

International

India launches collaborative initiative with UN WFP to strengthen rice fortification and supply chains in Nepal.

India has launched a new collaborative initiative with the support of the UN World Food Programme to strengthen Rice Fortification and Supply Chain Management in Nepal. This initiative is part of the India-UN Global Capacity Building Initiative launched on 1st August 2025 by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in New Delhi. The project in Nepal will address gaps in Nepal's fortified rice supply chain, particularly in procurement processes, data collection, and skilled workforce by facilitating knowledge exchange with India's successful Public Distribution System. The project will be implemented in three phases over a period of 12 months.

Pakistan: Over 300 people died since June 26 due to monsoon-triggered rains.

In Pakistan, over 300 people, including 140 children, have died and over 715 people have been injured since June 26 due to monsoon-triggered rains and landslides. In its latest report, the National Disaster Management Authority said that out of the total death toll, 140 were children, 102 men and 57 were women.

National

PM Modi's flagship initiative 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' Sets Guinness World Record with 3.53 crore registrations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship initiative, Pariksha Pe Charcha has been conferred with the Guinness World Record for the 'Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month'. This recognition is a testament of achievement made with three crore 53 lakh registrations during the eighth edition of the programme, hosted on the MyGov platform. Pariksha Pe Charcha is a unique platform conceptualised and led by Mr. Modi wherein the Prime Minister directly interacts with students, teachers, and parents.

Eight cooperatives join hands to launch 'Bharat' taxi service.

India's cooperative sector is set to challenge ride-hailing giants Ola and Uber with the launch of a taxi service under the brand 'Bharat' by the end of this year, backed by Rs 300 crore authorised capital and having already onboarded 200 drivers across four states.

The Multi-State Sahakari Taxi Cooperative Ltd, registered on June 6, represents a consortium of eight prominent cooperatives, including the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO), and Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF).

The venture operates without any government stake, being entirely funded by the participating cooperatives. The founding members also include Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), and National Cooperative Exports Ltd (NCEL).

Maharashtra launches India's First AI-Powered Anganwadi centre.

The Maharashtra government has launched India's first AI-powered anganwadi in Waddhamna village, Nagpur district, Maharashtra, situated around 18 km from the city. Launched by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the anganwadi centre now uses VR headsets from Meta, AI-enabled interactive smart boards, tablets, and other digital content to learn poems, songs, and fundamental concepts. The centre aims to bridge the digital divide for rural children.

India receives final batch of Airbus C-295 aircraft ahead of schedule in Spain.

India received the final batch of 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft, marking a significant upgrade to its defence capabilities. The handover took place in Seville, Spain. The delivery came two months ahead of schedule at Airbus's Seville assembly line.

In October 2024, Prime Ministers Pedro Sanchez and Narendra Modi launched the TATA Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, Gujarat,

where 40 additional C-295s will be manufactured. A total of 56 aircraft will be delivered under the programme.

Nitin Gadkari honoured with 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was honoured with the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award at a ceremony in Pune. Presented by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust, the award recognizes significant contributions to national progress.

Instituted in 1983, the Lokmanya Tilak National Award has previously been conferred upon several eminent personalities, including former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Dr Manmohan Singh, former President Pranab Mukherjee, and sitting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The award also recognises distinguished individuals from diverse fields such as business, science, and journalism.

Business and Economy

IndusInd Bank appoints Rajiv Anand as MD and CEO.

IndusInd Bank has announced the appointment of Rajiv Anand, former Deputy Managing Director of Axis Bank, as its new MD and CEO. Rajiv Anand will be appointed for a three-year tenure, which means he will remain at the helm of affairs at the bank until August 24, 2028.

IndusInd Bank has been without an MD and CEO since Sumant Kathpalia announced that he will be stepping down from his position in April this year, taking moral responsibility of the derivative portfolio accounting issue, that led to a sharp correction in the lender's stock price.

RBI's campaign for financial inclusion saturation plan.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) nation-wide campaign for saturation of financial inclusion (FI) schemes and re-KYC at gram panchayat level has achieved one-third coverage of the targeted area.

During the first month of campaign which started on July 1 and continue till September 30, saw 1.05 lakh camps being conducted in the GPs. The number of GPs covered so far under

the campaign accounts for a third of the total GPs in the country.

Banks across the country are participating in a nationwide campaign to saturate Financial Inclusion (FI) schemes and re-KYC bank accounts of beneficiaries from July 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025. The camps are also being utilised to create awareness about unclaimed deposits and to redress grievances.

Mutual fund industry AUM grew sevenfold in 10 years: Study.

The asset under management (AUM) of India's mutual fund (MF) industry as of June 2025 was estimated at ₹74.40 lakh crore, marking a more than seven-fold growth in 10 years, Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund said in a report.

The report said equity commanded the largest share at 59.94%, followed by debt at 26.53%, hybrid at 8.28%, and other categories accounting for 5.26%.

LTIMindtree awarded tender for PAN 2.0.

The Central government's PAN 2.0 project, which aims to bring onto one platform all the services relating to Permanent Account Numbers (PAN) and Tax Deduction and Collection Account Numbers (TAN), is expected to be made operational in 18 months. The bid for the implementation of the project was won by LTI Mindtree at an adjusted bid value of ₹792.5 crore.

India's marine fish landings drop 2% in 2024: CMFRI.

India's marine fish landings stood at 3.47 million tonnes in 2024, marking a slight decline of 2% compared to the 2023 catch, according to the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

Gujarat retained its top position in overall fish landings with 7.54 lakh tonnes, followed by Tamil Nadu (6.79 lakh tonnes) and Kerala (6.10 lakh tonnes).

The institute's annual marine fish landing estimates showed that Indian mackerel remained the most landed species in the country at 2.63 lakh tonnes, followed by oil sardine at 2.41 lakh tonnes.

Sports

India beat England in Oval Thriller, Level Series 2-2.

India pulled off a thrilling six-run win against hosts England in the final Cricket Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at the Oval in London to level the five-match series 2-2. Chasing a target of 374 set by India, the hosts were all out for 367 in their second innings.

Mohammed Siraj was declared the player of the match. Shubman Gill and Harry Brook were both named the players of the series.

Hockey: Argentina wins Double Gold at 2025 Pan American Hockey Cup.

Argentina has dominated the 2025 Pan American Cup, winning gold in both the men's and women's hockey tournaments in Montevideo, Uruguay. The United States took silver in both categories, while Canada's men and Uruguay's women claimed the bronze medals. With these results, Argentina's men and the USA's women secured qualification for the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands.