

International

India's Educate Girls NGO wins Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025.

An Indian non-profit organisation, 'Foundation to Educate Girls Globally', dedicated to mobilise community and government resources for girls' education in rural and educationally disadvantaged areas of India, has been named a 2025 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee. The Foundation, widely known as Educate Girls, is the first Indian organisation to receive the prestigious award, which is considered Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. The Foundation, started in Rajasthan, was founded in 2007 by Safeena Husain.

Other 2025 winners include Shaahina Ali from the Maldives for her environmental work and Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva from the Philippines.

PM Modi meets world leaders at SCO Summit in Tianjin.

On the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin, China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the world leaders, including the Presidents of the Maldives, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Belarus and the Prime Ministers of Egypt and Nepal. During his meeting with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart K Tokayev, the Prime Minister said that India and Kazakhstan are working closely in many key sectors, including energy, security, healthcare and pharma.

UNSC to end peacekeeping operations in Lebanon.

The UN Security Council has decided to end the peacekeeping operations in Lebanon, in which nearly one thousand Indian troops are deployed. The Council voted to shut down in two years the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) that has been struggling to keep the peace in southern Lebanon. There are currently ten thousand eight hundred peacekeepers in UNIFIL.

National

Indian Army tests combat readiness in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Indian Army has conducted Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in the high-altitude Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing its preparedness for next-generation warfare in extreme Himalayan conditions.

The exercise featured large-scale manoeuvres with drone surveillance, precision strikes, real-time target acquisition, air-littoral operations and synchronized battlefield tactics.

Over 7,000 CBI graft cases await trial in courts: CVC.

According to the latest annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), as many as 7,072 corruption cases probed by the CBI were pending trial in different courts, with 379 of them for over 20 years.

Of the total cases, 1,506 were pending for less than three years, 791 for more than three years and up to five years, and 2,115 for more than five years and up to 10 years, as of December 31, 2024.

Centre tweaks norms on tree plantation-based green credits.

In a new set of rules, the Union Environment Ministry will now award green credits generated for tree plantation under the Green Credit Programme (GCP) only after five years, based on a minimum canopy density of 40 per cent and tree survival. The credit obtained for tree plantation will be non-tradable and non-transferable, except in the case of transfer between the holding company and its subsidiary companies.

NHAI signs agreement to implement India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system in Gujarat.

The Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), a company promoted by NHAI, has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank to implement the country's first comprehensive Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza in Gujarat on NH-48.

Multi Lane Free Flow Tolling is a barrier-less tolling system that enables transactions through reading of FASTag and Vehicle Registration Number (VRN) by High-performance RFID Readers and ANPR Cameras.

Business and Economy

Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S. added to the 2025 TIME 100 AI list.

Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S. has been named to the 2025 TIME 100 AI list, recognizing his leadership in enterprise AI. Under his guidance, Cognizant pledged \$1 billion to AI acceleration

and launched the Synapse skilling initiative. Kumar also initiated a global AI hackathon, earning a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title and fostering AI literacy among employees. Abhishek Singh, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, has also been featured in the TIME100 AI 2025 list. Singh currently serves as the Director General of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and CEO of the IndiaAI Mission, a flagship initiative to accelerate India's global leadership in artificial intelligence.

The TIME 100 AI 2025 list includes Elon Musk (XAI), Sam Altman (OpenAI), Mark Zuckerberg (Meta), Andy Jassy (Amazon), Liana Wenfeng (Deepseek), and Steve Huffman (Reddit), among other influential personalities in the AI space.

Zyduz Wellness acquires U.K.-based Comfort Click for ₹2,846 crore.

Zyduz Wellness Limited (ZWL), which is into health and wellness segment, has announced that Alidac U.K. Limited, its wholly owned subsidiary, has signed a definitive agreement acquiring U.K. based Comfort Click Limited including its three subsidiaries located in Ireland, U.S. and India (CCL) for GBP 239 million (₹2,846 crore) subject to customary and agreed adjustments under the terms of the Share Purchase Agreement (SPA).

Intel amends CHIPS Act deal, gets \$5.7 billion early.

Chip maker Intel has amended the CHIPS Act funding deal with the U.S. Department of Commerce to remove earlier project milestones and received about \$5.7 billion in cash sooner than planned. The Intel stake, announced by the U.S. government last week, is an incentive for the chipmaker to retain control of its contract manufacturing business.

BoB holds mega camp in Bengaluru under financial inclusion drive.

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has organised a mega camp in Bilwaradahalli, Bengaluru, under the Saturation Campaign of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, and Government of India. The campaign, running from July 1 to September 30, 2025, aims to ensure 100% coverage of financial inclusion and social security schemes at the

Gram Panchayat (GP) and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) level across the country.

Sports

Satwik-Chirag claim bronze at the BWF World Championships.

The top Indian badminton pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty signed off with a bronze medal after going down fighting to China's 11th seeds Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi in the men's doubles semifinals of the World Championships. They lost 19-21, 21-18, 12-21 in a 67-minute battle. This is the pair's second medal at the Worlds, having won a bronze in 2022.

BWF World Championships: Shi wins first world title, Yamaguchi takes women's crown.

World badminton number one Shi Yuqi of China fought from behind to beat Thai reigning champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the men's singles badminton world championship final, while Japan's Akane Yamaguchi beat Chen Yufei of China in the women's showpiece. Shi outlasted Kunlavut 19-21, 21-10, 21-18 after one hour and 17 minutes on court in Paris to claim his first world championships crown.

F1: PIASTRI wins Dutch Grand Prix.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri has claimed victory at the Dutch Formula One Grand Prix 2025, with home favourite Max Verstappen claiming second place as Piastri's McLaren teammate Lando Norris suffered a dramatic breakdown late in the race.

It was Piastri's sixth Grand Prix victory of the season.

India to send first-ever national team to Pickleball World Cup.

For the first time, India will send an official national pickleball contingent to the Pickleball World Cup, scheduled to take place in Florida, USA, from October 27 to November 2, under the sanction of the Global Pickleball Federation. The Indian Pickleball Association (IPA), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has officially concluded its two-day selection trials in Ahmedabad and selected over 140 top players from across the country competing for a place on the national team.