

International

Thailand appoints Deputy PM Phumtham Wechayachai as acting Prime Minister.

Thailand's cabinet has named Deputy Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai as the acting prime minister after the Constitutional Court disqualified Paetongtarn Shinawatra from office.

Alongside this, Prommin Lertsuridej has been appointed as the Prime Minister's Secretary-General.

As mandated by the Constitution, the current cabinet will function in a caretaker capacity until a new government is formally established.

Nepal celebrates the four-day Maha Gaura festival.

Nepal is celebrating the four-day-long Maha Gaura festival, marked by fairs and traditional rituals in the Kathmandu Valley's Tundikhel and across the Sudurpaschim and Karnali provinces, as well as India's Kumaon region.

The festival, dedicated to Lord Shiva and Goddess Gauri, involves fasting by women (Upavasi) who break it with a single meal of traditional foods.

Important Days

International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30th August.

On 30 August every year, the world marks the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, highlighting one of the gravest violations of human rights and human dignity.

In 2010, the UN General Assembly, alarmed by the growing incidence of such disappearances across the globe, adopted Resolution 65/209, proclaiming 30 August as the day of observance.

Since 2011, the day has been commemorated worldwide, reaffirming the global call to end enforced disappearances and uphold justice for victims.

Awards

Power Grid wins SCOPE Eminence Award for HR Management.

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU under the Ministry of Power, has been awarded the SCOPE Eminence Award for Human Resource Management. The award was presented by President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Power Grid currently operates 286 substations, over 1.8 lakh circuit km of transmission lines, and 5.74 lakh MVA of transformation capacity. With a transmission system availability of more than 99.85%, the company has consistently demonstrated operational excellence by adopting advanced technologies, automation, and digital solutions.

National

Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates India's first tempered glass plant in Noida.

Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, inaugurated the country's first tempered glass manufacturing plant in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

The facility marks a major step in boosting India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem and advancing the Make-in-India initiative.

INS Kadmat Joins Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations.

The Indian Navy's indigenous ASW Corvette INS Kadmat reached Port Moresby to participate in Papua New Guinea's Golden Jubilee Independence celebrations.

The visit underscores India's commitment to Pacific Island nations under the Act East Policy, while promoting peace, stability, and growth in the Indo-Pacific.

INS Kadmat will take part in the official Independence Day Parade, cultural events,

and interactions with the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) on maritime security, HADR, and defence cooperation.

Drone manufacturing hub and engine test facility inaugurated in Noida.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, inaugurated a state-of-the-art drone manufacturing company and an engine test facility in Noida.

Mr. Singh highlighted that drones have become an integral component of modern warfare strategies. He stressed the importance of strengthening Aatma Nirbhar Bharat in the defence sector, noting that the new initiative is expected to create over 5,000 employment opportunities in the region.

NeGD integrates nearly 2,000 e-government services nationwide on DigiLocker and e-District.

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), operating under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has reached a major milestone by enabling pan-India integration of close to 2,000 e-Government services through the DigiLocker and e-District platforms.

Among the states, Maharashtra leads with 254 services, the highest in the country, followed by Delhi (123), Karnataka (113), Assam (102), and Uttar Pradesh (86).

In total, 1,938 services are currently live across the nation.

Govt to roll out beta version of Adi Vaani, AI translator for tribal languages.

The government is set to launch the Beta Version of Adi Vaani, which is India's first AI-powered translator for tribal languages.

Developed under the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh initiative, Adi Vaani aims to bridge communication gaps between tribal and non-tribal communities.

By leveraging advanced AI technologies, the project seeks to preserve tribal culture while strengthening India's constitutional commitment to cultural diversity.

Business and Economy

SBI, AFD ink €100-million deal to push green financing.

The State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a €100-million Line of Credit agreement with Agence Française de Développement (AFD) to strengthen green financing in India.

The funding will support climate mitigation projects that cut greenhouse gas emissions and promote climate adaptation measures to limit the impact of global warming. The partnership reflects India's push toward sustainable growth and global climate commitments.

Sports

India tops medal tally at 25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championship.

India emerged as the overall champion at the 25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championship held in Ahmedabad, finishing at the top of the medal tally with 13 medals – 4 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze.

Mehak Sharma won the silver medal with a personal best lift of 253 kg, while in the 110+ kg category, Lovepreet Singh secured the bronze medal with a total lift of 380 kg.

Govt forms task force to draft sports goods manufacturing policy.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the first-ever Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave in New Delhi, where he announced the formation of a task force to frame a national policy for sports goods manufacturing.

Dr. Mandaviya stressed the vision of “Garv Se Swadeshi”, targeting an increase in India’s global share of sports goods manufacturing from 1% to 25% by 2036, aligning the sector with the national growth agenda.

India creates history with 50 gold medals at 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Kazakhstan.

India scripted history at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, by topping the medal tally for the first time in the tournament’s history. Indian shooters bagged an unprecedented

50 gold medals, taking the overall medal count to 99, including 26 silver and 23 bronze.

Host nation Kazakhstan secured the second spot, while China finished third in the medals tally.

Ankur Mittal clinched gold in the men’s double trap event with a world record score.

Neeru Dhanda also created history by securing India’s first-ever Asian Championship gold in women’s trap. Rising star Sift Kaur Samra won her maiden Asian title in the women’s 50m rifle 3-position event.