

International

India Global Forum opens in Dubai, showcasing India-UAE-Africa synergy.

The India Global Forum's flagship Middle East & Africa 2024 (ME&A 2024) opened in Dubai, uniting leaders from India, the Middle East, and Africa under the theme 'Limitless Horizons.' The two-day forum aims to strengthen partnerships in key sectors, including technology, finance, sustainability, and innovation, featuring over 200 speakers and 1,000 participants.

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India ranked 10th with overall score of 67.99 on a list of over 60 countries assessed for efforts to fight climate change despite dropping two spots compared to last time. The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025) report, released at the annual UN climate conference in Baku, leaves the first three places empty followed by Denmark (fourth place) and the Netherlands while the largest two emitters, China and the U.S., remain very low at the 55th and 57th places, respectively.

Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad presented with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023.

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023 was presented to classical pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim and Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad, recently.

The prize was given to Mr. Barenboim for his contribution to foster peace through musical and cultural dialogue initiatives and to Mr. Awwad for his advocacy for dialogue through his organisation Roots, an outfit that he started after spending time in an Israeli jail.

National

India to host 13th UN Global Geospatial Information Management Asia-Pacific Conference.

India is hosting the 13th United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) Asia-Pacific Plenary and Regional Conference. The four-day event will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Ninety international

delegates from 30 countries, along with 120 delegates from India, will participate in the conference. This conference will serve as a key forum for the exchange of global best practices, emerging geospatial technologies, and the formulation of regional strategies to enhance the use of geospatial information for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Govt gives nod to National Mission on Natural Farming to revive sustainable, chemical free farming.

The Union Cabinet has approved the launching of the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. It has been with a total outlay of 2,481 crore rupees. One crore farmers will be covered under the National Mission on Natural Farming. National Mission on Natural Farming will be implemented in 15 thousand clusters in Gram Panchayats.

The objective of the mission is to promote nature-based sustainable systems of farming, reduce dependency on externally purchased inputs, improve soil health and reduce input costs.

Cabinet gives nod to 'One Nation One Subscription' scheme.

The Union Cabinet has approved the 'One Nation One Subscription' scheme, aimed at providing nationwide access to scholarly research articles and journal publications. The government has allocated approximately Rs 6,000 crore for the scheme over the next three calendar years — 2025, 2026 and 2027.

It will complement the efforts of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) in promoting research and development, and encourage a culture of innovation across government universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.

The benefits of this scheme will extend to all higher educational institutions, whether managed by the central or state government, as well as central government research and development institutions. These institutions will be able to access the national subscription managed by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an autonomous centre under the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurates 227 Gender Resource Centres in 13 states.

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated 227 Gender Resource Centres in 13 states under the Naya Chetna 3.0 campaign. These centres provide survivors of gender-based violence with safe spaces to access information, report incidents, and receive legal assistance. Each GRC serves as a vital link in a support network, where survivors can feel validated and empowered to voice their experiences.

Nation celebrates Constitution Day on Nov26 to mark 75 years of its adoption.

India is observing its Constitution Day on November 26. The central government has announced year-long celebrations beginning today to commemorate the 75th year of the adoption of the Constitution of India. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution and the year-long celebrations across the country will continue till 26th of November, 2025. On 26th November, 1949 the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution which came into effect on 26th January, 1950.

A commemorative coin and stamp dedicated to the 75th anniversary of adoption of the Constitution of India will be released. Books titled "Making of the Constitution of India: A Glimpse" and "Making of the Constitution of India and its Glorious Journey" will also be released. Additionally, a booklet on the art of the Indian Constitution and versions of the Constitution translated into Sanskrit and Maithili will be launched.

Union Cabinet approves continuation of Atal Innovation Mission with ₹2,750 crore budget till 2028

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of its flagship initiative, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with an enhanced scope of work and an allocated budget of ₹2,750 crore rupees for the period till March 31, 2028. AIM 2.0 is a step towards Viksit Bharat that aims to expand, strengthen, and deepen India's already vibrant innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

AIM 2.0 is designed to strengthen India's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem by increasing input and by improving the quality of output. Mr Vaishnaw said that 2 thousand 500 new labs will be opened in Jammu and Kashmir, the Northeast, aspirational districts and blocks.

Business and Economy

RBI says internationalisation of UPI is progressing rapidly.

RBI says, internationalisation of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is progressing rapidly, as India emerges as a world leader in leveraging digital technologies for transformative change. The UPI hit a milestone of 16.6 billion transactions in a month in October, with improvements in its capabilities, including successful instant debit reversals at 86 percent.

India's UPI, an open-ended system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application of any participating bank, is propelling inter-bank peer-to-peer and person-to-merchant transactions seamlessly.

Essar Group co-founder Shashi Ruia dies at 80.

Essar Group co-founder Shashi Ruia died after a prolonged illness. He was 80. Ruia, who co-founded metals-to-technology conglomerate Essar with his brother Ravi.

Shashi Ruia, a first-generation entrepreneur industrialist, started his career in 1965 under the guidance of his father Nand Kishore Ruia.

Starting in 1969 with a construction contract, the Ruia brothers expanded Essar into diverse sectors like energy, steel, and telecom.

Centre approves PAN 2.0 Project of Income Tax Department

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval for the PAN 2.0 Project of the Income Tax Department. The financial implications for the PAN 2.0 Project will be one thousand 435 crore rupees. The existing system will be completely upgraded and there will be a unified portal. PAN 2.0 will have robust cyber security measures.

PAN 2.0 Project is an e-Governance project for re-engineering the business processes of taxpayer registration services through technology driven transformation of PAN/TAN

services for enhanced digital experience of the taxpayers.

Sports

2024 World Chess C'ship: Ding Liren defeats Gukesh in opening round

In chess, reigning World Champion Ding Liren defeated India's Dommaraju Gukesh in the opening round of the 2024 World Chess Championship in Singapore. Playing with the Black pieces, Ding capitalized on Gukesh's risky opening, launching a powerful counterattack that gave him an early lead and eventually secured the victory.

The championship consists of 14 classical games. The first player to reach 7.5 points will be crowned the winner. If the players are tied after 14 games, tiebreak matches with shorter time controls will be held to determine the winner.

Max Verstappen wins fourth F1 championship.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen cruised to a fourth consecutive Formula 1 championship by finishing fifth in the Las Vegas Grand Prix. Verstappen, only the sixth driver in F1 history to win at least four titles.

Verstappen needed only to finish ahead of Lando Norris of McLaren to give Red Bull a fourth straight driver championship.

Mercedes' George Russell took victory in the 2024 Las Vegas GP from pole.

India thrash Australia by 295 runs in first Test at Perth.

India won a 295-run victory over Australia in the first Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, in Perth, Australia. This win marks one of India's largest Test triumphs. On the batting front, Virat Kohli's unbeaten century and Yashasvi Jaiswal's knock of 161 powered India to set a mammoth target of 534 runs for the hosts. Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj each claimed three crucial wickets triggering Australia's second-innings collapse.

13-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi becomes youngest player to get IPL contract

13-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the youngest player to get a contract on Day 2 of the IPL 2025 Auction. Rajasthan Royals secured the services of the teenager for a price of 1.10 crore rupees.

Vaibhav recently became the youngest batter to score an international century. He achieved this milestone in a Youth Test for India Under-19 against Australia U-19 in Chennai, smashing 104 off 62 balls. His 58-ball century was the fastest by an Indian in Youth Tests and the second-fastest globally.