

International

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Northern Queensland in Australia, is experiencing its most severe flooding in over six decades, as relentless rains have poured more than 1,000mm of water since 31st January 2025. Authorities have warned that the situation is dangerous and life-threatening, with record-breaking rainfall anticipated to persist throughout the day. Locals are also warned of crocodiles displaced by the floods. Experts link the increasing intensity of such events to climate change.

M23 rebels wreak havoc in Goma

Nearly 773 people have been killed in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo's (DRC), the largest city of Goma and its vicinity in a week, amid fighting with Rwanda-backed M23 rebels. Authorities have said, the rebels captured the city in an escalation of a decade-long conflict. As per the United Nations experts, M23 is the most potent of more than 100 armed groups vying for control in DRC's mineral-rich east, which holds vast deposits critical to much of the world's technology.

Successful launch of a navigation satellite on its new flagship H3 rocket by Japan.

Japan's space agency, JAXA, announced, that it successfully launched a navigation satellite on its new flagship H3 rocket. The satellite was launched as the country seeks to have a more precise location positioning system of its own. The H3 rocket carrying the Michibiki 6 satellite lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Centre on a southwestern Japanese island.

National

Samudrayaan Mission allocated 600 crore in the Union Budget

Samudrayaan Mission to send scientists to explore the depths of the ocean in the specially designed submersible got a fillip with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman allocating Rs 600 crore for the Deep Ocean Mission. The mission involves mapping deep ocean floors and developing technologies like a manned

submersible with a 6000 m water-depth rating. It also involves exploration of deep-sea mining for sustainable utilisation of deep-sea bioresources and developing engineering designs for offshore thermal energy-driven desalination plants. The Ministry of Earth Sciences is steering the Deep Ocean Mission.

A special classical music program 'Har Kanth Mein Bharat' launched at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi

Akashvani, in collaboration with The Ministry of Culture, launched a special classical music program 'Har Kanth Mein Bharat' at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi. This programme will be broadcast live from 21 Akashvani centers every day from today until February 16, from 9:30 to 10.00 AM. Har Kanth Mein Bharat is expected to provide a platform for young artists to showcase their talent to the nation.

Economy/ Business

GST collected in January 2025 witnesses a growth of 12.3 percent compared to January 2024

The Central GST collection for January 2025 stood at 36 thousand 77 crore rupees and State GST, at 44,942 crore rupees. The Integrated IGST collection amounts to over 1 lakh crore rupees and cess is at 13,412 crores. Thus, over 1.95 lakh crore rupees in Gross Goods and Services Tax revenue was collected in January 2025, witnessing a growth of 12.3 percent compared to January 2024. The highest growth of 39 percent was registered in Ladakh, followed by Nagaland and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which saw a 26 percent increase in GST.

Sports

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In the World Pickleball League (WPL), Bengaluru Jawans were the inaugural champions, securing a 3-1 victory over Pune United in an intense showdown for the title.

R. Praggnanandhaa clinches the prestigious Tata Steel Masters 2025 title

In Chess, Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won the prestigious Tata Steel Masters 2025 title, defeating reigning World Champion D. Gukesh in a tiebreaker at Wijk aan Zee, the Netherlands. This victory makes R. Praggnanandhaa the first Indian since Viswanathan Anand in 2006 to claim the prestigious title.

India defeats England by 150 runs in the fifth and final T20 International match

In Men's Cricket, India defeated England by 150 runs in the fifth and final T20 International match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai and won the series by 4-1. Abhishek Sharma scored 135 runs in 54 balls with 13 sixes and 7 fours. He brought up his century off just 37 balls, the second-fastest century for India in T20Is. The record belongs to Rohit Sharma, who scored a ton off 35 balls against Sri Lanka in Indore in 2017.

India defends its ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup title

India has defended their ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup title, beating South Africa by 9 wickets in the final match at the Bayuemas Oval in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Gongadi Trisha got the Player of the Match award.

The inaugural edition of the Indian Navy Half Marathon

Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today flagged off the inaugural edition of the Indian Navy Half Marathon in New Delhi on February 2. Athletes from different age groups and professional backgrounds participated in three race categories which were, 21.1 km, 10 km, and 5 km runs. This event aimed to promote health and fitness amongst participants from all walks of life, encouraging them to embrace physical activity and adopt an active lifestyle for overall well-being.