish Giri, the winner of the FIDE Grand Swiss.

GM Anish Giri has defeated GM Hans Niemann to become a clear champion of the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 Open. Giri scored an unbeaten 8/11, performed at 2838 and finished a half point ahead of the rest. This triumph earned him a coveted spot in the FIDE Candidates 2026.

GM Matthias Bluebaum (GER) drew against GM Alireza Firouzja (FRA) to secure the second place.

Anandkumar Velkumar wins India's first-ever Gold at Speed Skating World Championships.

Anandkumar Velkumar has won India's first-ever gold medal at the Speed Skating World Championships in China. The 22-year-old

speedster clinched the senior men's 1000m sprint title with a timing of 1:24.924s, becoming the first Indian World Champion in speed skating.

Sarvesh Kushare becomes first Indian high jumper to reach World Championships Final.

Sarvesh Kushare becomes the first Indian high jumper to reach the finals at the World Athletics Championships. In Tokyo, he cleared the mark of 2.25m to finish in the top 12 of the men's high jump qualification round. This is his maiden entry in the final.

Apollo Tyres named new sponsor for the Indian cricket team after Dream11 exit.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has confirmed that Apollo Tyres will be the new jersey sponsor of the Indian cricket team, securing the rights until 2028. The move follows the termination of the BCCI's contract with Dream11 after the government banned betting-related applications. This marks Apollo Tyres' first-ever foray into Indian cricket.

Apollo Tyres will pay Rs 4.5 crore per match to the BCCI, surpassing Dream11's earlier contribution of Rs 4 crore per match.