

International

European Parliament halts EU–US trade deal talks over Greenland dispute.

The European Parliament has suspended work on the European Union's trade agreement with the United States in protest against President Donald Trump's demand to acquire Greenland and threats of tariffs on European allies.

Lawmakers expressed concerns that the proposed deal is imbalanced, with the EU cutting most import duties while the US retains higher tariffs.

As a result, key parliamentary votes on the agreement have been postponed.

Japan restarts reactor at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear plant after 15 years.

Japan has restarted a reactor at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant, the world's largest, nearly 15 years after the Fukushima disaster led to a nationwide nuclear shutdown. Reports said reactor number six, located northwest of Tokyo, was restarted after a brief delay due to an alarm malfunction.

It is expected to begin commercial operations next month, marking a key step in Japan's efforts to revive nuclear energy in its power mix.

National

NITI Aayog releases decarbonisation roadmaps for key sectors.

NITI Aayog has released detailed decarbonisation roadmaps for the cement, aluminium and MSME sectors in New Delhi.

The report proposes to prioritise the use of refuse-derived fuels, clinker substitution, scaling up of carbon capture, utilisation and storage and effective implementation of the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme to enable deep decarbonisation in the sector. The report also highlighted the roadmap for Green Transition of MSMEs, which focuses on three key levers, including deployment of energy-efficient equipment, adoption of alternative fuels and integration of green electricity.

DGCA launches Electronic Licence for Airline Transport Pilots.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has launched the Electronic Personnel Licence

services for the Airline Transport Pilot Licence in New Delhi. The DGCA said the initiative marks a major step towards modernising India's civil aviation regulatory framework. The Electronic Personnel Licence is a secure digital licence with ICAO-aligned security features, designed to prevent tampering and allow real-time verification, strengthening transparency and efficiency in aviation licensing.

NHAI and Konkan Railway sign MoU for integrated infrastructure development.

The National Highways Authority of India and Konkan Railway Corporation Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in New Delhi to enhance integrated infrastructure development. The agreement aims to improve coordination in road and rail planning, including rail-cum-road bridges, tunnels and multimodal hubs, particularly in difficult terrains.

Valid for five years, the MoU will also promote sharing of technical expertise, safety audits, training and advanced technologies to strengthen connectivity and logistics efficiency.

Power Ministry releases Draft National Electricity Policy 2026.

The Ministry of Power has released the Draft National Electricity Policy 2026 to transform India's power sector in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. The policy targets per capita electricity consumption of 2,000 kilowatt hours by 2030 and over 4,000 kilowatt hours by 2047, up from 1,460 kilowatt hours in 2024–25.

It aligns with India's climate commitments and aims to ensure affordable, reliable and sustainable power, replacing the 2005 policy.

Business and Economy

Bank of India posts 7.47% rise in Q3 FY26 Net Profit.

State-owned Bank of India reported a 7.47 per cent year-on-year increase in net profit to ₹2,705 crore in the October–December quarter of FY26, driven mainly by strong growth in non-interest income. Net interest income rose 6.43 per cent to ₹6,461 crore, while non-interest income jumped 30 per cent. The bank's net interest margin improved to 2.57 per cent, reflecting better profitability despite margin pressures.

RBI grants in-principle PA-CB approval to Payoneer India.

The Reserve Bank of India has given in-principle approval to Payoneer India to operate as a Payment Aggregator – Cross Border (PA-CB).

This approval allows the company to facilitate cross-border payment transactions for Indian merchants, including both inward and outward remittances.

The move will enable Payoneer to expand its operations and offer end-to-end cross-border payment solutions to Indian importers and exporters, subject to compliance with RBI guidelines.

Cabinet approves ₹5,000 Crore Equity infusion into SIDBI for MSME credit boost.

The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹5,000 crore equity infusion into SIDBI to strengthen its capital base and expand MSME financing. The infusion will be made by the Department of Financial Services in phases over three years. Of this, ₹3,000 crore will be infused in FY26 at the book value as on March 31, 2025, while the remaining ₹2,000 crore will be infused in two equal tranches of ₹1,000 crore each in FY27 and FY28 at prevailing book values.

Albinder Singh Dhindsa appointed CEO of Eternal.

Deepinder Goyal resigned as the director, MD and CEO of the company. The board has accepted his resignation effective close of business hours on February 1. He has been appointed as the vice chairman & director on the board of Eternal Ltd. (Formerly Zomato Ltd.), effective upon shareholders' approval.

The board also recommended and approved the appointment of Albinder Singh Dhindsa (currently, CEO-Blinkit) as chief executive officer and key managerial personnel of the company w.e.f. February 01.

Sports

Amelia Valverde appointed coach of Indian Women's Football team.

The All-India Football Federation has appointed Amelia Valverde as the head coach of the senior Indian women's football team.

The 39-year-old Costa Rican has joined the team's training camp in Antalya, Türkiye, where the Blue Tigresses are preparing for the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026 in March.

Valverde joins the existing coaching staff to strengthen the team ahead of the continental tournament.

India beat New Zealand by 48 runs in first T20I at Nagpur.

India defeated New Zealand by 48 runs in the first T20 International at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium, Nagpur, to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Batting first, India posted a formidable 238 for seven, led by Abhishek Sharma's explosive 84, earning him Player of the Match.

In reply, New Zealand were restricted to 190 for seven despite Glenn Phillips' 78.

ICC rejects Bangladesh's request to shift T20 World Cup matches.

The International Cricket Council has rejected the Bangladesh Cricket Board's request to move its T20 World Cup matches from India to Sri Lanka, stating there is no credible security threat.

After reviewing multiple security assessments, the ICC said fixtures will proceed as scheduled. The Board noted that shifting venues could undermine the integrity and neutrality of ICC events.

Bangladesh has been given an extra day to confirm participation, failing which Scotland may replace them.