

International

US President Trump set to appear on gold coin commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

US President Donald Trump is set to appear on a gold coin commemorating America's 250th anniversary, sparking questions over its legality. The proposed design shows President Trump leaning on the Resolute Desk with clenched fists, making him only the second sitting president featured on a coin. The first was Calvin Coolidge in 1926, alongside George Washington, on a coin marking 150 years of American independence.

Pakistan ranks first on Global Terrorism Index with 6% rise in deaths.

Pakistan has been ranked number one on the Global Terrorism Index for the first time, following a 6 percent increase in terrorism-related fatalities last year. According to the Global Terrorism Index 2026, published by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), deaths from terrorism in Pakistan are now at its highest level since 2013, with the country recording 1,139 terrorism deaths and 1,045 incidents in 2025.

On the global stage, Pakistan now sits alongside Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Niger, and the Democratic Republic of Congo as one of the five nations where nearly 70 per cent of all global terrorism deaths occur.

World Meteorological Day observed on 23 March.

The World Meteorological Day is observed globally on 23 March. The theme for this year is "Observing today, protecting tomorrow".

Every year, on 23rd of March, the World Meteorological Organisation commemorates the coming into force of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) on 23rd of March in 1950.

National

PM Modi becomes longest-serving elected head of government in India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved a historic milestone in Indian politics by becoming the longest-serving head of an elected government in the country. With this, PM Modi has surpassed Pawan Kumar Chamling, who held office as the Chief Minister of Sikkim for 8,930 days. He has now completed 8,931 days as the head of government, combining his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat and as Prime Minister, thereby entering his 25th year in a leadership role.

PM Modi has set several notable records, including being the longest-serving Chief Minister of Gujarat and the Prime Minister with the longest prior experience as a CM. He is also the first Prime Minister of India to have been born after Independence and has secured victory in three consecutive Lok Sabha elections in 2014, 2019 and 2024.

Tap water reaches over 16 crore homes under Jal Jeevan Mission: Union Minister C R Patil.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti C R Patil said that over 16 crore homes have been provided accessibility to tap water under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural session of the World Water Day Conclave 2026 in New Delhi. Mr Patil lauded initiatives like the Namami Gange Mission and reaffirmed central government's commitment of cleaning river water.

Navy set to commission frontline stealth frigate 'Taragiri' on April 3.

Indigenous stealth frigate 'Taragiri', endowed with the cutting-edge weapon suite including supersonic missiles, is set to be commissioned into the Indian Navy on 3 April 2026. It is the fourth potent platform of the Project 17A class. It is Built by

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.

Taragiri is designed for 'High-Speed – High Endurance' versatility and multi-dimensional maritime operations. The ship's weapon suite is world-class, featuring supersonic Surface-to-Surface Missiles, Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles, and a specialised Anti-Submarine Warfare suite.

Business and Economy

Growth of eight core sectors halved to 2.3% in February 2026.

India's core industrial growth slowed sharply even before the crisis in West Asia began, with government data showing growth in the eight core sectors of the economy slowing to a three-month low of 2.3% in February 2026.

The data shows that domestic production of oil, gas, and petroleum products had been shrinking in the run up to the current supply constraints.

Foreign Investors withdraw ₹88,180 Cr from Indian equities.

Foreign investors have withdrawn 88,180 crore rupees from Indian equities up to the third week of March. Escalating geopolitical tensions, rising crude oil prices, and hawkish commentary from the Federal Reserve have weighed on investor sentiment. As per depositories' data, the total net outflow of foreign investment from the Indian capital market has crossed 1 lakh crore rupees so far in March. However, FPIs have infused 187 crore rupees into Indian debt markets during the same period.

India achieves one billion tonne coal production for 2nd consecutive year.

India has achieved 1 billion tonne (BT) coal production on March 20, 2026 for the second consecutive year amid heightened uncertainties in global energy markets due to the West Asia crisis. The higher and sustained coal output has helped the

country meet rising energy demand and supported the power sector in maintaining record coal inventories at coal-based thermal plants.

Yamaha Music India announces AR Rahman as new brand ambassador.

Yamaha Music India Private Ltd, the Indian subsidiary of Japan's Yamaha Corporation, that manufactures musical instruments and professional audio equipment has announced music icon AR Rahman as its brand ambassador. The collaboration focuses on strengthening the music ecosystem in India and supporting young artists, including initiatives with Rahman's KM Music Conservatory and the Sunshine Orchestra.

Sports

LeBron James breaks record for most NBA games played.

Lebron James broke the NBA record for most regular-season games played, taking the court for his 1,612th when the Los Angeles Lakers tipped off against the Orlando Magic. He passed the mark of 1,611 that Robert Parish had held since he retired in 1997.

In his unprecedented 23rd season, he already holds a host of NBA records, including points scored, field goals made and field goals attempted and the longest streak of regular-season games with at least 10 points scored – 1,297 – in history.

Squash: Anahat Singh wins Women's Singles title at Indian Open.

In Squash, Anahat Singh won the Women's Singles title, while Abhay Singh clinched the Men's Singles at the Indian Open in Mumbai. Anahat defeated the second seed Egyptian player Hana Moataz 3-1 to retain her title.

Meanwhile, in an all-Indian Men's summit clash, Abhay outclassed compatriot Veer Chotrani in straight games, winning 3-0 in just 32 minutes.

US newcomer Anthony crowned world indoor sprint king.

American newcomer Jordan Anthony announced himself on the global stage by winning gold in the men's 60m at the World Athletics Indoor Championships. He clocked a season's best of 6.41 seconds to secure the title. Jamaica's Kishane Thompson took silver with a personal best of 6.45 seconds. American Trayvon Bromell claimed bronze in a photo finish with Thompson.