

International

Thailand's Opal Suchata Wins 72nd Miss World Title

Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri has been crowned Miss World 2025 at the 72nd Miss World Pageant held in Hyderabad. Miss World 2024 Krystyna Pyszková crowned Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri, marking the culmination of a month-long cultural exchange and competition.

Pakistan: BLA claims complete control over Surab city in Balochistan

In Pakistan, the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) freedom fighters have taken complete control of Surab city in the Balochistan province, paralysing all military, administrative, and financial structures of the state. BLA spokesperson Jeeyand Baloch claimed that BLA has taken complete control of Surab city and set up checkpoints on the Quetta-Karachi and Surab-Gidar main highways, further tightening restrictions on state movement through snap checking. People from Balochistan are currently fighting for their independence from Pakistan.

National

Defence Ministry Initiates Measures to Shorten Weapon Procurement Cycle

The Defence Ministry has initiated several measures to shorten the weapon procurement cycle to accelerate the modernisation of the armed forces. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh said the move will save around 69 weeks, and the 2020 procurement rules are being revised to match present needs.

He highlighted that the new approach is already being implemented for shipbuilding and recently for the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA) project.

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Attends Defence Forces Round Table in Singapore

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan has attended the Chief of Defence Forces Round Table at the ongoing Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

During the discussions, Chiefs of Defence from around the world deliberated on pressing security challenges and explored emerging trends and innovative solutions.

Important Days

World No Tobacco Day: 31st May

World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31st May every year to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and to promote policies to reduce tobacco consumption. It was initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1987.

The 2025 theme for this year is "Bright products. Dark intentions. Unmasking the Appeal".

Obituary

Valmik Thapar, renowned wildlife and tiger conservationist, passed away

Valmik Thapar, a renowned wildlife and tiger conservationist, passed away at the age of 73. Thapar was widely recognized for his powerful wildlife photography and his extensive body of work, authoring nearly 50 books focused primarily on tigers, especially those in Ranthambore, Rajasthan, for nearly forty years. He also served as a member of the National Board for Wildlife and was part of a Supreme Court-empowered committee on wildlife conservation.

Business and Economy

India to Remain Fastest-Growing Major Economy in FY26: SBI Report

India is set to retain its position as the fastest-growing major economy in the Financial Year 2026, supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, a resilient financial sector, and a focus on sustainable growth, according to a State Bank of India (SBI) report.

SBI estimates India's GDP growth for Fiscal Year 25 at 6.5 percent, supported by a strong 7.4 percent growth in the fourth quarter. This growth was helped by a 9.4 percent rise in capital investment during the quarter.

India's Forex Reserves Jump \$6.9 Billion to Record \$692.7 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves rose over 6.9 billion dollars, reaching 692.7 billion dollars in the week ending 23rd May. According to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the Reserve Bank of India, during the last week, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, were up by 4.5 billion dollars to over 586.1 billion dollars. Gold reserves surged by over 2.3 billion dollars, totaling 83.58 billion dollars. Meanwhile, Special Drawing Rights

were up by 81 million dollars, reaching over 18.57 billion dollars, and the Central Bank's position in the International Monetary Fund was also up by 30 million dollars, reaching 4.4 billion dollars.

Sports

Indian Deaf Cricket Team Wins Historic 5-Match Series Against Trinidad & Tobago

The Indian Deaf Cricket Team triumphed in the historic 5-match International Deaf Cricket Series 2025 against Trinidad & Tobago. The India team clinched the series 3-2. The team also registered a thumping 132-run win in the 2nd ODI match. India also won all three T20 matches.

India Finish Second with 24 Medals at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025

At the Asian Athletics Championships 2025 in Gumi, South Korea, India finished second in the medal tally with 24 medals. India won eight gold, 10 silver, and six bronze in the Championships.

AIFF Announces Player Transfer Reforms with Focus on Women's Welfare and Youth Development

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced a set of amendments to its Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP). The reforms focus on enhancing player welfare, supporting women's football and youth football more effectively, and improving regulatory transparency. A standout feature of the updated regulations is the increased attention to the rights and well-being of female players.

Mona Agarwal Wins Silver at Para Shooting World Cup in South Korea

In Shooting, India's Mona Agarwal has won the silver medal in the Women's P2 – 10 metre Air Pistol SH1 event at the 2025 Para Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea. He finished with a score of 246.6.