

## International

### Death toll from floods and landslides in Nepal reaches 233.

In Nepal, the death toll from recent floods and landslides so far has reached 233, while 22 others are still missing. At least 169 people were injured in the disaster. 17,120 people have been rescued so far from flood- and landslide-affected areas.

### India elected to Globe Steering Committee on combating corruption.

India was elected to the 15-member Globe Steering Committee during the plenary session held in Beijing after a multistage voting process. As a member of the Steering Committee, India will play a crucial role in shaping the global agenda against corruption and asset recovery.

Initiated by the G20, an inter-governmental forum, the Globe Network was officially launched on 3 June 2021 during a special event at the UN General Assembly Special Session against Corruption (UNGASS)

## National

### 2024 edition of annual apex-level international conference IPRD to held in New Delhi.

The 2024 edition of the annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Navy, the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD), will be held in New Delhi. The theme of the three-day conference is “Resource Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific.” Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address the conference.

IPRD is the principal manifestation of the Indian Navy’s international engagement at the strategic level, addressing holistic maritime security issues across the Indo-Pacific.

### Centre releases relief amount of Rs 5,850 crore to 14 flood-affected states.

The Central government has released over 5 thousand 850 crore rupees to 14 flood-

affected states. Maharashtra has got 1 thousand 492 crore rupees, Andhra Pradesh over 1 thousand crore rupees, Gujarat 600 crore rupees and Telangana nearly 417 crore rupees among others. These states were affected by extremely heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides during the south-west monsoon this year.

### 2 women navy officers begin voyage around the world.

Chief of the Naval Staff of India, Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi has flagged off INSV Tarini for Navika Sagar Parikrama II expedition at Ocean Sailing Node, INS Mandovi, Goa. The first-ever global circumnavigation onboard is to be completed by two women naval officers, Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa.

The voyage covering around 23,000 nautical miles will take around 240 days, across four continents through three oceans and three challenging Capes.

### PM Modi unveils four bio-gas units in Assam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kick-started the construction of four compressed bio-gas (CBG) plants by Oil India Ltd in Assam. The event was part of a groundbreaking ceremony for several CBG plants across the country, which Mr. Modi presided over virtually from New Delhi, aimed at promoting a sustainable and eco-friendly energy landscape on the occasion of Swachh Bharat Diwas.

### 200 major railway accidents in past five years, 351 people killed.

Data shared by the Indian Railways from 17 railway zones reveal that over the last five years, 351 persons died and 970 were injured in 200 consequential railway accidents. While 10 years ago there were 171 accidents per year, this had come down to 40 accidents now.

## **Business and Economy**

### **SBI to add 600 branches in its network during FY25: Chairman Setty.**

State Bank of India (SBI) is planning to open 600 branches across the country in the current financial year in a bid to tap business opportunities in emerging areas including large residential townships. SBI opened 137 branches last fiscal. Of the total, 59 new rural branches were inaugurated. SBI has a network of 22,542 branches across the country as of March 2024.

### **Accenture, Nvidia partner to push AI adoption among global enterprises.**

IT companies Accenture and Nvidia have announced the expansion of their collaboration with the creation of a new business group aimed at accelerating artificial intelligence (AI) adoption across enterprises. This newly formed Accenture-Nvidia Business Group will train around 30,000 professionals globally. The goal is to assist clients in transforming their processes and scaling AI adoption, specifically through the use of AI agents.

### **Mankind Pharma gets CCI nod for BSV acquisition.**

Mankind Pharma Ltd had obtained regulatory approvals including the approval from the Competition Commission of India for 100% acquisition of Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd. (BSV).

The Proposed Transaction is subject to completion of remaining customary conditions precedent as contemplated in the Share Purchase Agreements.

### **Adani merges two green energy subsidiaries with Adani New Industries.**

Adani Group has merged two step-down subsidiaries with green hydrogen and wind turbine manufacturing firm Adani New Industries Ltd. (ANIL). Adani Infrastructure Private Limited and Mundra Solar Technology Limited stand

amalgamated with Adani New Industries Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

### **IDBI bank launches OTS scheme for retail NPA borrowers to boost recovery.**

To boost its recovery from retail non-performing accounts, IDBI Bank has launched a special scheme offering one-time settlement (OTS) provision to retail borrowers with principal outstanding in the range of Rs 10 lakh to Rs 10 crore, subject to eligibility criteria.

The scheme – Sugam Rinn Bhugtan Yojana – aims to offer relaxed terms to retail borrowers whose loans have turned non-performing assets (NPAs) as of March 31, 2021, and continue to be NPAs as of August 31, 2024.

### **PNB introduces Multi-Currency World Travel Card for international travelers**

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched the Multi-Currency World Travel Card to offer convenience for international travellers. The card allows users to load and manage multiple currencies on a single card. The PNB Multi-Currency World Travel Card supports six major foreign currencies: US Dollar (USD), Euro (EUR), British Pound Sterling (GBP), UAE Dirham (AED), Canadian Dollar (CAD), and Singapore Dollar (SGD).

Users can switch between these currencies, making it easier to handle expenses across different countries

## **Sports**

### **Tennis: Carlos Alcaraz wins first China Open Title.**

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz beat defending champion and world No. 1 Jannik Sinner, winning 6-7 6-4 7-6 to claim his first China Open title. The pair produced some incredible rallies throughout the pulsating match, further underlining why they are arguably the two best players in the world right now.

## **ICC Women's T20 World Cup kicks off.**

The ninth edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup will begin in Sharjah, UAE. The opening match will feature Bangladesh against debutant Scotland. A total of ten teams will participate in the event, which will conclude on the 20th of this month.

Australia, the defending champions who won the last three T20 World Cups, are in Group A alongside India, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

## **Global Chess League kicks off in London.**

The Global Chess League, will hold its second edition in London. The six-team franchise chess tournament will conclude on the 12th of this month. Some of the key players competing include five-time World Champion and current world number one Magnus Carlsen, former World Champion Viswanathan Anand, world number two

Hikaru Nakamura, and one of the youngest players in the chess elite, 21-year-old Alireza Firouzja.

Other noted Indian players include R. Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, R. Vaishali, Koneru Humpy, Vidit Gujrathi, and Harika Dronavalli.

## **Kho Kho World Cup to debut in India in 2025.**

Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and the International Kho Kho Federation have announced that the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup will take place in India in 2025. The event will witness the participation of 24 countries from 6 continents and will feature 16 men's and as many as women's teams. The sport that started in the mud and now gone to the mat has a global presence with 54 countries playing the sport across the world.