

International

Vietnam elects Communist Party chief To Lam as President.

Vietnam's Communist Party's Secretary General, To Lam was unanimously elected by the parliament as the country's President for a five-year term, making him the most powerful Vietnamese leader in decades. The election of To Lam as the President marks a shift in Vietnam's power structure, wherein the positions of party secretary and state President have traditionally been held by different people.

The lawmakers will elect a new Prime Minister later, who will replace the outgoing Pham Minh Chinh.

NASA's Artemis II sets record as farthest human journey from earth.

NASA's Artemis II mission, which is travelling around the far side of the moon, has set a new record for the farthest distance humans have travelled from Earth. The Orion spacecraft, carrying four astronauts, reached about 252,752 miles from Earth during a flyby of the Moon's far side, surpassing the Apollo 13 record of 248,655 miles set in 1970.

The Artemis II mission is a key step in NASA's plan to return humans to the Moon and prepare for future deep space exploration.

World Health Day being observed on April 7.

World Health Day is being celebrated across the globe on April 7, 2026 to raise awareness about good health practices. The theme this year is "Together for health. Stand with science". Under the theme, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched a year-long campaign celebrating the power of scientific collaboration to protect the health of people, animals, plants, and the planet.

National

President Droupadi Murmu approves bill making Amaravati sole capital of Andhra Pradesh.

President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, officially declaring Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh. Following her assent, the bill has now become a law. The new law accords statutory status to Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Indian Army unveils technology roadmap for unmanned Aerial System in New Delhi.

The Indian Army has unveiled a technology roadmap for Unmanned Aerial System and Loitering Munitions in New Delhi. This initiative is a significant step towards providing long term visibility of Indian Army's requirement in the field of Unmanned Aerial Systems. The roadmap provides clear, actionable visibility to industry, academia and research and development institutions to channelize investments and technological efforts towards priority areas identified by it.

Government ramps up sale of 5-kg LPG cylinder. s

The Union government has stepped up sale of small 5-kg LPG cylinders which is available across-the-counter at LPG distributorships on showing valid ID proofs. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has said that about 6.6 lakh bottles 5-kg LPG cylinders have been sold since March 23 after government ramped up supplies to meet demand.

Unlike the subsidised domestic 14.2-kg cylinders, 5-kg cylinders are priced at market rates and do not require any address proof for procurement from a nearby LPG distributorship.

Indigenously built Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor in Tamil Nadu's Kalpakkam attains criticality.

India has marked a major milestone in its nuclear energy programme as indigenously designed and built Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu attained criticality. The 500 Megawatt electric Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor PFBR is located at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu and operated by Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (BHAVINI). It represents a key component of India's long-term nuclear strategy. Once fully operational, India will become only the second country after Russia to have a commercial fast breeder reactor. Criticality marks the point at which a nuclear reactor achieves a self-sustaining chain reaction.

Business and Economy

Air India CEO Campbell Wilson resigns.

Tata Group-owned Air India Chief Executive Officer Campbell Wilson has resigned from the position. Mr. Wilson was appointed as Air India's CEO and MD in July 2022, following former Turkish Airlines Chairman Ilker Ayci's decision not to take up the top job in March 2022 amid a controversy.

The airline grapples with persistent losses and increased regulatory scrutiny following a Boeing plane crash last year that killed 260 people.

DeepSeek's V4 model will run on Huawei chips.

China's DeepSeek's new model called V4 will run on the latest chips designed by Huawei Technologies. In preparation for V4's launch, Chinese tech giants, including Alibaba Group, ByteDance and Tencent Holdings, have placed bulk orders for Huawei's upcoming chip totalling hundreds of thousands of units.

The release of DeepSeek's low-cost models V3 and R1 triggered a global tech stock selloff last year.

Bandhan Bank reports higher collection efficiency.

Bandhan Bank said its collection efficiency for March improved to 98.9% as compared with 98.1% in December while assets under management rose 12.6% year-on-year. Collection efficiency measures the percentage of debt collection against the total amount owed. The ratio was arrived at after excluding the bad loan portfolio.

Bank of Maharashtra Q4 credit grows 22% to ₹2.92 lakh crore.

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) registered a total credit growth of 22 percent to Rs 2.92 lakh crore in the fourth quarter ended March 2026. The total credit also includes Rs 1.12 lakh crore corporate credit while Retail-Agri-MSME, RAM advances of Rs 1.79 lakh crore during the quarter. It reported a 14 percent increase in total deposits to Rs 3.50 lakh crore in the reporting quarter against Rs 3.07 lakh crore at the end of the fourth quarter of the previous financial year.

Over 915 million tonnes cargo handled by major Indian ports in FY2025-26.

Major ports under the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways have handled 915.17 million tonnes (MT) of cargo during the financial year 2025-26, surpassing the annual target of 904 MT, and registering a strong year-on-year growth of 7.06%.

The achievement highlights improved operational efficiency, robust trade recovery, and sustained momentum in the maritime sector.

CBI claims over ₹73K crore bank 'fraud' in Anil Ambani Group probe.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is probing bank loan frauds cumulatively worth ₹73,000 crore in seven cases registered against the Reliance Anil Ambani Group, according to a status report filed in the Supreme Court in February. The CBI informed the court that it is actively investigating seven cases, and is probing the roles of certain public servants as well.

Sports

Charleston Open 2026: Pegula defends title.

Defending champion Jessica Pegula won back-to-back victories at the WTA Charleston Open clay court

tournament, routing Ukraine's Yuliia Starodubtseva in straight sets to claim her second title of the year. She sprinted to a 6-2, 6-2 victory in one hour and 22 minutes against her 89th-ranked opponent.

Blanka Vlasic named intl. ambassador for TCS World 10K.

Double Olympic medallist Blanka Vlasic will feature as the international event ambassador for the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru 2026.

High jumper Vlasic won silver at Beijing 2008 and followed it up with a bronze at Rio 2016. She also claimed two gold medals at the World Championships (2007 and 2009).