

International

Former President Mutharika wins Malawi election.

Former President Peter Mutharika has been declared the winner of Malawi's election, ousting incumbent Lazarus Chakera to return as leader of one of Africa's poorest countries. Mr Mutharika, who was the President from 2014 to 2020, won 56% of the vote, according to the Malawi Electoral Commission. Mr Chakwera was second with 33%.

The 7th Future Food Forum 2025 opened in Dubai.

The 7th Future Food Forum 2025 opened in Dubai, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to explore pathways for advancing food security, trade, and innovation across the Global South. The discussions focused on building resilient food ecosystems through technology, sustainable practices, and cross-border partnerships.

Super Typhoon Ragasa wreaks havoc across South-East Asia.

Super Typhoon Ragasa has wreaked havoc in Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and South China, causing severe flooding and destruction of infrastructure. 17 people died and 18 were injured in Taiwan due to Typhoon Ragasa. It continues to batter Taiwan's eastern, northern and southern coastal areas, bringing heavy rainfall.

British PM Keir Starmer gets 'Living Bridge' honour .

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has been awarded a 'Living Bridge' honour for his role in championing closer bilateral relations and clinching the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Seema Malhotra, Britain's Indian-origin Minister for the Indo-Pacific in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), accepted the honour on behalf of Starmer at a ceremony in the House of Lords complex in London.

The annual Living Bridge Awards, organised by the UK-based strategic consultancy India Business Group (IBG), also recognised New Delhi-based GMR Group multinational conglomerate, British Indian businessman G P Hinduja, KPMG UK chair Bina Mehta, and the University of Southampton for their role in bringing India and the UK closer across sectors.

National

World Food India 2025 starts in New Delhi from September 25–28.

World Food India 2025 will be organised from 25th to 28th of September at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The 4th edition of World Food India aims to promote investments in the diverse food processing sector, as well as introduce India's rich food culture to the World. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the event.

New Zealand and Saudi Arabia are partner countries of the World Food India 2025, and focus countries are Russia, UAE, Japan and Vietnam. It added that over 1700 exhibitors, more than 500 international buyers, and representatives from over 100 countries will attend the event.

Agnikul Cosmos launches new 3D printing facility for rockets in Chennai.

India's space-tech player Agnikul Cosmos has launched the first-of-its-kind additive manufacturing facility in Chennai. The Large Format Additive Metal Manufacturing (LFAMM) Unit is dedicated to aerospace and rocket systems. It will, for the first time in India, enable 3D printing of aerospace and rocket components up to one metre in height.

In 2024, Agnikul also launched the world's first rocket with a single-piece three-dimensional (3D) printed engine.

It holds a US patent for single-piece 3D-printed rocket engines.

Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme, completes 7 years.

Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana completes seven years on September 23. Launched in September 2018 from Ranchi, it is the world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme. The scheme has transformed healthcare in India, reaching over 55 crore beneficiaries.

It provides ₹5 lakh annual health cover to families, enabling cashless and paperless treatment across the country. So far, more than 10.30 crore hospital admissions have been authorised under the scheme, translating into over ₹1.48 lakh crore worth of cashless care and significant savings for patients.

From October last year, all senior citizens above 70 years of age have been brought under universal coverage through the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card. Nearly one crore gig and platform workers are also being added.

NCMRWF, NSIL sign MoU to set up Direct Broadcast Stations under Mission Mausam.

The National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the commercial arm of the Department of Space, New Space India Limited, in New Delhi. The MoU aims to establish two Direct Broadcast Network stations, one in Delhi-NCR and the other in Chennai, as part of the Mission Mausam project. The proposed stations will be capable of receiving direct broadcast data from various existing Indian and international Earth Observing System satellites.

Renowned Kannada writer Dr S. L. Bhyrappa passes away.

Renowned Kannada writer Dr S L Bhyrappa passed away in Bengaluru. A prolific writer, Bhyrappa wrote over 25 novels that drew public debate and intellectual discourse due to their themes and thought-provoking narratives. Some of his most celebrated novels include Vamshavruksha, Daatu, Parva, Grihabhanga, Aavarana, Nayi Neralu and Sartha.

He is the recipient of the Padma Bhushan in 2023 and the Saraswati Samman in 2010. He was also honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in 2015.

Centre partnered with Zepto to enhance employment opportunities.

The Government of India has partnered with quick commerce platform Zepto to enhance employment opportunities as well as youth employability on the National Career Service (NCS) Portal. The Ministry of Labour and Employment signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya. Addressing the event, Dr Mandaviya said that the NCS platform has emerged as a unique bridge between employers and job seekers.

Under this collaboration, Zepto will provide 10,000 job postings during the MoU duration, creating a predictable and structured pipeline of urban employment opportunities for youth, women, and first-time job seekers.

Business and Economy

FM Nirmala Sitharaman launches Goods and Services Appellate Tribunal.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the Goods and Services Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in New Delhi. The new body is expected to play an important role in resolving GST disputes fairly, quickly, and consistently across the country.

The Tribunal will operate through a Principal Bench in New Delhi and 31 State Benches in 45 locations, bringing together judicial and technical experts from both the Centre and the States. This structure aims to make justice more accessible and consistent for taxpayers nationwide.

OECD raises India's 2025 GDP forecast to 6.7%.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its latest 'World Economic Outlook' has raised India's GDP growth forecast by 40 basis points (bps) to 6.7 per cent in 2025 from its earlier projection of 6.3 per cent in June.

The OECD raised its growth forecast for the global economy to 3.2 per cent for this year but kept its 2026 forecast steady at 2.9 per cent, adding that it expects global trade uncertainties sparked by US tariffs will likely contract investment and trade in the second half of 2025.

India may raise the foreign investment limit in PSU banks.

The Indian government is considering an increase in the foreign investment limit in public sector banks (PSBs) from the current 20%, as it looks to strengthen them into institutions that can raise capital easily.

The government will keep at least 51% stake. This ensures the banks remain public. The goal is to make them globally competitive.

Nvidia to invest \$100 billion in OpenAI.

Nvidia will invest up to \$100 billion in OpenAI and supply it with data centre chips, marking a tie-up between two of the highest-profile players in the global artificial intelligence race.

The move underscores the increasingly overlapping interests of the various tech giants developing advanced AI systems. The deal gives chipmaker Nvidia a financial stake in the world's most prominent AI company, which is already an important customer.

Banking liquidity turns deficit in FY26 as tax outflows rise.

Banking system liquidity has tipped into the deficit mode for the first time in FY26 on tax outflows, prompting the central bank to infuse additional funds to help overnight rates stay anchored to the policy repo rate. System liquidity moved to a deficit of around Rs32,000 crore on Monday from a surplus of Rs7,000 crore a day ago, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data published showed.

The Reserve Bank of India is infusing funds to stabilize overnight rates. Tax payments, including GST and advance taxes, caused the shift. The RBI conducted variable rate repo auctions to manage rates.

Sports

ICC suspends USA cricket membership over governance failures.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has suspended the ICC membership status of USA Cricket. The decision was taken after USA Cricket's repeated and continued breaches of its obligations as an ICC Member under its Constitution. These include the failure to implement a functional governance structure and the lack of progress toward achieving National Governing Body status with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

ISSF Junior World Cup kicks off in New Delhi.

The ISSF Junior World Cup kicked off in New Delhi. The next generation of shooting talent across 15 Olympic events and 2 non-Olympic events will be competing in rifle, pistol, and shotgun, to be held at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range till October 2.

Altogether 208 young shooters from 18 countries will be showcasing their young talent and fighting it out for a total of 51 medals at stake. Hosts India will lead the field with a strong contingent of 69 athletes.