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Colombian Presidential candidate Miguel Uribe Turbay shot in Bogotá.

Colombia's right-wing presidential candidate, 39-year-old Senator Miguel Uribe Turbay, was shot multiple times during a campaign event in the capital, Bogotá. The attack occurred while Uribe was addressing a small crowd in a park. He is currently fighting for his life in a hospital in the capital.

International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure was held in Nice, France.

The seventh year of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI), organised by the New Delhi-headquartered Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), was held on June 6 and 7 in Nice, France. This is the first time the conference was held in Europe with the CDRI as the co-chair.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined key global priorities to strengthen disaster resilience, including innovative financing and strengthening early warning systems and coordination.

India Pavilion among top 5 at World Expo 2025 in Osaka.

The India Pavilion has been ranked among the top five pavilions at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, alongside the US, Italy, Japan, and France. The pavilion showcases India's rich cultural heritage, innovation, and sustainable development, featuring sections on heritage, Ayurveda, ISRO, and more. It has been curated by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. The World Expo will continue till the 13th of October.

Former Zambian President Lungu dies aged 68.

Zambia's former President Edgar Lungu has died at the age of 68. Lungu led Zambia for six years from 2015, losing the 2021 election to the current President Hakainde Hichilema by a large margin. Lungu first became the President in January 2015 after winning a special presidential election triggered by the death in office of Michael Sata.

National

Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla & 3 others to embark on Axiom-4 Mission.

Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and three others are set to embark on Axiom Space's fourth human spaceflight from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on Tuesday. They are likely to dock at the International Space Station on Wednesday at about 10 PM IST, after a nearly 28-hour journey.

Shukla, serving as the mission pilot of the Axiom-4 (Ax4) commercial mission to the ISS, will be accompanied by mission commander Peggy Whitson and specialists Tibor Kapu from Hungary and Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski from Poland. The Axiom-4 mission marks India's return to space after 41 years since Rakesh Sharma's historic spaceflight onboard Russia's Soyuz mission in 1984.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh Leads Indian Delegation to UN Ocean Conference in France.

Earth Sciences Minister Dr Jitendra Singh left for France, leading a high-level Indian delegation at the International Meet on Oceans. The United Nations Ocean Conference is being held from tomorrow to the 13th of this month at the coastal city of Nice. The high-level international gathering will bring together leaders, scientists, policymakers, and civil society actors from across the globe to discuss sustainable ocean governance and concrete actions for the health of the world's oceans.

DRDO transfers 9 defence technologies to 10 Indian firms to expand defence manufacturing base.

Defence Research and Development Organisation's Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE) in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, has transferred technologies of nine defence systems to 10 Indian industries. The systems include the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Recce Vehicle, Mounted Gun System, Anti-Terrorist Vehicle, and Vajra-Riot Control Vehicle, among others.

VRDE also signed a memorandum of understanding with COEP Technological University, Pune, to collaborate on emerging technologies.

India-Mongolia hold 17th 'Nomadic Elephant' Military Exercise in Ulaanbaatar.

The 17th edition of the joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant 2025 between India and Mongolia is being conducted at the Special Forces Training Centre in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. The exercise is underway with a focus on the conduct of non-conventional operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under a United Nations mandate. The joint military exercise began on 31st last month will culminate on the 13th of this month.

Akashvani celebrates 90 glorious years of broadcasting India's voice to nation and world.

Akashvani celebrates its 90 years on June 8, 2025. This day, on June 8th 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio (AIR). Post-independence, AIR expanded rapidly, adopting the name "Akashvani" in 1956. Today, Akashvani operates 591 stations, reaching 98 percent of India's population, broadcasting in 23 languages and 146 dialects.

Business and Economy

India, Central Asian countries express interest in joint rare earths exploration.

India and five Central Asian countries have expressed interest in joint exploration of rare earths and critical minerals, they said in a joint statement after the fourth meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue, held in New Delhi. The announcement comes amid global alarm over China's decision to curb exports of rare earth alloys, mixtures and magnets, spooking industries ranging from automobiles and clean energy to defence.

India and the Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan - also called upon "relevant authorities" for an early meeting of the India-Central Asia Rare Earth Forum, which last met in September.

India attracts FDI from 112 nations, up from 89 in 2014: Piyush Goyal.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said India is receiving FDI inflows from 112 countries compared to 89 in 2013-14, underscoring the country's rising global appeal. He highlighted the significant increase in FDI during 2024-25 to USD 81.04 billion, exhibiting a growth of 14 per cent over the 2023-24 fiscal (USD 71.28 billion).

At World Bank's raised poverty line of \$3 a day

With the World Bank raising its threshold poverty line to \$3 a day (daily consumption of less than \$3) from the earlier \$2.15 a day, the extreme poverty rate for India declined sharply to 5.3 per cent in 2022-23 from 27.1 per cent in 2011-12. In absolute terms, people living in extreme poverty fell from 344.47 million to just 75.24 million.

Bank of Baroda, HDFC Bank reduce lending rate by up to 50 bps, 10 bps.

State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) has cut its benchmark lending rate linked to repo rate by 50 basis points in line with the rate reduction by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). One basis point is equal to 0.01%

Private sector HDFC Bank also reduced its marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLR) by 10 basis points across tenure, which will benefit borrowers whose loans are linked to this benchmark.

Sports

Portugal wins second Nations League title.

Portugal has won the UEFA Nations League trophy 2025 after his team's victory in the UEFA Nations League 2025 final match by beating holder Spain 5-3 on penalties following a thrilling 2-2 draw in Sunday's final.

Tennis: Alcaraz win French Open final in five-set thriller against Sinner.

Carlos Alcaraz came from two sets behind to stun Sinner in a five-set marathon, winning the contest 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6. It was also the longest-ever French Open final — 5 hours, 29 minutes — in the Open Era. The two broke the record for the longest-ever French Open final, going past the 1982 final between Mats Wilander and Guillermo Vilas.

Chess: Magnus Carlsen and Anna Muzychuk triumph at Norway Chess 2025.

Magnus Carlsen has taken his seventh Norway Chess title after a thrilling final round, while the last-year runner-up Anna Muzychuk won the Norway Chess Women 2025. The 13th edition of this prestigious competition took place in Stavanger, Norway, from May 26 to June 6. Both tournaments were 6-player double-round robins with equal prize funds.