

NATIONAL**▪ India Opens First Tempered Glass Manufacturing Plant for Mobile Devices**

India inaugurated its first Tempered Glass Manufacturing Facility for mobile devices in Noida. The plant has been set up by Optimus Electronics in collaboration with Corning Inc., USA. Operating under the brand “Engineered by Corning,” the facility will cater to both domestic and global markets, strengthening India’s electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

▪ Ministry of Tribal Affairs Launches Adi Vaani, India’s First AI Translator for Tribal Languages

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Beta version of Adi Vaani, India’s first AI-powered translator for tribal languages. Aimed at preserving 461 tribal languages, including 81 vulnerable and 42 critically endangered dialects, the tool will support education, governance, and digital inclusion for tribal communities.

▪ UPSC to Set Up Centre of Excellence

UPSC will establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) as a repository of best practices from UPSC and State PSCs to enhance transparency, efficiency, and innovation in recruitment. The CoE will share SOPs, reforms, and models, while initiatives like Pratibha Setu will expand opportunities for aspirants.

▪ Meghalaya Launches Autumn Calendar 2025

Meghalaya has launched its Autumn Calendar 2025 to promote tourism, culture, and local livelihoods. The calendar features daily grassroots music performances, the popular Cherry Blossom Festival with global artists, international kayaking and motorsport events, as well as literary and eco-tourism showcases. These events aim to boost the local economy, provide platforms for young artists, attract domestic and global tourists, and position Meghalaya as a sustainable cultural hub.

- **Maharashtra Approves Labour Law Reforms to Boost Jobs and Investment**

The Maharashtra cabinet, led by CM Devendra Fadnavis, has amended labour laws to extend daily work hours for private employees. Under the Factories Act, hours rise from 9 to 12 with higher overtime limits, while the Shops and Establishments Act allows up to 10 daily hours and 12 in emergencies. The reforms aim to attract investment, create jobs, and ensure worker rights with double overtime pay and mandatory consent, alongside measures to support women in the workforce.

- **India, Japan Ink Carbon Trading Pact to Boost Green Investment and Manufacturing**

India and Japan have signed a Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM) under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement to promote carbon trading, attract green investment, and advance clean technologies. The pact, part of bilateral agreements covering AI, defence, semiconductors, and critical minerals, comes amid US tariffs on Indian exports and China's rare earth restrictions.

- **India-EFTA FTA to Begin on October 1, 2025**

India's free trade pact with the European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) will take effect on October 1, 2025. The deal secures USD 100 billion investment over 15 years, 1 million jobs, and greater market access for Swiss exports. Uniquely, it includes binding sustainability clauses on environment, labour, and human rights—the first such feature in India's trade history.

- **India Launches First Online Vulture Knowledge Portal**

On International Vulture Awareness Day, India's first online vulture knowledge portal, "The Vulture Network", was launched in Assam. Developed by students and researchers, the cloud-based platform serves as a hub for scientific data, awareness materials, and citizen science tools to support vulture conservation. Supported by We Foundation India, Gauhati University, and several conservation groups, it aims to engage experts, students, and local communities in protecting endangered vulture species.

INTERNATIONAL

▪ UK Cabinet Reshuffle: Lammy Becomes Deputy PM

David Lammy was named Deputy Prime Minister, Justice Secretary, and Lord Chancellor after Angela Rayner quit. PM Keir Starmer's reshuffle also elevated Yvette Cooper as Foreign Secretary and Shabana Mahmood as Home Secretary, in a bid to steady his government.

▪ Anutin Charnvirakul Elected Thailand's New Prime Minister

Bhumjaithai Party leader Anutin Charnvirakul was elected Prime Minister of Thailand, with 63% of the parliamentary vote.

LEGAL

▪ President Approves New Judicial Appointments in Allahabad and Kerala High Courts

Exercising constitutional powers, the President of India, in consultation with the CJI, has appointed Arun Kumar as Judge of the Allahabad High Court. In Kerala High Court, Justices Johnson John, G.U. Girish, and C.N. Pratheep Kumar have been elevated from Additional Judges to Permanent Judges. These appointments aim to strengthen the judiciary and address vacancies in key High Courts.

▪ Justice Shree Chandrashekhar Sworn In as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court

Justice Shree Chandrashekhar took oath as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, with Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan administering the ceremony. He had been serving as Acting Chief Justice after Justice Alok Aradhe's elevation to the Supreme Court.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **1st to 7th September** - National Nutrition Week (NNW) 2025: Theme - “Eat Right for a Better Life.”
- **2nd September** - World Coconut Day 2025
- **5th September** - Teacher’s Day 2025: Theme- “Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners”.

SPORTS

- **Satwik-Chirag Storm into BWF World Championships Semifinals**

India’s Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated Malaysia’s Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in Paris to enter the 2025 BWF World Championships semifinals. The victory assures India at least a bronze medal and marks their second Worlds medal after 2022.

- **Oscar Piastri Wins Dramatic 2025 Dutch Grand Prix**

The 2025 Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort saw Oscar Piastri secure victory for McLaren in a race full of twists. Max Verstappen finished second, while rookie Isack Hadjar earned his maiden podium with Racing Bulls in third.

- **India to Host 2026 Badminton World Championships in New Delhi**

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has announced that New Delhi will host the 2026 Badminton World Championships in August, marking the event’s return to India after 17 years. India last hosted the tournament in Hyderabad in 2009, and the 2026 edition will also mark its return to Asia after eight years.

- **Amit Mishra Retires After 25-Year Cricket Career**

Veteran Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra has announced his retirement at 42, closing a remarkable 25-year journey in professional cricket. Celebrated for his classical leg-spin and impactful spells in both international cricket and the IPL, Mishra leaves behind one of India’s longest-serving bowling legacies.

AWARDS

▪ **45 Teachers Selected for National Teachers' Awards 2025**

The Ministry of Education has announced the winners of the National Teachers' Awards 2025, with 45 teachers chosen for their outstanding contributions to school education. Selected through a three-stage process, the awardees include 24 male and 21 female teachers, representing 27 states, 7 union territories, and 6 national-level organizations.

▪ **Anand V. Patil to Receive Prof. V.K. Gokak Award 2025**

Celebrated children's literature author Anand V. Patil will be honoured with the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award in Bengaluru. Named after the eminent literary figure Vinayaka Krishna Gokak, the award recognises outstanding contributions to Indian literature, especially in Kannada.

APPOINTMENTS

▪ **T.C.A. Kalyani Appointed as 29th Controller General of Accounts**

Ms. T.C.A. Kalyani, a 1991-batch ICAS officer, took charge as the 29th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) under the Ministry of Finance.

OBITUARIES

▪ **Fashion Icon Giorgio Armani Passes Away at 91**

Legendary Italian designer Giorgio Armani, fondly known as "Re Giorgio" (King Giorgio), passed away at 91, as confirmed by the Armani Group. Renowned for redefining modern elegance with timeless style and precision tailoring, Armani leaves behind a global legacy that blended fashion with visionary business leadership.