

## **International**

### **Iran Parliament approves Strait of Hormuz Closure.**

Iran's Parliament has unanimously approved a dramatic proposal to close the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most critical oil and gas shipping route, in direct retaliation for US airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities at Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical chokepoints, through which a fifth of global oil and gas supply flows. It connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. The narrow channel, approximately 33 km wide at the narrowest point, separates Iran (north) from the Arabian Peninsula (south).

Earlier, under Operation Midnight Hammer the US has conducted a surprise, significant military operation against three Iranian nuclear sites which involved seven B-2 bombers and the first known operational use of a 30,000-pound bunker buster bomb.

### **UK House of Commons passes assisted dying bill for terminally ill adults.**

In Britain, the House of Commons has approved a bill to legalise assisted dying in England and Wales, paving the way for a major social change in society. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, passed by a vote of 314 against 291 in the House of Commons, the lower house of Parliament.

The bill gives mentally competent, terminally ill adults in England and Wales, who have six months or less left to live, the right to choose to end their lives with medical assistance.

Assisted suicide is different from euthanasia, where a healthcare practitioner or other person administers a lethal injection at a patient's request.

### **Bangladesh joins tri-nation meeting with China & Pakistan in Kunming.**

Bangladesh, China and Pakistan have held an informal trilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 9th China-South Asia Exposition and the 6th China-South Asia Cooperation meeting in

Kunming. During the meeting, the three sides exchanged views on possible trilateral cooperation on the basis of mutual trust, understanding and shared vision for peace, prosperity and stability in the region.

The three sides agreed to forge cooperation on the principles of openness, inclusivity, good neighbourliness and a win-win situation.

### **FATF report links dual-use cargo seized by India in 2020 to Pakistan missile agency.**

A dual-use equipment seized by India from a Pakistan-bound merchant vessel in 2020 is linked to Islamabad's National Development Complex, which is involved in the country's missile development programme, a new report by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global anti-terror financing watchdog, has said. The report listed the case under a section on the misuse of the maritime and shipping sectors, including to transport a range of commodities, including dual-use equipment.

## **National**

### **INS Tamal, India's last imported warship, to be commissioned on July 1**

The Indian Navy is all set to commission its latest stealth multi-role frigate INS Tamal on July 1 at Kaliningrad in Russia. This will be the last warship of Indian Navy to have been built outside India and the eighth in the series of Krivak class frigates inducted from Russia over the past two decades.

### **Rajnath Singh to release 'Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2' Featuring President Murmu's speeches.**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will release a book Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2, based on speeches delivered by President Droupadi Murmu at a function in New Delhi. This curated collection of 51 speeches offers a window into the vision, philosophy, and priorities of President Murmu during her second year in office.

This volume will be released in both Hindi and English, along with an e-version. Compiled by Rashtrapati Bhavan and published by Publications Division, the book follows its predecessor in chronicling the evolving discourse on governance, inclusivity, and national aspirations.

### **INS Nilgiri, First Project 17A Stealth Frigate, reaches Visakhapatnam.**

INS Nilgiri, the first of the indigenously built Project 17A stealth frigates, arrived at Visakhapatnam. Built in Mumbai, INS Nilgiris now makes Visakhapatnam its home port and would be an integral part of the Eastern Sword-Sunrise Fleet. This state-of-the-art warship is driven by its motto – “Adrish Yabalam, Ajeya Shauryam”. The INS Nilgiri and the other ships of its class are expected to be inducted in the near future to strengthen the Eastern Naval Command’s capabilities.

### **PM Modi lauds Andhra Pradesh for record-breaking Yoga event in Visakhapatnam.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has complimented the people of Andhra Pradesh for how they have strengthened the movement to make Yoga a part of their lives. Sharing the Guinness World Records of the largest yoga lesson ever in Visakhapatnam on June 21 with 3 lakh 105 participants, Mr Modi said that the Yogandhra initiative and the programme in Visakhapatnam, which he also took part in, will always motivate several people towards good health and well-being.

### **Business and Economy**

### **SoftBank founder pitches \$1 trillion U.S. AI hub to TSMC.**

SoftBank Group Corp founder Masayoshi Son is seeking to team up with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co for a trillion-dollar industrial complex in Arizona to build robots and artificial intelligence. SoftBank officials have spoken with U.S. federal and state government officials to discuss possible tax breaks for companies building factories or otherwise investing in the industrial park.

### **Amazon India launches home diagnostics services in six cities.**

Amazon India is foraying into the diagnostics space with the launch of a new at-home diagnostics service that enables customers to book lab tests, schedule and track appointments, and access digital reports from the Amazon app. The offering, developed in collaboration with diagnostics provider Orange Health Labs, spans more than 450 pin codes and includes access to over 800 diagnostic tests.

### **Gandhinagar civic body's maiden municipal bond issue oversubscribed 9 times.**

Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation's (GMC) debut municipal bond issue received an overwhelming response from investors, being oversubscribed nine times, marking a historic financial milestone.

The ₹25-crore bond offering garnered bids worth ₹225 crore in just one hour during the subscription window on the National Stock Exchange, reflecting strong investor confidence in the civic body's financial credentials.

### **HDB Financial Services launches ₹12,500 crore IPO.**

HDB Financial Services has launched a ₹12,500-crore initial public offering (IPO). The company has set a price band of ₹700-740 for the fund raise, which is reportedly at a 66 per cent discount to the price of the share in the grey market.

### **Sports**

### **Marc Marquez wins Italian MotoGP 2025.**

Ducati's Marc Marquez has won the Italian Grand Prix at the Mugello Circuit taking the chequered flag ahead of his brother Alex to maintain his iron grip on the riders' championship. Gresini Racing's Alex briefly led the race early on before Marc took control. Fabio Di Giannantonio of VR46 Racing claimed the third place.

## **Asian Para-Badminton Championship** **Thailand: India wins 27 medals.**

Indian shuttlers have won 27 medals at the Asian Para-Badminton Championship 2025 in Thailand, resulting in the country's best-ever performance at the event. The tournament took place between June 17 and 22 at the SPADT Convention Center. India's haul included four gold medals, 10 silver medals, and 13 bronze medals.

Among the medallists were Paris Paralympics gold medallist Nitesh Kumar, Paris Paralympics silver medallist Thulasimathi Murugesan, and Paris Paralympics bronze medallist Manisha Ramadass.

## **WTT India formed to host more high-profile international ranking events.**

In a major boost to the table tennis ecosystem in India, the World Table Tennis (WTT)—the events wing of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) — has formed WTT India with an eye on hosting more high-profile world-ranking events in the country. India now joins a select group of countries, including China, Singapore, Japan, Germany, and the USA, that have domestic WTT event companies.