

International

Thailand and Cambodia sign a ceasefire agreement .

Thailand and Cambodia signed a ceasefire agreement during an extraordinary General Border Committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur. Both sides discussed measures to restore peace and pledged to create a regional monitoring mechanism. They also agreed to treat captured soldiers under international humanitarian law and maintain dialogue through a bilateral process.

Myanmar, acting President, U Myint Swe, no more.

In Myanmar, acting President U Myint Swe passed away at the age of 74 in Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of Myanmar. U Myint Swe was sworn in as the Vice President of Myanmar in March 2016. He became the acting President in February 2021, after the then-President U Win Myint was detained. Subsequently, U Myint Swe declared a state of emergency and the state power was transferred to Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Min Aung Hlaing.

National

Northern Railway officially opens Anantnag Railway Station for the movement of goods.

The Northern Railway has officially opened Anantnag Railway Station under its Jammu Division for the movement of goods. This would strengthen Kashmir's economic ties with markets across India. This marks an important milestone in the ongoing development of the Baramulla-Srinagar-Banihal railway corridor, which is part of the larger Udampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.

The Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 passed by Parliament.

The Parliament has passed the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025, with the Rajya Sabha approving it. The Lok Sabha has already passed the Bill. The Bill seeks to regulate vessels engaged in trade within the country's coastal waters. The bill aims to consolidate and amend the law relating

to the regulation of coastal shipping, promote coastal trade and encourage domestic participation. The Bill requires the central government to prepare a National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan within two years of the commencement of the Act.

Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards 2025.

Giriraj Singh, the Union Textiles Minister, conferred the Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards 2025 in New Delhi. The awards aim to recognise the work of weavers, designers, marketers, start-ups, and producer companies who have made a significant contribution in the field.

Second edition of UN Women's flagship capacity-building programme – SheLeads II inaugurated.

Annpurna Devi, the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, inaugurated the second edition of UN Women's flagship capacity-building programme – SheLeads II in New Delhi. This event is a two-day workshop organized by UN Women India Country Office. This programme is being organised at a pivotal moment, following the passing of the Women's Reservation Act, 2023, which mandates a 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

278 kilometres of railway lines, commissioned in the Northeastern Region.

A total of 278 kilometres of railway lines have been commissioned in the Northeastern Region till March this year, with an expenditure of 41 thousand 676 crore rupees. The commissioned projects include Bogibeel Bridge, Agartala-Sabroom new line, Lumding-Hojai and New Bongaigaon-Agthori doubling of line, among others. 13 new lines, and 4 doubling of line of total length one thousand 790 kilometres in the North East Region have been sanctioned under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan during the last three years.

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Telangana leads in organ donations.

Telangana state has held the maximum number of organ donations in the country. The Centre has awarded the state government for the same at an event observing the National Organ Donation Day in Delhi. As per the Union Health Ministry, Telangana reported a significantly higher rate of 4.88 organ donations per 10 lakh population during 2024, while the national average stood at 0.8 per 10 lakh population.

India's first homegrown server 'Rudra'.

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has designed and developed a computer server, 'Rudra', as part of the National Supercomputing Mission, and it is a critical component required for supercomputers. C-DAC has partnered with EMS partners in India for the mass manufacturing of India's first homegrown Rudra server. The largest supercomputer that is set to be dedicated to the country in a few months is a machine made entirely from India-made servers.

Economy/Business

The highest U.S. tariff levels since 1934.

The United States has imposed a wide-ranging series of new tariffs, with rates ranging from 10 per cent to 50 per cent, targeting imports from around 70 countries. These taxes mark the highest U.S. tariff levels since 1934, reaching a level not seen in nearly 90 years. According to Yale University's nonpartisan Budget Lab, the move will raise the average cost of imported products by 18.3 per cent, increasing costs for American consumers.

AUSFB gets RBI nod for transitioning from a small finance bank (SFB) to a universal bank.

In a first in 11 years, the Reserve Bank has granted 'in-principle' approval to AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. (AUSFB) for transitioning

from a small finance bank (SFB) to a universal bank. Last time, the universal banking licences were granted in 2014 to Bandhan Bank and IDFC Bank, which later became IDFC First Bank.

Amendment to the Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Order, 2011.

An amendment to the Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Order, 2011, has been notified by the Department of Food and Public Distribution. The Ministry, in a statement, said that the amendment seeks to strengthen data collection mechanisms in the edible oil sector through the incorporation of provisions under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008. It added that this enhancement is designed to benefit both consumers and stakeholders across the edible oil value chain.

Sports

Annu Rani wins gold in the women's javelin throw.

In Athletics, the 32-year-old and Asian Games champion, India's Annu Rani, has won a gold medal in the women's javelin throw at the International Wiesław Maniak Memorial in Poland with a season-best effort of 62.59 meters.

World Games 2025 start in China.

Starting on August 7 and running until August 17 in Chengdu, China, the World Games, held every four years since 1981, showcase sports not included in the Olympic program. This year's edition will feature 253 medal events across 34 sports and 60 disciplines. A 17-member Indian contingent will compete in five sports: Archery, Billiards, Roller Skating, Wushu, and Racquetball.