

International

Canadians to elect new govt on April 28.

Canadians will vote on April 28 to elect a new government. They will elect a 343-member House of Commons. A party or combination of parties securing 172 seats will form the government. A total of 28 million registered voters will exercise their franchise. With the departure of long-time Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the two main contenders for the role are Mark Carney from the Liberal Party and Pierre Poilievre from the Conservative Party.

Pope Francis laid to rest after Vatican funeral service.

Pope Francis has been laid to rest at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome following his funeral at St. Peter's Basilica. Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, who led the funeral service, presided over the solemn proceedings. The service was attended by world leaders, clergy, and thousands of mourners. Around 400,000 people attended the funeral proceedings in the Vatican and Rome.

National

537 Pakistani nationals return from India as 48-hour deadline ends.

As the 48-hour deadline given to Pakistani nationals present in India on SAARC visas to leave ends, as of now, 537 Pakistanis have returned via the Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post in Amritsar. The decision instructing Pak Nationals to leave India was taken in the aftermath of the Pahlgam terrorist attack a day before, in which 26 tourists were killed.

ISRO takes up lead role of 'International Charter Space and Major Disasters'.

India, through ISRO has once again demonstrated its initiative in space-based disaster management by assuming the lead role of the "International Charter Space and Major Disasters" for six months from April 2025. The lead role tenure started with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)/ISRO organising the 53rd meeting of the Charter in Hyderabad during April 14-17.

India is signatory to the Charter which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2025, with

ISRO being a founder member. The Charter functions as a collaborative framework involving 17 member organisations, who voluntarily provide Earth observation data and value-added products for managing disasters occurring globally,

India's first indigenously developed HPV test kits for cervical cancer screening validated.

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), through its Grand Challenges India (GCI) initiative at BIRAC, has announced the successful scientific review and validation of India's first indigenously developed Human Papillomavirus (HPV) test kits for cervical cancer screening. These test kits, Pathodetect developed by Molbio Diagnostics Limited, and Mylabs RTPCR-based HPV diagnostic test kit, are a significant leap forward in improving cancer diagnostics in the country.

Beyond the Courtroom: Fali Nariman's legal legacy

Beyond the Courtroom, presents a meticulously curated selection of Fali Nariman's most influential speeches, groundbreaking articles, and illuminating lectures, showcasing the vast breadth and depth of his legal and constitutional expertise.. It even goes a step further outlining the jurists views on the state of Indian Democracy.

Subhash Sharma has meticulously curated a book with a selection of Nariman's most influential speeches.

Business and Economy

Reliance Industries becomes first Indian company to cross total equity of over Rs 10 lakh crore.

After announcing quarterly results, Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries became the first Indian company to cross total equity of over Rs 10 lakh crore. Previously, it became the first company to hit a market cap of Rs 20 lakh crore.

It reported a 2.4 per cent rise in its March quarter net profit, as its retail business rebounded and oil business defied global downtrend. Consolidated net profit of Rs 19,407 crore, or Rs 14.34 per share, in January-

March - the fourth quarter of April 2024 to March 2025 fiscal (FY25) - was compared to Rs 18,951 crore, or Rs 14 a share, in the same period a year back

Centre notifies rules for GST appellate tribunals.

The Union government has notified the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, which provide for mandatory e-filing of applications and conducting hearings in a hybrid mode.

The rules also provide that any urgent matter filed by an applicant before 12:00 noon shall be listed before the Appellate Tribunal on the following working day, if the application is complete in all respects.

RBI imposes ₹1.61 cr. penalty on Indian Bank, ₹63.60 lakh on IOB.

The RBI has imposed monetary penalties on two banks — Indian Bank (₹1.60 crore) and Indian Overseas Bank (₹63.60 lakh) — and a non-banking finance company, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd (₹71.30 lakh), for non-compliance with various regulatory directions.

The monetary penalty on Indian Bank was imposed for failing to benchmark the interest rate on certain floating rate retail loans and loans to certain Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to an external benchmark rate.

M&M to acquire 59% stake in SML Isuzu for ₹555 crore.

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) has entered into an agreement to acquire 58.96% stake in SML Isuzu Ltd. (SML) at ₹650 per share, which is an outlay of ₹555 crore.

In addition, M&M will make an open offer as per SEBI norms to acquire additional upto 26% shares in the company.

Sports

Football: Liverpool win seal Premier League

Liverpool defeated Tottenham 5-1 to win the Premier League title sealing a record-equalling 20th English top-flight crown.

Arne Slot's men stormed back after conceding a surprise early goal to dominate the first half. The 5-1 victory against Tottenham Hotspur means Liverpool moved out of reach of their nearest rivals in the table, Arsenal, with four matches still to play, becoming the seventh team to seal the title so early.

Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul elected as new BWF President

Thailand's Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul was elected unopposed as the new BWF (Badminton World Federation) President for the 2025-2029 term at the 86th BWF Annual General Meeting in Xiamen, China. Leeswadtrakul is the second woman President of the sport's global governing body after China's Lu Shengrong (1993-2001).

Golf: Novak & Griffin win Zurich Classic as McIlroy & Lowry fade

Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry faltered in their bid to win back-to-back Zurich Classic of New Orleans titles as American pair Andrew Novak and Ben Griffin have claimed their first PGA Tour win. With a birdie on the last, McIlroy and Lowry carded a closing even-par 72 to finish in a tie for 12th.

Golf: Mao Saigo wins Chevron Championship.

Japanese golfer Mao Saigo captured her first career title on the U.S. LPGA Tour winning the Chevron Championship major in a five-way playoff. She won with a birdie on the first extra hole, the par-5 18th, at The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas.

Saigo became the fifth major champion from Japan and first since Ayaka Furue won the Amundi Evian Championship last July.