

International

Egypt discovers new natural gas field in Western Desert.

Egypt's Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources announced a new natural gas discovery in the Badr-15 area of the Western Desert.

The newly found field has been swiftly added to the production map, yielding 16 million cubic feet of gas per day.

The find is expected to boost national reserves by about 15 billion cubic feet, sourced from the Lower Bahariya reservoir, further strengthening Egypt's energy sector.

Buddha's sacred relics reach Bhutan for Global Peace Prayer Festival.

The sacred relics of Lord Buddha arrived in Bhutan for an eleven-day public exposition as part of the Global Peace Prayer Festival in Thimphu.

The festival, marking the 70th birth anniversary of Bhutan's fourth King, Jigme Singye Wangchuk, promotes world peace and healing.

The relics are enshrined for public veneration at the Kuenrey Hall of Tashichho Dzong.

US grants Hungary one-year waiver from Russian Energy Sanctions.

The United States has granted Hungary a one-year exemption from sanctions on Russian oil and gas following a meeting between President Donald Trump and the Hungarian Prime Minister.

Despite U.S. pressure on Europe to reduce dependence on Russian energy, Hungary secured the waiver while agreeing to purchase American liquefied natural gas worth about \$600 million. The leaders also discussed strengthening bilateral economic ties, with Trump expressing support for Prime Minister Orban's upcoming election and aligning on strict immigration policies.

Important Days

National Legal Services Day: 9th November.

India celebrates National Legal Services Day on November 9 to mark the implementation of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which came into effect in 1995.

The Act aims to provide free and competent legal aid to the marginalized and disadvantaged.

Between 2022 and 2025, over 44.22 lakh people benefited from legal services, while 23.58 crore cases were resolved through various Lok Adalats. Additionally, under the DISHA scheme, around 2.10 crore people received legal advice and representation.

On this day, awareness camps are organized nationwide to highlight free legal aid initiatives.

National

FM Nirmala Sitharaman lays foundation stone for Assam's first technical and vocational university.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University, Assam's first institution dedicated to technical and vocational education, at Bholaguri in Biswanath district. Spanning 241 acres with a 7 lakh sq. ft. built-up area, the university will offer advanced courses in AI, cybersecurity, blockchain, quantum computing, IoT, and other emerging technologies. Named after freedom fighter Kanaklata Barua, the campus will house 2,000 students, hostels, staff quarters, and modern facilities.

NHAI begins lavender plantation along Jammu-Srinagar Highway to promote aroma tourism.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched a lavender plantation initiative along a 16-kilometre stretch of

the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway between Banihal and Qazigund.

The project aims to enhance the highway's visual appeal while promoting aroma tourism and creating livelihood opportunities for locals.

Indian army's Southern Command conducts Tri-Services Exercise TRISHUL to boost joint readiness.

The Indian Army's Southern Command is conducting Exercise TRISHUL, a major Tri-Services operation integrating land, sea, and air capabilities under the theme of JAI – Jointness, Atmanirbharta, and Innovation. The Defence Ministry said the exercise focuses on mission-oriented training to enhance joint operational readiness.

As part of TRISHUL, formations are executing Exercises MaruJwala and Akhand Prahaar in the Thar Desert to validate combined arms manoeuvres and fire integration.

The training will conclude with a large-scale combat drill emphasizing precision targeting and multi-domain coordination.

Business and Economy

SEBI cautions investors against unregulated digital gold schemes.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a warning to investors about unregulated digital gold and e-gold schemes promoted by various online platforms. SEBI clarified that such products do not fall under its regulatory framework and are not recognized as securities or regulated commodity derivatives. The regulator urged investors to exercise caution, noting that investor protection mechanisms applicable in the securities market do not cover investments in these unregulated digital gold products.

Sports

Gukesh exits FIDE World Cup; Praggnanandhaa and Arjun March to Round 4.

Indian chess prodigy D. Gukesh's impressive 2024 run ended with a third-round loss to Germany's Frederik Svane at the FIDE World Cup in Goa. However, R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi advanced to Round 4 after victories over Hovhannisyan Robert and Shamsiddin Vokhidov, respectively.

Diptayan Ghosh was eliminated by Gabriel Sargissian, while Pentala Harikrishna and Pranav V progressed after draws. S.L. Narayanan drew with Yu Yangyi.

The top three finishers in Goa will qualify for the 2026 Candidates Tournament.

India seals 2-1 T20 Series win over Australia as rain washes out final match.

The final T20I between India and Australia at Brisbane's Gabba was abandoned due to rain, handing India a 2-1 series victory.

Abhishek was named Player of the Series for his consistent performances. With this result, India maintained their 17-year unbeaten streak in T20I series against Australia.

Ravinder Singh strikes Gold at ISSF World Championships; India wins team silver

Indian shooter Ravinder Singh captured the gold medal in the Men's 50m Pistol event at the ISSF World Championships in Egypt with an impressive score of 569. His stellar performance placed him ahead of international competitors.

The Indian team comprising Ravinder Singh, Kamaljeet, and Yogesh Kumar secured the silver medal in the Men's 50m Pistol Team category, achieving a combined total of 1646 points.

**Raahul VS becomes India's 91st
Grandmaster after ASEAN
Championship triumph.**

Raahul VS clinched the title at the 6th ASEAN Individual Championship, becoming India's 91st Grandmaster with a round to spare.

He had earlier earned the International Master title in 2021 after crossing a 2400 rating.

His achievement follows Illamparathi AR, India's 90th GM, and S. Rohith Krishna, the 89th GM.

The Grandmaster title, awarded by FIDE, is the highest recognition in chess, ranking above International Master, FIDE Master, and Candidate Master.