

## International

### Global hunger crisis worsens in 2024, 295 million face acute food insecurity: FAO

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has reported a worsening global hunger crisis in 2024, with 295 million people suffering from acute food insecurity across 53 countries, a rise of 13.7 million from 2023.

The findings, published in the 2025 Global Report on Food Crises, mark the sixth consecutive annual increase.

Conflicts remained the primary driver in many regions, with famine confirmed in Sudan and catastrophic hunger levels in Gaza, South Sudan, Haiti, and Mali. The report also warned of a looming famine in Gaza between May and September 2025. Forced displacement, economic shocks, and extreme weather further exacerbated the crisis.

### Miss Estonia wins gold at Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge in Hyderabad.

Eliise Randmaa, representing Estonia, made history at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad by winning the gold medal in the Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge. Her victory marks Estonia's first progression to the next round of the Miss World pageant since 1999 and secures her a place among Europe's top 10 quarter-finalists.

The silver medal was awarded to Miss World Martinique, Aurélie Joachim, for her impressive performance, while Miss World Canada, Emma Morrison, earned the bronze.

### North Macedonia and U.K. finalize first-ever strategic partnership.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and North Macedonian Prime Minister Hristijan Mickoski have formalized a landmark strategic partnership agreement—the first of its kind between London and Skopje. The agreement was finalized on

the sidelines of a European leaders' summit in Tirana.

The deal outlines a broad collaboration across key sectors including security, trade, defence, education, and investment. In 2024, the total trade in goods and services between the two nations reached \$2.8 billion.

## Important Days

### International Museum Day: 18<sup>th</sup> May.

International Museum Day, observed annually on 18<sup>th</sup> May, underscores the importance of museums in preserving cultural heritage, promoting education, and fostering dialogue between communities and generations.

The theme for 2025 is “The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities”, which reimagines museums as essential connectors, innovators, and guardians of cultural identity.

### World AIDS Vaccine Day: 18<sup>th</sup> May.

World AIDS Vaccine Day 2025, observed on May 18, served as a global call to action to accelerate the development of a preventive HIV vaccine and to honor the efforts of scientists, healthcare workers, and volunteers dedicated to this mission.

## Science and Technology

### ISRO launches EOS-09 satellite aboard PSLV-C61.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-09, aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C61) from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

However, the EOS-09 mission could not be accomplished as it encountered some technical problem during the third stage.

## Obituary

### Football writer Glanville passes away

Brian Glanville, the esteemed English football writer and novelist, passed away. Glanville served as the football correspondent for The Sunday Times for

30 years and contributed to World Soccer magazine for over half a century. He covered every FIFA World Cup from 1958 to 2006, bringing a global perspective to his reporting.

## National

### Indian delegation, led by MoS for Defence Sanjay Seth to attend 17th edition of LIMA 2025 in Malaysia.

Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth will lead an Indian delegation at the 17th edition of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2025), being held at Langkawi, Malaysia.

Mr. Seth will be inaugurating an Indian Pavilion which is set up in LIMA 2025.

Both the countries are committed to work under the vision of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established during the visit of the Prime Minister of Malaysia in 2024. Besides, Indian assets including Dornier aircraft and an Indian Naval Ship will also participate in LIMA 2025.

### India restriction on import of certain goods from Bangladesh through land.

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has announced new port restrictions on the import of certain goods from Bangladesh to India.

In a notification, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry clarified that these

restrictions will not apply to goods from Bangladesh that are transiting through India and destined for Nepal and Bhutan.

## Business and Economy

### DPIIT signs MoU with GEAPP to boost climate-tech startups.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) to support early-stage climate-tech startups by providing funding access and mentorship opportunities.

Under this partnership, GEAPP will launch the Energy Transitions Innovation Challenge (ENTICE) — a competitive platform that offers up to \$500,000 in rewards for high-impact climate solutions.

## Sports

### India secured seventh place at the 2025 Junior Billie Jean King Cup.

India secured seventh place at the 2025 Junior Billie Jean King Cup under-16 girls' tennis tournament by defeating New Zealand 2-0 in the positional playoff held in New Delhi.

In the final standings, Chinese Taipei clinched the title, followed by Australia and Japan in the second and third places, respectively.