

International

India Takes Over as Vice Chair of Kimberley Process

India took over as Vice Chair of Kimberley Process from December 25, before assuming the chairpersonship from 1st January next year. The Kimberley Process is a tripartite initiative involving governments, the international diamond industry and civil society to prevent the trade in conflict diamonds.

The initiative currently has 60 participants accounting for over 99 per cent of the global rough diamond trade, making it the most comprehensive international mechanism governing this sector.

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman Returns to Dhaka After 17 Years in Exile

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman returned to Bangladesh, ending nearly 17 years in exile in the United Kingdom. Tarique Rahman had left Bangladesh in 2008 for medical treatment and remained in London during the years of political turmoil. Following the fall of the previous Awami League government, all cases against him were withdrawn, clearing the way for his return.

Russia Plans a Nuclear Power Plant on the Moon

Russia plans to put a nuclear power plant on the moon in the next decade to supply its lunar space programme and a joint Russian-Chinese research station as major powers rush to explore the Earth's only natural satellite.

Russia's state space corporation, Roscosmos, said that it planned to build a lunar power plant by 2036 and signed a contract with the Lavochkin Association aerospace company to do it.

National

President Murmu Releases the Constitution in the Santhali Language

President Droupadi Murmu has released the Constitution in the Santhali language at a

function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that it is a matter of pride and joy for all the Santhali people that the Constitution is now available in the Santhali language, written in the Ol Chiki script.

The Santhali language, which was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution through the 92nd Amendment Act, 2003, is one of the most ancient living languages of India. It is spoken by a significant number of tribal people in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar.

Atal Canteen Launched in Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Union Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the 'Atal Canteen' in the national capital on the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Delhi Chief Minister hailed it as a major scheme for the needy and working people in the city, where they can have a meal for just five rupees. A total of 45 canteens have started operating, while the remaining 55 canteens will open within the next 15 days.

PM Inaugurates Rashtra Prerna Sthal in Lucknow, UP

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Rashtra Prerna Sthal in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, to honour the life and ideals of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Rashtra Prerna Sthal complex has been developed to honour the legacy of Vajpayee, a three-time prime minister who was elected Lucknow's Lok Sabha MP for five consecutive terms -- in 1991, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2004.

Constructed at a cost of Rs 230 crore and spread across an expansive area of 65 acres, the Rashtra Prerna Sthal complex is envisioned as a permanent national asset dedicated to fostering leadership values, national service, cultural consciousness, and public inspiration.

It also features 65-foot-high bronze statues of BJP ideologues Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, alongside Vajpayee.

Navi Mumbai International Airport Starts Commercial Flight Operations

The Navi Mumbai International Airport has commenced commercial flight operations, marking a key milestone for India's civil aviation sector. The airport is also expanding air travel capacity for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) began operations with the first flight, operated by IndiGo, flight no. 6E460, travelling from Bengaluru. It landed at the Navi Mumbai International Airport at 8 am.

Business and Economy

J&K Bank Wins 'Best MSME Bank' Award at MSME Banking Excellence Awards 2025

J&K Bank won the prestigious 'Best MSME Bank – Winner' award at the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Banking Excellence Awards 2025 in New Delhi. The bank also secured the runner-up position in the 'CSR Initiative & Business Responsibility' category.

Bharti Enterprises, Warburg Pincus to Pick Up 49% Stake in Haier India

Bharti Enterprises, a diversified business conglomerate with interests in telecom, real estate, financial services and food processing, among others, and the local arm of private equity major Warburg Pincus have announced to collectively own a 49% stake in Haier India, a subsidiary of the Haier Group, which is headquartered in Qingdao, Shandong, China.

Nikhil Kamath, Kishore Biyani Launch The Foundry to Mentor Entrepreneurs

Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath and entrepreneur Kishore Biyani of Future Venture and Pantaloon Retail fame have started The Foundry — a first-of-its-kind business launchpad built to identify, mentor, and co-build the next generation of Indian entrepreneurs.

Conceived as a co-founder factory, The Foundry is part school, part accelerator, and part venture studio, compressing the early-stage startup journey into a 90-day programme.

Bank of India Raises ₹10,000 Crore Via Infra Bonds

Bank of India (BoI) has raised ₹10,000 crore through the issue of Long Term Infrastructure bonds @ 7.23% per annum through NSE Electronic Bidding Provider Platform. The base issue size was ₹5,000 crore with the Green Shoe option of ₹5,000 crore. The bank received a total of 83 bids amounting to ₹15,305 crore. Out of this, the bank accepted 37 bids amounting to ₹10,000 crore.

The funds raised through the Long Term Bonds will be used for funding long-term projects in infrastructure sub-sectors and affordable housing.

Net FDI Negative for Third Straight Month in October 2025

According to the RBI data, India's net foreign direct investment remained negative for the third consecutive month in October 2025, with outflows exceeding inflows by \$1.5 billion. Separately, the RBI pointed out that uncertainty around the India-U.S. trade deal was a major reason why foreign portfolio investors were also taking more money out of the country than putting in it.

Ambuja Cement Board Approves an Amalgamation of ACC, Orient Cement With Itself

Adani Group's Ambuja Cements Ltd's board has approved the amalgamation of ACC Ltd and Orient Cement Ltd with itself to create a single company that would compete with Aditya Birla's UltraTech Cement.

Mercedes-Benz Agrees to Pay \$149.6 Million to Settle Multistate Emissions Allegations

Mercedes-Benz USA and parent company Daimler AG have agreed to pay \$149.6 million to settle allegations that the automaker secretly installed devices in hundreds of thousands of vehicles to pass emission tests.

According to the coalition, between 2008 and 2016, the German automaker equipped more than 211,000 diesel passenger cars and vans

with software devices that optimised emission controls during tests but reduced the controls during normal operations. The devices enabled vehicles to far exceed legal limits for nitrogen oxides, a pollutant that can cause respiratory illnesses and contributes to smog.

Sports

Kohli Surpasses Tendulkar to Become the Fastest to 16000 List A Runs

Virat Kohli surpassed the iconic Sachin Tendulkar as the fastest to reach 16,000 runs in List A cricket, achieving the milestone in his 330th innings in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Tendulkar had achieved the landmark in 391 innings. Kohli touched the mark during his

team Delhi's opening Vijay Hazare game against Andhra in Bangalore. at the BCCI Centre of Excellence.

Deepti Sharma Claims the No. 1 Spot in T20I Bowlers Ranking

Indian all-rounder Deepti Sharma secured the number 1 position for T20I bowlers for the first time in her career on the back of her exploits in the opening game of India's T20I series against Sri Lanka at home.

South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt reclaimed the place Smriti Mandhana took from her recently as the No. 1-ranked ODI batter, following the completion of South Africa's ODI series with Ireland.