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International

Trump signs an executive order for an AI project called Genesis Mission.

U.S. President Donald Trump is directing the federal government to combine efforts with tech companies and universities to convert government data into scientific discoveries, acting on his push to make artificial intelligence the engine of the nation's economic future.

Trump unveiled the "Genesis Mission" as part of an executive order he signed that directs the Department of Energy and national labs to build a digital platform to concentrate the nation's scientific data in one place.

UN Report: A woman or girl killed every 10 minutes worldwide.

A new United Nations report has warned that a woman or girl is killed every 10 minutes worldwide, underscoring a lack of progress in preventing femicides. Released on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the 2025 femicide report by UNODC and UN Women estimates that 83,000 women and girls were deliberately killed in 2024.

Nearly 60 per cent died at the hands of intimate partners or family members, highlighting the persistent danger within the home.

Africa recorded the highest regional femicide rate, followed by the Americas, Oceania, Asia, and Europe.

Indonesia declared polio-free by the WHO.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially declared the end of Indonesia's poliovirus type-2 outbreak, marking a significant milestone in the country's public health efforts following years of low vaccination coverage. The announcement came on November 19 after no poliovirus was detected in children or the environment since June 2024. Nearly 60 million

additional doses of the polio vaccine were administered nationwide as part of the emergency response.

National

Kiren Rijiju leads delegation to Bhutan for return of Lord Buddha's sacred relics.

Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has reached Bhutan to lead the delegation for the return of the Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha, which were brought to the Himalayan nation for public exposition. The relics from India were enshrined at the Grand Kuenrey Hall in Tashichhodzong, were sent for exposition as a special gesture for the Global Peace Prayer Festival, organised by Bhutan.

The exposition of the Holy Relics in Bhutan stands as a powerful symbol of peace, a celebration of a shared spiritual heritage, and a reaffirmation of the special bonds between India and Bhutan.

Railway Minister flags off two new MEMU trains from Delhi to Shamli.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has flagged off two new MEMU train services between Delhi and Uttar Pradesh's Shamli. The MEMU (mainline electric multiple unit) trains will run on the Delhi Junction-Shamli-Delhi Junction and Delhi Shahdara-Shamli-Delhi Shahdara routes.

The trains will provide improved travel options for students, daily commuters and professionals, enhancing regional connectivity and boosting the local economy.

NCW rolls out new 24×7 helpline number to provide faster and more accessible support for women.

The National Commission for Women-NCW has rolled out a new 24×7 short helpline number- 1 4 4 9 0 to ensure quicker and more accessible support for women in distress across the country. In a statement,

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the commission said that the toll-free number serves as an easy-to-recall short code connected to the commission's existing helpline, enabling women to seek assistance without any delay. The new helpline number strengthens NCW's ongoing efforts to provide immediate help to women facing violence, harassment, or any form of distress.

National Milk Day observed on 26th November.

National Milk Day is observed on 26th November every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien, regarded as the "Father of the White Revolution" in India.

India has consistently retained its position as the world's leading milk producer, contributing nearly one-fourth of global output. Over the last 11 years, India's dairy sector has expanded significantly by 70 per cent, contributing around 5% of the national economy and providing direct employment to over 8 crore farmers.

Nation celebrates Samvidhan Diwas on Nov. 26.

India celebrated Samvidhan Diwas on November 26. The theme of this year's celebration is Hamara Samvidhan-Hamara Swabhiman. This year marks the 76th anniversary of the adoption of its Constitution. The main function was held in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi.

The constituent assembly took two years, eleven months and seventeen days to accomplish the stupendous task of drafting the historic document.

Grahaa Space gets IN-SPACe clearance to launch a nano satellite mission by month end

Grahaa Space, a Bengaluru-based spacetechnology startup, has obtained authorisation from the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre

(IN-SPACe) to launch its maiden nano satellite mission called Solaras S2, as a technology demonstration by the end of November.

The launch will happen from Alcântara Space Center (CEA) in Brazil through the Hanbit-Nano launch vehicle developed by Korea-based Innospace.

Business and Economy

PSU banks expand home loan market share to 50 pc of origination value in September: Report.

Public sector banks have expanded their market share in the competitive home loan market to 50 per cent of total originations by value in September. The state-run banks have overtaken private sector banks in the market. Nearly 40 per cent of the overall home loans were in the higher bracket of over Rs 75 lakh.

The overall home loan market, the largest in the retail segment, grew by 11.1 per cent year-on-year and 2.1 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 42.1 lakh crore as of September-end.

Dubai approves the largest three-year budget in history.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has approved the largest three-year budget in Dubai's history, with total expenditure of AED302.7 billion (\$82.4 billion) and projected revenues of AED329.2 billion (\$89.6 billion) for the 2026-2028 cycle.

The plan supports the emirate's long-term goals of sustainable economic growth, strengthened public services and enhanced global competitiveness.

The spending plan dedicates 48 per cent to infrastructure development, 28 per cent to social sectors such as health, education and housing, and 18 per cent to security and safety.

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IDFC FIRST bank collaborates with FPSB India.

IDFC FIRST Bank signed an MoU with FPSB India, the Indian subsidiary of Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd., as an Approved Corporate Partner (ACP), marking a significant step toward strengthening professional standards in financial planning and advancing upskilling opportunities for its management and private banking team within the banking sector.

The MoU was signed under FPSB India's ACP initiative, which brings together leading financial institutions to promote financial planning excellence and professional certification across India.

Rupee now Asia's worst-performing currency after sharp fall; may slide to 90, say analysts. At a sharp depreciation of 4.3% against the U.S. Dollar (USD) in this calendar year (January-December 2025), the Indian Rupee (INR) has become the worst-performing currency in Asia, forex analysts said. It may further slide to 90 per USD if the trade deal with the U.S. does not happen in the near future, they cautioned. Stating that the INR's performance has been weaker compared with peers like the Chinese Yuan and the Indonesian Rupiah.

Sebi proposes the exclusion of zero-coupon zero principal bonds for determining the eligibility of BSDA.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has suggested the exclusion of zero-coupon zero principal (ZCZP) bonds for determining the eligibility of basic services demat accounts (BSDA) of small investors. It also proposed to treat delisted securities on par with suspended securities for determining such eligibility, as these securities lack active trading. These measures will improve financial inclusion, the regulator said in a draft circular.

India's net FDI was negative for the second straight month in September as outflows exceeded inflows.

More investment left the country than entered it for the second month in a row in September, with the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India showing net foreign direct investment (FDI) stood at -\$2.4 billion.

In other words, the sum of money repatriated out of the country by foreign companies here, and invested abroad by Indian companies, was \$2.4 billion more than the foreign investment entering India in September 2025.

Gold loans dominate increase in retail credit growth: CRIF.

According to data from a CRIF Report, How India Lends, gold loans grew a whopping 53% in the second quarter of fiscal 2026, on a year-on-year basis, supporting the increase in overall consumption credit.

Apart from being the fastest-growing lending product, gold loans also dominated about 27% of the ₹2,237.8 crore worth of originations value in retail loans in the quarter ended September 2026. Personal loans were the second fastest in terms of value, growing at about 35.4% in the period. Overall retail loans grew nearly 30% on a year-on-year basis.

Sports

India ends Deaflympics shooting campaign with record 16 medals.

India ended their Deaflympics shooting campaign in Tokyo with a massive haul of 16 medals, including seven gold, six silver and three bronze. Indians dominated the shooting ranges in Tokyo, winning 16 out of the total 39 medals in the discipline, over 10 days of competition.

The most successful shooter was riflewoman Mahit Sandhu, who won four medals, including two gold and two silver.

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First Edition of IAF International Squash Championship 2025 begins in New Delhi.

The Indian Air Force is set to host the First Edition of the Indian Air Force International Squash Championship 2025 at Air Force Station New Delhi from today till November 28 at Air Force Station, New Delhi. The prestigious event marks a significant milestone in promoting sportsmanship, international camaraderie, and fitness culture within the Armed Forces and beyond.