

International

India's Banu Mushtaq wins International Booker Prize For 'Heart Lamp'.

Writer, activist and lawyer Banu Mushtaq's short story collection 'Heart Lamp' became the first Kannada title to win the coveted GBP 50,000 International Booker Prize in London. Shortlisted among six worldwide titles, Mushtaq's work appealed to the judges for its "witty, vivid, colloquial, moving and excoriating" style of capturing portraits of family and community tensions.

Portugal's ruling center-right alliance wins election.

Portugal's ruling center-right Democratic Alliance (AD) has won a snap parliamentary election but again fell short of the majority needed to end a long period of instability as the far-right Chega gained a record share of the vote. The election, the third in as many years, was called one year into an AD minority government's term after Prime Minister Luis Montenegro failed to win a vote of confidence in March when the opposition questioned his integrity over dealings of his family's consultancy firm.

World's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant opens in Denmark.

The world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant began operations in Denmark, with shipping giant Maersk set to buy part of the production as a low-emission fuel for its fleet of container ships. Located in Kasso in southern Denmark, the new plant, which has cost an estimated 150 million euros (\$167 million), will produce 42,000 metric tons, or 53 million litres, of e-methanol per year, its joint owners Denmark's European Energy and Japan's Mitsui stated.

Lord Hanuman's 16-foot tall statue installed in Guyana.

In Guyana, a towering 16-foot statue of Lord Hanuman has been installed at the Essequibo Coast of Sparta, at the Seeta Ram Radhey Shyam Mandir. The statue was imported from India, and its installation marks a significant milestone for the temple and the Hindu community in the region.

National

Eminent astrophysicist Dr Jayant Narlikar passes away.

Padma Vibhushan awardee and renowned astrophysicist, Dr Jayant Narlikar, passed away at the age of 86 in Pune. Dr Narlikar was widely known for his pioneering contributions to cosmology, his efforts to popularise science, and for setting up premier research institutions in the country. He is known for his seminal works in the areas of cosmology and most importantly, for believing in an alternate model to the popular Big Bang theory for the origin of the universe.

Hoyle-Narlikar theory, developed in collaboration with renowned British scientist Sir Fred Hoyle, holds great significance in the scientific community.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launches Depot Darpan, Anna Mitra, Anna Sahayata Apps.

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi launched the Depot Darpan, Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata apps in New Delhi. These apps are aligned with the government's aim of advancing the country's food security through digital innovation.

The Depot Darpan mobile app will allow supervisory officials to track warehouse performance anytime, anywhere, supporting better decision making.

The Anna Sahyata app is a first-of-its-kind voice and message grievance platform which will allow citizens to register complaints in their local languages with real-time tracking and feedback.

Anna Mitra will act as real real-time command centre for ration distribution for FDS dealers, Food Inspectors, District Officials, among others.

Intelligence Bureau chief Tapan Kumar Deka gets one year extension.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has extended the services of Tapan Kumar Deka, a 1988 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, as Director of the Intelligence Bureau for another year. Mr. Deka, an officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, was

appointed as IB chief in 2022. This is the second time his tenure has been extended by a year. The officer will now remain in office at least until June 30, 2026.

Monsoon expected to reach Kerala later this week, says IMD.

The southwest monsoon is likely to reach Kerala later this week, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said predicting the earliest monsoon onset date in over 15 years. The conditions are also likely to become favourable for further advance of southwest Monsoon over some more parts of South Arabian Sea, remaining parts of Maldives and Comorin area; some parts of Lakshadweep area, Kerala, Tamil Nadu; some more parts South and Central Bay of Bengal, Northeast Bay of Bengal and some parts of Northeastern States during the same period.

Seventeen MPs, including Ravi Kishan, Supriya Sule, to receive Sansad Ratna Awards.

Seventeen Members of Parliament, including Bhartruhari Mahtab and Ravi Kishan, and two Parliamentary Standing Committees, have been selected for the Sansad Ratna Award 2025. Seven Members of Parliament (MPs) from Maharashtra are among the top 17 MPs from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha who have been nominated to receive the prestigious Sansad Ratna Awards 2025.

The Sansad Ratna Awards were instituted in 2010 by Prime Point Foundation and the eMagazine PreSense, following the suggestion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

Business and Economy

RBI to grant in-principle nod for Emirates NBD Bank PJSC.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to grant “in-principle” approval to Emirates NBD Bank PJSC for setting up a Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) in India, under the “Scheme for Setting up of WOS by foreign banks in India”.

Emirates NBD Bank PJSC is currently carrying on banking business in India through branches located in Chennai, Gurugram and Mumbai.

GeM emerges as largest procurement platform globally.

Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has emerged as one of the world’s largest and most efficient public e-procurement platforms, setting new benchmarks in accessibility and affordability. GeM’s has onboarded over 10 lakh Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, 1.3 lakh artisans and weavers, 1.84 lakh women entrepreneurs and 31 thousand startups. The platform currently boasts over 1.64 lakh primary buyers and 4.2 lakh active sellers and offers more than 10 thousand product categories and more than 330 services.

GeM has launched GeMAI, India’s first generative AI-powered chatbot for the public sector, marking a significant milestone in digital public service delivery.

Times Rich List 2025: Hinduja family dominates UK rich list.

The Hinduja family, led by Gopichand Hinduja, Chairman of the 110-year-old multinational Hinduja Group, has once again secured the top spot on The Sunday Times Rich List 2025, with a reported net worth of £35.3 billion. This marks the fourth consecutive year the UK-based family has led the definitive annual ranking of the wealthiest individuals and families residing in the United Kingdom, which features 350 entries in its 2025 edition.

Apple supplier Foxconn to invest \$1.5 billion in India unit.

Apple supplier Foxconn will invest \$1.5 billion in its India unit, as the iPhone maker shifts more manufacturing out of tariff-hit China. Foxconn's Singapore-based subsidiary will buy 12.77 billion shares worth 10 rupees apiece, amounting to 127.74 billion rupees (\$1.50 billion) in Yuzhan Technology India.

Apple is positioning India as an alternative manufacturing base amid U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs on China.

Core sector output growth slows down to eight-month low of 0.5% in April.

The output of eight key infrastructure sectors slowed down to an eight-month low of 0.5% in April due to contraction in the production of crude oil, refinery products and fertiliser.

According to official data released, these eight sectors – coal, crude oil, refinery products, natural gas, steel, cement, electricity and fertiliser – expanded by 6.9% in April 2024.

Sports

First-ever Khelo India Beach Games inaugurated in Diu.

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the first-ever Khelo India Beach Games at Ghoghla Beach in the Union territory of Diu. More than 1000 athletes from across the country will compete in six medal events and two demonstration sports over the next six days. This is the first time the Beach Games are being held under the ever-expanding

Khelo India umbrella. The medal events include beach soccer, beach volleyball, beach kabaddi, beach sepak takraw, pencak silat, and open water swimming.

Delhi CM inaugurates Delhi Games 2025 at Talkatora Stadium.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta officially inaugurated the Delhi Games 2025 at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The mega sporting event will witness participation from over 12,000 athletes competing across more than 40 disciplines at over 25 venues across the city. The Games are being organised by the Delhi Olympic Association and are sponsored by public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum.