

International

US Prez Trump fires BLS Commissioner Erika McEntarfer over disappointing jobs report.

The US President Donald Trump has ordered the firing of Erika McEntarfer, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), following a disappointing jobs report.

The move came after the BLS released its July jobs report, which showed just 73,000 jobs added, far below expectations. The report also revised job numbers for May and June downward by over 250,000.

McEntarfer, appointed by former President Joe Biden in July 2023, was confirmed by the Senate in January 2024 with bipartisan support.

New bird flu outbreaks confirmed in South Africa's Western Cape.

Authorities in South Africa's Western Cape have confirmed new bird flu outbreaks, urging the public to stay alert but not alarmed.

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture reported cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (bird flu) in chickens in the North West and Mpumalanga provinces.

Bird flu has also led to deaths among great white pelicans in the Cape Town area. This is the first case of mass mortalities among wild birds since 2022.

Mount Lewotobi erupts twice.

In Indonesia, Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki volcano in East Nusa Tenggara, erupted twice, sending ash 18,000 meters into the sky.

The volcano remains at its highest alert level, Level IV.

Mount Lewotobi is one of Indonesia's 127 active volcanoes. The country is prone to volcanic eruptions due to its location along the "Ring of Fire."

Jung Chung-rae elected new leader of South Korea's ruling Democratic party.

Four-term lawmaker Jung Chung-rae was elected as the new leader of South Korea's ruling Democratic Party (DP).

He secured 61.74% of the vote during the national party convention held at KINTEX in Goyang, northwest of Seoul.

Jung garnered significant backing from dues-paying members, winning 66.48% of their vote, 46.91% from delegates, and 60.46% in the public poll.

Science and Technology

4 astronauts from US, Japan, Russia successfully dock at space station: NASA.

Four astronauts from the United States, Japan, and Russia have successfully reached the International Space Station (ISS) as part of NASA's Crew-11 mission.

During their six-month stay, the Crew-11 astronauts will carry out a variety of scientific experiments and technology demonstrations. These include simulating lunar landings, testing eye protection methods for space travel, studying how plant cells divide in space and many others.

National

FSSAI releases definitive list of 'Ayurveda Aahara' to mainstream time-honoured food wisdom.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in consultation with the Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurvedic food preparations under the category of "Ayurveda Aahara."

This significant step brings India's time-honoured food wisdom into the mainstream, following the introduction of the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations in 2022.

This initiative marks a pivotal moment in enhancing regulatory clarity for industry stakeholders while promoting the widespread adoption of Ayurveda-based nutrition for better public health outcomes.

India ranks second globally in fish production.

India holds the second rank in the world in fish production, said Union Minister of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Rajiv Ranjan Singh at a programme in Kolkata.

He informed that the fish production has increased by 103% in 2024-25 compared to 2013-14 in India.

India performs record 18,900 transplants in 2023.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said today that the country achieved a remarkable milestone, last year, by performing nearly 18 thousand nine hundred transplants, the highest in a single year.

Mr Nadda released NOTTO's Annual Report, e-Newsletter and three awareness booklets on Organ Donation Awareness, Organ Health through Ayurveda and Yoga, and Best Practices by States.

Business and Economy

Federal Bank Q1 Net slips 15% on core income hit, NPA rise.

Federal Bank reported a 15% year-on-year decline in its net profit for Q1 FY26, primarily due to a hit in core income and a rise in non-performing assets (NPAs).

Net profit fell to ₹776 crore compared to ₹916 crore in the same quarter last year. The bank's net interest income (NII) saw muted growth, rising only 4% to ₹2,063 crore. Asset quality deteriorated, with gross NPA ratio rising to 2.43% from 2.13% sequentially, reflecting stress in loan recovery.

Sports

Lacky wins silver, Sitender reaches final at U17 wrestling worlds.

In wrestling, India's Lacky clinched the 110 kg men's freestyle silver medal at the Under-17 World Championships in Athens, Greece.

Lacky fell short in the gold medal match, losing 4-6 to Magomedrasul Omarov, who competed under the neutral United World Wrestling flag.

India's Sitender stormed his way into the final of men's 60kg freestyle. Sitender registered a 5-1 win over Kazakhstan's Bekassyl Assambek in the semi-finals to book his spot in the gold medal bout.

Murali Sreeshankar wins gold in long jump at Qosanov Memorial.

India's Murali Sreeshankar clinched the gold medal in the men's long jump at the 2025 Qosanov Memorial, a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze event in Kazakhstan.

Janry Ubas of the Philippines (7.53 metres) took home the silver and Nazim Babyev of Azerbaijan (7.48 metres) got bronze medals.

WTT Star Contender 2025: India creates history as two doubles teams enter finals for 1st time.

In table tennis, India has made history at the WTT Star Contender 2025 in Foz do Iguaçu in Brazil, today, with two Indian doubles teams reaching the finals, a first for the country in this tournament.

In mixed doubles, top seeds Manush Shah and Diya Chitale reached the final after a dominant 3-0 win over Chile's Nicolás Burgos and Paulina Vega in the semifinals. In men's doubles, India's top-seeded pair Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah also reached the final.

Tharun Mannepal's Macau Open run ends in semifinals

In Badminton, Indian shuttler Tharun Mannepal's remarkable run at the Macau Open came to an end as he lost to Justin Hoh of Malaysia 21-19, 16-21, 16-21 in the men's singles semifinals.

The hopes of India's men's doubles ended in the quarterfinals, as the top-ranked pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost a tight three-game match to Malaysia's Choong Hon Jian and Muhammad Haikal.