

NATIONAL**▪ 2nd Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave in Ujjain**

Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, hosted the 2nd Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave, “ॐmantic”, on August 27, 2025. Organized by PHDCCI with the Ministry of Tourism and MP Tourism Board. A major highlight was the launch of the PHDCCI-KPMG report “Faith & Flow” on managing crowds and infrastructure in sacred spaces.

▪ India to Participate in 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Bridgetown, Barbados, from October 5–12, 2025. Organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the event will host lawmakers from 180 branches to deliberate on democracy, governance, and cooperation. The Indian team, including Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh and state representatives, will highlight India’s democratic ethos under the theme “The Commonwealth: A Global Partner.”

▪ India Issues First Guidelines on Veterinary Blood Transfusion

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying released India’s first national guidelines for veterinary blood transfusion. The framework introduces standardized protocols for donor screening, blood typing, storage, and transfusion to ensure animal welfare, biosafety, and One Health integration.

▪ Ayurveda Day to be Celebrated on 23 September

The Government of India has fixed 23 September as the annual Ayurveda Day, replacing the earlier practice of observing it on Dhanvantari Jayanti. Starting in 2025, the initiative aims to give Ayurveda a permanent global identity and wider international participation. The theme for 2025 is “Ayurveda for People & Planet”, highlighting Ayurveda’s role in promoting both human health and environmental sustainability.

- **Raksha Rajya Mantri Inaugurates MILMEDICON 2025 in New Delhi**

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth inaugurated MILMEDICON 2025, an international conference on physical and mental trauma in military settings, at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The event highlights India's commitment to innovation, resilience, and reform in military medicine.

- **India Launches National Biofoundry Network (NBN)**

In 2025, India launched its first National Biofoundry Network (NBN) under the BioE3 Policy, aiming to achieve a \$300 billion bioeconomy by 2030. The NBN, comprising six premier biotech institutions, will serve as a one-stop platform for research-to-market solutions in synthetic biology, gene editing, green biotechnology, and biomanufacturing. Its objectives include boosting indigenous biotech capacity, start-ups, employment, global collaborations, and sustainability, positioning India as a global leader in biotechnology.

INTERNATIONAL

- **IMD Smart City Index 2025 Released**

The IMD Smart City Index 2025 ranked Zurich (Switzerland) as the world's smartest city, followed by Oslo (Norway) and Geneva (Switzerland). Dubai and Abu Dhabi made major gains, securing 4th and 5th positions, while no Indian city featured in the global top 20. The ranking is based on parameters such as health, safety, mobility, activities, opportunities, and governance.

- **Inga Ruginienė Becomes Lithuania's New Prime Minister**

Inga Ruginienė, a Social Democrat and former labour leader, has been officially approved by the Lithuanian parliament as the country's new Prime Minister, marking a significant transition in the nation's political leadership as she moves from her role as Minister of Social Security and Labour to the highest executive office.

- **UNGA Launches Global Initiatives on AI Governance**

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) announced two major initiatives to strengthen global AI governance—the Global Dialogue on AI Governance and the United Nations Independent International Scientific Panel on AI. The Global Dialogue will serve as a multilateral platform involving member states, industry, civil society, and academia to address challenges like bias, misinformation, autonomous weapons, and job displacement, with its first sessions scheduled for July 2026 in Geneva and 2027 in New York.

LEGAL

▪ **Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vipul Pancholi Appointed to Supreme Court**

The President of India has appointed Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, and Justice Vipul Pancholi, Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, as judges of the Supreme Court. With these appointments, the apex court regains its full sanctioned strength of 34 judges. However, the elevation of Justice Pancholi has sparked controversy within judicial circles, raising concerns over seniority, representation, and transparency in the collegium system.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **26th August** - International Dog Day 2025
- **29th to 31st August** - National Sports Day 2025 - Theme: “Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main”.
- **29th August** - National Sports Day, 2025 - Theme “Sport to Promote Peaceful and Inclusive Societies”.
- **29th August** - International Day against Nuclear Tests.
- **30th August** - National Small Industry Day 2025. (Since 2017)

SPORTS

▪ **Aishwary Tomar Wins Gold at Asian Shooting Championship 2025**

Indian shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal in the men’s 50m rifle three-position event at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship 2025 in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, scoring

462.5 points and narrowly defeating China's Wenyu Zhao. Japan's Naoya Okada secured bronze. Earlier, Tomar, along with Chain Singh and Akhil Sheoran, clinched silver in the team event, showcasing India's strong presence in shooting.

- **NorthEast United FC Retain Durand Cup Title**

NorthEast United FC clinched the 134th Durand Cup with a commanding 6-1 win over debutants Diamond Harbour FC in Kolkata, becoming the first team in 25 years to defend the title. Six different players scored for the Highlanders, showcasing their attacking strength, while Jobby Justin netted the lone goal for Diamond Harbour.

- **Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025**

The Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025, held at Dal Lake, Srinagar, marked India's first national-level open-age competition in kayaking, canoeing, and rowing. Madhya Pradesh dominated with 10 golds, showcasing the success of its Water Sports Academy. Odisha secured second place, reflecting rising talent from its SAI Jagatpur centre.

- **MCA Honours Cricketing Legacy at Wankhede**

Mumbai Cricket Association unveiled a statue of Sunil Gavaskar and inaugurated the Sharad Pawar Cricket Museum at Wankhede Stadium. The tribute celebrates Mumbai's cricketing heritage, honouring Gavaskar's legendary career and Pawar's pivotal role in shaping Indian cricket administration.

- **Mirabai Chanu Wins Gold at Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025**

Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu clinched gold in the women's 48kg category at the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Ahmedabad, lifting a record 193kg (84kg snatch, 109kg clean & jerk). Her performance broke all existing championship records and secured her direct qualification for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

- **Ravichandran Ashwin Retires from IPL**

Ravichandran Ashwin, India's legendary off-spinner and one of the sharpest cricketing minds, has officially retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL), concluding a distinguished domestic T20 career.

- **Goa to Host FIDE World Cup 2025**

Goa will host the FIDE World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, featuring 206 top chess players from over 90 countries, it is organized by the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

- **Minerva Academy FC Creates History with European Treble**

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated the young footballers of Minerva Academy FC (Mohali) for achieving a rare European treble by winning the Gothia Cup (Sweden), Dana Cup (Denmark), and Norway Cup (Norway) in a single season (July–August 2025). The U-14/15 squad remained unbeaten in 26 international matches.

- **Neeraj Chopra Secures 2nd Place at Zurich Diamond League Final 2025**

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched second place at the Zurich Diamond League Final 2025 with a final throw of 85.01m, extending his streak to 26 consecutive top-two finishes in international competitions. Germany's Julian Weber dominated with two 90m+ throws, including a season-best 91.51m, to take first place, while Keshorn Walcott (Trinidad & Tobago) finished third with 84.95m.

- **India Shines at Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025**

Ajaya Babu Valluri clinched gold in the men's 79kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad with a total lift of 335 kg, securing his spot for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. India's medal tally was further boosted by Harjinder Kaur, who won bronze in the women's 69kg (222 kg), and Mirabai Chanu, who struck gold in the women's 48kg, also qualifying for Glasgow.

AWARDS

- **President Murmu Presents SCOPE Eminence Awards 2022–23**

President Droupadi Murmu presented the SCOPE Eminence Awards 2022–23 in New Delhi, recognizing outstanding performance of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in governance, innovation, and sustainability.

▪ **Educate Girls Wins Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025**

Educate Girls, an Indian NGO founded by Safeena Husain in 2007, became the first Indian organisation to receive the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for its transformative work in girls' education. The NGO has enrolled and retained over 2 million girls across 30,000+ villages, pioneered the world's first Development Impact Bond in education, and launched Pragati, an open-schooling programme for young women.

APPOINTMENTS

▪ **Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel Appointed IMF Executive Director**

Government of India announced the appointment of former RBI Governor Urjit Patel as an Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a three-year term. In this role, Patel will represent India and other countries in his constituency at the IMF Board.

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