

International

India re-elected to IMO Council for 2026–27 with highest vote tally.

India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council for the 2026–27 term, securing the highest vote tally in its category.

The elections took place during the 34th session of the IMO Assembly in London, where India received 154 out of 169 valid votes in the group of countries with the largest interest in international seaborne trade. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal hailed the result as a proud achievement for India's maritime sector.

India re-elected to UNESCO Executive Board for 2025–29 term.

India has been re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board for the 2025–29 term, signalling strong global confidence in the country's commitment to multilateralism and UNESCO's core mandate in education, culture, science, communication and information.

The Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO stated that the re-election reflects rising international support for India's vision of inclusive and human-centric development.

India thanked partner nations for their trust and reaffirmed its resolve to contribute constructively to UNESCO's initiatives in the coming years.

Rustem Umerov to lead Ukraine in peace talks with the United States.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has appointed National Security and Defence Council Secretary Rustem Umerov to head Ukraine's delegation in peace talks with the United States, international partners and Russia.

Umerov replaces Andriy Yermak, who resigned after an anti-corruption search of his home. Zelensky confirmed that Umerov's team has left for the U.S. to discuss steps toward ending the war. Meanwhile, U.S. President Donald Trump said his 28-point peace plan has been fine-tuned and is being

advanced through envoy meetings in Moscow and Kyiv, adding he will meet Zelensky and Putin only when a deal nears finalization.

Trump declares Venezuelan Airspace completely closed.

U.S. President Donald Trump announced that airspace over and around Venezuela should be considered fully closed, marking a further escalation of pressure on President Nicolás Maduro.

The declaration was made on social media, with no immediate response from Venezuelan authorities and no comment from the U.S. Defense Department.

The move comes amid expanded American counter-narcotics operations in the Caribbean and warnings of increasing security risks, following Venezuela's recent revocation of operating rights for several airlines.

Important Days

International Jaguar Day: 29th November.

International Jaguar Day is observed every year on November 29 to promote awareness about the conservation of the jaguar (*Panthera onca*), one of the world's most iconic big cats.

The day highlights the species' crucial ecological role as an umbrella species, vital for preserving biodiversity and maintaining the ecological balance of the Americas.

With threats like deforestation, poaching and habitat loss continuing to endanger jaguars, the observance calls for stronger global conservation efforts to secure the future of this near-threatened species.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People: 29th November.

The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed every year on 29 November, following a 1977 United Nations General Assembly decision (Resolution 32/40 B). The date holds historic significance as the same day in 1947 when the UN adopted Resolution 181 (II), also known as the Partition Plan, which proposed the creation of Arab and Jewish states in Palestine.

National

Dr Jitendra Singh unveils Hansa-3 (NG) Trainer Aircraft in Bengaluru.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled the production-standard Hansa-3 (NG) trainer aircraft at the CSIR-NAL campus in Bengaluru while inaugurating facilities including the SARAS MK-II Iron Bird Test facility, HAP Airframe Fabrication facility, and NaviMet.

Developed indigenously by National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), the Hansa-3 (NG) is designed for commercial pilot licensing training.

India to strengthen disease surveillance using Artificial Intelligence.

India is set to upgrade its disease surveillance system by shifting from traditional detection-based methods to a predictive model powered by Artificial Intelligence, real-time data analytics and digital intelligence platforms.

The new approach is expected to help identify potential outbreaks before they escalate. According to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), AI-based event surveillance is already operating under the Integrated Health Information Platform.

NCDC Director Prof. Ranjan Das said that AI-enabled monitoring and rapid-response systems will greatly boost health security and help save lives.

Business and Economy

India and ADB sign over \$800 million in loan agreements.

India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed three loan agreements worth more than USD 800 million to support development projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

The package includes USD 500 million for the Maharashtra Power Distribution Enhancement Programme for Agricultural Solarization, over USD 190 million for the Indore Metro Rail Project, and around USD 110 million for the Gujarat Skills Development Programme.

ADB also extended USD 1 million technical assistance grant for an upcoming sustainable fisheries and wetlands initiative in Assam.

Meta adds 5 new Indian Languages for creators.

Meta Platforms has announced that creators on Instagram and Facebook will soon be able to translate their reels into Marathi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil.

Revealed at the 'House of Instagram' event in Mumbai, the feature uses AI-based automatic dubbing and lip-sync technology to generate audio that matches the creator's original tone and emotions while ensuring natural mouth movement in the translated language.

Earlier, this capability was available only in English, Hindi, Spanish and Portuguese. Meta is also upgrading its Edits mobile video editing app by adding new Indian-language fonts, including Devanagari and Bengali Assamese scripts, to support languages such as Marathi, Assamese, Bengali and Hindi.

Sports

Rajasthan United FC clinches 41st Governor's Gold Cup.

Rajasthan United Football Club emerged champions of the 41st All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2025 held at Paljor Stadium, Sikkim.

In their debut appearance, they defeated Services Football Team 1-0 in a closely contested final, with Joseph Lalvenhima scoring the decisive goal in the second half. Joseph earned Man of the Match, while teammate Naoba Meitei was named Man of the Tournament.

The winners received ₹3 lakh and the runners-up ₹2 lakh.

Kidambi Srikanth reaches Syed Modi International Final.

Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth entered the finals of the Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament in Lucknow with a hard-fought 21-15, 19-21, 21-13 win over fellow Indian Mithun Manjunath in the men's singles semifinal.

He will face Hong Kong's Jason Gunawan in the title clash.

In women's doubles, defending champions Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly sailed into the finals with a dominant 21-11, 21-15 victory over Malaysia's Ong Xin Yee and Carmen Ting, and will meet Japan's Kaho Osawa and Mai Tanabe next.

Manika Batra & Manav Thakkar to Lead India at ITTF Mixed Team World Cup 2025.

India has announced an eight-member squad for the ITTF Mixed Team World Cup 2025 beginning today in Chengdu, China. Experienced Olympian and Commonwealth Games medalist Manika Batra and Manav Thakkar will lead the contingent.

The squad also includes Akash Pal, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, Payas Jain, Diya Chitale, Yashaswini Ghoshade, and Swastika Ghosh.

With the mixed team format set to debut at the LA 2028 Olympics, this year's tournament holds special importance.

The 2025 edition also marks Chengdu's third consecutive year as host.

India secures 2nd Straight Win at Men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup 2025.

India registered their second consecutive victory at the Men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup 2025 with a dominant 17-0 win over Oman in a Pool B match at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai.

Dilraj Singh scored four goals, while Manmeet Singh and Arshdeep Singh hit hat-tricks, supported by goals from Ajeet Yadav, Gurjot Singh (two each), Ingalemba Luwang, Anmol Ekka, and Shardanand Tiwari.

This performance follows India's 7-0 win over Chile, giving them 24 goals from two games and placing them at the top of Pool B, needing just a draw against Switzerland to secure a quarter-final berth.