

## International

### Yemen appoints Salem Saleh Bin Braik as the Prime Minister.

Yemen has appointed Salem Saleh Bin Braik, who served as the Finance Minister in the previous cabinet, as the Prime Minister following the resignation of Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak. Bin Mubarak, who took office in February 2024, had previously served as Yemen's foreign minister and Ambassador to the US.

Yemen's civil war, which began in 2014 when Houthi forces took control of the capital Sanaa, continues to drive instability, with the internationally recognised government operating from Aden.

### President Trump imposes 100% tariff on films produced outside US.

US President Donald Trump will impose a 100 per cent tariff on all movies produced outside the United States. The United States Trade Representative (USTR) to begin the procedure of imposing a 100 per cent tariff on all foreign-produced movies coming into the United States. The US President accused other nations of luring American filmmakers and studios away from the country.

### UAE University team develops improved non-surgical blood flow monitoring device

Researchers from the United Arab Emirates University have created an enhanced technology for monitoring blood flow without surgery, using piezoelectric pressure sensors. The innovation measures crucial physiological parameters, including blood flow velocity and viscosity, by utilising materials that generate electric fields when subjected to mechanical stress.

The technology provides real-time monitoring capabilities that can help detect potentially dangerous conditions such as blood clots.

## National

### India, UK sign pact to enhance cultural exchange.

India and the UK signed a new cooperation agreement aimed at enhancing cultural

exchange through the arts and heritage while fostering collaboration between cultural institutions and creative businesses in the two countries.

The cultural pact was signed by the Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and UK's Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport, Lisa Nandy.

### India cuts off water flow to Pakistan from Baglihar Dam.

In the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, India has restricted the flow of water through the Baglihar Dam on the Chenab River. India is also planning similar measures at the Kishanganga Dam on the Jhelum River. The hydroelectric dams Baglihar in Ramban district in Jammu division and Kishanganga in north Kashmir offer India the ability to regulate the timing of water releases.

India's decision to suspend the decades-old Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) follows the killing of 26 civilians, mostly tourists, in the terror attack in Baisaran valley in Pahalgam on April 22.

### Navy & DRDO conduct combat firing of indigenously developed Multi-Influence Ground Mine.

Indian Navy and Defence Research and Development Organisation have successfully undertaken combat firing of the indigenously designed and developed Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM). The system would further enhance undersea warfare capabilities of the Indian Navy. MIGM system is an advanced underwater naval mine and it is designed to enhance the Indian Navy's capabilities against modern stealth ships and submarines.

Multi Influence Ground Mine is equipped with multiple sensors for recording of influences like acoustic, magnetic, pressure generated by marine vessels.

### Centre asks several states to conduct mock drills to evaluate civil defence preparedness

The Union Home Ministry has asked several states to conduct mock drills on May 7 to evaluate civil defence preparedness. The

measures to be undertaken include operationalization of Air Raid Warning Sirens and training of civilians and students on the civil defence aspects to protect themselves in the event of a hostile attack. A mock drill is a kind of a practice operation designed to prepare individuals for potential emergencies or critical situations.

### **Rajasthan to join India's first cheetah conservation corridor with Madhya Pradesh.**

Rajasthan is all set to become a part of India's first cheetah reintroduction project, currently operational in Madhya Pradesh. A wildlife corridor spanning 17,000 square kilometers will be developed across both states, allowing cheetahs to roam freely in a protected and connected habitat.

The corridor will link Palpur Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh with the Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan. As part of the plan, seven districts in Rajasthan — Kota, Bundi, Baran, Jhalawar, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, and Chittorgarh — will be integrated into the project.

### **Business and Economy**

### **World Bank executive director Parameswaran Iyer to represent India at IMF board.**

Parameswaran Iyer, executive director at the World Bank, has been temporarily entrusted with the responsibility of being India's nominee director on the board of International Monetary Fund (IMF) ahead of a crucial May 9 meeting. Mr. Iyer's nomination was necessitated to fill a vacancy created with the termination of services of K.V. Subramanian as the executive director at the IMF, six months ahead of his three-year tenure.

### **Razorpay launches India's first AI-Integrated MCP server for payments.**

Razorpay, the payment service provider, has launched the first MCP server to enhance the connectivity between the business' AI assistant and the payment gateway. Razorpay is the first

payment gateway to assimilate the Model Context Protocol Server (MCP).

The MCP server will allow businesses to connect their AI agent/assistant directly to Razorpay's infrastructure. This new MCP server will reduce the AI agent integration time to just 15 minutes, reducing the waiting period by months.

### **RBI imposes penalties on five major banks for compliance failures.**

The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty on five banks --ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Bank of Baroda and IDBI Bank. ICICI Bank was fined ₹97.8 lakh, Axis Bank ₹29.6 lakh, Bank of Maharashtra ₹31.8 lakh, Bank of Baroda ₹61.4 lakh and IDBI Bank ₹ 31.8 lakh.

ICICI Bank was fined for non-compliance on cyber security framework in banks, know your customer (KYC) regulations.

RBI levied penalty on Axis Bank for non-compliance on unauthorised operation of internal / office accounts

### **Warren Buffett announces his intention to retire at the end of the year.**

Billionaire Warren Buffett has announced that he will retire at the end of the year, bringing the curtain down on a six-decade run leading Berkshire Hathaway that made him the most influential investor in the world.

Mr. Buffett said he will recommend to Berkshire Hathaway's board that Vice Chairman Greg Abel should replace him.

### **Sports**

### **F1 Miami GP 2025: Oscar Piastri wins.**

Oscar Piastri has won the 2025 Miami Grand Prix for McLaren to complete a hat-trick and stretch his Formula One championship lead over teammate Lando Norris to 16 points after six rounds. The win from fourth on the grid was the Australian's third in a row, after Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and fourth of the season. McLaren has so far been beaten only once. George Russell finished third for Mercedes.

**Football: Bayern Munich wins record-extending 34th Bundesliga title**

Bayern Munich secured its 34th German league title without kicking a ball after title rival Bayer Leverkusen was held to a 2-2 draw at Freiburg, leaving the leader with an unassailable lead with two games left to play.

Leverkusen needed to win on Sunday to maintain any mathematical chances of claiming the title after Bayern drew 3-3 at RB Leipzig.

**Boxing: Alvarez reclaims undisputed super middleweight championship.**

Saúl "Canelo" Álvarez has reclaimed his status as the undisputed super middleweight champion after he defeated William El Indomable Scull via unanimous decision at the ANB Arena in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The judges scored the bout 119-109, 116-112, and 115-113 in favour of Álvarez.