

International

Bashar al-Assad flees to Moscow.

The rapid change in Syria's political landscape has sent shockwaves through Arab capitals, raising concerns about regional stability. The former Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his family have arrived in Moscow after fleeing from West Asia. Assad left the country after rebel forces led by Abu Mohammed al-Jolani seized control of the capital Damascus, ending Assad's decades-long rule.

India's Comprehensive Strategy for West Asia at the Manama Dialogue.

External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar presented India's comprehensive strategy for West Asia at the Manama Dialogue, stressing the region's critical importance to India's economic and strategic interests. With a diaspora of 10 million Indians in the Gulf region and half a million in Mediterranean countries, the human connection forms a vital bridge between India and West Asia, contributing significantly to bilateral relationships and economic growth. The minister highlighted that India conducts annual trade worth \$170-180 billion with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Iran, and Iraq, while trade with Mediterranean nations amounts to \$80-90 billion.

The second edition of the India-Nepal Cultural Festival

The rich cultural heritage and traditions of India and Nepal were celebrated with a special focus on Buddhism in the second edition of the India-Nepal Cultural Festival, organised in Lumbini. As a part of the festival, an academic seminar titled "Buddhist Cultural Heritage of India and Nepal" was organized at Lumbini Buddhist University.

Ghana presidential elections

In Ghana's presidential elections, opposition candidate John Mahama claimed victory in elections after ruling New Patriotic Party candidate and Vice President Mahamudu

Bawumia conceded defeat even before the announcement of official results.

National

The 60th Foundation Day celebrations of the Border Security Force

Addressing the 60th Foundation Day celebrations of the Border Security Force in Jodhpur, the Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah said that the BSF has done a tremendous job of securing the eastern and western borders since 1965. The Home Minister said that along with border security, the BSF has worked on various fronts including preventing infiltration, counterfeit notes, and left-wing extremism. As per the Home Minister, the government has started the Vibrant Village Scheme in about 3 thousand villages located on the border, so that the citizens of border villages can get respect, employment, and all basic facilities.

International Gita Mahotsav.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar addressed a programme organised at the Gita Gyan Sansthanam in Kurukshetra on the occasion of International Gita Mahotsav. Mentioning the five important principles from the Bhagavad Gita, the Vice President said, these principles are essential for social order, peace, development, brotherhood, progress, and happiness.

The fourth edition of India Internet Governance Forum

Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Jitin Prasada inaugurated the Fourth edition of India Internet Governance Forum in New Delhi. The theme for this edition is "Innovating Internet Governance for India. The two-day event will focus on bridging the digital divide, enhancing trust and safety in the online environment, and leveraging advanced technologies for nation-building. It will also emphasize the need for a secure, inclusive, and ethically governed Internet.

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Advanced Flood Monitoring System developed

The Indian Army's Trishakti Sappers from the Eastern Command have developed the Advanced Flood Monitoring System (AFMS) which is earning national acclaim at Inno Yodha, a competition for defense and disaster management innovations. This innovation enhances disaster preparedness, enabling swift responses to protect troops and civilians.

Ashtalakhshmi Mahotsav

Ashtalakhshmi Mahotsav, which aims to showcase the beauty, diversity, and promise of the eight states of the Northeast India region which include Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, and Sikkim is being celebrated at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Over 250 artisans are displaying unique handicrafts, handlooms and agri-horti products, including 34 GI-tagged items.

Business/Economy

The India-Norway Business Forum

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal addressed the India-Norway Business Forum in Mumbai, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The Minister proposed launching a startup bridge between Norway and India. The recently signed Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the European Free Trade Association was praised as a significant step toward strengthening economic collaboration. India signed the TEPA with four developed nations – Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein – which form an important economic bloc in Europe.

LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana Launched

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana, an initiative of the Life Insurance Corporation of India, designed to

empower women aged 18 to 70 years, who are Class X pass. They will receive specialized training and a stipend for the first three years to promote financial literacy and insurance awareness. After training, they can serve as LIC agents and the graduate Bima Sakhis will have the opportunity to qualify for being considered for Development Officer roles in LIC.

Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit in Jaipur. The main objective of this event is to promote investment and industries in the state and create new employment opportunities.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate the Rajasthan Global Business Expo organized at the summit. After the inauguration, thematic sessions will be held in various sectors. Day two will be devoted to the Pravasi Rajasthani Conclave. MSME Conclave will be held on the concluding day.

Sports

Gukesh overcomes Ding Liren

In the FIDE World Chess Championship, India's D Gukesh has taken a 6-5 lead after defeating defending champion Ding Liren in the 11th round in Singapore. The pressure will now be on Ding Liren in the 12th game tomorrow as he takes the white pieces. Earlier, 32-year-old Liren won the opening game, while 18-year-old Gukesh emerged victorious in the third game.

Australia draws level

Australia beat India by ten wickets in the second Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test played with the pink ball under the lights in Adelaide to move back up to the summit of the ICC World Test Championship standings. With this, the series score stands at 1-1.