

International

Catherine Connolly Elected as Ireland's 10th President

Independent left-wing politician Catherine Connolly has been elected as Ireland's 10th President after a landslide victory, defeating her rival, Heather Humphreys.

A seasoned leader, Connolly has served as a Member of Parliament since 2016, representing Galway West and also held the position of Deputy Speaker of the Irish Parliament.

Global Leaders Convene in Kuala Lumpur for ASEAN Summit

Global leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump, gathered in Kuala Lumpur as the annual ASEAN Summit commenced. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the ASEAN-India Summit virtually.

The two-day summit's agenda focuses on trade, security, and regional stability amid global geopolitical shifts.

A major highlight of the event is the inclusion of East Timor as the 11th member of ASEAN, marking a significant expansion of the regional bloc and strengthening its role in promoting economic and political cooperation across Southeast Asia.

Trump Escalates Trade War with Canada, Imposes Additional 10% Tariff on Imports

US President Donald Trump has imposed an additional 10% tariff on Canadian imports, escalating trade tensions with Ottawa.

The move follows his decision to halt trade talks, accusing Canada of misquoting former US President Ronald Reagan in an ad campaign.

Earlier, the US had levied 25% and 10% tariffs on Canadian exports, prompting Canada to retaliate with duties on steel, aluminium, and other goods. The dispute marks a major strain in bilateral trade relations.

Massive Floods Displace Over 3 Lakh People in South Sudan, UN Reports

Severe flooding has displaced more than 3.3 lakh people across six states in South Sudan, affecting over 9.6 lakh residents. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported extensive damage to over 140 health facilities, worsening outbreaks of cholera and malaria. The World Health Organization recorded more than one lakh malaria cases and 16 deaths in a week, a 15% surge due to stagnant waters.

Despite severe access challenges, the UN and World Food Programme are delivering food, medical aid, and emergency relief to affected regions.

EU and NATO Pledge Tougher Sanctions on Russia, Faster Military Aid to Ukraine at London Summit

At the London "Coalition of the Willing" summit, European leaders and NATO vowed to impose stricter sanctions on Russia and expedite arms deliveries to Ukraine.

The EU approved its 19th sanctions package, targeting Russia's natural gas sector for the first time.

The U.S. also sanctioned oil giants Rosneft and Lukoil.

Obituary

Veteran Actor Satish Shah Passes Away at 74

Renowned actor Satish Shah passed away at the age of 74.

Born on June 25, 1951, in Mumbai, Shah graduated from St. Xavier's College and the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune. His career spanned over four decades in theatre, films, and television, with iconic roles in *Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro*, *Sarabhai vs Sarabhai*, *Hum Aapke Hain Kaun*, *Main Hoon Na*, and *Om Shanti Om*. Shah's impeccable comic timing and versatility made him a beloved figure, and his death marks a major loss for Indian entertainment.

National

Second Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 Concludes in New Delhi, Launches 'NIPUN' Portal

The second biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 concluded in New Delhi, providing a key platform for deliberations on operational readiness, maritime security, capability development, and Tri-Service integration.

The conference witnessed the launch of 'NIPUN' (Naval Intellectual Portal for Unified Knowledge), an online portal aggregating the intellectual work of the naval fraternity across multiple domains, aiming to enhance knowledge sharing and operational effectiveness within the Indian Navy.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Unveils Digital and Welfare Initiatives at Army Commanders' Conference

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated several key digital and welfare initiatives during the Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, supporting the Indian Army's "Decade of Transformation."

The Edge Data Centres for the Konark and Fire & Fury Corps were launched to enable secure, low-latency data processing for real-time operational decisions.

The AI-enabled Equipment Help Line (EHL) portal was unveiled to provide maintenance support, and the 'Sainik Yatri Mitra' app was launched to digitise Defence Duty Quota seat management across 1,200+ trains.

These initiatives enhance digital infrastructure, operational efficiency, and personnel welfare in the Army.

EC Issues Guidelines for AI and Synthetic Content in Bihar Poll Campaigns

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued new guidelines for the use of AI and synthetic content in the Bihar Assembly election campaigns.

Political parties, candidates, and campaigners must label any AI-generated or digitally altered images, videos, or audio as "AI-generated," "digitally enhanced," or "synthetic content," covering at least 10% of the display area or the first 10% of audio duration.

The entity responsible must be disclosed in metadata or captions.

Parties are required to remove such content within three hours and maintain internal records. Misleading or unlawful content is strictly prohibited.

Business and Economy

Kotak Mahindra Bank Q2 PAT Falls 3% to ₹3,253 Crore

Kotak Mahindra Bank reported a 3% decline in its Q2 standalone net profit, which fell to ₹3,253 crore from ₹3,344 crore in the year-ago period.

The reduction is attributed to the impact of a repo rate cut and a drop in net interest margin (NIM), which stood at 4.54% compared to 4.91% previously.

Despite this, the bank's net interest income (NII) rose 4% to ₹7,311 crore from ₹7,020 crore.

Sports

India Wins Two Silvers as Hansika and Sarika Shine at U-23 World Wrestling Championships

India delivered a strong performance at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Serbia, securing two silver medals through Hansika Lamba and Sarika Malik.

Hansika lost 0-4 to Japan's Haruna Morikawa in the 53kg final, while Sarika fell 1-2 to Ruka Natami in the 55kg category.

Despite narrowly missing gold, India's women wrestlers finished with seven medals overall, including five bronzes by Nishu, Neha Sharma, Pulkit, Srishti, and Priya Malik. In men's freestyle, Parvinder

missed a bronze, while Sujeet Kalkal remains India's gold medal hope.

India's Young Shuttlers Shine at Badminton Asia U17 & U15 Championships

India's young badminton players are making waves at the Badminton Asia U17 & U15 Championships in Chengdu, China. The nation is assured of a gold medal in the Girls' U17 category, as Diksha Sudhakar and Lakshya Rajesh will face each other in the final after straight-set semifinal wins.

In the Girls' U15 event, Shaina Manimuthu has entered the final after a hard-fought three-game battle, giving India another shot at gold.

With campaigns in U17 Mixed Doubles and Boys' Singles ending in the semis, India has already secured five medals, marking an impressive performance.

India Crush Australia by 9 Wickets in Final ODI to Seal Series Win

India produced a dominant performance to beat Australia by 9 wickets in the third and final ODI at the Sydney Cricket Ground, sealing the series in style.

Batting first, Australia were bowled out for 236 in 46.4 overs, with Matt Renshaw (56) top-scoring.

For India, Harshit Rana starred with four wickets, while Washington Sundar picked up two.

In reply, Rohit Sharma smashed his 33rd ODI century, and Virat Kohli added a composed fifty, guiding India to an emphatic win while chasing 237 runs.

Virat Kohli Becomes Second-Highest Run-Getter in ODI History; Rohit Sharma Reaches 50 International Hundreds

Virat Kohli surpassed Kumar Sangakkara to become the second-highest run-scorer in ODI cricket, scoring an unbeaten 74 against Australia at the SCG.

Kohli now has 14,255 runs from 305 matches, trailing only Sachin Tendulkar's 18,426 in 463 games, while Sangakkara had 14,234 runs from 404 matches.

Rohit Sharma became the 10th batter worldwide and third Indian after Tendulkar and Kohli to register 50 international hundreds.

He also completed 100 catches in ODIs, joining an elite group of Indian fielders in the 50-over format.