

## International

### Romania votes in crucial presidential election rerun.

Romanians are voting in a crucial presidential election, following a political crisis last year when the top court annulled the previous vote over fraud and scandal. The election features nationalist George Simion of the AUR party against three main centrist candidates: Bucharest Mayor Nicușor Dan, liberal Crin Antonescu, and independent Elena Lasconi with seven others are also on the ballot. If no one gets over 50 per cent of the vote, a runoff will be held on May 18.

### Kozhikode gets WHO recognition as age-friendly city.

Kozhikode city has been honoured with another global recognition in the form of a membership in the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC). With this membership, Kozhikode joins a network of cities that formulate policies, provide services, and develop infrastructure aimed at supporting the elderly—helping them remain healthy, active, and creative in old age. Making a city age-friendly involves addressing various factors that influence the quality of life for the elderly, such as ensuring accessible public spaces, providing suitable accommodation through community support, and guaranteeing access to healthcare services and communication tools.

## National

### India's First WAVES 2025 Summit concludes in Mumbai.

India's first World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 concluded at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai. The four-day summit, which began on Thursday, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The summit witnessed participation from over 90 countries, with more than ten thousand delegates.

During the summit, the WAVES declaration was adopted by representatives of 77 countries at the Global Media Dialogue.

### DRDO successfully conducts maiden flight-trials of Stratospheric Airship Platform.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully carried out maiden flight-trials of its Stratospheric Airship Platform from Sheopur Trial site at Madhya Pradesh.

Developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment at Agra in Uttar Pradesh, the airship was launched carrying an instrumental payload to an altitude of around 17 kilometers. The data from onboard sensors was received and will be utilised for development of high-quality fidelity simulation models for future high-altitude airship flights.

### ECI to soon launch single-point app ECINET for all electoral-related activities.

The Election Commission of India will soon launch a single-point App ECINET for stakeholders. The new one-stop platform, ECINET, will integrate and reorient over 40 of EC's existing mobile and web applications. ECINET will have an aesthetic User Interface and a simplified User Experience by providing a singular platform for all electoral-related activities. ECINET will also enable users to access relevant electoral data on their desktops or smartphones.

## Business and Economy

### FM Nirmala Sitharaman to attend ADB Annual Meet in Milan.

Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Milan, Italy, from today till the 7th of this month. During her visit, the minister will hold bilateral meetings with finance ministers of Italy, Japan, and Bhutan as well as heads of other international organisations, besides meeting global think tanks, business leaders and CEOs in Milan.

## **ICAI to help SEBI in tackling financial fraud.**

Chartered accountants' apex body ICAI will be preparing a research paper to help the markets watchdog SEBI in dealing with financial frauds. ICAI President Charanjot Singh Nanda said the institute will set up a working group and hold discussions with Sebi to finalise the various aspects that will be looked into with respect to tackling financial fraud.

## **Indian Bank Q4 profit soars 32% to ₹2,956 crore helped by improvement in core income.**

State-owned Indian Bank has reported a 32% jump in net profit to ₹2,956 crore for the March quarter of 2024-25, helped by a decline in bad loans and a rise in core income.

It had earned a net profit of ₹2,247 crore in the year-ago period.

## **Sports**

### **Badminton: China claims 14th Sudirman Cup title.**

China beat South Korea 3-1 in the Sudirman Cup final to capture a record-extending 14th title at the biennial mixed team competition in the Chinese city of Xiamen. Having won the last three Sudirman Cup editions, China was the favourite against four-time winner South Korea and got off to a winning start from World No. 2 mixed doubles pair Feng Yanzhe and Huang Dongping.

### **Indian duo wins U-19 boys doubles title at WTT Youth Star Contender**

In Table Tennis, Indian players Ankur Bhattacharjee and Abhinandh Pradhavadhi won the U-19 boys doubles title at the WTT Youth Star Contender in Bangkok defeating Korea's Lee Jungmok and Choi Jiwook 3-1 in the final. In the U-19 girls' doubles, India's Syndrela Das and Divyanshi Bhowmick reached the final.

### **Tennis: Sabalenka beats Gauff to win Madrid Open 2025.**

Aryna Sabalenka has defeated Coco Gauff 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) to win her third Madrid Open title. She

cruised past the American in the first set before digging deep in the second to triumph in a tie-break, sealing victory as Gauff double faulted. Sabalenka recorded her tour-leading 31st victory on Madrid clay, adding the WTA 1000 trophy to titles in Brisbane and Miami.

## **PM Modi inaugurates Bihar Khelo India Youth Games 2025.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th edition of the Bihar Khelo India Youth Games 2025 through a video message

The games started with grand celebrations at Patna in Bihar. Total 28 sports will be played at six different cities including Patna, Rajgir, Gaya, Bhagalpur and Begusarai. Three kinds of events of cycling, shooting and athletics will be held in New Delhi.

## **Anarghya Panchawatkar wins Gold at Budokan International Karate Championship.**

Anarghya Abhishek Panchawatkar of Gurugram has clinched the gold medal at the 11th Budokan International Karate Championship held in Dubai. Representing India under the banner of the Sports Shitokai Karate Federation, Anarghya delivered a stellar performance in the kumite category, securing the top podium position.

The tournament saw participation from over 900 athletes representing 17 countries, competing across various age groups.

## **Madrid Open 2025: Ruud lifts maiden Masters title.**

Norway's Casper Ruud won his first Masters 1000 title, as he stormed to a 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 victory over fifth seed Jack Draper in the Madrid Open final with a gutsy performance that showcased his claycourt mettle.

Ruud had previously reached three Grand Slam finals, including two at Roland Garros, and Masters 1000 finals in Miami in 2022 and Monte Carlo last year.