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International

Irfaan Ali re-elected for a second term as Guyana's President.

Guyana's President Irfaan Ali has been re-elected for a second term, after a vote that gave his party a mandate to manage the South American nation's newfound oil riches amid a territorial dispute with Venezuela. Ali's People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) had won the general election, held on September 1, securing 55 percent of the 65-seat parliament.

Jamaican PM Andrew Holness wins rare third term in office.

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness has won a rare third term in office after his Labour Party sailed to victory in the election. The Labour Party had won 34 seats, beating the opposition People's National Party (PNP), which secured 29 seats.

India reaffirms its commitment to an open and inclusive WTO-led trading system.

India has reaffirmed its commitment to an open, fair, and inclusive multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization (WTO). At the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Trade Ministers' Meeting held in Vladivostok, India also stressed the scope to leverage the SCO's collective strengths for shared prosperity.

National

India's birth and death rates halve in 50 years.

For the first time, India's birth and death rates have dropped to nearly half their levels from fifty years ago. According to the latest data from the Sample Registration System, India's birth, death, and infant mortality rates have shown a steady decline over the past few decades. The birth rate (live births per thousand population) has fallen from 21.4 in 2013 to 18.4 in 2023. Overall, data shows the birth rate at all-India levels has declined drastically over the last five decades from 36.9 in 1971 to 18.4 in 2023, a drop of 18.5.

The death rate (deaths per thousand population) also continued its downward trend, decreasing

from 7.0 in 2013 to 6.4 in 2023, and a huge decline from 14.9 in 1971. Death rate defines the number of people who die in a year for every 1,000 people in the population and gives an idea of overall mortality, life expectancy, and health conditions in a population.

The infant mortality rate (IMR), one of the key indicators of healthcare standards in a country, fell to 25 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2023. That's a 37.5 per cent drop in the last decade and a massive improvement from 129 in 1971.

IAF carries out humanitarian operation in landslide-affected J&K & Himachal regions.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has carried out a major humanitarian operation in landslide-affected regions of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. In Himachal Pradesh, swift operations saw 540 lives rescued and evacuated to safe areas in a remarkable 17-hour operation.

Skywatchers witness spectacular total lunar eclipse.

Skywatchers across the world witnessed a stunning event last night, a total lunar eclipse, also known as 'Chandra Grahani'. This lunar eclipse, which is the second one for this year, also produced a Blood Moon. The Earth's shadow started covering the lunar disc at 9:57 pm. By 11:01 pm, the Earth's shadow completely covered the moon, turning it coppery red, putting up a rare display of a Blood Moon. The total lunar eclipse peaked around 11:48 pm and ended at around 12:22 am.

Business and Economy

Tamil Nadu second biggest market for small business credit: study.

As per a joint report by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and credit bureau CRIF High Mark, Tamil Nadu is the second biggest market for small business credit, accounting for 9.3% of the national total. Uttar Pradesh is the largest.

As of June 30, 2025, Tamil Nadu had an outstanding small business credit portfolio of about ₹4.21 lakh crore, up 15.7% from ₹3.64 lakh crore as of June 30, 2024.

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Adani Power, Druk Green Power to set up a 570MW hydro power project in Bhutan.

Adani Power Ltd. and Druk Green Power Corp. Ltd. (DGPC), Bhutan's state-owned generation utility, have signed the Shareholders Agreement (SHA) for setting up a 570 MW Wangchhu hydroelectric project in Bhutan. An in-principle understanding on the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has also been signed.

REITs, InvITs AUM crosses ₹9 lakh crore in 9 years.

According to industry bodies Indian REITs Association (IRA) and Bharat InvITs Association (BIA), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) instruments are becoming popular in India as their combined assets under management have crossed ₹9 lakh crore in the last nine years.

The combined AUM of REITs and InvITs is expected to touch ₹25 lakh crore by 2030.

AMFI appoints Sundeep Sikka as Chairman.

The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) at its 30th Annual General Meeting has elected Sundeep Sikka, Executive Director and CEO of Nippon Life India Asset Management, as chairman, while Vishal Kapoor, CEO of Bandhan Asset Management, will serve as the Vice Chairman.

Their appointment comes at a pivotal point for the mutual fund industry, which has surpassed ₹75 lakh crore in assets under management (AUM) and is now catering to over 5.6 crore investors across the country.

UPI limit increased to Rs 10 lakh within 24 hours for these transactions.

Starting September 15, 2025, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) will introduce new rules for Unified Payments Interface (UPI), increasing transaction limits for specific high-value categories. With this update, users can transfer up to ₹10 lakh in 24 hours for verified merchant payments. The UPI transaction limit has been raised for selected categories of online payment, including capital

market investment, insurance payments, credit card bill payment, etc.

However, the regular person-to-person (P2P) transfer limit stays at ₹1 lakh per day.

Levi's names Alia Bhatt global brand ambassador.

Levi's has announced Bollywood superstar Alia Bhatt as its newest Global Brand Ambassador. The appointment marks a turning point for Levi's as it redefines its women's portfolio—embracing trend-forward fits and a style-first aesthetic for a new generation.

Sports

India beat Korea 4-1 to lift the Asia Cup Hockey title.

In the Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship, India won their fourth title by a convincing 4-1 win over South Korea in an exciting final at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar. With this win, India has ended the eight-year-long wait to regain supremacy on the continent. India has also qualified for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Carlos Alcaraz wins Second US Open Title.

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz has won his second U.S. Open men's singles title by defeating Jannik Sinner and reclaiming the No. 1 ranking in Men's Tennis. Carlos Alcaraz defeated Sinner with 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 to clinch the title. The 22-year-old Spaniard now owns six Grand Slam trophies, becoming the first player since 1978 to win multiple majors on all three surfaces before turning 23.

India Wins historic Men's Compound Archery Gold at World Championships.

India's men's compound archery team made history by winning its first-ever gold medal at the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, edging France 235-233 in a thrilling final. Rishabh bounced back, joining teammates Aman Saini and Prathamesh Fuge to secure the men's compound team title for India.

Earlier, the mixed team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Rishabh Yadav settled for silver after losing 155-157 to the Netherlands.