

International

Justin Trudeau announces his resignation as leader of the ruling Liberal Party

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, also the leader of the Liberal Party, has announced his resignation as leader of the ruling Liberal Party. He said he will remain Prime Minister until a new leader is chosen. Trudeau was facing a rebellion from his party members and grew unpopular because of his policies.

NICDC roadshow in the UAE

The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) has launched a three-day roadshow in the UAE, from January 6 to 8, 2024. The central focus of the roadshow is promoting investment opportunities in India's Greenfield Industrial Smart Cities, part of the ambitious National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP).

An intermediate-range ballistic missile launched by North Korea

An intermediate-range ballistic missile was launched by North Korea towards the sea to its east. The missile reportedly flew approximately 1,100 kilometres before landing in the water between the peninsula and Japan. The launch comes as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visits Seoul for talks with South Korea's key leaders.

Dubai secures the top spot in West Asia in the Global Power City Index 2024.

In the annual study conducted by Japan's Mori Memorial Foundation Dubai has secured the top spot in West Asia in the Global Power City Index 2024 and eighth position globally, marking its second consecutive year in the top 10 rankings. The Global Power City Index evaluates cities worldwide based on their ability to attract people, capital, and enterprises, measuring six key areas: Economy, Research and Development, Cultural Interaction, Liveability, Environment, and Accessibility. Dubai's consistent top-tier performance reaffirms its position as a global leader in these domains.

National

The BHARATPOL portal launched

The BHARATPOL portal which will streamline the processing of all requests for international

assistance through INTERPOL, including the issuance of Red Notices and other colour-coded INTERPOL notices was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on January 7, 2025. The BHARATPOL portal was developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Rajghat

More than 80 artists have showcased their art to portray the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi in a unique and modern way, at the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Rajghat in New Delhi which was inaugurated by the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on January 6, 2025.

Draft UGC Regulations, 2025, released.

The draft UGC Regulations, 2025, related to the Minimum Qualifications for Appointment & Promotion of Teachers and Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education was released by the Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi on January 6. The draft regulations will give flexibility to universities in appointing and promoting teachers and academic staff in their institutions.

15th edition of Asia's biggest aero show Aero India 2025

The 15th edition of Asia's biggest aero show Aero India 2025, with the theme, "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities" will be held at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Karnataka from the 10th to 14th of February 2025. Aero India will provide a unique platform for forging partnerships between foreign and Indian firms to accelerate the indigenization process and showcase cutting-edge technologies.

Economy/Business

PLI scheme 1.1 for the steel industry launched

HD Kumaraswamy, the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries launched PLI scheme 1.1 for the steel industry in New Delhi, on January 6, 2025. The PLI Scheme 1.1 covers five product categories in line with the existing PLI Scheme. These include Coated / Plated Steel Products, High Strength / Wear-resistant Steel, Specialty Rails, Alloy Steel Products and Steel wires and Electrical Steel.

Nvidia's Updated Products

Nvidia Corp. Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang announced updated GeForce graphics processors for gaming PCs. Nvidia, which is based in Santa Clara, California, initially gained fame as a maker of graphics cards for video games.

Robust growth for India's quick commerce

A report by Bernstein noted that India's quick commerce sector industry is estimated to witness a 75 percent or more year-on-year (YoY) growth, outpacing traditional retail, which is projected to grow in the low teens. It said, "2025 will see amplification of Quick commerce as new categories (beyond Grocery) and new cities (Tier2+) drive stronger growth.

First driverless trainset to the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's Yellow Line

Titagarh Rail Systems, a rolling stock manufacturer handed over its first driverless trainset to the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's Yellow Line on January 6, 2025. The automated trainset is the first Made-in-India passenger rolling stock set to run on the key 18-km stretch. Kolkata-based Titagarh's stature is a leading manufacturer of cutting-edge and world-class trains.

Reliance Consumer to foray into rehydration segment.

In a move likely to intensify competition further in the beverage segment, Reliance Consumer

Products Ltd. announced its entry into the rehydration segment. It has launched RasKik Gluco Energy, priced at ₹10 per single-serve SKU.

Suzuki Motor Corporation to acquire a 26 percent stake in NDDB Mirda Ltd.

As part of its plans to use Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) for the longevity and performance of vehicles, Suzuki Motor Corporation has decided to acquire a 26 percent stake in NDDB Mirda Ltd, a bio-gas venture of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

Sports

Anahat Singh wins the Under 17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open

In Squash, India's Anahat Singh won the Under 17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open in Birmingham, England. The 16-year-old top-seed Indian defeated Malika El Karakasy of Egypt, 3-2 in the final. The victory marks Anahat's third British Junior Open title, following her triumphs in the Under-11 category in 2019 and the Under-15 category in 2023. Anahat had won nine PSA Challenger titles last year, more than any other woman in the world.