

International

Brazil Proposes Global Climate Council Ahead of COP30

Brazil has proposed the creation of a new international body to accelerate global climate action. The plan was shared ahead of this year's UN climate conference (Conference of the Parties – COP30) in Belem, a city in northern Brazil, in November 2025. The plan suggests forming a "Climate Change Council" under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The council would aim to fast-track decisions made at COP meetings, better coordinate international efforts, and make climate action more effective.

Myanmar Quake Toll Tops 3,400

The death toll from the March 28, magnitude 7.7 quake in Myanmar has risen to at least 3,471, with over 4,600 injured and 214 missing. Heavy rains have struck parts of earthquake-hit Myanmar, worsening relief efforts and increasing the risk of disease outbreaks.

The earthquake severely damaged six regions, including the capital, Naypyidaw, disrupting power and communications.

World Health Day 2025 Observed Globally on April 7

The World Health Day is being celebrated across the globe on April 7 to raise awareness about health and good health practices. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared 'Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures' as the theme this year to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths and to prioritize women's longer-term health and well-being.

National

PM Modi Inaugurates India's 1st Vertical Lift Pamban Sea Bridge

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Pamban vertical lift sea bridge in Rameshwaram and laid the foundation for 8300 crore rupees worth of rail and road projects in Tamil Nadu. The bridge is India's first vertical lift sea bridge. The bridge, linking Rameshwaram to the mainland, stands as a remarkable feat of Indian engineering on the

global stage. Constructed with stainless steel reinforcement, high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, the bridge boasts increased durability and reduced maintenance needs.

Sudarsan Pattnaik Becomes First Indian to Win Fred Darrington Sand Art Award

Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has become the first Indian to receive the prestigious Fred Darrington Sand Master Award for his outstanding contributions to sand art. The award was presented during the Sandworld 2025 International Sand Art Festival in Dorset, England. The award holds special significance this year as it commemorates the 100th birth anniversary of legendary British sculptor Fred Darrington.

Sudarshan Pattnaik, a Padma Shri awardee from Odisha, has participated in over 65 international sand art festivals and championships. His work, often blending spiritual themes with social messages, has earned him widespread recognition.

M.A. Baby Elected General Secretary of CPI(M)

The 24th congress of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which concluded in Madurai, elected M.A. Baby, a Polit Bureau member since 2012, as its general secretary for the next three years. Mr. Baby, formerly the Education and Culture Minister in Kerala, is the second leader from the Kerala unit to helm the party nationally, after the late E.M.S Nampoothiripad.

Business and Economy

FPIs Pulled Out ₹10,355 Crore From Equities in Last Four Trading Sessions on U.S. Tariffs

Foreign investors withdrew ₹10,355 crore from the equity markets in the last four trading sessions this month, owing to sweeping tariffs imposed by the U.S. on most nations, including India. The sudden policy shift has sparked investor anxiety and triggered a sharp risk-off sentiment globally.

The outflow occurred after a net investment of ₹30,927 crore in the six trading sessions from March 21 to March 28. This infusion helped reduce the overall outflow for March to ₹3,973 crore.

Tata Capital Files Draft Papers for \$2-Billion IPO

Tata Group financial services firm Tata Capital has filed draft papers with markets regulator SEBI for a \$2-billion initial public offering (IPO) through a confidential pre-filing route.

At this size, the company is expected to be valued around USD 11 billion.

HDFC, IDFC First, Stock Holding Corp Designated as Corporate Agents in GIFT City

Two banks, namely HDFC Bank and IDFC First Bank, and the Stock Holding Corporation have been permitted to function as corporate agents and sell insurance products to over 35 million non-resident Indians and persons of Indian origin (PIO) living across the globe.

Corporate agents are insurance intermediaries that usually represent an insurance company and take the insurance products to a wider audience.

Delhivery to Acquire Controlling Stake in Ecom Express for ₹1,400 Crore

Logistics company Delhivery Ltd. has signed a definitive agreement to acquire a controlling stake in Ecom Express Ltd. for cash consideration of ₹1,400 crore from its shareholders. The acquisition of Ecom Express is subject to approval from the Competition Commission of India, and customary closing conditions.

Adani Group, 'Pehle Pankha Aayega' Film Win 4 Awards for Creative Excellence in Communicating Sustainability

The Adani Group has won four Gold awards across different categories at the IAA Olive Crown Awards. The Group was honoured with the award for the Corporate Social Crusader of the Year, the Green Advertiser of the Year, and the *Pankha* film was crowned with two Gold awards for being the best film in the categories TV/Cinema (Corporate) and Digital by the Olive Crown Awards, which solely recognises and celebrates creative excellence in communicating sustainability.

The Olive Crown Awards are recognized globally for honoring creative excellence in sustainability communications.

Sports

India Ends World Boxing Cup 2025 Campaign on a High With Six-Medal Haul

The Indian boxing team ended their campaign at the World Boxing Cup with an impressive haul of six medals, including a gold won by Hitesh, at Foz Do Iguacu in Brazil. It's India's first-ever outing in an elite-level international meet organised by World Boxing. Hitesh became the first Indian boxer to clinch a gold medal in the World Boxing Cup. Abhinash Jamwal, the other Indian boxer to reach the final in the 65kg category, bagged a silver medal.

Four Indians — Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (50kg), Manish Rathore (55kg), Sachin (60kg) and Vishal (90kg) — bagged bronze medals.

F1 Japanese GP 2025: Verstappen Wins in Japan

Max Verstappen has claimed a pole-to-flag victory for Red Bull at the 2025 Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday, winning his first race of the Formula One season and an unprecedented fourth in a row at Suzuka. Verstappen crossed the line for his 64th Grand Prix victory approximately 1.4 seconds ahead of McLaren's championship leader Lando Norris in second place.

Golf: Talwar Wins Adani Invitational

India's Saptak Talwar came up with a flawless fourth-round score of five-under 67 to win his maiden title with an overall 13-under 275 in the Rs.1.5-crore Adani Invitational Golf Championship at the Jaypee Greens Golf and Spa Resort.

F1 Japanese GP 2025: Antonelli Creates New Formula One Records at Suzuka

Italian Andrea Kimi Antonelli became Formula One's youngest race leader and fastest lap setter on his way to sixth place for Mercedes in the Japanese Grand Prix. At the age of 18 years and 224 days, he led for 10 laps in a 31-lap first stint on medium tyres after others had pitted and then set a best time of one minute 30.965 seconds on the hard tyres around the Suzuka circuit.

Bengaluru FC Reach Record Fourth ISL Final

In football, Bengaluru Football Club (FC) has qualified for a record fourth final of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 after a 3-2 aggregate win against FC Goa in the second leg of the semi-finals.