

International

Ghana launches climate-resilient wheat initiative in collaboration with India.

Ghana has launched a climate-resilient wheat initiative in collaboration with India's Arima Farms and CSIR-Crops Research Institute. With wheat imports crossing \$400 million annually, this project aims to cut dependency and boost local farming.

Arima Farms MD, Saalai Manikam, highlighted how South-South cooperation is driving agricultural innovation.

Iran: President Masoud signs law to suspend cooperation with IAEA.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has signed into law a bill suspending cooperation with the United Nations' nuclear monitor, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The implications for the IAEA's ability to monitor Iran's nuclear program are uncertain, but it is a stark escalation of Iran's nuclear posture amid rising regional tensions.

SAIL office inaugurated in Dubai.

Union Minister of Steel, Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises HD Kumaraswamy inaugurated the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) representative office in Dubai, marking another significant milestone in strengthening bilateral relations between India and the UAE while creating new business opportunities for India's largest steel producer.

The office is located at Lake Central, Business Bay, Dubai.

The establishment aligns with India's broader strategy to enhance its steel sector's international footprint and supports the country's ambitious target of achieving 300 million tonnes of steel production by 2030 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Sri Lanka launches Hindi course with Indian Collaboration

Strengthening India-Sri Lanka cultural and educational ties, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) in Colombo has launched a Hindi Language Learning Programme in partnership with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), the cultural arm of the High Commission of India.

The course will be offered as an undergraduate elective, open to both military and civilian students, focusing on basic language skills, cultural context, and practical usage. Earlier this year, the Open University of Sri Lanka launched the country's first-ever distance learning Hindi course in collaboration with SVCC.

Important Days

International plastic bag free day: 3rd July.

International Plastic Bag Free Day is observed on July 3rd each year.

This day is observed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags on the environment and to encourage people to use eco-friendly alternatives like cloth or jute bags. The day promotes sustainable living and environmental conservation.

World UFO Day: 2nd July.

World UFO Day is celebrated every year on 2nd July to raise awareness about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and the possibility of life beyond Earth. It commemorates the famous Roswell UFO incident of 1947, where an alleged UFO crash occurred in Roswell, New Mexico.

National

PM Modi conferred Ghana's highest honour for distinguished statesmanship.

P.M Modi conferred with Ghana's highest state honour in recognition of his distinguished statesmanship and influential

global leadership. The Prime Minister arrived in Accra on a state visit to Ghana. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with the President of Ghana, John Mahama, at Jubilee House in Accra.

Four MoUs were signed following the talks, including in the areas of cultural exchange and traditional music.

Govt launches web-based platform to get inundation forecasts in advance

Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil inaugurated a Unified Inundation Forecasting System C-FLOOD in New Delhi.

This is a web-based platform that provides two-days advance inundation forecasts up to village level.

The platform will act as a unified system integrating flood modeling outputs from national and regional agencies, offering a comprehensive decision-support tool for disaster management authorities.

At present, the system covers the Mahanadi, Godavari, and Tapi river basins.

Ministry to launch RECLAIM framework for inclusive mine closure & community development.

The Ministry of Coal will launch R E C L A I M – A Community Engagement and Development Framework tomorrow for Mine Closure and Repurposing.

The framework serves as a structured guide for inclusive community engagement and development throughout the mine closure and post-closure phases. It offers a practical, step-by-step approach to institutionalizing community participation in the transition process.

No link between COVID-19 vaccines & sudden deaths: ICMR-AIIMS study.

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare said that extensive studies by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences have conclusively established no linkage between COVID-19 vaccines and sudden deaths among adults post-COVID-19.

The studies offer a more comprehensive understanding of sudden unexplained deaths in young adults in India. They also reveal that COVID-19 vaccination does not appear to increase the risk, whereas the role of underlying health issues, genetic predisposition and risky lifestyle choices does play a role in unexplained sudden deaths.

Business and Economy

Scheduled commercial banks asset quality improves, gross NPAs fall to 2.3%: RBI.

RBI's latest Financial Stability report said, the soundness and resilience of India's scheduled commercial banks are bolstered by robust capital buffers, multi-decadal low non-performing loans and strong earnings.

While overall gross NPAs (non-performing assets) of banks fell to 2.3 per cent of total loans as of March 31 from 2.8 per cent a year ago, public-sector banks registered a sharp decline in NPAs from 3.7 per cent in March 2024 to 2.8 per cent in March this year.

According to the RBI data, the gross NPA ratio of private-sector banks remained stable at 2.8 per cent.

Sports

World Boxing Cup: Two Indian female pugilists reach semifinals.

India secured two medals at the World Boxing Cup, Astana 2025, as Minakshi (48kg) and Pooja Rani (80kg) advanced to the semifinals.

Minakshi dominated Chinese Taipei's Guo Yi-Xuan with a 5:0 win, showcasing sharp footwork and precision. Pooja Rani overcame Kazakhstan's Gulsaya Yerzhan in a gritty 4:1 split decision. Both boxers are assured of at least a bronze.

Canada Open Badminton: Ira Sharma beat Germany's Wilson

In Canada Open badminton, India's Ira Sharma defeated Miranda Wilson of Germany 2- nil in the women's singles qualifier round in Ontario.

She will now take on the Bulgarian player Kaloyana Nalbantova in the round of 32.

In the men's singles round, India's Chirag Sen lost to Malaysia's Eugene Ewe 0-2 in the qualifiers.