NATIONAL

India Launches World's Most Precise Weather Model — "Bharat Forecasting System"

India unveiled the <u>Bharat Forecasting System (BFS)</u>, developed by IITM Pune and powered by the supercomputer Arka. With a <u>global-best resolution of 6 km x 6 km</u>, <u>BFS aims to deliver ultra-local, high-speed weather forecasts, enhancing disaster preparedness, agriculture, and public safety.</u>

India's First Vistadome Jungle Safari Train Launched in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh has introduced India's first Vistadome Jungle Safari Train. Connecting Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, the train offers panoramic views through glass roofs and windows, providing an immersive wildlife experience.

India Unveils First 9000 HP Electric Freight Locomotive

PM Modi inaugurated Indian Railways' first 9000 HP electric locomotive in Dahod, Gujarat. Built under the Make in India initiative with Siemens, this powerful engine will boost freight efficiency, reduce congestion, and support modern rail infrastructure.

DRDO Inaugurates Quantum Technology Research Centre in Delhi

DRDO launched the <u>Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC)</u> at <u>Metcalfe House, Delhi</u>. Inaugurated by DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V Kamat, the centre will focus on advanced research in quantum communication, sensing, and timekeeping for strategic defence applications, boosting India's capabilities in quantum innovation.

■ Two Women Navy Officers Complete Historic Global Voyage on INS Tarini

<u>Lieutenant Commanders Roopa A and Dilna K of the Indian Navy</u> have completed a double-handed circumnavigation of the globe aboard <u>INS Tarini under Navika Sagar Parikrama II. Covering 25,400 nautical miles</u>, their historic journey concluded with a flag-in ceremony on May 29, 2025, at Mormugao Port, Goa.

Kami Rita Sherpa Scales Mount Everest for Record 31st Time

<u>Legendary Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa</u> reached the <u>summit of Mount Everest for the 31st time</u>. Leading a team that included a 22-member Indian Army expedition, he ascended via the southeast ridge route, reinforcing his record as the most successful Everest climber in history.

Aizawl Joins National Rail Network via Bairabi-Sairang Line

Mizoram's capital Aizawl has been linked to India's national railway network through the Bairabi–Sairang New Line. This major infrastructure milestone boosts transportation and integration efforts in the Northeast India.

India Unveils Indigenous Electric Trainer Aircraft 'E-HANSA'

India has initiated the development of <u>E-HANSA</u>, a two-seater electric trainer aircraft, marking a leap in green aviation and indigenous innovation. Developed by <u>CSIR-NAL</u>, <u>Bengaluru</u>, under the HANSA-3 NG program, E-HANSA aims to provide a cost-effective alternative to imported aircraft.

Nagshankar Temple Named Model Site for Turtle Conservation

On World Turtle Day (May 23, 2025), Nagshankar Temple in Assam's Biswanath district was recognized as a model temple for turtle conservation.

India's First Private Helicopter Assembly Line in Karnataka

Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) and Airbus will set up the country's first privately-led helicopter assembly line in Kolar, Karnataka. The facility will manufacture Airbus' H125 light helicopters, widely used in tourism, rescue, and law enforcement.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan Launched to Boost Farming with Technology

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) in Puri, Odisha, aiming to transform Indian agriculture through science and innovation. The campaign focuses on making India the "food basket of the world" by connecting scientists with farmers, promoting the "Lab to Land" approach.

Goa Declared Fully Literate on 39th Statehood Day

On 39th Statehood Day celebrations, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant declared <u>Goa a fully literate state</u> under the <u>ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram</u>. With this, Goa becomes the second state in India to surpass the 95% literacy benchmark.

India Hosts IATA AGM 2025 After 42 Years

India to host the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Annual General Meeting 2025 and World Air Transport Summit (WATS) in New Delhi from June 1 to 3 — a landmark event as the country welcomes this global aviation gathering after 42 years, the last being in 1983.

Kashmir Sends Fresh Cherries to Mumbai by Train for the First Time

In a major boost to horticulture and small farmers, <u>fresh cherries from Kashmir are being transported by train from Katra (Jammu) to Mumbai for the first time</u>.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025

Observed on: May 17, **Theme:** "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development".

UN Declares 25th May as World Football Day

United Nations General Assembly has declared <u>25th May as World Football Day</u>, commemorating 100 years since football's global debut at the 1924 Paris Olympics. Adopted unanimously on 7 May 2024, the

resolution—introduced by Libya—celebrates football's cultural, social, and unifying impact across the world.

 UN Observes International Week of Solidarity with Non-Self-Governing Territories (May 25–31)

The United Nations marks the International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories from May 25 to 31 each year. The observance aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by these territories and foster global support for their political, economic, and social progress in line with the UN Charter.

- India Honours Peacekeepers on International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2025

 Observed on: May 29, Theme: "The Future of Peacekeeping", the day honored global peace efforts.

 India, the 4th largest troop contributor, saw two personnel—Brig. Gen. Amitabh Jha and Hav. Sanjay

 Singh—posthumously awarded the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal.
- Hindi Journalism Day 2025: Celebrating Vernacular Media's Legacy
 Hindi Journalism Day 2025 was observed on May 30 to commemorate the beginning of Hindi-language journalism in India.
- World No Tobacco Day 2025: Unmasking the Appeal of Bright Products
 Observed on: 31st May, Theme: "Bright products. Dark intentions. Unmasking the Appeal."

INTERNATIONAL

East African Nations Unite to Eliminate Kala-Azar

Six East African countries—Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan—signed an MoU at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva to eliminate kala-azar, a deadly neglected tropical disease. Supported by WHO and the African Union, the pact aims to boost investment, treatment access, and regional coordination.

<u>SPORTS</u>

India Northeast Games to Be Held Annually Across Eight States

Khelo India Northeast Games will now be hosted annually, rotating among the eight northeastern states, this move aims to boost regional sports talent, promote traditional games, and strengthen the Northeast's role in India's broader sports vision.

- Kush Maini Becomes First Indian to Win a Formula 2 Race at Monaco

 Kush Maini secured India's first-ever Formula 2 victory by winning the Monaco Grand Prix Sprint Race.
 - Arsenal Wins UEFA Women's Champions League 2025

Arsenal won the 2025 UEFA Women's Champions League, beating Barcelona I-0 in the final, claiming their first title since 2007.

Mahendra Gurjar Sets World Record in Para Javelin

<u>India's Mahendra Gurjar made history</u> at the <u>Nottwil World Para Athletics</u> Grand Prix in Switzerland by setting a world record with a <u>61.17m throw in the F42 javelin</u>, winning gold for India.

Ahmedabad to Host 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships

India will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships in Ahmedabad from April 1–10, marking the first event under new global weight categories.

Hyderabad Teen Completes 7 Summits Challenge

Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti, a 16-year-old from Hyderabad, has become the youngest Indian and the second youngest in the world to complete the 7 Summits challenge — climbing the highest peak on each of the seven continents.

AWARDS

Raja Kumari Makes History at AMAs 2025

Indian-American rapper and singer Raja Kumari became the first Indian-origin artist to win an American Music Award (AMA), bagging the "Favorite Soundtrack" category for her track Renegade (We Never Run) from Arcane League of Legends: Season 2.

Sadhguru Honoured with 'Global Indian of the Year' Award

<u>Spiritual leader Sadhguru, founder of Isha Foundation</u>, was awarded the '<u>Global Indian of the Year'</u> by the <u>Canada India Foundation (CIF)</u>, in Toronto. The award recognizes his work in promoting human consciousness and environmental conservation.

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025: Honouring India's Nursing Heroes

President Droupadi Murmu presented the <u>National Florence Nightingale Awards</u> to 15 outstanding nurses from across <u>India</u>, recognizing their exceptional service in healthcare.

Serena Williams Wins Spain's Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2025

<u>Tennis legend Serena Williams has been honoured with the prestigious Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2025</u>, recognizing her remarkable achievements in tennis and her advocacy for gender equality and social justice.

Thailand's Opal Suchata Chuangsri Crowned Miss World 2025 in Hyderabad

Opal Suchata Chuangsri of Thailand made history by becoming the first Thai woman to win the Miss World, in Hyderabad. Ethiopia's Hasset Dereje Admassu was named the first runner-up.

APPOINTMENTS

Miao Lijie Named Ambassador for FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025

Chinese basketball legend and FIBA Hall of Famer Miao Lijie has been appointed ambassador for the FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025.

Anil Kumble Appointed Karnataka's Wildlife Conservation Ambassador

The <u>Karnataka government has named former Indian cricket captain Anil Kumble as the ambassador for its Forest Department and wildlife conservation initiatives.</u>



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