

International

Israeli Defence Forces Launch Strikes on Iranian Military Sites in Tehran

The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) has said that it carried out a wide-scale wave of strikes targeting Iranian military infrastructure in central Tehran. The operation targeted multiple sites linked to what it described as the Iranian regime, including weapons storage and production facilities. It also said that temporary command centres were dismantled during the strikes, along with locations where commanders were reportedly operating.

Nepal's former PM KP Sharma Oli remanded in judicial custody for 5 days

Nepal's former Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli was remanded in judicial custody for five days by the Kathmandu District Court. Mr Oli and former Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak were arrested for their alleged involvement in suppressing the Gen Z movement held in September last year, in which 76 people were killed. The arrests came a day after the newly formed Balendra Shah government decided to implement the report of the probe commission into the Gen Z protests in its first cabinet meeting.

National

Indian Navy conducts IMEX TTX 2026 at Maritime Warfare Centre in Kochi

The Indian Navy conducted a maritime exercise, IMEX TTX 2026, at the Maritime Warfare Centre in Kochi. The event brought together naval officers and experts from many countries in the Indian Ocean region to discuss growing security challenges at sea. Representatives from Bangladesh, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Timor-Leste took part in the exercise.

The exercise comes at a time when India has taken over the chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium for the 2026-2028 period after 16 years.

IMEX TTX 2026 is seen as a key step in strengthening India's leadership role in regional maritime security.

Great Indian Bustard chick born in Kutch

In a significant milestone for wildlife conservation, a chick of the extremely rare Great Indian Bustard, locally known as Ghorad, was born in Gujarat's Kutch district after nearly a decade. The birth was reported from the grasslands of Abdasa and is being seen as a major success in conservation efforts.

IndiaSkills National Competition 2025-26 commences in Greater Noida

IndiaSkills National Competition 2025-26, the country's premier platform to celebrate excellence in skills, commenced in Greater Noida. Organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the competition brings together over 650 skilled youth from across the country, competing across 63 skill categories aligned with national and global industry standards.

The winners of the national competition will represent India at the prestigious WorldSkills Competition Shanghai 2026.

Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti assumes charge as Chairperson of NCBC

Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti and Mrs. Kiran Umesh Mahalle have assumed charge as Chairperson and Member of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), with effect from 18.03.2026 and 20.03.2026, respectively.

Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti is a former Member of Parliament and has held several important public offices, including Union Minister of State in the Ministries of Rural Development and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

She has been actively engaged in social and community development activities, particularly for the upliftment of weaker and marginalized sections of society.

Business and Economy

Qatar's Doha Bank to bid India 'goodbye'

Qatar's Doha Bank is closing its two branches in India after operating in the country for over a decade. Earlier this week, the bank announced that it will keep only a representative office in the country as part of a strategic shift. The bank had launched its India operations in June 2014, with its first branch in Mumbai, followed by a branch in Kochi.

CMS acquires FSS' ATM management biz for Rs 115 crore

CMS Info Systems announced the acquisition of Financial Software and Systems' (FSS) managed services business for Rs 115 crore to strengthen its position in the end-to-end ATM management space. This move will significantly boost CMS' ATM management capabilities. The deal is expected to add 8,000 ATMs to CMS' existing portfolio. This acquisition strengthens CMS' position in the end-to-end ATM management sector.

JICA plans to scale up private investment operations in India

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) plans to expand its Private Sector Investment and Finance (PSIF) operations in India, where its current commitment stands at about ₹6,500 crore across nine projects. The agency will focus on projects with significant development impact, which includes sectors such as energy, agriculture, and women's empowerment. JICA aims to attract more private capital for impact investments.

Adani Ports launches India's first 'Port of Refuge' to enhance maritime safety

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has operationalised India's first "Port of Refuge" (PoR), creating a formal system to assist ships in distress and handle maritime emergencies. A PoR, as defined

by the International Maritime Organisation, is a designated location where ships can seek shelter to stabilise conditions, protect life, and limit environmental damage.

The initiative is backed by a tripartite (MoU with SMIT Salvage, the salvage and emergency response division of Royal Boskalis Westminster NV (Boskalis) and the Maritime Emergency Response Centre (MERC), bringing global expertise and coordinated response capability.

Sports

Indian Open: Fitzpatrick claim maiden Tour title

Alex Fitzpatrick won his maiden DP World Tour title with a nine-under 279 four-day total to become only the third Englishman to win the Hero Indian Open title, the first since Matt Wallace in 2018. Fitzpatrick, who started the day four shots behind defending champion Chacarra, had eight birdies on the final day, five of them on the back nine for a two-shot victory.

Sabalenka wins Miami Open 2026

Aryna Sabalenka beat Coco Gauff 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 in the Miami Open final to join an exclusive club by completing the coveted 'Sunshine Double'. Sabalenka is only the fifth woman to win the Indian Wells and Miami titles back-to-back, a feat known as the 'Sunshine Double' given the tournaments' respective locations in California and Florida.

Pramod Bhagat clinches gold and 2 silver medals at Spanish Para Badminton International 2026

India's Paralympic champion Pramod Bhagat won one gold and two silver medals at the Spanish Para Badminton International 2026 – Level 1 in Toledo.

Bhagat, along with Manisha Ramdass, won gold in the mixed doubles SL3-SU5 category, defeating fellow Indians Nitesh Kumar and Thulasimathi Murugesan 21-15,

24-22. In the men's singles SL3 final, Bhagat settled for silver after losing to Nitesh Kumar 10-21, 17-21.

Japanese Grand Prix: Kimi Antonelli wins

Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli won the Japanese Grand Prix to clinch his second

straight Formula One victory and become the youngest-ever championship leader at the age of 19.

Antonelli's Suzuka win gave him a nine-point lead over Russell in the overall standings.