

International

The Netherlands to return 3,500-year-old Egyptian artefact.

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof announced the return of a 3,500-year-old ancient Egyptian sculpture to Cairo. The artefact, believed to depict an official from the era of Pharaoh Thutmose III, was stolen from Egypt and surfaced at a Dutch art fair in 2022.

The sculpture will be formally handed over to the Egyptian ambassador by the end of the year, reinforcing cooperation on protecting cultural heritage.

India supplies 16+ tonnes of medicines to Afghanistan for vector-borne disease control.

India has sent over 16 tonnes of medicines and diagnostic kits to Afghanistan to help fight vector-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, and leishmaniasis.

The supplies will support Afghanistan's National Malaria and Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Programme, reinforcing India's long-standing humanitarian partnership with the country. This assistance follows the recent visit of Afghan Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi to New Delhi.

Russia launches nuclear submarine 'Khabarovsk' equipped for Poseidon doomsday drone.

Russia launched its latest nuclear submarine, Khabarovsk, specially designed to carry the Poseidon underwater nuclear drone, often termed a "doomsday weapon" for its ability to travel intercontinentally and cause massive destruction.

The submarine was unveiled at the Sevmash shipyard in Severodvinsk, with Defence Minister Andrei Belousov and Naval Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev in attendance.

Canada–Philippines defence pact targets security boost against China in South China Sea.

Canada and the Philippines have signed a key defence agreement aimed at strengthening military cooperation amid growing tensions in the South China Sea. Philippine Defence Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. and Canadian Defence Minister David McGuinty formalized the pact to enhance joint combat drills, expand security alliances, and improve defence coordination.

Both nations have been vocal critics of China's assertive actions in the disputed maritime region.

The agreement underscores their shared commitment to regional stability, freedom of navigation, and strategic collaboration in the Indo-Pacific.

Science and Technology

India launches heaviest military communication satellite CMS-03.

ISRO successfully launched India's heaviest military communication satellite CMS-03 aboard the LVM3-M5 rocket from Sriharikota.

Weighing 4,400 kg, CMS-03 is the largest communication satellite India has placed into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit, marking the launcher's fifth operational flight.

The satellite will enhance secure multi-band communication for strategic and civilian use, strengthening data, voice and video connectivity across India and surrounding ocean regions.

This mission further boosts India's strategic communication network and space ambitions.

Awards

CEC Gyanesh Kumar honoured with IIT Kanpur's Distinguished Alumni Award

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been conferred the

Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honour given by IIT Kanpur, during its 66th Foundation Day celebrations.

Instituted in 1989, the award recognizes outstanding achievements by IIT Kanpur alumni.

Mr Kumar completed his B.Tech in Civil Engineering from the institute in 1985.

The accolade highlights his remarkable contributions to public service and leadership in India's electoral system.

National

Tri-Services exercise 'Trishul' strengthens joint combat readiness.

The tri-services military exercise 'Trishul' is currently underway, led by the Indian Navy in coordination with the Army and Air Force, and will continue until the 13th of this month. The exercise aims to enhance joint operational readiness, validating coordinated strategies and procedures for multi-domain warfare.

Training operations are being conducted across Rajasthan and Gujarat's desert and creek sectors, along with maritime drills in the North Arabian Sea, including amphibious missions.

Lt Gen Avinash Das takes charge as Commandant of Army Hospital (R&R).

Lieutenant General Avinash Das has taken over as the Commandant of the Army Hospital (Research & Referral) in New Delhi.

A specialist in ENT, he brings nearly 40 years of service in the Armed Forces Medical Services.

An alumnus of AFMC Pune, he previously served in key roles, including Senior Advisor at Delhi Cantt and Command Hospital Lucknow.

As Commandant of Command Hospital (Northern Command), he oversaw the successful relocation of the Udhampur facility to a modern campus.

Business and Economy

FPIs record highest FAR Bond Purchases of FY26 in October.

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) bought government bonds worth ₹13,397 crore under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) in October — the highest inflow in seven months for FY26.

The surge in investments was supported by an attractive interest rate gap between Indian and U.S. bonds, a stable rupee maintained by RBI measures, and market expectations of domestic monetary easing in the coming months. This marks a strong foreign interest in India's debt market during the period.

Sports

India clinches first-ever ICC Women's ODI World Cup Title.

India created history by winning their first-ever ICC Women's ODI World Cup, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in Navi Mumbai.

Shafali Verma's brilliant 87 powered India to 298/7, while Deepti Sharma's match-winning spell of 5/39 dismantled South Africa's chase, triggering a collapse from 209/5 to 246 all out. Shafali also took two wickets, earning the Player of the Match award, while Deepti claimed Player of the Tournament.

The Indian team received record prize money of ₹37.3 crore, marking a significant milestone for the growth and recognition of women's cricket globally.

India clinch 5-wicket victory in Hobart, Level T20I Series 1-1.

India defeated Australia by five wickets in the third T20I at Bellerive Oval, Hobart, levelling the five-match series 1-1.

Chasing 187, India reached the target with nine balls remaining, thanks to Washington Sundar's explosive, unbeaten 49 off 23 balls.

Earlier, Australia posted 186/6, led by Tim David's 76 and Marcus Stoinis' 64.

Arshdeep Singh delivered a brilliant spell, taking 3 wickets in four overs, earning the Player of the Match award and helping India secure a crucial victory.

Rohan Bopanna retires, ends glorious two-decade tennis career.

Indian tennis ace Rohan Bopanna has announced his retirement, marking the end of an illustrious 20-year journey in professional tennis.

The 45-year-old former World No. 1 in doubles won 26 ATP doubles titles, including the 2024 Australian Open, becoming the oldest player to reach No. 1 at age 43.

Beginning his career in 2003, Bopanna earned 539 tour-level wins and played with

15 partners, winning the 2017 French Open mixed doubles title.

His final match took place at the 2025 Rolex Paris Masters.

East Bengal reach Super Cup semi-finals after draw with Mohun Bagan.

East Bengal FC qualified for the AIFF Super Cup semi-finals after a goalless draw against rivals Mohun Bagan Super Giant in Goa.

Both teams ended Group A with five points, but East Bengal advanced thanks to a superior goal difference, boosted by their 4-0 win over Chennaiyin FC.