

International

IAEA says no evidence of Iran building nuclear bomb.

IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi has stated that there is no evidence that Iran is building a nuclear bomb.

However, he expressed concern over Iran's large stockpile of near-weapons-grade enriched uranium and limited access for inspectors.

Grossi said the agency cannot confirm that Iran's nuclear programme is entirely peaceful unless Tehran cooperates fully in resolving outstanding safeguards issues.

Oxford's Ashmolean Museum returns 16th-century idol to India.

The Ashmolean Museum of the University of Oxford has returned a 16th-century bronze idol of Saint Thirumankai Alvar to India.

The idol, originally from the Shri Soundararaja Perumal Temple in Thadikombu, Tamil Nadu, was acquired by the museum through a Sotheby's auction in 1967.

The repatriation process concluded with a formal handover ceremony held at India House in London.

7th India–Japan CEPA joint committee meeting held in Tokyo.

The 7th Joint Committee Meeting under the India–Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was held in Tokyo.

Co-chaired by India's Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal and Japan's Senior Deputy Foreign Minister, the meeting reviewed CEPA implementation and explored ways to strengthen bilateral trade and investment.

Discussions highlighted expanding cooperation in technology, manufacturing, and services while promoting balanced trade and deeper integration into global supply chains.

Important Days

International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness: March 5

The International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness is observed annually on March 5 to promote global awareness about nuclear weapons, arms control and international security.

Established by the United Nations under Resolution A/RES/77/51, the day aims to educate people, especially youth, about the importance of disarmament and non-proliferation in preventing conflict and strengthening global peace and security.

Obituary

Veteran Journalist H.K. Dua Passes Away.

Senior journalist and former Rajya Sabha member H.K. Dua passed away at the age of 88.

He served as Editor of *The Hindustan Times*, Editor-in-Chief of *The Indian Express*, and later *The Tribune*.

Dua also worked as media adviser to former Prime Ministers Atal Bihari Vajpayee and H.D. Deve Gowda, leaving a lasting impact on Indian journalism and public affairs.

National

India ranks second globally in childhood obesity.

The World Obesity Atlas 2026 reports that about 15 million children aged 5–9 and over 26 million aged 10–19 in India were overweight or obese in 2025.

India ranks second after China in the number of children with high BMI.

The report warns that the global target to curb childhood obesity may be missed, urging governments to strengthen prevention measures such as promoting physical activity and regulating sugary foods and drinks.

Mobile World Congress 2026 held in Barcelona.

Mobile World Congress 2026 was held in Barcelona, Spain, bringing together global leaders from governments, technology companies and telecom industries.

Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia participated in the event and highlighted India's vision for affordable and inclusive digital connectivity.

He emphasised reducing device and service costs to bridge the digital divide and stressed the importance of AI-driven networks and future technologies such as 5G and 6G for sustainable digital growth.

Study reveals inconsistent website blocking by Indian ISPs.

A new study has found significant inconsistencies in how Indian internet service providers block websites. The report identified over 43,000 apex domains blocked through DNS filtering across networks such as Airtel, Jio and MTNL. However, only a small portion of sites were universally restricted by all providers. The study highlights that varying blocking methods and lack of standardised rules lead to uneven internet censorship experiences for users across India.

Business and Economy

Axis Bank partners with Tesla for EV financing in India.

Axis Bank has partnered with Tesla to become its preferred financing partner in India, offering customised loan solutions for buyers of Tesla electric vehicles.

The bank will provide loans with tenures of up to 10 years and a fully paperless process for faster approvals. The initiative aims to simplify EV purchases, enhance customer experience, and support the growth of sustainable mobility across major cities and emerging EV hubs in India.

SEBI allows custodians to offer non-regulated financial services.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a framework allowing custodians, except those backed by banks, to undertake financial services outside SEBI's regulatory scope.

These activities must be conducted through a separate Strategic Business Unit with independent accounts.

The move aims to ensure transparency, prevent conflicts of interest, and streamline compliance while allowing custodians to expand services beyond regulated market activities.

Sports

Finn Allen smashes fastest T20 World Cup Century.

New Zealand opener Finn Allen created history by scoring the fastest century in men's T20 World Cup history during the semi-final against South Africa in Kolkata. He reached the milestone in just 33 balls, breaking Chris Gayle's 47-ball record set in 2016.

Allen also became the first player to score a century in a T20 World Cup knockout match, guiding New Zealand to a dominant nine-wicket victory and a place in the final.