

## International

### BRICS leaders gather in Rio for 17th Summit.

The Heads of State from BRICS member countries and partner countries descend in Rio de Janeiro for the 17th edition of the Summit to be held on July 6 and 7th.

BRICS has been working relentlessly for the development of the Global south.

It wants to form a framework to collaborate on expanding cooperation in the areas of health, ethical use of Artificial Intelligence to solve global problems, reform multilateral banks to meet the financial needs of meeting the challenge of climate change and also want to foster a balanced and inclusive global governance.

### PM Modi holds delegation-level talks with Argentina President Javier Milei.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be holding bilateral talks with Argentine President Javier Milei in Buenos Aires.

The two leaders will review ongoing cooperation and discuss ways to further enhance India-Argentina partnership in key areas, including defence, agriculture, mining, oil and gas, renewable energy, trade and investment, and people-to-people ties.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Argentina marks a historic milestone, the first bilateral visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the Latin American nation in 57 years.

### India signs 6 agreements with Trinidad & Tobago.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging talks with his Trinidad and Tobago counterpart Kamla Persad-Bissessar at the iconic Red House in Port of Spain.

Following the talks, the two countries signed six agreements to enhance cooperation in several sectors including infrastructure and pharmaceuticals.

They also reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen global fight against terrorism.

## Important Days

### World Zoonotic Diseases Prevention Day: 6<sup>th</sup> July.

World Zoonotic Diseases Prevention Day is observed annually on July 6th.

It commemorates the first successful rabies vaccine administered by Louis Pasteur in 1885.

The day aims to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases, which are illnesses that can spread between animals and humans.

### International Day of Cooperatives 2025: 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The International Day of Cooperatives (CoopsDay) is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July to raise awareness of cooperatives.

Celebrated within the framework of the UN's International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025) themed "Cooperatives Build a Better World".

The theme this year, "Cooperatives: Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Solutions for a Better World," emphasizes cooperatives' transformative role in tackling inequality, climate change, and economic instability.

## National

### World Bank ranks India 4th among the world's Most Equal Societies.

World Bank has placed India among world's Most Equal Societies.

According to the World Bank, India's Gini Index stands at 25.5, making it the fourth most equal country in the world, after the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Belarus.

The Gini Index is a simple yet powerful way to understand how income, wealth or consumption is equally distributed across households or individuals in a country.

India falls into the "moderately low" inequality category, which includes Gini scores between 25 and 30.

India's score is much lower than China's 35.7 and far lower than the United States, which stands at 41.8.

### **Amit Shah lays foundation for India's first cooperative university.**

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for Tribhuvan Sahkari University, India's first national university dedicated to the cooperative sector in Anand, Gujarat.

Named after cooperative pioneer Tribhuvandas Patel, the ₹500 crore institution aims to train 2 million cooperative personnel over the next five years, fostering transparency, accountability, and rural development.

### **Kerala to launch Its first skin bank in Thiruvananthapuram.**

Kerala Health Minister Veena George announced that the state's first government-operated skin bank will be established at Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College, with operations set to begin on July 15, 2025, coinciding with World Plastic Surgery Day.

Built at a cost of ₹6.75 crore and approved by K-SOTTO, the facility will collect and preserve donated skin for use in grafts, significantly improving care for burn victims by reducing infection risk, pain, and healing time.

### **Business and Economy**

### **India's economy triples in a decade, reaches ₹331 lakh crore.**

India's economy has witnessed a remarkable transformation, tripling in size from ₹106.57 lakh crore in 2014-15 to ₹331.03 lakh crore in 2024-25.

This exceptional growth reflects the country's robust macroeconomic fundamentals, digital infrastructure push, and policy-driven reforms. With a GDP growth rate of 6.5% in FY 2024-25, India

has further strengthened its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy.

### **Sports**

### **Football: India secures AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualification for the first time.**

In football, the Indian team beat hosts Thailand 2-1 in its fourth and final AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers Group B match at the 700th Anniversary of Chiang Mai Stadium and qualified for next year's main event.

India last qualified directly for the main draw of the Women's AFC Asian Cup football in 2003.

They automatically received a spot at the last edition in 2022 as the tournament hosts but were forced to withdraw due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the squad.

### **Neeraj Chopra wins inaugural edition of Neeraj Chopra Classic 2025.**

Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra won the inaugural edition of the Neeraj Chopra Classic 2025-a World Athletics Gold-level event held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.

He secured the title with a best throw of 86.18 metres. Kenya's Julius Yego finished second with a season-best effort of 84.51 metres, while Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage took third place with a throw of 84.34 metres.

### **Vaibhav Suryavanshi smashes fastest known century against hosts England in Youth ODIs.**

India's 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi smashed the fastest known century in Youth ODIs. He scored three figures in just 52 balls against England in Worcester. He shared 219-run stand for the second wicket with Vihaan Malhotra, who remained unbeaten on 100. With help of both centuries, India, put to bat, scored 393 for 9 in stipulated 50 overs.

## **Aryaveer Dewan wins U17 Title at Asian Junior Squash Championships.**

In squash, India's Anahat Singh clinched the Asian U19 Squash Championship title with a dominant 3-0 victory over Hong Kong China's Cheung TC in the final.

In the U-17, Aryaveer Dewan made history for India by winning the U17 boys' title at the Asian Junior Squash Championships, ending the country's 13-year wait for the crown in this category. Dewan defeated the defending champion Nikhileswar Moganasundharam of Malaysia in straight games.

## **India wins 2 golds at Para-Archery Asian Championships.**

At the 2025 Para-Archery Asian Championships in Beijing, Indian para-archers clinched two golds taking the total medal tally to seven.

The women's compound team of Sheetal Devi and Jyoti defeated China 148-143 to clinch gold.

Harvinder Singh and Bhawna secured another gold in mixed recurve after a dramatic 5-4 shoot-off win.

India also earned three silvers in the men's recurve open, men's compound open, and mixed compound open events. Rakesh Kumar won two silvers – in the men's compound team with Shyam Sundar Swami and in mixed doubles with Jyoti.

## **Kidambi Srikanth storms into Men's Singles semifinals of Canada Open Super 300 badminton tournament.**

In badminton, India's Kidambi Srikanth continued his strong run by reaching in the men's singles semifinals of the Canada Open Super 300 badminton tournament.

He secured a dominant straight-game victory over top seed and world No. 6 Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei, winning 21-18, 21-9.

## **World Boxing Cup: India's Nupur storms into final.**

In Boxing, India's Nupur advanced to the 85+ kg category final of the World Boxing Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan, with a commanding 5-0 victory over Turkey's Seyma Dustaz in the semifinal.

In the men's 65kg category, Abhinash Jamwal advanced to the semifinals after a strong win over USA's Rene Camacho, securing at least a bronze medal.