

## International

### Nicusor Dan assumes office as President of Romania.

In Romania, Nicusor Dan assumed office as the President. The 55-year-old independent candidate has secured 53.6 per cent of the votes in the presidential runoff on 18th of this month, defeating George Simion, leader of the Alliance for the Union of Romanians. Dan took over from the interim President, Ilie Bolojan. According to the Romanian constitution, presidential elections are held every five years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms allowed.

### Russia, Ukraine wraps up largest prisoner swap.

Russia and Ukraine have exchanged 303 prisoners each, completing the biggest prisoner swap since the war began in 2022. The exchange was part of a deal reached during recent talks in Istanbul on May 16, where both sides agreed to release 1,000 prisoners each. This exchange follows the earlier swap. On Friday, both sides exchanged 270 soldiers and 120 civilians, followed by a 307-for-307 exchange of military personnel.

### Sri Lanka bids farewell to 'Queen of Sri Lankan Cinema' Malani Fonseka.

Sri Lanka has bid farewell to legendary actress Malani Fonseka with full state honours at Independence Square in the Capital Colombo. Dubbed the "Queen of Sri Lankan Cinema," Ms. Fonseka passed away at the age of 78 while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Sri Lanka.

Fonseka, who starred in nearly 150 films, gained international acclaim with awards in Moscow and New Delhi. In 2010, CNN named her among Asia's 25 Greatest Film Actors of All Time.

### India signs MoU with World Health Organization to promote traditional medicine.

In a significant step toward globalizing India's traditional healing systems, the Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO) have signed an MoU to create a dedicated Traditional Medicine module within the International Classification of Health

Interventions (ICHI). The agreement aims to integrate traditional Indian practices- such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Siddha, and Unani- into WHO's international health intervention classification system.

The ICHI system, which complements WHO's International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), enables systematic documentation and coding of medical treatments and interventions. The new module will formally recognise therapies like Panchakarma, Yoga therapy, Unani regimens, and Siddha procedures in globally standardised terms.

## National

### PM Modi calls for developing at least one world class tourist destination in every State.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked states to develop at least one tourist destination per State at par with global standards by providing all facilities and infrastructure. Chairing the tenth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi, the Prime Minister emphasized the idea of One State: One Global Destination. He noted that this initiative would not only boost tourism but also lead to the development of the neighbouring cities as tourist places.

### Bharat Forecasting System launched.

Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the Bharat Forecasting System, BFS, in New Delhi. Developed by the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, the Bharat Forecasting System will provide forecasts with a 6-kilometer resolution-the highest in the world-which will allow the meteorological department to predict small-scale weather features more accurately.

The system will boost monsoon tracking, aviation, cyclone and disaster management, agriculture, waterways, defence, flood forecasting, and also support key ministries.

The new model allows a horizontal resolution of about 6 km, which is typically the size of a cluster or panchayat.

### Scientist to do direct interaction with farmers under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan.

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has said that Viksit

Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan – a nationwide campaign will be launched on 29th May from Puri in Odisha. The campaign will go across 700 districts and a team of scientists will travel village to village, engaging in direct interaction with farmers. the campaign will include participation from 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs), 113 Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes, state-level departments, and officials from agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, as well as innovative farmers. The nationwide campaign will directly engage with approximately 1.5 crore farmers.

### **Konkan Railway to merge with Indian Railways.**

The Maharashtra government has officially agreed to merge the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) with Indian Railways. With Goa, Karnataka and Kerala having already approved the merger, Maharashtra's decision clears the way for the complete integration of one of India's most scenic and strategically vital railway lines into the larger national network. The scenic route from Roha in Maharashtra all the way to coastal Kerala is a lifeline for the movement of passengers and goods across the Konkan coast

### **Amazon aims to reach 2 lakh women through menstrual hygiene programme by 2025.**

Amazon India has unveiled the next phase of its women's health initiative at the Singahalli Community Centre in Bengaluru, aimed at addressing "period poverty" through locally manufactured sanitary products, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Under the initiative, four sanitary napkin manufacturing facilities are already operational in Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata. The facilities train women from local communities to manufacture and sell sanitary napkins.

### **Business and Economy**

### **PLI scheme for 11 pharma products rolled out**

The Centre's Department of Pharmaceuticals is inviting applications from drugmakers for a production linked incentive (PLI) scheme to

encourage setting up new manufacturing capacities for as many as 11 eligible products. Neomycin, Gentamycin, Erythromycin, Streptomycin, Tetracycline, Ciprofloxacin and Diclofenac Sodium figure in the list.

These are either unsubscribed or partially subscribed eligible products. June 14 has been set as the last date for the manufacturers to submit the applications.

### **Rising North East Investors Summit attracts Rs 4 Lakh crore investment proposals.**

The Rising North East Investors Summit 2025, which was held in New Delhi, attracted investment proposals worth over 4 Lakh Crore rupees. Delegations from over 80 countries, from Japan to Europe to ASEAN nations, participated in the two-day summit. This is the first time that an investment summit has been organized on this scale with country's top industry leaders collectively announcing investments worth more than 1 lakh 55 thousand crore rupees to explore opportunities in the North Eastern region.

### **Siemens delivers India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive for long-haul freight trains.**

Siemens India has announced the delivery of India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive, with critical components built at its Nashik, Aurangabad, and Mumbai facilities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off the inaugural D9 – 9000 HP electric locomotive, one of the most powerful freight locomotives in the world, from Indian Railways' advanced Dahod factory in Gujarat.

### **Sports**

### **Marco Bezzecchi of Aprilia Racing wins British MotoGP 2025.**

Marco Bezzecchi has won a chaotic British Grand Prix for Aprilia's first victory of the season in a race that was initially red flagged for an oil spill and riders crashed or retired while in the lead. The victory was a first for Aprilia since the Grand Prix of the Americas last year. LCR Honda's Johann Zarco came second, and Ducati's Marc Marquez pipped Franco Morbidelli to finish third and extend his lead in the world championship.

## **F1 Monaco GP 2025: Norris wins from pole.**

McLaren's Lando Norris has won the 2025 Monaco Grand Prix win from pole position and slashed McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri's Formula One World Championship lead to three points in a race. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished runner-up, with Piastri third and Red Bull's Max Verstappen fourth.

## **ISSF Junior World Cup: Indian shooter Tejaswani claims gold in 25m pistol event**

Indian shooter Tejaswani has won the gold medal in the women's 25m pistol event to

continue the country's domination in the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 in Suhl, Germany, Tejaswani aggregated 31 after firing five shots in the eight-women final.

Currently, India is leading the medal standings with 11 medals including three gold, four silver and four bronze in one of the world's most prestigious tournament for junior shooters.