

International

UNGA Elected Five Countries as Non-Permanent Members of the UN Security Council

The United Nations General Assembly elected five countries—Bahrain, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Latvia, and Liberia—as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for the 2026-2027 term.

These nations will assume their roles on January 1, 2026, succeeding Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and South Korea.

US Withdraws About 500 Troops From Syria

The United States has withdrawn about 500 troops from Syria, following the fall of the Assad regime and a shift in its Middle East policy. The US has vacated three bases in Syria.

In April, the Pentagon announced its plans to decrease its military troops in Syria from two thousand to under one thousand as part of efforts to consolidate US forces.

Important Days

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04th June

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on June 4th.

This day was established by the United Nations in 1982, originally in response to the tragic impact of the Lebanese Civil War and the large number of child victims. The day is meant to recognize the pain and suffering of children around the world who are victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse, especially during armed conflicts.

National

India to Build First-Ever Indigenous Polar Research Vessel with Norwegian Firm

India's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) and Norway's Kongsberg Oslo signed an MoU that paves the

way for India to build its first-ever Polar Research Vessel (PRV) indigenously.

The vessel will be equipped with the latest scientific equipment and will enable researchers to explore the oceans' depths, study marine ecosystems, and unlock new insights into our planet's past, present, and future.

CAQM Issues Directions to Control Biomass Burning

The Commission for Air Quality Management has issued statutory directions to control air pollution from biomass burning and incidents of fire at sanitary landfill and dump sites in Delhi-NCR.

CAQM has asked the Urban Local Bodies and other concerned agencies in NCR to identify, categorize, demarcate and assess the fire risk of all sanitary landfills and dump sites in the region.

CAQM further instructed the Haryana and Punjab governments to mandate the use of paddy straw-based biomass pellets in all brick kilns located in the districts beyond NCR, as one of the means towards elimination of the practice of open paddy stubble burning.

Presiding Officers to Enter Voter Turnout on ECINET App

The Election Commission will introduce a technology-driven system to provide timely updates on the approximate voter turnout percentage trends.

ECI said that this new process will significantly reduce the time lag associated with the manual reporting methods.

The Presiding Officer of each polling station will now be directly entering voter turnout on the new ECINET App every two hours on polling days in order to reduce the time lag in the updation of the approximate polling trends.

PM Modi to Inaugurate World's Highest Railway Bridge Over Chenab

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Chenab Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir on 6th June.

Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, stands tall in Jammu and Kashmir as a proud symbol of new India's strength and vision.

The bridge is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project and has been engineered to withstand the toughest natural challenges.

Ladakh Gets New Policies on Quota

The Indian government has introduced a significant policy change for the Union Territory of Ladakh, aimed at preserving the region's unique cultural and demographic identity.

A substantial 85% of government jobs in Ladakh are now reserved for local residents.

To qualify as a domicile of Ladakh, individuals must have resided in Ladakh for at least 15 years, or studied in Ladakh for a minimum of 7 years and appeared in Class 10 or 12 examinations within the region.

Business and Economy

Kumar Mangalam Birla Receives Global Leadership Award

Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, has been honored with the 2025 Global Leadership Award by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).

The recognition was presented during the Forum's eighth annual Leadership Summit held in Washington, D.C.

He received the award alongside Arvind Krishna, Chairman, CEO, and President of IBM, and Toshiaki Higashihara, Executive Chairman of Hitachi.

Sports

RCB Clinch Maiden IPL Title

Royal Challengers Bengaluru have won the Indian Premier League trophy for the first

time. They defeated Punjab Kings by 6 runs at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Gujarat Titans' Sai Sudarshan won the Orange Cap Award for scoring the highest runs, while his teammate Prasidh Krishna won the Purple Cap Award for picking the highest number of wickets in this season. Mumbai Indians' Surya Kumar Yadav won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award for his exceptional batting throughout the tournament.

Sindhu Advances to Indonesia Open 2nd Round

At the Indonesia Open 2025, two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu won in a three-game match against Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in Round 32 of the Indonesia Open at Istora Senayan.

In men's singles, Lakshya suffered a first-round exit on this year's tour after a 11-21, 22-20, 15-21 loss against China's Shi Yu Qi.

Anupama Upadhyaya exited after a straight-games loss against South Korea's Kim Ga Eun.

Nakamura Halts Gukesh's Surge With Crucial Win

At the Norway Chess 2025, Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi got back to winning ways in Round 8 as he defeated American Grandmaster Fabiano Caruana.

World Champion D Gukesh suffered a loss against American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura in a Round 8 clash.

World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen also faced a stunning loss against Chinese Grandmaster Wei Yi.