

## International

### US President claims, Israel & Iran agreed to ceasefire.

United States President Donald Trump has announced that Iran and Israel have agreed to a complete and total ceasefire, which will come into effect in the coming hours. The announcement was made last night, shortly after an Iranian missile attack on a US airbase in Qatar. Trump said that the ceasefire would begin once both countries have wound down and completed their ongoing final missions. The announcement of a ceasefire between Iran and Israel has brought temporary relief to millions of civilians caught in the crossfire.

### Thailand, Cambodia impose restrictions on each other.

Thailand has imposed restrictions on all travellers heading into Cambodia, as the two countries remain locked in a bitter border dispute. The ban applies to any vehicle or person attempting to cross into Cambodia from Thailand. Relations between the two countries have reached their lowest point in over a decade, following armed clashes along the border last month that resulted in the death of a Cambodian soldier.

Cambodia has banned imports from Thailand, including fruit, vegetables, electricity, internet services, and even Thai television dramas and films.

### Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission to ISS set for launch on June 25.

Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) is now targeting a launch on June 25., NASA, Axiom Space, and SpaceX are aiming for a launch at 12:01 PM IST for the fourth private astronaut mission to the ISS. The mission is set to lift off from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The mission was originally scheduled for lift-off on May 29 but faced multiple delays. It was first postponed to June 8, then June 10 and June

11, after engineers detected a liquid oxygen leak in the boosters of the Falcon 9 rocket

### Dangeti Jahnavi becomes first Indian to complete Nasa program, to go to space in 2029.

Dangeti Jahnavi from Palakollu in Andhra Pradesh is set to travel to space in 2029. She holds the distinction of being the first Indian to successfully complete NASA's prestigious International Air and Space Program.

Jahnavi has been selected to travel to the Titan's Orbital Port Space Station, a US-based project slated for inauguration in the next four years. Her contributions to the International Astronomical Search Collaboration led to a provisional asteroid discovery, based on data from the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS). She was also the youngest foreign analog astronaut and the first Indian chosen for Space Iceland's geology training.

## National

### Defence Ministry approves ₹1,981 crore emergency procurement to bolster Army's counter-terrorism capabilities.

In a significant move to strengthen the Indian Army's operational readiness in counter-terrorism operations, the Ministry of Defence has cleared thirteen contracts under the Emergency Procurement mechanism. These contracts, amounting to one thousand 981 crore rupees, have been finalised against an overall sanctioned outlay of two thousand crore rupees for the Indian Army. The equipment being procured includes – Integrated Drone Detection Systems, Low Level Lightweight Radars, Very Short Range Air Defence Systems launchers and missiles, Bullet Proof Jackets and Night Sights for Rifles.

### Tripura becomes India's 3rd fully literate State after Mizoram, Goa

Tripura is now the third Indian state, after Mizoram and Goa, to become a fully literate state, surpassing the 95% benchmark set by the Ministry of Education for a state to be declared fully literate. According to UNESCO, states

that cross the 95 per cent mark would be declared as fully literate.

By successfully implementing the 'ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) - New India Literacy Programme', Tripura's literacy rate has now increased to 95.6%.

### **Centre plans first nationwide Household Income Survey in 2026.**

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has formed a Technical Expert Group (TEG) to oversee India's first full-scale household income distribution survey, scheduled for 2026. In addition to measuring household income, the proposed survey will also try to assess the impact of adoption of technology on wages.

Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, former Executive Director for India at the IMF, will chair the TEG. Members include Alope Kar, Prof. Sonalde Desai, Prof. Praveen Jha, Prof. Srijit Mishra, Dr. Tirthankar Patnaik, Dr. Rajesh Shukla, and Prof. Ram Singh.

### **ICMR-NIIH launches India's first national rare blood donor registry.**

In a first, the National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH) in Mumbai, operating under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has launched a national registry for rare blood donors. This initiative aims to help patients with uncommon blood types — especially those with conditions like thalassemia and sickle cell disease, who often need repeated blood transfusions.

The ICMR-NIIH is currently in discussions with the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) to link this rare donor registry with \*e-Raktakosh\*, the government's existing blood availability portal.

### **'History that India Ignored' challenges conventional notions about Independence movement.**

Veteran journalist Prem Prakash's latest book 'History that India Ignored', is a re-examination of India's Independence movement. The book challenges several conventional notions related to the freedom movement, with the most widely

discussed being Mahatma Gandhi's role in steering the nation towards freedom in 1947.

### **Business and Economy**

#### **India's total exports reach all-time high of \$825 billion, grows 6.3%.**

Addressing the Exim Bank Trade Conclave 2025 in New Delhi, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the country's total exports have reached an all-time high of 825 billion US dollars and achieved six per cent growth over the previous year. The Minister said that global exports grew by only four per cent, but India's exports witnessed growth of 6.3 per cent in the last fiscal year.

#### **World Economic Forum features 10 Indian startups as Tech Pioneers.**

Ten Indian startups working on cutting-edge technologies from artificial intelligence to space tech have made it to the World Economic Forum's prestigious list of top 100 emerging companies for 2025. The Indian startups featured in the list include Equal, GalaxEye, Agnikul, CynLr, Dezy, Digantara, Exponent Energy, Freight Tiger, SolarSquare, and The ePlane Co.

The annual list by WEF tech pioneers highlights the most promising global innovators shaping the future across sectors.

#### **Frederick Smith, FedEx founder and logistics pioneer, dies.**

Frederick Wallace Smith, the visionary founder of FedEx and one of the most transformative figures in global logistics, died of natural causes in Memphis, Tennessee. Smith launched Federal Express in 1973 with 14 Dassault Falcon jets. Today, FedEx has over 500,000 employees and moves \$2 trillion in goods annually. Moreover, FedEx now ships to more than 220 countries and handles 17 million deliveries every day.

#### **JLR cars to be produced at Chennai plant from early 2026.**

Tata Motors Ltd-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) will begin the production of its vehicles at its parent's new plant in Tamil Nadu by early 2026 and the plant will be fully operational by 2032.

JLR will look to begin assembly of completely knocked down (CKD) units at the new plant in Panapakkam in Tamil Nadu, which is expected to attract more than ₹9,000 crore investment from Tata Motors.

## Sports

### 1st test: England defeat India by 5 wickets.

England defeated India by five wickets in the opening match of the Anderson-Tendulkar Cricket Trophy at Headingley, Leeds. Chasing the target of 371, England reached 373 for 5 on a tense final day, pulling off one of the greatest run chases in Test history. This victory powered

the hosts to an early 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Earlier, India was bowled out for 364 in their second innings on Day 4, suffering a late collapse in the final session.

### Neeraj Chopra wins Ostrava Golden Spike Javelin title.

Neeraj Chopra has claimed the Javelin Throw title in the Ostrava Golden Spike 2025 meet in the Czech Republic. He won the yellow metal with a best throw of 85.29 metres in the one-day competition. The victory also marked Neeraj's second consecutive top finish, following his impressive performance at the Paris Diamond League last week.