

International

Bahrain proposes UN resolution to protect commercial shipping in Strait of Hormuz.

Bahrain has put forward a draft United Nations Security Council resolution that would authorise countries to use, in the words of the text, “all necessary means” to protect commercial shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz. The diplomatic phrase is widely understood as authorisation for the use of force.

Diplomats said the resolution, which is backed by other Gulf Arab states and the United States, would be placed under Chapter Seven of the UN Charter, which allows the Security Council to authorise actions ranging from sanctions to military force.

Former French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin dies.

Former French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, a socialist who introduced the 35-hour work week and civil partnerships for gay couples, has died aged 88. Jospin –was the head of government from 1997 to 2002 . Jospin had served five years as the Prime Minister under conservative President Jacques Chirac.

Vietnam & Russia sign deal to build nuclear power plant in Vietnam.

Vietnam and Russia signed a deal to build a nuclear power plant in Vietnam as the Southeast Asian country revives its nuclear plans. The deal for the Ninh Thuan 1 plant comes after two similar projects were shelved in 2016 over rising costs and safety issues.

The deal outlines plans to build two Russian-designed reactors with a combined capacity of 2,400 megawatts, which are based on an existing plant in Russia.

Bangladesh observes Genocide Day to remember victims of 1971 military crackdown.

Bangladesh is observing Genocide Day on March 25 in solemn remembrance of the victims of the brutal military crackdown carried out by Pakistani forces on the night of March 25, 1971, under the codename Operation Searchlight.

The day marks one of the darkest chapters in the country’s history, when unarmed Bengalis – including students, teachers and civilians were killed across the then East Pakistan, particularly in Dhaka, triggering widespread atrocities during the Liberation War.

National

Indian Navy warship Nilgiri joins Exercise KAKADU 2026 in Australia.

The Indian Navy's frigate INS Nilgiri is taking part in the sea phase of Exercise Kakadu 2026 in Australia as part of its deployment to the Western Pacific. The exercise aims at strengthening interoperability, cooperation and maritime understanding among participating navies. Exercise Kakadu is a multilateral maritime exercise hosted by Australia, bringing together navies from across the Indo-Pacific region.

DPIIT signs MoU with leading AC company to support startups, innovators & entrepreneurs across country.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with a leading air conditioning company Blue Star Limited to support startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs across the country. The collaboration aims to foster the growth of product startups working in areas such as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technologies; digital solutions, advanced manufacturing processes; and supply chain innovation.

SC status only for Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, conversion to other religions ends SC status: SC.

The Supreme Court of India has ruled that only individuals belonging to Hindu, Sikh, or Buddhist faiths are eligible to claim Scheduled Caste status. The Court clarified that conversion to any other religion, such as Christianity irrespective of their birth, results in the immediate and complete loss of Scheduled Caste status.

Upholding an order of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, the Supreme Court held that once a person converts to Christianity and actively professes and practices that faith, they can no longer be regarded as a member of a Scheduled Caste.

Business and Economy

RBI injects 55,837 crore into banking system through three-day VRR auction.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) injected 55,837 crore rupees into the banking system through a three-day variable rate repo (VRR) auction. The funds were infused at a cut-off and weighted average rate of 5.26 percent.

The RBI has infused over 2.08 lakh crore rupees through short-term VRR auctions in recent days and 3.5 lakh crore rupees of durable liquidity via open market operations (OMO) since January this year.

South Indian Bank appoints ex-RBI ED Jose Kattoor as part-time Chairman.

Kerala-based South Indian Bank announced the appointment of Jose Joseph Kattoor as the non-executive part-time chairman (Independent Director) for a term of three years, effective March 23, 2026. Kattoor will succeed V J Kurian, who retired on March 22, upon completion of his term as non-executive part-time chairman (Independent Director).

Kattoor has over three decades of distinguished experience at RBI. Kattoor served the central bank from 1991 until his retirement in 2023.

Razorpay, Sarvam AI team up for voice-based online shopping and payments.

Razorpay has announced a partnership with the Bengaluru-based startup Sarvam AI to build voice-first, conversational commerce experiences in India. The collaboration combines Sarvam's AI models and agentic stack with Razorpay's payments infrastructure, enabling users to discover products, place orders, and complete transactions through natural voice interactions in multiple Indian languages.

Karnataka Grameena Bank gets National Award in SHG-Bank linkage.

The Union Ministry of Rural Development has awarded Karnataka Grameena Bank the 'National Award for Outstanding Performance in SHG Bank Linkage 2024-25'. The award was presented at the National Conference on Financial Literacy and Capacity Building and the 25th Central Level Coordination Committee meeting in Hyderabad recently.

SEBI approves set of regulatory changes covering market intermediaries, foreign investors, alternative funds and governance norms.

During SEBI board meeting, its chief Tuhin Kanta Pandey outlined key reforms aimed at easing compliance for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). AIFs will now be permitted to retain liquidation proceeds beyond their fund life to cover pending tax, litigation, or operational expenses, reducing their compliance burden while maintaining regulatory oversight.

FPIs, meanwhile, will be allowed to settle outright cash market transactions on a net basis, enhancing operational efficiency and reducing funding costs, particularly during index rebalancing. These measures are expected to simplify fund management processes and improve the ease of doing business in India's capital markets.

SEBI has revised the 'fit and proper person' criteria for intermediaries, clarifying that

the mere filing of an FIR or charge sheet will not automatically lead to disqualification.

NHAI-sponsored 'InvIT gets listed on the BSE.

The National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) Raajmarga Infrastructure Investment Trust (RIIT) was listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 24, 2026, in the presence of Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari.

The public InvIT, regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), is aimed at widening investor participation in the country's highway infrastructure sector.

Sports

Manchester City wins the League Cup for the ninth time.

Manchester City won the 2025-26 League Cup (Carabao Cup) for the ninth time after a 2-0 victory over Arsenal at Wembley. Nico O'Reilly's second half double did the damage for the Blues in the showpiece final. Only Liverpool (10) have won the competition on more occasions.

Pep Guardiola has now won the famous trophy five times as City manager – an English football record. He stands above Brian Clough, Sir Alex Ferguson and Jose Mourinho (who all won four) as the manager with the most successes in the competition.

Aditya Birla Group buys full ownership of Royal Challengers Bangalore.

A consortium led by the Aditya Birla Group (ABG) has acquired 100 percent equity stake in IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru for a whopping USD 1.78 billion (approximately Rs 16,706 crore) from its current owner, the United Spirits Limited. The transaction includes RCB's men's and women's (WPL) teams.

The consortium comprises Aditya Birla Group (ABG), The Times of India Group (Times), Bolt Ventures (Bolt), and Blackstone's perpetual private equity strategy, BXPE (Blackstone).

World Athletics Indoor C'ships 2026: Duplantis secures another world title.

Armand Duplantis won his fourth consecutive world indoor championships with a tournament record vault of 6.25 meters, a 10-centimeter improvement on his winning height a year ago in Nanjing.

Raipur, Jagdalpur & Surguja to host Khelo India Tribal Games 2026.

Chhattisgarh is set to host the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 from March 25 to April 3. The event will take place across three cities – Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Surguja – bringing together over 6,000 participants, including 2,300 athletes.

The KITG will feature a diverse range of disciplines, including Archery, Athletics, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Mallakhamb, and Kabaddi, hosted across key venues in Chhattisgarh.

Two-Day National Indoor Athletics Championships kicks off.

The inaugural National Indoor Athletics Championships started at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, marking a new chapter for track and field in the country. The two-day meet has drawn 278 entries, including 97 women, and will feature competition in both senior and under-20 categories. The event is designed to strengthen India's indoor athletics calendar and provide athletes with early-season competitive opportunities.