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International

Heavy rains trigger floods, landslides in Vietnam; Death toll reaches 90.

In Vietnam, at least 90 people have died in flooding and landslides after heavy rains pounded the region earlier this week. The downpours have caused widespread damage in areas still recovering from record flooding and Typhoon Kalmaegi earlier this month.

Vietnam is among the world's most flood-prone countries, with nearly half its population living in high-risk zones. The economic losses are estimated at nearly 358 million US dollars.

France honours British Indian Spy Noor Inayat Khan with new postage stamp.

Noor Inayat Khan has become the only Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a commemorative postage stamp by France for her role in the French Resistance as an undercover British agent during the Second World War.

The French postal service, La Poste, honoured Noor with a stamp issued to honour the "Figures of the Resistance" who fought against Nazi Germany. She is among a dozen war heroes and heroines chosen on the set of stamps issued this month to mark 80 years since the end of World War II.

Britain honoured Noor in 2014 to mark the centenary of her birth. She now has a stamp in her honour issued by Britain and France.

India sends contingent to WorldSkills Asia 2025 for the first time.

India has sent off its contingent for the WorldSkills Asia Competition 2025. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said that 23 candidates will take part in the competition to be held in Chinese Taipei from the 27th of this month.

This is the first time India is participating in the WorldSkills Asia platform. National Skill Development Corporation is leading the Indian contingent, and WorldSkills

India is the implementation and knowledge partner.

Volcano Hayli Gubbi erupted after 12,000 years.

A long-dormant volcano in northern Ethiopia erupted on November 23, 2025, sending towering ash plumes across the Red Sea towards Yemen, Oman, and even parts of India. The Hayli Gubbi volcano, located in the Afar region about 800 km northeast of Addis Ababa, remained quiet for nearly 12,000 years. It erupted for several hours and blanketed the neighbouring village of Afdera in ash.

National

Indian Navy Commissions country's first indigenous anti-submarine warfare vessel 'INS Mahe' in Mumbai.

The Indian Navy has commissioned INS Mahe, the first vessel of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercraft, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi presided over the ceremony as the chief guest. Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, INS Mahe stands as a testament to the growing capabilities of the country's shipbuilding ecosystem under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Powered by self-reliance and dedicated to safeguarding the country's maritime frontiers, it will serve as a Silent Hunter on the Western Seaboard.

Justice Surya Kant becomes the 53rd Chief Justice of India.

Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Surya Kant at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice Surya Kant has succeeded Justice BR Gavai, who demitted office.

Justice Surya Kant will have a tenure of around 15 months as the Chief Justice of India.

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Veteran actor and Padma Bhushan awardee, Dharmendra, passed away.

Veteran actor and Padma Bhushan awardee, Dharmendra, passed away at his Mumbai residence. Affectionately known as Bollywood's He-Man, the actor leaves behind an unmatched legacy of over six decades. His career boasts over 300 films, many of which are considered classics today.

Some of his most memorable performances include the iconic role of Veeru in the cult classic 'Sholay', besides memorable performances in 'Phool Aur Patthar', 'Seeta Aur Geeta', 'Chupke Chupke', 'Dharam Veer' and 'Pratigya'.

He also served as a Member of the Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Bharatiya Janata Party representing Bikaner in Rajasthan from 2004 to 2009.

BEL & Safran sign JV to manufacture HAMMER Precision Weapon in India.

Bharat Electronics Limited and Safran Electronics and Defence of France signed a Joint Venture Cooperation Agreement in New Delhi, for the production of Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range (HAMMER) Smart Precision Guided Air-to-Ground Weapon. The agreement will localise the manufacturing, supply and maintenance of HAMMER to meet the operational needs of the Air Force and Navy.

HAMMER is a combat-proven, precision-guided weapon system known for its high accuracy and modular design, making it adaptable for multiple platforms, including the Rafale and Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.

PM Modi pay tributes to Ahom general Lachit Borphukan on Lachit Diwas.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tributes to Ahom general Lachit Borphukan on Lachit Diwas celebrated on November 24. Lachit Borphukan was an army general, primarily known for commanding the Ahom Army and the victory in the naval

Battle of Saraighat (1671) that thwarted an invasion by the vastly superior Mughal Forces.

His leadership not only shielded Assam and the rest of the Northeast from the onslaught of the Mughals but also secured the region's precious cultural heritage.

The Nation observes the 350th Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

The 350th martyrdom day of the ninth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Teg Bahadur, is being observed on November 25. He was executed on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in the year 1675. The day is widely known as the Shaheedi Divas. Guru Tegh Bahadur travelled across the country preaching Guru Nanak Dev's teachings. He composed 116 shabads and 15 ragas, and his teachings have been included in the Adi Granth.

Business and Economy

S&P's global rating projects India's economy to grow 6.5% in the current fiscal year.

Standard and Poor's global rating has projected that India's economy will grow 6.5 per cent in the current fiscal year and 6.7 per cent in the next financial year. It said that expected tax cuts and monetary policy easing will give a boost to consumption-driven growth.

India's real GDP is estimated to have expanded at 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal, the fastest pace in five quarters.

Lakshmi N. Mittal to leave UK amid Labour's proposed tax changes targeting super-rich.

Indian-origin steel tycoon Lakshmi N. Mittal has decided to leave the U.K. as the Labour government weighs tax changes targeting the super-rich. Long based in Britain and ranked the country's eighth-richest person with a 15.4-billion-pound

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fortune, Mittal is already a tax resident of Switzerland and is expected to spend most of his time in Dubai.

The move comes ahead of Chancellor Rachel Reeves' Budget, which is expected to include further tax increases on the wealthy as the government seeks to plug a 20-billion-pound hole in public finances.

Sunil Paliwal appointed as the new Chairman of IWAI.

Sunil Paliwal, a 1993 IAS batch civil servant, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). Paliwal, who is currently serving as Chairperson of the Chennai Port Trust, will take over the national waterways body. Paliwal brings an extensive track record in port administration, infrastructure development, and maritime governance

FinMin renews merger proposal of state-owned general insurance companies.

The Finance Ministry is considering an earlier proposal to merge the three state-owned general insurance companies into a single entity, following their improved financial health, to achieve better efficiency and scale.

The Central government infused Rs 17,450 crore between 2019-20 and 2021-22 in three PSU general insurance companies, namely Oriental Insurance, National Insurance and United India Insurance, to bring them out of financial distress.

Sports

India wins their second consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup.

India won its second consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 in Dhaka, defeating Chinese Taipei 35-28 in a dominant final performance. India swept all four group-stage matches before beating Iran 33-21 in the semifinals.

Verstappen wins Las Vegas Grand Prix 2025.

Max Verstappen has won for the second time in four races, and the four-time reigning Formula 1 champion continued to claw his way back into the title picture with a victory at the Las Vegas Grand Prix.

It is the second time in three years the Dutchman has won on the streets of Las Vegas. He won the inaugural race in 2023 and clinched his fourth consecutive title here last year.

Doriane Pin wins all-female F1 Academy championship in Las Vegas

French driver Doriane Pin has won the all-female F1 Academy title in the final race of the season in Las Vegas. The 21-year-old Mercedes junior beat Ferrari-backed Dutch rival Maya Weug by 15 points to become the series' third champion after Spain's Marta Garcia and Britain's Abbi Pulling.

Golovkin elected president of World Boxing.

Former middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin was elected President of World Boxing, which will run the sport at the 2028 Olympic Games. The Kazakh was the only candidate left standing and was named President by acclamation at the annual congress in Rome.

He was twice the unified world middleweight champion. He also won silver at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

India's Abhinav Deshwal wins Gold at Deaflympics in Tokyo.

Abhinav Deshwal has won India's 15th medal in shooting at the Deaflympics, winning the gold in the 25m pistol event in Tokyo with a record in qualification. He shot a score of 44 in the final to edge out South Korea's Seung Hwa Lee, who finished on a score of 43.

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5th Khelo India University Games kick off at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium.

The fifth Khelo India University Games were officially inaugurated at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the beginning of the event.

Around 7,000 participants, including nearly 5,000 athletes from 230 universities across the country, are taking part in the Games. Athletes compete in 23 sporting disciplines at the Khelo India University Games, while the traditional sport Kho-Kho will be showcased as a demonstration event.