

International

India-born Ghazala Hashmi makes history as Virginia's first South Asian American Lieutenant Governor.

India-born Ghazala Hashmi has made history by winning the Virginia Lieutenant Governor's race, becoming the first South Asian American and the first Indian-origin woman to hold the post. Hashmi will succeed Republican Winsome Earle-Sears, the first woman to serve in the role.

Romania to create pathway for employing 30,000 skilled Indian professionals annually.

Romania has expressed its readiness to create a pathway to employ 30,000 skilled Indian professionals every year. Romania expressed its desire to employ skilled Indian professionals during a meeting between Minister of State for Commerce & Industry Jitin Prasada and Romania's Minister of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity Petre-Florin Manole in Bucharest. Both sides took note of Romania's annual requirement for approximately one lakh non-EU workers.

India sends 10,000 rabies vaccine doses to Timor-Leste amid ongoing outbreak.

India has sent 10,000 doses of rabies vaccine and 2,000 vials of rabies immunoglobulin to Timor-Leste to help the island nation tackle a rabies outbreak. India also reaffirmed its role as a trusted and reliable health partner to the Global South. According to the World Health Organisation, Timor-Leste reported its first human rabies case in March 2024.

Chhattisgarh's fortified rice reaches Papua New Guinea.

India has exported 20 metric tonnes of fortified rice from Chhattisgarh to Papua New Guinea. Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that export of fortified rice has been facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.

Ravi Shankar honoured as World Leader for Peace and Security 2025.

India's spiritual leader Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of the Art of Living Foundation, has been conferred with the prestigious 2025 World Leader for Peace and Security Award by the Boston Global Forum (BGF) and the AI World Society (AIWS). Previous honourees include French President Emmanuel Macron, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Former Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon.

National

PM Modi to inaugurate year-long commemoration of 150 years of national song 'Vande Mataram'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the national song 'Vande Mataram' in New Delhi. The Ministry of Culture will organize the inaugural ceremony of the Commemoration of 150 Years of the National Song. This event will mark the formal launch of a year-long nationwide commemoration from tomorrow to 7th November, next year.

The Union Cabinet had, on the 1st of last month, approved the nationwide celebrations to mark 150 years of the national song.

Google's Project Suncatcher aims to scale AI data centres in space.

Google has announced a new research project that aims to launch AI chips into space via solar-powered satellites called Project Suncatcher. The new 'moonshot' project was jump-started because Google believed that space could be the best place to scale AI compute.

The proposed system consists of a constellation of networked satellites, likely operating in a dawn-dusk sun-synchronous low-earth orbit, where they would be exposed to near-constant sunlight.

OpenAI's ChatGPT Go free annual subscription rolls out in India.

OpenAI's new low-cost subscription offering is now available in India for free, as part of the AI company's initiative to reach out to more users in the country.

ChatGPT Go, which is OpenAI's budget ₹399/month plan, will be free for users in India for a year starting on November 4, 2025, for users signing up then.

100 5G Labs set up nationwide to boost 6G R&D.

100 5G Labs have been established across the country to strengthen the 6G Research and Development ecosystem, Telecom Secretary and Chairman of Digital Communications Commissions Neeraj Mittal said.

Bharat 6G Alliance initiative has signed 10 international partnerships with global 6G organizations and aims for India to hold 10 per cent of the world's 6G patents by 2030.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to Host International Conference on Green Hydrogen 2025 in New Delhi.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will host the International Conference on Green Hydrogen- 2025 on the 11th and 12th of this month in New Delhi. The conference aims to disseminate knowledge on practical pathways for scaling up green hydrogen production, enabling infrastructure, building demand, and encouraging global collaboration.

Chandigarh University launches 'Campus Tank', connects 1,000 startups.

Chandigarh University has launched 'Campus Tank' to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among youth. 'Campus Tank' has been launched with funding of US\$6 million (approximately ₹50 crore). It will provide young entrepreneurs and students with the opportunity to transform their ideas into real startup models. More than 1,000 startups have joined this launchpad so far, of which 10 have received seed funding.

Business and Economy

India's top 1% grew its wealth by 62% since 2000: G20 report.

India's richest 1% expanded its wealth by 62% between 2000 to 2023, according to a report commissioned by the South African Presidency of the G20.

The study, led by Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz, warns that global inequality has reached "emergency" levels, threatening democracy, economic stability, and climate progress.

NPCI International inks partnership with Razorpay Curlec to introduce UPI payments in Malaysia.

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has inked a partnership with Razorpay Curlec to enable UPI transactions in Malaysia.

This integration will allow Indian travellers visiting Malaysia to make instant, secure payments to local merchants who accept payments directly via Razorpay Curlec's platform using their preferred UPI-enabled apps.

Foreign Investors pump ₹14,610 crore into Indian equities in October.

After three months of net withdrawals, foreign investors have pumped in 14,610 crore rupees into the Indian equity markets in October. As per the depositories data, the foreign portfolio investors, FPIs, also invested 3,507 crore rupees into the Indian debt markets in October, making the net investment into the Indian capital markets 18,117 crore rupees in October.

The investment in equities comes after an outflow of 23,885 crore rupees in September, 34,990 crore rupees in August, and 17,700 crore rupees in July.

Microsoft signs \$9.7 billion contract with IREN for Nvidia chips.

Microsoft has struck a \$9.7 billion deal with data-centre operator IREN that includes access to Nvidia's advanced chips, aiming to ease the computing crunch that has kept the tech giant from fully cashing in on the artificial intelligence boom.

The move is the latest attempt by Microsoft to boost AI and data center infrastructure at a time when AI demand is outstripping cloud capacity at Big Tech companies.

Microsoft unveils \$15.2 billion AI investments in the UAE.

U.S. tech giant Microsoft has announced \$15.2 billion in investments in artificial intelligence and cloud computing in the United Arab Emirates. Microsoft's vice chairman and president, Brad Smith, said Microsoft had invested \$7.3 billion in the Gulf country since 2023 and would spend \$7.9 billion more by the end of 2029. Roughly two-thirds of the money spent will go on building AI and cloud data centres in the UAE, and a third of it on planned local operating expenses.

Sports

Gukesh, Erigaisi, Harikrishna advance to Round 3 of FIDE World Cup.

India's top chess players made strong showings at the FIDE World Cup 2025, with Grandmasters D Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, and Pentala Harikrishna advancing to Round 3, while Diptayan Ghosh delivered a stunning upset over reigning World Blitz Co-champion Ian Nepomniachtchi.

Haryana Olympic Association launches state-level 'From Soil to Medal' Kabaddi Tournament.

The Haryana Olympic Association has opened a new chapter in the state's sports history by organizing a state-level Kabaddi competition under the theme "From Soil to Medal." The event has provided a new platform for thousands of players to pursue national and international success.

World's oldest living gold medallist Charles Coste dies at 101.

French cyclist Charles Coste, who had been the world's oldest living Olympic gold medallist, died aged 101.

Coste, won the Olympic gold in track cycling's team pursuit alongside Pierre Adam, Serge Blusson, and Fernand Decanali.