

International

COP30 climate deal approved, calls for faster global action.

World leaders at COP30 in Belém approved a climate agreement after lengthy negotiations, though it excludes a fossil fuel phase-out.

The deal urges developed nations to triple climate finance for developing countries and review climate-related trade barriers.

It aims to accelerate global efforts to keep warming within 1.5°C.

India, Australia & Canada launch ACITI tech partnership.

India, Australia, and Canada launched the ACITI Partnership during the G20 Summit in Johannesburg to boost cooperation on critical and emerging technologies.

The initiative focuses on green energy innovation, critical minerals, resilient supply chains, and advancing AI adoption.

It aims to support net-zero goals and strengthen global tech ecosystems. Officials will meet again in early 2026.

Rising ocean mercury levels threaten marine life: Study

A study analysing 738 harbour porpoises stranded along UK coasts found increasing mercury levels linked to higher disease risk.

Human activities have tripled mercury concentrations in shallow waters since the Industrial Revolution.

Warming seas and shifting food webs are further accelerating mercury buildup in marine ecosystems, posing a serious threat to ocean life.

G20 adopts joint declaration despite US objections.

The G20 Summit in Johannesburg adopted a consensus-based joint declaration despite US opposition.

The document underscores solidarity, equality, and sustainability as foundations for inclusive global growth. It highlights energy security, climate action, disaster resilience, and the

challenges posed by geopolitical tensions and rising inequalities.

The declaration calls for multilateral cooperation, respect for international law, and support for vulnerable nations.

National

PM Modi unveils six global development initiatives at G20 Summit in Johannesburg.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced six major initiatives at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg to strengthen global development and cooperation.

These include a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository, Africa Skills Multiplier Programme, Global Healthcare Response Team, an initiative to counter the drug-terror nexus, an Open Satellite Data Partnership, and a Critical Minerals Circularity Initiative. PM Modi said these proposals reflect India's commitment to inclusive, sustainable growth.

The programmes aim to boost global health readiness, enhance Africa's youth skills, and strengthen collective action against drug-linked terrorism.

J&K to conduct first-ever limestone block auction.

Jammu and Kashmir will mark a major milestone in mineral sector development as the Ministry of Mines conducts the Union Territory's first-ever limestone block auction at the Convention Centre in Jammu.

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary will attend the event.

The auction is expected to boost investment and unlock new opportunities in J&K's mineral resources sector.

Govt to introduce constitution 131st amendment bill bringing Chandigarh under Article 240.

The Government will introduce the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2025, in the upcoming Winter Session to bring

Chandigarh under Article 240 of the Constitution.

This move aligns Chandigarh with other Union Territories without legislatures, allowing the President to frame regulations for its governance.

The change would also enable the appointment of an independent Administrator, replacing the Punjab Governor's current role.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Nagpur Book Festival 2025.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the first-ever Nagpur Book Festival 2025, jointly organized by the National Book Trust, the Maharashtra Government, and Zero Mile Youth Foundation. The nine-day festival, being held at Reshimbagh Ground until November 30, features over 300 publishers and various cultural events.

India's food grain output reaches record 357 MT: ICAR.

India's food grain production has hit an all-time high of 357 million tonnes, an over 8% increase from last year, ICAR Director General Dr M. L. Jat announced at the curtain raiser for the International Agronomy Congress (IAC-2025).

Effective agronomy practices have reduced stubble burning by 95%.

Dr Jat highlighted strong growth in pulses, oilseeds, millets, and agricultural exports.

IAC-2025, beginning November 24 in New Delhi, will focus on building climate-resilient, sustainable, and nutrition-secure agri-food systems.

Business and Economy

Government to introduce bill allowing 100% FDI in Insurance Sector.

The Government plans to introduce the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025, in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament, proposing to raise FDI in the insurance sector from 74% to 100%.

The bill aims to deepen insurance penetration, boost sectoral growth, and improve ease of doing business.

So far, the sector has attracted ₹82,000 crore in FDI.

The proposal forms part of broader financial reforms and includes amendments to the Insurance Act 1938, the LIC Act 1956, and the IRDAI Act 1999, along with provisions for reduced paid-up capital and a composite licence framework.

Air India restores codeshare partnership with Air Canada.

Air India has announced the reinstatement of its codeshare partnership with Air Canada, more than five years after it was suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The renewed agreement will give Air India passengers seamless access to six additional destinations in Canada via Vancouver and London Heathrow. Through this codeshare arrangement, travellers can fly across both airlines on a single ticket, ensuring smoother connections and enhanced travel convenience.

Sports

India enters T20 Women's Blind World Cup Final with dominant win over Australia.

India stormed into the final of the inaugural T20 Women's Blind World Cup with a nine-wicket victory over Australia in Colombo.

After restricting Australia to 109/9, India chased the target with ease, reaching 112/1 in just 11.5 overs. Winning the toss proved crucial as India controlled the game from the start.

They will now face the winner of the second semifinal between Nepal and Pakistan.

Anahat Singh clinches women's title at Indian Open Squash.

Rising Indian squash star Anahat Singh triumphed over veteran Joshna Chinappa to claim the women's title at the Indian Open in Indore.

The 17-year-old top seed battled through a gripping five-game final, winning 3-2 (11-8, 11-13, 11-9, 6-11, 11-9) in 54 minutes.

Earlier, Anahat edged past Ireland's Hannah Craig in the semifinals, while Joshna defeated Egypt's Nadien Elhammamy to reach the summit clash.

Lakshya Sen enters Men's Singles Final at Australian Open.

Indian badminton star Lakshya Sen has stormed into the men's singles final of the Australian Open, showcasing remarkable resilience.

The 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist edged past second seed Chou Tien-Chen of Chinese Taipei in a thrilling three-game semifinal, winning 17-21, 24-22, 21-16 in Sydney.

Sen is set to face Japan's Yushi Tanaka, ranked 26th globally, in the championship match.

He remains India's sole contender after defeating Ayush Shetty in the quarterfinals.

India's top doubles pair, Chirag Shetty–Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, exited in the quarterfinals.