

International

Over 1,097 civilians reported killed in Iran since Feb 28: HRANA.

US-based Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA) has said that 1,097 civilians have been reported killed in Iran since 28th of February. The rights body said that out of those killed, 181 were children under the age of 10 years. Also, the number of civilian injuries has reached to 5,402, including 100 children.

It further said that there have been at least 104 attacks in the past 24 hours alone. The attacks hit military bases, medical centres and residential areas.

Torpedo from US submarine sank Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has claimed that a torpedo from a US submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean. At least 101 sailors were missing in the attack. Sri Lanka Navy, reported that 87 bodies were recovered and that 32 people were rescued following the sinking of the warship. The IRIS Dena, a Modge-class frigate, had recently participated in the International Fleet Review 2026 in Visakhapatnam before departing for home.

Somalia's Parliament voted to amend constitution.

Somalia's Parliament has backed constitutional changes that could extend the President's term in office by a year and push back planned elections. The country has faced decades of instability and clan-based conflict since the 1991 collapse of the regime of former autocratic ruler Mohamed Siad Barre.

Earlier, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud reached an agreement last August with some opposition leaders stating that lawmakers would be directly elected starting in 2026, while the President would still be chosen by the Parliament.

UN hails India's banking programme for women as global model.

The United Nations has hailed India's banking programme, which has brought banking services to over 290 million women, as a global model for a transformative pathway for women and girls. Director of policy for UN Women, Sandra Hendriks, has said the Indian government's example of enabling digital identification for its entire population of women and girls, notably, is indeed a model. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, which is now in its 12th year, has brought banking services to women, who now hold 56 percent of the accounts opened under the programme.

National

President Murmu appoints new Governors for several states and Union Territories.

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Governors in different States and Union Territories.

The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shiv Pratap Shukla, has been appointed as Governor of Telangana.

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma has been appointed Governor of Maharashtra.

Former Bihar Assembly Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav has been appointed as Governor of Nagaland.

Lieutenant General (Retired) Syed Ata Hasnain has been appointed as the Governor of Bihar.

The Governor of Tamil Nadu, RN Ravi, has been appointed as the Governor of West Bengal. Meanwhile, the Governor of Kerala, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, will discharge the functions of the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, has been appointed as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

Former diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.

The President has accepted the resignation of the Governor of West Bengal, Dr C.V. Ananda Bose.

NITI Aayog & UNICEF India sign SOI to strengthen nutrition & health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Blocks.

NITI Aayog and UNICEF India has signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to strengthen nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Blocks. UNICEF India will provide technical expertise and support engagement with businesses, public sector enterprises and industry associations to channel CSR investments into nutrition-focused initiatives. The collaboration aims to leverage the strengths of both institutions to advance efforts toward improved maternal and child nutrition outcomes in underserved regions.

Geological Survey of India celebrates its 176th Foundation Day on March 4.

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is celebrating its 176th Foundation Day on March 4. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is one of the oldest scientific organisations in the country. It was established in 1851 by Sir Thomas Oldham. As the world's second-oldest geological organisation, the GSI continues to be a cornerstone of India's geoscientific advancement and national development.

Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi's reappointment as Drugs Controller (India).

Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi will continue as Drugs Controller (India) at CDSCO. His reappointment is on a contract basis for one

year starting March 1, 2026. This decision follows a proposal from the Department of Health and Family Welfare. Dr Raghuvanshi heads the CDSCO, responsible for drug quality and new drug approvals.

Business and Economy

IIP: India's industrial production growth, grew at 4.8% during January.

According to the quick estimates of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), India's industrial production growth grew at 4.8% year-on-year during January, as compared to 7.8% in December last year. Sectorally, the slump was driven by the manufacturing sector, which grew at 4.8% in January as compared to 8.1% in December. Similarly, Mining grew by 4.3% compared with 6.8%, and Electricity Generation growth also eased to 5.1% from 6.3% in the same period.

Motilal Oswal Home Finance signs USD 100 mn debt deal with ADB for women-focused, affordable, green housing

Motilal Oswal Home Finance has signed an agreement to raise USD 100 million in Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to expand lending to women borrowers and promote green-certified affordable housing projects. To be raised in rupee-equivalent debt, a part of the capital will be used to provide affordable housing loans to women borrowers while 10 percent of the proceeds will be deployed to finance the construction of residential units that meet recognised green building certification standards, supporting the adoption of environmentally sustainable construction practices.

Yes Bank launches exclusive salary account for women.

Yes Bank has launched a new salary account named YES Essence Women's Salary Account for working women. YES

Essence Women's Salary Account will have features like exclusive free locker facility for the first year, Rs 5 lakh top-up health cover complimentary for a year and annual preventive health check-up once a year. This new offering will bring together a suite of specialised services spanning financial protection, preventive healthcare, lifestyle privileges and wealth-creation, all benefits on a single platform.

Rapido launches Ownly food delivery app in Bengaluru.

Ride-hailing platform Rapido has launched its standalone food delivery app, Ownly, across Bengaluru. The company said the platform operates on a zero-commission model for restaurants.

The launch marks Rapido's entry into the online food delivery market. The service is now live citywide.

Ownly said it does not charge restaurants commission fees. It charges customers a delivery fee that covers logistics costs. The company said this allows restaurants to offer lower menu prices without added platform charges.

MakeMyTrip to acquire majority stake in Flamingo Transworld.

Online travel services provider MakeMyTrip will acquire a majority stake in regional tour operator Flamingo Transworld for an undisclosed sum.

The company has entered into an agreement to acquire a majority stake in Flamingo Transworld, one of India's leading regional tour operators, subject to the fulfilment of certain closing conditions,

Flamingo has created a strong affinity in regional markets of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh with its group tour services over its last 30 years of its operations.

CD ratio at 82.5%, banks step up short-term borrowings.

Banks are lending a higher proportion of their deposits, further thinning liquidity buffers and increasing the reliance on short-term financing instruments, the latest central bank data showed. The credit-deposit (CD) ratio rose to a record 82.5% in the fortnight ended February 15, as credit growth outpaced deposit growth by 281 basis points.

To bridge the gap, banks turned to short-term borrowings, issuing Rs 1.34 lakh crore worth of certificates of deposit (CDs) - the highest ever for any two-week period - underscoring their continued reliance on market funding to sustain loan growth.

Sports

India enter ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup Final.

India entered into the final of the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup, defeating England by 7 runs in the second Semi-final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Chasing a target of 254, England scored 246 for 7 in the stipulated 20 overs. Earlier, put into bat, India scored a mammoth 253 for 7 in 20 overs. Sanju Samson made 89 off 42 .

India will face New Zealand in the finals on Sunday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

All England Open Badminton Championships: Lakshya Sen storms into Men's Singles quarterfinals.

In the All England Open Badminton Championships, Lakshya Sen has entered into the Men's Singles quarterfinals in Birmingham. Lakshya defeated Hong Kong's Ng Ka Long Angus, 21-19, 21-23, and 21-10 in the pre-quarterfinals. Lakshya will face China's sixth seed, Li Shi Feng, in the last eight clash .

Mansukh Mandaviya unveils logo of world's first franchise-based Cycling League of India.

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has unveiled the logo of the world's first franchise-based Road

Cycling League, named the Cycling League of India. The upcoming league will feature eight city- or region-based franchises, each comprising ten cyclists.