

International

Russia reiterates its support for India's bid for a permanent seat in the UNSC.

Russia has reiterated its support for India's bid for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). At the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov emphasised the need for reform in the UNSC to reflect the current global landscape. He stated that Russia backs India's application for a permanent seat, along with Brazil, to enhance representation from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. With this, Russia became the only permanent member of the UNSC to support India for a permanent seat.

Viksit Bharat Run 2025 organised globally as part of Seva Pakhwada.

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, successfully organised the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 across over 100 countries as part of the ongoing Seva Pakhwada. This marked the first-ever global edition of the initiative, aimed at inspiring collective action for nation-building. Organised under the tagline- Run to Serve the Nation, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation in three to five-kilometre community runs held at iconic and easily accessible locations across the world.

The Ministry said that runs were held in various cities, including Bangkok, Beijing, Beirut, Bishkek, Brunei, Doha, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, Mandalay, Melbourne, Perth, Riyadh, Rome, Seoul, Sydney and Tokyo.

National

World Food India 2025 concludes with 1 lakh crore investment commitments.

World Food India 2025 concluded in New Delhi with investment commitments exceeding one lakh crore rupees, marking one of the largest announcements in India's food processing sector. Over the four-day event, 26 leading domestic and international companies signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).

These agreements are expected to generate direct employment for over sixty-four thousand

people and create indirect opportunities for more than ten lakh individuals.

World Food India 2025, organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, is seen as a key platform to drive sustainable growth, innovation, and global collaboration in the food sector.

Addition of Gokul Jalashay and Udaipur Jheel as Bihar's New Ramsar sites.

Two wetlands from Bihar, namely Gokul Jalashaya in Buxar and Udaipur Jheel in West Champaran, have received the Ramsar tag, Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav announced. This brings the total to 93 Ramsar Sites, spanning 13,60,719 hectares

Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention, headquartered in Gland, Switzerland.

MoS Dr L Murugan releases "Same Heart, Same World" book During Mata Amritanandamayi's 72nd birthday.

The Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr L Murugan, has released Dr Maneesha V Ramesh's book "Same Heart, Same World" during Mata Amritanandamayi's 72nd birthday celebrations in Kollam, Kerala. Dr. Murugan handed the book to Justice K V Jayakumar. Notably, the Minister praised Mata Amritanandamayi Math's relief efforts during the COVID pandemic and the tsunami.

Droupadi Murmu, confers National Geoscience Awards 2024.

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, has presented the National Geoscience Awards-2024 for outstanding contributions in the field of Geoscience at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre. This year, 20 eminent geoscientists were honoured with 12 awards under three categories, which include National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement (01 award), National Young Geoscientist Award (01 award) and National Geoscience Awards (10 awards across various fields of geosciences). The National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement 2024 was conferred on Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai, Senior Scientist, INSA and Visiting Professor, IISER Pune.

The National Young Geoscientist Award 2024 was presented to Shri Susobhan Neogi, Senior Geologist, Geological Survey of India.

The National Geoscience Awards, instituted by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India in 1966, recognize individuals and teams for extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in various fields of geosciences, such as mineral discovery and exploration, fundamental/ applied geosciences, mining and allied areas.

TTD launch India's first AI-integrated command and control centre for pilgrims.

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has launched India's first AI-integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at Vaikuntam Queue Complex, alongside a new Pilgrim Amenities Complex (PAC-5) Venkatadri Nilayam. The ICCC, a pioneering initiative funded by NRI philanthropists in a pro bono public-private model, integrates cutting-edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, and Digital Twin Map.

India's first maritime simulation centre inaugurated at AMET University.

India's first Maritime Simulation Centre was inaugurated at AMET Knowledge Park, Maersk's Centre of Excellence near Chennai by Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. The facility has been established through a partnership between the Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET), a Deemed-to-be University, and A.P. Moller-Maersk, Denmark.

The facility has been established with an investment of ₹13.5 crore, including ₹6.5 crore support from the A.P. Moller Foundation.

Business and Economy

RBI sets the central govt's Ways, Means Advances limit at Rs 50,000 cr for the 2nd half of FY26.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has said the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the central government for the second half of the financial year 2025-26 will be 50,000 crore rupees. The WMA is a temporary advance given by the RBI to the central, state governments and Union Territories to tide over

any mismatch in receipts and payments. The WMA has been decided in consultation with the Central government. It added that the RBI may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Centre utilises 75 per cent of the WMA limit.

The interest rate on WMA will be the prevailing repo rate, and on overdraft, it will be 2 per cent above the repo rate.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announces discovery of natural gas in the Andaman Sea.

Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has announced that natural gas has been discovered in the Andaman basin, confirming the long-held belief that the Andaman Sea is rich in natural gas. Mr Puri informed about the occurrence of natural gas in the Sri Vijayapuram 2 well at a distance of 9.20 Nautical mile (17 km) from the shoreline on the east coast of the Andaman Islands at a water depth of 295 metres and target depth of 2,650 metres.

IndusInd Bank accounting lapses since 2015: Ex-CFO flags Rs 2,000 cr losses.

IndusInd Bank faces scrutiny over accounting irregularities dating back to 2015. Former CFO Gobind Jain blew the whistle, alleging senior management awareness and insider trading. He repeatedly urged an external audit before his resignation.

The bank disclosed significant losses. Law enforcement agencies are now investigating the matter, including share sales by executives.

Sports

India Wins Asia Cup for 9th time.

India beat Pakistan by five wickets to win their ninth Asia Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai, UAE. The victory extended India's perfect record against Pakistan in this tournament, having defeated them in all three encounters, including group stage and Super Four matches. Pakistan batting first set India a modest target of 147 runs for victory. India's chase began with the loss of early wickets, but it hauled the target with two balls to spare. India's Tilak Varma hits 69 not out to secure victory for India.

Meanwhile, India, led by captain Suryakumar Yadav, refused to accept the Asia Cup trophy from Asian Cricket Council President and Pakistan's Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi.

Anushka Thokur wins second gold at ISSF Junior World Cup.

India's Anushka Thokur won gold in the women's 50-meter rifle 3-positions event at the ISSF Junior World Cup today at the Dr Karni Singh Range in Delhi. This was Thokur's second gold in the competition, following her earlier win in the 50-meter rifle prone event.

In the junior men's 50-meter 3-position, Adriyan Karmakar secured the silver medal. India currently leads the medal tally with four gold, six silver, and three bronze medals.

Ryder Cup 2025: Europe retains trophy.

Team Europe withstood an incredible final-day fightback from the United States to win the Ryder Cup with a dramatic 15-13 victory at Bethpage Black. Shane Lowry added his name to Irish lore in the Ryder Cup with a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole Sunday that assured Europe of retaining the cup.

BCCI names Mithun Manhas as its 37th President.

Former Delhi captain Mithun Manhas has been elected as the new President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) during its Annual General Meeting. Manhas becomes the 37th President of the board, succeeding Roger Binny, who stepped down last month after turning 70.