

International

Thailand, Cambodia agree to unconditional ceasefire.

In a significant breakthrough to resolve five days of deadly border clashes that have killed dozens and displaced tens of thousands of people, Thailand and Cambodia have agreed to an unconditional ceasefire starting at midnight. Both sides have reached a common understanding to take steps to return to normalcy.

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim announced this breakthrough in a press conference at Putrajaya, Malaysia in the presence of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and Thai Acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai.

India sends humanitarian aid to Somalia.

India has sent a consignment of humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, said that the consignment consists of 10 tonnes, which includes essential medicines, surgical items, hospital essentials and biomedical equipment.

Greece battles five major wildfires amid 44°C heatwave.

Greece is fighting five major wildfires as extreme heat and strong winds fuel fast-moving flames. The hardest-hit area is just 30km north of Athens, where fires spread through several towns, forcing mass evacuations. Temperatures are nearing 44°C, with the heatwave expected to continue. Officials warn more regions are at high risk, including Crete, Rhodes, the Peloponnese, and Western Macedonia.

International Tiger Day observed on July 29.

International Tiger Day is observed globally on the 29th of July every year to preserve tigers' natural habitats and raise public awareness and support for conservation efforts worldwide. On the occasion of Global Tiger Day, Union Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav has highlighted India's remarkable success in tiger conservation. Mr. Yadav mentioned that with 58 reserves and

3 thousand 682 tigers, India has emerged as an example for the world in tiger conservation.

National

NISAR satellite to launch on July 30.

Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said that the launch of the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite will upscale the Indian Space Research Organisation's international collaborations. The Minister informed that the NISAR mission is scheduled to launch from Sriharikota on 30th July. The NISAR mission combines the technological expertise of both agencies. The mission will be launched aboard India's GSLV-F16 rocket.

NASA has contributed the L-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), a high-rate telecommunication subsystem, GPS receivers, and a deployable 12-meter unfurlable antenna. ISRO, on its part, has provided the S-Band SAR payload.

The satellite weighs 2 thousand 392 kilograms and will be placed in a sun-synchronous orbit, offering repeat imaging of the entire Earth's land and ice surfaces every 12 days.

Op Mahadev: Pahalgam attack avenged, all 3 terrorists killed.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has confirmed that all the three Lashkar terrorists who carried out the Pahalgam attack were killed by the security forces in Operation Mahadev, avenging the massacre that left 26 dead. The Union Minister said all the three terrorists - top Lashkar commander Suleiman Shah, Afghan, and Jibrán - were identified as the Pahalgam attackers by those who provided them shelter after the April 22 carnage.

Business and Economy

Industrial growth registers 10-month low of 1.5% in June.

Growth in industrial activity slowed to a 10-month low of 1.5% in June 2025, down from 1.9% in May. This slowdown was driven by the mining sector, which saw its worst performance in 58 months, and also by contractions in the electricity and primary goods sectors.

June 2025 saw a slowdown in industrial growth, driven by mining, electricity, and primary goods sectors, with manufacturing showing improvement.

Unclaimed deposits with banks stand at ₹67,003 crore: RBI.

As per the Reserve Bank of India data, unclaimed deposits with banks, including private lenders, stood at ₹67,003 crore at the end of June 2025. As of June 30, 2025, public sector banks were saddled with unclaimed deposits of ₹58,330.26 crore while private sector had ₹8,673.72 crore.

Of the public sector banks, SBI is leading the pack with unclaimed deposits of Rs 19,329.92 crore, followed by Punjab National Bank Rs 6,910.67 crore and Canara Bank Rs 6,278.14 crore.

Among the private lenders, ICICI Bank has the highest unclaimed deposits of Rs 2,063.45 crore, followed by HDFC Bank Rs 1,609.56 crore and Axis Bank Rs 1,360.16 crore.

RBI extends IndusInd Bank oversight committee tenure till August 28.

The Reserve Bank of India has extended the tenure of the oversight committee managing IndusInd Bank by another month, giving the lender more time to find a successor to outgoing Managing Director and CEO Sumant Kathpalia. The extension takes the panel's term through to August 28, 2025, or until a new MD and CEO is appointed—whichever comes earlier.

Indian Bank received approval from board to raise Rs 5,000 cr.

Public sector Indian Bank has received approval from the board to raise Rs 5,000 crore during the financial year. The bank reported a capital adequacy ratio of 17.80 per cent for the April-June 2025 quarter, the bank's Managing Director and CEO Binod Kumar said. The bank is developing 'IND-UPI,' its own UPI application, to save approximately Rs 150 crore annually in transaction fees.

Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank let go of ₹54,000 crore loans for margin safety

Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank have reduced their corporate loan portfolios by ₹54,000 crore in the June quarter to protect net interest margins amidst repo rate cuts. These loans, largely extended to various public sector undertakings, came under pressure for repricing following the 100 basis points (bps) repo rate cut since February. Some of these organisations sought revisions to their existing loans, beyond the already reduced rates.

SEBI begins investor awareness campaign with NSE.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched a nationwide investor awareness campaign titled #SEBIvsSCAM to protect investors from rising financial frauds. The campaign aims to educate the public on safe investing practices and how to spot and report suspicious activities. The initiative will use television, radio, print, digital, and social media to reach people across the country in multiple languages.

Sports

Divya Deshmukh, first Indian woman to win the FIDE Women's World Cup.

Divya Deshmukh became the first Indian woman to win the 2025 FIDE Women's World Cup title after defeating fellow Indian Koneru Humpy in the final, in Batumi, Georgia. The match lasted for three days and was decided through tiebreaks, with Divya emerging victorious with a score of 2.5 -1.5.

With this achievement, Divya joins Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika, and R Vaishali as the fourth Indian woman to become a Grandmaster. This victory also made her the 88th person overall to reach this milestone.

In addition to winning the World Cup, Divya's performance earned her a spot in the 2026 Candidates Tournament, where players will compete for the chance to challenge the Women's World Champion, Ju Wenjun of China.

Indian GM P. Iniyan wins Dole Open International Chess title.

Indian Grandmaster P Iniyan has won the 2nd Dole Open International Chess title defeating Poland's Jan Malek in the tie-breaker after both the players were deadlocked at the top with 7.5 points apiece in the French city of Aix-en-Provence. Iniyan remained undefeated in the tournament, scoring six wins, including against International Masters from Uzbekistan, Madagascar, Turkey, France and Poland, besides three draws.

He scored 7.5 points in nine games and was tied for first place with GM Malek, in a tournament

that had 276 participants, including 39GMs, from 43 countries.

India finishes 20th at the 2025 FISU World University Games with 12 Medals.

India wrapped up their campaign at the 2025 FISU World University Games in Germany's Rhine-Ruhr region, finishing 20th in the medal standings. India won a total of 12 medals, with two gold, five silver, and as many bronze.

Japan topped the overall standings with 34 gold medals, with the People's Republic of China coming in second with 30 golds