

International

Vietnam celebrates the end of the war with the United States and the formation of its modern nation 50 years ago.

On April 30, 2025, Vietnam celebrated the end of the war with the United States and the formation of its modern nation 50 years ago with a military parade and a focus on a future of peace. The parade included a float that carried the Lac Bird, Vietnam's emblem, another carrying a portrait of Ho Chi Minh and finally one that represented 50 years of reunification between North and South Vietnam.

Liberals fall short of an outright majority in Canada.

On April 30, 2025, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's liberals celebrated an election victory, but fell short of winning an outright majority in the Parliament, and the party will have to seek help from another, smaller party. The vote-counting agency Elections Canada has processed nearly all ballots in what turned out to be a razor-close race that will leave the Liberals three seats short of a majority. Recounts are expected in some districts.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar to be the next Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar will be the next Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, the only woman ever to have led the Caribbean country. Her party United National Congress, has won the parliamentary election of the twin-island Caribbean nation. The victory marks a remarkable comeback for 73-year-old Persad-Bissessar, who previously served as the Prime Minister from 2010-2015.

National

Exposition of the sacred Buddha Relic of Sarnath in Vietnam.

The Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation for the first time, is holding an exposition of the sacred Buddha Relic of Sarnath in Vietnam

during the gala celebrations of the United Nations Day of Vesak 2025. The relic will be transported to Ho Chi Minh City on a special Indian Air Force aircraft, escorted by senior monks. The sacred Relic will be ceremoniously enshrined, venerated, and worshipped from the 2nd to the 8th of May.

Eminent Malayalam filmmaker and cinematographer Shaji N Karun, No More.

One of the pioneers of new wave cinema in Malayalam, eminent Malayalam filmmaker and cinematographer Shaji N Karun, passed away in Thiruvananthapuram. Shaji N Karun was among the few filmmakers who took the legacy of Malayalam cinema to the international audience. His debut film, Piravi (1988), was screened at nearly 70 international film festivals, and his second film, Swaham (1994), was nominated for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. His Vanaprastham (1999) was also screened at Cannes. Karun's films have won seven national awards, including the J C Daniel Award for lifetime contribution to Malayalam cinema, the highest film honour instituted by the state government.

The Char Dham Yatra, 2025, gets underway.

The Char Dham Yatra began on April 30, 2025, in Uttarakhand with the opening of the portals of Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham in the Uttarkashi district. The portals of Kedarnath Dham will open on May 2, 2025, and the gates of Badrinath Dham will open on May 4, 2025.

Operation Kagar is underway in the districts bordering Telangana and Chhattisgarh.

As a part of Operation Kagar, security personnel are actively conducting combing operations, meticulously searching the thick forests to counter Maoist activities,

in the districts bordering Telangana and Chhattisgarh. The region had resonated with gunfire for the past few days. This area has been the site of ongoing clashes between Central security forces and Maoists.

Gyan Post service to be operational from 1st May 2025.

Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia announced that the Gyan Post service, which enables affordable delivery of books and study material through post offices across the country, will be operational from 1st May. Books and printed educational material sent under Gyan Post will be trackable and transported through surface mode to ensure cost-effective delivery.

Business/Economy

Rapido and the Ministry of Labour and Employment ink an MoU.

Rapido and the Ministry of Labour and Employment signed a memorandum of understanding in New Delhi to enhance logistics employment opportunities through the National Career Service portal. The partnership aims to create over 50 lakh livelihood opportunities in 1-2 years. Notably, 5 lakh job opportunities are targeted for women, promoting female employment in the logistics sector through this initiative.

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India continues to be on the U.S. Trade Representative Priority Watch List for 2025, according to a [report released by the agency](#) on April 29, 2025. The priority list now includes Mexico, China, Chile, Argentina, India, Indonesia, Russia and Venezuela. The Special 301 Report labels India “one of the world’s most challenging major economies” for intellectual property issues.

The CEO of IndusInd Bank steps down.

The Chief Executive Officer of IndusInd Bank, Sumant Kathpalia, announced his resignation in a letter to shareholders, a day after the bank’s

deputy CEO, Arun Khurana, stepped down. The bank had earlier announced action against senior management for accounting errors in derivative trades.

Meta Platforms launches a standalone AI app with a social media component.

Meta Platforms has launched a standalone AI app — with a social media component, to compete with OpenAI’s ChatGPT. The Meta AI app is built with the company’s Llama 4 AI system. It includes a “discover” feed that lets users see how others are interacting with AI. It also has a voice mode for interacting with the AI.

Hindustan Zinc Ltd awarded the prestigious title of the Largest Integrated Silver Manufacturer 2024.

At the 3rd edition of the India Silver Conference 2025 held at Udaipur, Rajasthan, Hindustan Zinc Ltd, India’s only silver producer, has been awarded the prestigious title of the Largest Integrated Silver Manufacturer 2024. Hindustan Zinc, the world’s largest integrated zinc producer, is also among the top five silver producers in the world.

Sports

India tops the medal tally at the Asian Yogasana Sport Championship.

India secured a record 83 gold medals at the Asian Yogasana Sport Championship, to top the medal tally at the event in Delhi. The hosts also won three silver and one bronze medal to end with 87 medals, finishing well ahead of Japan, which claimed three gold, three silver and four bronze medals. Mongolia, Oman and Nepal rounded off the top five standings.

India crashes out of the Sudirman Cup 2025.

India went down 1-4 in their tie against Denmark in the team’s opening Group D match in the BWF Sudirman Cup 2025 at Xiamen, China. The Sudirman Cup, organised by the

Badminton World Federation, is a biennial international mixed team badminton tournament. Each tie in the Sudirman Cup consists of five matches – men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

the Aichi and Nagoya prefectures of Japan from September 19 to October 4. This will be the fourth time that cricket will be making an appearance in the Asian Games programme.

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Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) is set to make its debut at the Asian Games 2026, while cricket has been retained at the continental meet. The Asian Games 2026 are scheduled to be held in