

International

India, Canada NSAs Hold Talks to Strengthen Security Cooperation

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met his Canadian counterpart, Nathalie Drouin, in New Delhi to discuss enhancing bilateral security cooperation. Both sides acknowledged growing momentum to rebuild trust and expand collaboration at the highest political levels.

Discussions focused on counterterrorism, combating transnational organized crime, intelligence sharing, and regional and global developments. The NSAs agreed to strengthen existing engagement mechanisms, prioritize future cooperation areas, and adopt a collaborative approach for a new chapter in India-Canada relations, as part of their regular bilateral security dialogue.

Bangladesh Faces Remittance Slowdown from the Middle East

Bangladesh is witnessing a slowdown in remittances from the Middle East, raising economic concerns.

After record highs following the fall of the Hasina government in 2024, inflows have started shrinking. According to the Bangladesh Bank, remittances fell from \$2.82 billion in June to \$2.42 billion in August.

The decline is sharpest from Gulf nations, with Saudi Arabia home to nearly three million Bangladeshis, remaining the largest source.

Important Days

International Day of Peace: 21st September

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, was observed globally on 21 September 2025. Established by the United Nations, the day highlights the importance of non-violence, unity, and harmony as essential pillars for building sustainable societies.

The theme for 2025 is “Act Now for a Peaceful World”, emphasizing that peace is a collective responsibility. It calls upon governments, peacekeepers, community leaders, students, and citizens alike to take meaningful action in nurturing peace, resolving conflicts, and promoting dialogue and cooperation across communities and nations.

World Alzheimer’s Day: 21st September

World Alzheimer’s Day is observed every year on 21 September as part of the global awareness campaign to highlight the challenges of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. It is a key event within World Alzheimer’s Month, which runs throughout September to reduce stigma, spread awareness, and push for better care and research.

In 2025, the day is being observed under the theme: “Ask about Dementia. Ask about Alzheimer’s”. The theme encourages people to engage in open dialogue, promote early diagnosis, and extend stronger support to individuals and families impacted by these conditions.

Awards

Mohanlal to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023

Legendary actor, director, and producer Mohanlal was conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2023 for his remarkable contribution to Indian cinema.

Honoured earlier with Padma Shri (2001) and Padma Bhushan (2019), he has worked across multiple languages and inspired generations with his versatile performances.

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is presented by the Government to recognise outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Indian cinema.

National

Piyush Goyal Unveils Report on India's Logistics Costs

Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched the Assessment of Logistics Cost in India report in New Delhi, providing a detailed framework on logistics costs across different transport modes, product categories, and firm sizes.

The report also highlights freight costs per tonne-kilometre and the benefits of multi-modal transport for efficiency. Alongside, he unveiled Industrial Park Rating System 3.0, Logistics Data Bank 2.0, and LEADS 2025, aimed at benchmarking logistics performance across States and Union Territories.

India Signs 15-Year ISA Contract to Explore Polymetallic Sulphides in the Indian Ocean

Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India has signed a 15-year contract with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for exclusive exploration of Polymetallic Sulphides (PMS) in the Carlsberg Ridge of the Indian Ocean.

The agreement was signed in the presence of ISA Secretary-General Leticia Reis-de-Carvalho.

With this new contract, India becomes the first country globally to hold two ISA contracts for PMS exploration, the other being in the Central and Southwest Indian Ridges, strengthening its position in deep-sea mineral research and marine technology.

National Consumer Helpline Adds GST Grievance Redressal Under Next-Gen Reforms

The Department of Consumer Affairs has integrated GST grievance redressal into the National Consumer Helpline as part of Next-Gen GST reforms.

A dedicated category on the INGRAM portal now addresses consumer queries

and complaints arising from revised GST rates and exemptions.

This initiative empowers consumers to actively participate in fair market practices, strengthen compliance, and lodge complaints in 17 languages via toll-free 1915 or the portal, offering a single access point for pre-litigation grievance registration.

First Indian Defence Manufacturing Plant in Africa Launched in Morocco

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will visit Morocco to inaugurate Tata Advanced Systems Maroc's new facility in Berrechid, producing wheeled armoured platforms.

This marks the first-ever Indian defence manufacturing plant in Africa and represents a key milestone for India's global defence footprint under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

The associated MoU establishes a framework to deepen bilateral defence cooperation, including training, exchanges, and industrial linkages, further strengthening India-Morocco strategic and defence ties.

BIRC 2025 to Be Held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

The Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC) 2025 will take place on 30th and 31st October at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Recognized as the world's largest rice event, the conference will bring together farmers, global buyers, and key stakeholders from the rice industry.

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said the conference will showcase India's rich rice diversity, high-quality standards, and serve as a platform to strengthen business-to-business linkages. He added that the event will also play a crucial role in advancing the government's vision of doubling agri and agri-based exports in the next five years.

Business and Economy

Madhya Pradesh Secures Record-Low Price for Solar-Plus-Storage Power Project

Madhya Pradesh has achieved a record-low tariff for a solar-plus-storage power project, marking a significant milestone in India's renewable energy sector. The project integrates solar power generation with energy storage systems, allowing electricity supply even when sunlight is unavailable, thereby enhancing grid stability and reliability. This development reflects the growing competitiveness of renewable energy in India and aligns with the government's goals of increasing renewable capacity and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

Shipping Corporation of India Signs MoU with BPCL, HPCL, and IOCL

The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) as part of the Government of India's initiative under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). The collaboration aims to build and operate a joint shipping fleet to strengthen India's maritime capacity and support the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Under the MoU, the companies plan to acquire, own, operate, and manage vessels

for international trade and coastal transportation of petroleum, petroleum products, petrochemicals, and other hydrocarbon cargoes. This initiative will enhance India's energy security, promote self-reliance in shipping, and contribute to the country's strategic maritime capabilities.

Sports

Satwiksairaj-Chirag Enter Men's Doubles Final at China Masters 2025

India's star badminton duo, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, continued their impressive run at the China Masters 2025 by storming into the men's doubles final.

Playing at the Shenzhen Arena, the Indian pair registered a commanding 21-17, 21-14 win over Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the semifinals.

Australia Beat India to Clinch Women's ODI Series 2-1

Australia defeated India by 43 runs in the third and final Women's ODI at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, sealing the series 2-1.

Batting first after skipper Alyssa Healy won the toss, Australia posted a mammoth 412 runs before being bowled out in 47.5 overs. In reply, India put up a spirited fight but were dismissed for 369 in 47 overs, falling short of 43 runs. With this win, Australia showcased their batting depth and resilience, successfully clinching the series on Indian soil.