

NATIONAL**▪ India Launches World's First Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.**

India became the first country to launch a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), aimed at preserving and protecting ancient medicinal systems like Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Homoeopathy using AI tools.

▪ Gujarat Becomes First State to Join Cruise Bharat Mission

Gujarat has become the first Indian state to join the Cruise Bharat Mission, aiming to boost maritime tourism. With its 2,340 km coastline, the state plans to develop cruise infrastructure and circuits, supporting India's goal of becoming a top global cruise destination by 2029.

▪ BITS Pilani to Launch AI Plus Campus in Amaravati

BITS Pilani will set up India's first AI Plus Campus in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, with admissions starting in 2027. The campus will focus on AI and digital learning.

▪ India's First Digital Nomad Village Launched in Sikkim

Yakten village in Pakyong district, Sikkim, was launched as India's first digital nomad village. The initiative supports remote workers with modern amenities in a serene Himalayan setting and boosts local income through homestays during off-seasons.

▪ Sigandur Bridge Inaugurated in Karnataka

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Sigandur bridge, India's second longest cable-stayed bridge, in Shivamogga district, Karnataka. The bridge improves road connectivity between Sagara town and Sigandur, home to the Chowdeshwari Temple.

▪ India's First Aqua Tech Park Inaugurated in Assam

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated India's first Aqua Tech Park in Sonapur, Assam, to promote advanced fish farming, the park features modern technologies like aquaponics and biofloc to boost fish production and farmer income.

- **Gujarat Launches India's First Tribal Genome Sequencing Project**

Gujarat has become the first Indian state to launch a Tribal Genome Sequencing Project to enhance healthcare for tribal communities through genetic research, the project—implemented by GBRC—aims to sequence 2,000 tribal genomes across 17 districts, detect hereditary diseases, and develop personalised medical solutions. It marks a major step in inclusive healthcare and tribal welfare.

- **Ahmedabad Declared Cleanest Big City in Swachh Survekshan 2024–25**

Ahmedabad topped the Swachh Survekshan 2024–25 rankings among cities with over 10 lakh population. Conducted under the Swachh Bharat Mission by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the survey saw participation from 4,589 cities, focusing on sustainable sanitation and citizen-driven cleanliness efforts.

- **Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh Launched for Women's Wellness**

Department of Legal Affairs inaugurated Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi — a wellness space exclusively for women employees.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Yuliia Svyrydenko Appointed as Ukraine's New Prime Minister**

Yuliia Svyrydenko, has been appointed as Ukraine's new Prime Minister, replacing Denys Shmyhal. This marks the first leadership change since the Russia-Ukraine war began in 2022.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Youth Skills Day 2025**

World Youth Skills Day 2025, observed on July 15. The 2025 theme is “Youth Empowerment through Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Skills”.

- **AI Appreciation Day - July 16**

India observed AI Appreciation Day on July 16 to highlight the country's progress in Artificial Intelligence across sectors like healthcare, education, agriculture, governance, and industry.

- **World Day for International Justice 2025: Honouring Global Commitment to Justice**

World Day for International Justice, observed annually on 17 July. The day promotes global efforts to combat genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, while reinforcing support for victims' rights, rule of law, and international accountability.

- **Nelson Mandela International Day 2025: A Call to End Poverty and Inequity**

Nelson Mandela International Day, observed on 18th July, honors the legacy of South Africa's first Black President and his lifelong commitment to justice and equality. The 2025 theme, “*It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity,*” urges global action to fight social and economic injustice.

SPORTS

- **Jannik Sinner Wins First Wimbledon Title, 2025**

Jannik Sinner claimed his maiden Wimbledon title, 2025 by defeating Carlos Alcaraz in London. The win marked his fourth Grand Slam title and highlighted the growing rivalry between the two young tennis stars.

- **Deepika Sehrawat Becomes First Indian to Win Poligras Magic Skill Award**

Deepika Sehrawat made history by becoming the first Indian to win the Poligras Magic Skill Award for her stunning solo goal against the Netherlands in the 2024–25 FIH Hockey Pro League.

- **Indian Swimmers Shine at FISU World University Games 2025**

India celebrated a proud moment at the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany, as swimmers Srihari Nataraj and B. Benediction Rohit delivered record-breaking performances. Nataraj clocked 1:48.22 in the men's 200m freestyle, bettering his previous best, while Rohit made history as the first Indian to swim the 50m butterfly in under 24 seconds, finishing in 23.96s. Their achievements mark a new high for Indian swimming on the global stage.

APPOINTMENTS

- **New Governors and LG Appointed – July 14, 2025**

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh as Haryana's Governor, Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju as Goa's Governor, and Kavinder Gupta as the new LG of Ladakh.

- **Sonali Mishra Appointed First Woman DG of RPF**

Sonali Mishra, a 1993-batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the Director General of the Railway Protection Force, becoming the first woman to head the force.

AWARDS

- **Leila Aboulela Wins 2025 PEN Pinter Prize**

Sudanese-Scottish writer Leila Aboulela has won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize for her powerful work on faith, migration, and the lives of Muslim women.

- **Former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha Honoured with Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080**

Kalyan Shrestha, former Chief Justice of Nepal, received the Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080 in Kathmandu for his outstanding contributions to judicial leadership and legal reform.

- **Dharmendra Pradhan Honoured with Kalinga Ratna Award 2024**

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Cuttack, Odisha, during the 600th birth anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das, organized by Sarala Sahitya Sansad.

▪ **Vijayawada Sets Benchmark in Urban Sanitation Despite Flood Challenges**

Vijayawada has emerged as the fourth cleanest city in India and a 'Super Swachh League City' in the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25. Notably, the city maintained its sanitation standards despite the disruption caused by the September 2024 floods.

▪ **Kerala Announces 2023 Awards for Classical Arts**

The Government of Kerala has announced the 2023 State Kathakali Awards, Pallavur Appu Marar Vadya Puraskaram, and Keraleeya Nritta-Natya Puraskaram to honour veterans of classical performing arts. Kuroor Vasudevan Namboothiri (Chenda) and Kalamandalam Sankara Warriar (Maddalam) received the Kathakali Award, while Mattannur Sankarankutty Marar was honoured with the Vadya Puraskaram. Kalamandalam P.N. Girijadevi received the Nritta-Natya Puraskaram for her contribution to Koodiyattam. These awards reflect Kerala's commitment to preserving its rich cultural heritage.

OBITUARIES

▪ **Fauja Singh, World's Oldest Marathon Runner, Passes Away at 114**

Fauja Singh, famously known as the 'Turbaned Tornado', died at 114 after being hit by an unknown vehicle on the Jalandhar-Pathankot highway. His death has shocked the nation, with tributes pouring in for the legendary marathoner who inspired millions with his fitness and determination.

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