

International

US Supreme Court Denies 26/11 Accused Tahawwur Rana's Plea to Halt Extradition to India

The US Supreme Court has rejected 2008 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana's application seeking a stay on his extradition to India. Rana, a Canadian national of Pakistani origin, is currently lodged in the Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles. He had submitted an "Emergency Application" on February 27 this year to the US Supreme Court.

Rana is set to be extradited on the basis of the India-US Extradition Treaty signed by the two countries in 1997.

Trump Warns 50% Tariff on Chinese Goods

U.S. President Donald Trump has announced that he will implement an additional 50 percent tariff on Chinese goods imported into the U.S. unless China withdraws its countermeasures. Trump said that the extra tariff would be imposed on Chinese goods unless China removed its 34 percent counter-tariff on American products.

Earlier, Trump declared that he would impose a 34 percent tax on Chinese imports as part of his "Liberation Day," which involved a minimum 10 percent levy on nearly all of America's trading partners.

President Droupadi Murmu Launches Stamp to Mark 50 Years of India-Portugal Ties

President Droupadi Murmu held delegation-level talks with her Portuguese counterpart, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, in Lisbon. India and Portugal have agreed to strengthen their partnership in the areas of trade, renewable energy, green hydrogen, IT, start-ups, innovation and skilled mobility. They also agreed to cooperate in the fields of tourism, culture, education, pharmaceuticals and others. Both leaders graced the launch of postage stamps commemorating 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

President Droupadi Murmu Honoured With Key to City of Lisbon

President Droupadi Murmu attended the ceremony to receive the City Key of Honour. The ceremony was organized by the Mayor of Lisbon, Carlos Manuel, to present the Key to the City to honour President Droupadi Murmu. The Key to the City of Lisbon is the highest honour accorded by the city of Lisbon.

National

'Samudra Pradakshina' All-Women Tri-Services Sailing Expedition Flagged Off

A tri-services all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition, named "Samudra Pradakshina", from Mumbai to Seychelles and back, was flagged off by Lt. Gen AK Ramesh, Commandant, College of Military Engineering (CME), from the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre, Colaba, Mumbai.

The expedition, featuring an all-women 12-member crew from the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, embarked on a challenging 55-day voyage covering 4,000 nautical miles from Mumbai to Seychelles and back aboard the IASV Triveni.

Over 1,700 Anganwadi-Cum-Crèches Operational Under Palna Scheme

The Central Government has said that one thousand 761 Anganwadi-cum-crèches are operational across the country under the Palna Scheme. Palna is a centrally sponsored scheme that provides quality crèche facilities in a safe and secure environment for children from six months to six years. The Palna scheme is implemented with a funding ratio of 60:40 between the central and state governments, except in the northeast and special category states, where the ratio is 90:10.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment amended the Maternity Benefit Act to mandate all establishments with 50 or more employees to provide a crèche facility.

The Women and Child Development Ministry said that there are two types of crèches under the Palna scheme – standalone crèches and Anganwadi-cum-crèches.

The Women and Child Development Ministry has set a target to establish 17 thousand new Anganwadi-cum-crèches under the scheme in 2024-25.

Defence Ministry Signs ₹2,385 Cr Deal With BEL for Mi-17 V5 EW Suites

The Ministry of Defence has inked a 2385-crore-rupee contract with Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru, for electronic warfare suites and aircraft modification kits for Mi-17 V5 helicopters. The project will boost and encourage the active participation of Indian electronics and associated industries, including MSMEs.

7th Poshan Pakhwada to Begin from April 8-22

The Women and Child Development Ministry will celebrate the 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada from 8th April to 22nd April 2025 as part of the government's ongoing commitment to addressing malnutrition. This year's Poshan Pakhwada will emphasise four key themes. These focus on the first one thousand days of life, popularisation of the beneficiary module of Poshan Tracker, management of malnutrition and a healthy lifestyle to address obesity in children. Since the inception of Poshan Abhiyaan, six successful Poshan Pakhwada events have already been held across the country.

Poshan Abhiyaan, a flagship initiative launched by the Centre, continues its mission to combat malnutrition, improve nutritional outcomes for pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls, and children under the age of six.

Indigenous EV Wireless Chargers to Be Commercialised Soon: MeitY

Indigenous wireless chargers for electric vehicles with the ability to charge 90 percent of the battery in three hours will become a reality soon. This breakthrough comes from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), which confirmed the charger's efficiency.

Developed under the National Mission on Power Electronics Technology (NaMPET), the 1.5 kW wireless charger was created by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in Thiruvananthapuram, in collaboration with the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT) in Nagpur. This technology has been transferred to an Indian firm for commercial development.

Business and Economy

Indian Shares Sink on Global Trade War, U.S. Recession Fears

Indian shares opened sharply lower as concerns over a global trade war and growing recession fears in the U.S. triggered a stock market rout on Wall Street and in other Asian markets. The Nifty 50 declined 5% to 21,758.4 in pre-open trade on April 7, while the BSE Sensex fell 5.29% to 71,379.89.

Over ₹32 Lakh Crore Sanctioned Under PM MUDRA Yojana

India's Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana completed 10 years on 8th April 2025. Over 52 crore loans worth more than 32 lakh crore rupees have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana till date. The scheme was launched in 2015 to provide collateral-free loans of up to ten lakh rupees to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises, aiming to facilitate financial inclusion and empower entrepreneurs. Nearly 70 per cent of MUDRA loans have been availed by women entrepreneurs.

SC, ST and OBC entrepreneurs have received over 50 per cent of all MUDRA loans.

Under the scheme, three categories of loans are being provided—Shishu loans up to 50 thousand rupees, Kishor loans up to five lakh rupees and Tarun loans up to ten lakh rupees.

MeitY Launches Digital Threat Report 2024 for Banking, Financial Services, Insurance Sector

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched the Digital Threat Report 2024 for the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector. The Digital Threat Report 2024 for the BFSI sector reflects a seamless exchange of knowledge shaped by real-world cybersecurity incidents, evolving adversarial tactics, and emerging threat intelligence.

SEBI Issues Framework for Performance Validation Agency

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued the framework for Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA) — a performance validation body that will verify claims on performance by research analysts, investment advisors, and algo providers.

A credit rating agency (CRA) will be recognised as the PaRRVA if it has been in existence for 15 years, has a net worth of ₹100 crore, and provided ratings to at least 250 issuers for debt securities.

The CRAs have to apply to SEBI for recognition, and enter into an agreement with a stock exchange that has been recognised as a data centre.

Centre Raises LPG Price by ₹50; Petrol, Diesel Excise by ₹2

The Finance Ministry has hiked the price of domestic liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by ₹50 per cylinder in both subsidised and non-subsidised categories. It also notified an increase in excise duties on petrol and diesel by ₹2. Excise duties are now set for ₹13 and ₹10 for each litre of petrol and diesel sold in the country respectively.

Sports

Rudranksh Wins Gold in 10m Air Rifle Shooting at ISSF World Cup

India's Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil has won the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle shooting event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Buenos Aires. This was Rudranksh Patil's second individual gold medal at the ISSF World Cup.

He also clinched the 10-meter air rifle title at the 2023 Cairo edition. With this, India now jointly leads the medal standings along with China, both nations picking up identical two gold, one silver, one bronze tallies till now.

Tennis: Bopanna-Shelton Advance to Monte-Carlo Pre-quarters

Indian tennis veteran Rohan Bopanna and his partner, Ben Shelton of the United States, have advanced to the men's doubles pre-quarterfinals of the Monte-Carlo Masters in France. The Indian-American duo defeated Francisco Cerundolo of Argentina and Alejandro Tabilo of Chile, 6-3, 7-5, in the first round. They will now face the Italian pair of Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori in the pre-quarterfinals.