

## International

### US President's 'Big Beautiful Bill' passed in Senate.

US President Donald Trump's 'Big Beautiful Bill' has passed the key Senate vote. The bill was passed with a narrow vote of 51 to 49. As the bill now heads for its next round of votes. The bill is part of Trump's efforts towards tax cuts and spending. The bill focuses on funds for the US president's top immigration, border, tax-cut and military priorities and policies.

### Serbia's President announces more arrests after a massive anti-government protest.

Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic has announced more arrests of anti-government protesters following clashes with police at a massive rally demanding an early parliamentary election. Dozens have already been detained.

Aleksandar Vucic, at a press conference, has accused organisers of June 28, 2025 student-led protest in the capital, Belgrade, of inciting violence and attacks on police, urging legal prosecution.

## National

### Govt launches 'GoIStats' app for easy access to official data on the Go.

The central government has launched the 'GoIStats' mobile application, which will help stakeholders access official data on the go in a seamless manner. The initiative by the National Sample Survey Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), marks a significant milestone in India's commitment to making official statistics accessible and user-centric for all citizens.

It features an interactive "Key Trends" dashboard showcasing important socio-economic indicators with dynamic visualisations of critical metrics, including GDP, inflation, and employment data.

### Hul Diwas is being observed on June 30.

Hul Diwas is being observed on June 30 to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by the Santhal people in their fight for freedom and justice

against the British East India Company. This rebellion, also known as Santhal Hul, which began on June 30, 1855, was a significant uprising against the oppressive policies of the British colonial rule and the exploitation by moneylenders. The Santhals, led by Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu, along with their sisters Phulo and Jhano, mobilised a large number of tribal youth to fight for their rights and against the injustices they faced.

### Ahead of census, states asked to finalise boundary changes before December 31.

The Registrar General of India (RGI) has informed the states that the first phase of the Population Census 2027 - House Listing and Housing Schedule (HLO) - will tentatively begin on April 1, 2026 and preparations need to be made accordingly.

The dates and questions to be asked in the first phase will be notified in the official gazette later. Around 34 lakh enumerators and supervisors, mainly officials working with the State governments, and 1.3 lakh census functionaries are expected to be deployed for the exercise, which will be done digitally for the first time.

### Union Home Minister inaugurates National Turmeric Board in Telangana.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, Telangana. He also unveiled the official logo of the board, symbolising a new era of farmer innovation and global competitiveness. The National Turmeric Board will establish a complete chain for turmeric packaging, branding, marketing, and export.

In 2023-24, turmeric was cultivated on 3 lakh hectares of land in India, resulting in a production of 10.74 lakh tonnes.

### Salkhan Fossils Park makes it to UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

Salkhan Fossils Park located in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh, one of the oldest fossil sites in the world—has been included in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites. These fossil-bearing rocks in the park have the presence of 1.4 billion-year-old stromatolites and algae fossils—some of the earliest known evidence of life on Earth.

## **Monsoon covers entire country nine days early, says IMD.**

Director General of India Meteorological Department, IMD, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra has stated that the South West monsoon has covered the entire country, nine days before the normal date. The southwest monsoon has covered the entire country against the expected date of 8th of July. He said that the monsoon has also arrived in the national capital Delhi and the city will receive light to moderate rainfall over the next two days.

## **Business and Economy**

### **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders to acquire controlling stake in Colombo dockyard for US \$52.96 mn.**

Government-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has decided to acquire a controlling stake in Sri Lanka's Colombo Dockyard PLC under a 52.96 million dollar deal. MDL's decision marks its first international venture and is seen as a major milestone in the company's transformation from a purely domestic shipbuilder into a regional maritime player with global aspirations.

### **Torrent Pharma to acquire J.B. Chemicals & Pharma for equity valuation of ₹25,689 crore.**

Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd has entered into definitive agreements to acquire controlling stake in J. B. Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals from KKR at an Equity Valuation of ₹ 25,689 crore (on fully diluted basis), followed by a merger of the two entities. The transaction will be executed in 2 phases.

### **Finance Ministry asks public sector banks to monetise investments in subsidiaries via listing on bourses.**

The Finance Ministry has asked public sector banks (PSBs) to look at monetising their investment in subsidiaries by listing them at bourses after further scaling up operations so that they realise good return.

There are about 15 subsidiaries or joint ventures of PSBs lined up for initial public offering or divestment in medium to long term.

## **Sports**

### **Badminton: Ayush Shetty wins maiden US Open title.**

20-year-old Ayush Shetty made history by becoming the first Indian to win a BWF World Tour title this season by winning the US Open 2025. Ayush claimed a 21-18, 21-13 victory over Canada's Brian Yang in the final. However, in the women's singles, Tanvi Sharma lost to top seed Beiwen Zhang, which she lost 11-21, 21-16, 10-21 in 46 minutes.

### **Dutch MotoGP 2025: Marc Marquez wins.**

Marc Marquez has delivered a clinical masterclass at MotoGP's Cathedral of Speed on Sunday to claim victory at the Dutch Grand Prix while his brother and closest contender, Alex, suffered a race-ending crash that left him with a fractured hand. Marc Marquez has extended his championship advantage to a commanding 68 points over Alex, as he seeks a seventh title.

### **Lando Norris wins F1 Austrian Grand Prix 2025.**

Lando Norris has held off a race-long challenge from his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri to win the Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday and lift his Formula 1 title hopes. Norris and Piastri battled for the lead early on, with the Australian briefly into the lead before Norris took the position back. Charles Leclerc was third for his third podium finish in four races, while his Ferrari teammate Lewis Hamilton ranked fourth.

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