

## International

### Human rights groups urge Pakistan to halt forced deportation of Afghan migrants.

A coalition of human rights organisations and refugee advocacy groups asked Pakistan to immediately halt the forced deportation of Afghan migrants.

This warning followed Pakistan's announcement of March 31, 2025, as the deadline for Afghan migrants to leave voluntarily or face forced expulsion. These migrants are awaiting resettlement in countries such as the United States, Germany, Australia, France, and Britain.

The human rights organisation also further condemned the exorbitant visa fees imposed on Afghan migrants.

### UK agrees to provide \$2.8 billion loan to Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky met with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in London.

During the meeting, the United Kingdom agreed to provide Ukraine with a 2.8 billion US dollar loan.

President Zelensky said the loan will enhance Ukraine's defence capabilities and will be repaid using revenues from frozen Russian assets. Mr Zelensky added that the funds will be directed toward weapons production in Ukraine.

### PKK ends its 40 yrs old armed struggle with Turkey.

Kurdish armed group PKK has declared a ceasefire with Turkey after its jailed leader Abdullah Öcalan called on the movement to lay down its arms and dissolve itself. In a statement, the PKK said it hoped Turkey would release Öcalan, who has been imprisoned in solitary confinement since 1999.

The group has waged an insurgency since 1984, with the aim of carving out a homeland for Kurds, who account for about 20 percent of Turkey's 85 million

people. It is banned as a terrorist group in Turkey, the EU, the UK, and the US.

## National

### Govt aiming twin target of agro growth & rural prosperity says PM Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the government is moving ahead with the twin target of achieving the growth of the agriculture sector and rural prosperity.

Mr Modi highlighted that under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, nearly 3.75 lakh crore rupees have been provided to farmers so far. He emphasized that the annual financial assistance of six thousand rupees under the scheme is strengthening the rural economy.

## Business and Economy

### City Union Bank, CSK tie up for co-branded credit card

City Union Bank (CUB) announced a strategic partnership with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to launch a co-branded credit card. This collaboration provides CSK fans with an opportunity to elevate their financial experience while enjoying exclusive perks tied to their passion for cricket.

Cardholders of the City Union Bank – Chennai Super Kings Co-Branded Credit Card will benefit from a range of exciting offers. The card will feature CSK's signature yellow color and lion logo, allowing fans to proudly display their support for the team.

## Sports

### Chile Open 2025: Indian-Colombian duo claim men's doubles title.

In Tennis, India's Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli and his Colombian partner Nicolás Barrientos have claimed the men's doubles title of the Chile Open in Santiago. The Indian-Colombian duo upset top seeds Maximo Gonzalez and Andres

Molteni of Argentina, 6-3, 6-2, in straight sets last night. This is the first title of Rithvik and Nicolas as a team.

In the semifinal, the duo defeated the third seeds, Guido Andreozzi of Argentina and Theo Arribage of France 4-6, 7-6, 10-5.

### **Bengaluru Open 2025: Top seeds Chandrasekar/Ho win doubles title with straight sets win.**

In the Tennis Bengaluru Open, Top seeds Anirudh Chandrasekar and Ray Ho emerged victorious to claim the men's doubles title.

The Indo-Taiwanese pair defeated Australia's Blake Bayldon and Matthew Christopher Romios 6-2, 6-4 at the KSLTA Tennis Stadium.

With this win, they picked up their sixth ATP Challenger title. Their victory also maintained India's strong doubles legacy at the Bengaluru Open, where seven of the nine editions have now featured at least one Indian champion.

### **ISL 2024-25: Kerala Blasters out of playoffs race after 1-1 draw with Jamshedpur FC.**

In the Football Indian Super League, the clash between Jamshedpur FC and Kerala Blasters FC ended in a 1-1 draw at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi.

With this draw, Kerala Blasters FC are out of the playoff contention for this season. With a maximum possible tally of 31 points, they remain behind North East United FC, who have 32 points with two games in hand.

### **Indian-Australian duo clinch Dubai Tennis Championships doubles title**

In Tennis, India's Yuki Bhambri and his partner Alexei Popyrin of Australia clinched the doubles title at the Dubai Tennis Championships.

The unseeded, Indian-Australian duo defeated the second-seeded pair of Harri Heliövaara of Finland and Great Britain's Henry Patten in the men's doubles summit clash 3-6, 7-6, 10-8 in Dubai last night.

This was India's first ATP title of the season.