

International

US sells \$700m NASAMS missile system to Taiwan.

The United States of America has approved the sale of advanced National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System, NASAMS missile systems to Taiwan. The medium-range air defence system will be a new addition to Taiwan's military capabilities. The sale of an advanced missile system worth almost \$700m, which has been battle-tested in Ukraine, its second weapons package in a week, bringing the total to \$1bn, to Taiwan.

WHO praises India for making significant progress in the fight against TB.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has praised India for making significant progress in the fight against tuberculosis (TB). It highlighted that India's detection gap for TB cases has narrowed, and TB-related deaths have started to show improvement. In India, an estimated 2.71 million people are living with TB.

India has seen improvements in case detection and mortality rates compared to previous years, especially after the recovery of essential TB services post-COVID-19.

The report said, countries like Myanmar and Timor-Leste continue to experience higher TB incidence rates, with around 480-500 cases per lakh population.

Parasocial is the Cambridge Dictionary Word of the Year.

"Parasocial" is the Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2025, defined as a relationship felt by someone between themselves and a famous person they do not know. Its examples include the parasocial interest displayed by fans when singer Taylor Swift and American footballer Travis Kelce announced their engagement.

Other examples given by the dictionary included Lily Allen's breakup album West End Girl, which leaned into a parasocial interest in her love life, and the emergence of parasocial

relationships with AI bots, which saw people treat them as a confidant, friend or romantic partner.

Over 100 Indian universities make it to QS sustainability rankings.

London-based QS Quacquarelli Symonds released its QS World University Rankings for Sustainability 2026, showing that India, with 103 universities, had the fourth-highest number of institutions in the list, behind the United States, China, and the United Kingdom.

Lund University in Sweden has taken the top spot for the first time since the ranking was established in 2023. The University of Toronto had been the best in the world in 2024 and 2025 and now drops to second place, followed by UCL in the UK.

IIT Delhi grabbed the 205th spot globally with a score of 83.1, slipping from its previous year's rank of 171. IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur follow as the country's next best-ranked institutes.

National

Nitish Kumar elected NDA legislature party Leader in Bihar.

Janata Dal (United) chief Nitish Kumar was elected as the leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) legislature party in Bihar. The decision was taken during a joint meeting of newly-elected MLAs of the five constituent parties of the coalition in Patna. NDA had achieved a landslide victory in the recently concluded state Assembly elections, returning to power by winning 202 seats in the 243-member House.

JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar will take oath as the Chief Minister of Bihar for the 10th time.

PM Modi releases 21st PM-KISAN installment in Coimbatore.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the 21st instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme worth 18 thousand crore rupees in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, to support nine crore farmers across the country. The Prime Minister has also

inaugurated the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025 at the CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex in Coimbatore.

Government launches 'YUVA AI for ALL' Free National AI Learning course.

The Union government has launched YUVA AI for ALL, a free national course to help everyone understand Artificial Intelligence. The Ministry of Electronics and IT informed that it is a completely free, 4.5-hour self-paced national course aimed at making Artificial Intelligence accessible and understandable to every Indian. It further highlighted that the course is available on leading platforms, including FutureSkills Prime, iGOT Karmayogi and several popular ed-tech portals and every learner who completes it will receive an official Government of India certificate.

BIMSTEC Young Diplomats Programme launched in New Delhi.

An annual BIMSTEC Young Diplomats Interaction Programme was inaugurated at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service in New Delhi. Ministry of External Affairs said that fourteen young diplomats from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka are participating in this week-long programme. The initiative is part of India's efforts to strengthen cooperation among young diplomats from the Bay of Bengal region. The programme was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok.

6th National Water Awards announced.

The 6th National Water Awards honoured 46 winners across 10 categories for inspiring innovation and community-driven water conservation. First Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) Awards, 2025 also conferred along with NWA for outstanding community-driven water conservation initiatives nationwide. Under the National Water Awards category, Maharashtra secured the first rank under the Best State category, followed by Gujarat in the second place and Haryana in third.

Telangana has secured the top position in the Jal Sanchay – Jan Bhagidari (Water Conservation – Public Participation) category.

Health Minister JPNadda launches National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2.0.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda has emphasized that antimicrobial resistance is a major public health concern that can only be addressed through collective action. Mr Nadda said this after launching the second version of the National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) (2025-29) in New Delhi.

Antimicrobial resistance has been identified as a global health threat with serious health, political and economic implications. AMR leads to delays in treatment, thus increasing the risk of spreading resistant microorganisms and health-care costs and the economic burden to families and societies.

NITI Aayog, CFA Institute partner to boost financial literacy in innovation ecosystem.

NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and CFA Institute, a global not-for-profit organization have formalized a strategic partnership to boost financial literacy, governance across the country's innovation ecosystem. This collaboration marks a significant step toward strengthening financial literacy, ethical decision-making, and governance standards across the country's rapidly expanding innovation and entrepreneurship landscape.

UIDAI to launch Aadhaar App for stronger offline verification.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) will launch the Aadhaar App to strengthen the offline verification system. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said that the Aadhaar app will facilitate paperless identity sharing, an option to verify and share complete or selective Aadhaar information.

CEO of UIDAI Bhuvnesh Kumar said that the launch is aimed at promoting the offline verification ecosystem and improving resident convenience, and strengthening secure digital identity services across the country.

Business and Economy

U.S. is the biggest recipient of Chinese loans.

The United States is the biggest recipient of China's lending activities globally, according to a study that tracked Beijing's credit activities and found it is increasingly lending to higher-income countries over developing countries. The report, published by AidData, a research lab at U.S. university William & Mary, said China's lending and grant giving totalled \$2.2 trillion across 200 countries in every region of the world from 2000 to 2023. China has long been seen as a creditor to developing countries through its Belt and Road initiative, but is shifting toward lending to advanced economies — backing strategic infrastructure and high-tech supply chains in areas such as semiconductors, artificial intelligence and clean energy.

Canara Bank to raise ₹3,500 crore via AT-1 bonds in FY's first issue.

PSB lender Canara Bank plans to raise up to ₹3,500 crore through an Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bond issue on November 25, which could be the first such issuance in the current financial year. The issue has a base size of ₹1,500 crore and a greenshoe option of ₹2,000 crore.

PayGlocal receives RBI approval for full cross-border payment aggregator operations

PayGlocal has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator – Cross Border – Inward & Outward (PA-CB-I&O), allowing the fintech to facilitate both inbound and outbound online payment flows. The approval enables the company to support cross-border transactions in both directions. Indian exporters, freelancers and businesses serving global clients can

continue receiving payments from abroad, while international firms can accept payments from Indian customers through UPI, cards and other methods.

Jeff Bezos is the Co-CEO of \$6.2 billion AI Venture Project Prometheus.

Jeff Bezos will serve as co-chief executive officer of a new artificial intelligence startup that focuses on AI for engineering and manufacturing of computers, automobiles and spacecraft. Project Prometheus has garnered \$6.2 billion in funding, partly from the Amazon founder, making it one of the most well-financed early-stage startups in the world.

With the new startup, Bezos is entering a crowded AI market with several smaller firms attempting to break through with new software and products while in a race with industry mainstays such as Microsoft-backed OpenAI, Meta and Google.

Bezos' co-chief executive is Vikram “Vik” Bajaj a physicist and chemist who worked closely with Google's co-founder Sergey Brin at Google's X.

Visa expands its AI agentic commerce platform to Asia-Pacific.

US payments firm Visa is expanding its ‘Intelligent Commerce’ agentic artificial intelligence (AI) platform in the Asia Pacific. The platform allows customers to preload their card information to an AI agent and set instructions and spending limits to find and purchase goods and services whenever they are available.

A pilot project is planned for Singapore by early 2026. India is also being considered for this new shopping method.

Tata Projects, ASI Global sign MOU to design, construct aircraft maintenance facilities in India.

Tata Projects Ltd (TPL), an engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) company, and ASI Global, a globally recognized specialist in aircraft hangar design and fabrication, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly offer design

and construction of aircraft maintenance facilities in India.

This alliance positions Tata Projects and ASI Global as the sole integrated solution providers for all hangar and MRO infrastructure

Sports

India wins gold and bronze in shooting at Deaflympics 2025.

Indian shooters have continued their impressive performance, securing more medals at the 25th Deaflympics in Tokyo, Japan. The duo of Abhinav Deshwal and Pranjali Prashant Dhumal won gold in the 10m Air Pistol mixed event.

Meanwhile, Kushagra Singh Rajawat has won bronze in the 50 metre Rifle Prone competition.

With the win, India's medal tally in shooting has climbed to 11 so far.

Curacao becomes the smallest nation ever to qualify for the FIFA World Cup football.

Curacao, the Caribbean island, scripted history, becoming the smallest nation ever to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup football. A draw against Jamaica in Kingston sparked celebrations across the island of barely 156,000 people. With the World Cup expanding to 48 teams next year, opportunities have opened up for emerging football nations, but Curacao's achievement still stands out.