

NATIONAL

▪ **11th BRICS Labour Meet**

At the 11th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting held in Brasília on April 25, 2025, under Brazil's presidency, Union Minister Sushri Shobha Karandlaje led India's delegation. The meeting focused on AI and the future of work and climate change's impact on jobs, culminating in a joint declaration. India showcased its human-centric AI strategy, skill development programs like FutureSkills Prime, and climate initiatives such as Mission LiFE and SSCGJ. BRICS nations pledged to promote inclusive tech, fair climate transitions, and stronger South-South cooperation.

▪ **Book on Srinivasa Ramanujan Launched by National Archives of India**

The National Archives of India released a book titled 'Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician' in New Delhi, authored by Arun Singhal and Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma, highlighting the life and mathematical legacy of Srinivasa Ramanujan.

▪ **India and Bhutan Boost Trade Ties at 6th Customs Meeting in Thimphu**

India and Bhutan, during the 6th Joint Group of Customs Meeting held in Thimphu on 24–25 April 2025, reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing trade facilitation and border cooperation. Key discussions included digitising transit procedures, implementing real-time cargo tracking, and improving customs coordination.

▪ **Ghaziabad Leads with India's First Green Municipal Bond for Sustainable Water Management**

Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam has made history by issuing India's first Certified Green Municipal Bond, to build a 40 MLD Tertiary Sewage Treatment Plant (TSTP) under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban. Using advanced membrane filtration technologies, the plant supplies treated water to 1,400 industrial units via a 95 km pipeline. Developed under a Public-Private Hybrid Annuity Model, the initiative promotes water reuse, financial transparency, and sustainability, earning Ghaziabad global recognition, including the Best Municipal Treated Water Reuse Award.

▪ **Centre Honors Bodo Leader Bodofa Upendranath Brahma with Statue and Road Naming in Delhi**

Government of India paid tribute to Bodofa Upendranath Brahma, a key figure in the Bodo community's non-violent movement, by unveiling his statue and naming a road and rotary after him in New Delhi. The gesture commemorates his legacy of peaceful activism for tribal rights and underscores the government's focus on tribal empowerment and national integration.

- **India Leads Global Push for Chemical and Waste Management at BRS COPs 2025**

At the BRS COPs 2025 in Geneva, India, led by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, emphasized global equity, technology transfer, and strong legislation for managing hazardous chemicals and plastic pollution. With the theme “Make visible the invisible,” the summit spotlighted invisible environmental threats, while India reaffirmed its commitment through domestic actions like bans on single-use plastics and promoting extended producer responsibility.

- **ECI Launches Tech-Driven Reforms to Improve Voter Transparency and Accuracy**

Election Commission of India introduced three key reforms—electronic death data integration for cleaner electoral rolls, redesigned voter information slips for easier access, and photo ID cards for Booth Level Officers to enhance public trust. These initiatives aim to boost accuracy, transparency, and voter confidence ahead of upcoming elections, aligning with the CEC's vision for a more efficient and inclusive electoral process.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Intellectual Property Day 2025 Celebrates Role of IP in Music**

World Intellectual Property Day, observed annually on April 26, emphasizes the importance of IP rights in promoting innovation and creativity. The 2025 theme, “IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP,” highlights how IP protections empower musicians and creators to safeguard their work and thrive in the global music industry.

- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025 Highlights AI's Role in Workplace Safety**

World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2025 observed on April 28, focuses on the theme “Revolutionising Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalisation at Work.” Initiated by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the day emphasizes how AI and digital technologies are transforming occupational safety and promoting healthier work environments worldwide.

- **World Veterinary Day 2025 to Highlight Teamwork in Animal Health**

Observed on April 26, World Veterinary Day 2025 celebrates veterinarians' vital role in promoting animal and public health. This year's theme, “Animal Health Takes a Team,” underscores the importance of collaboration among veterinarians, technicians, researchers, and caregivers in ensuring animal welfare and environmental protection.

- **International Labour Day 2025: Honouring Workers Worldwide**

International Labour Day 2025 observed on, 1st May, celebrating the contributions and sacrifices of workers while remembering the historic struggles that secured their rights and protections.

- **World Press Freedom Day 2025 Highlights Threats to Journalists and Press Independence**

On May 3, 2025, World Press Freedom Day is being observed worldwide, emphasizing the urgent need to safeguard journalists and promote independent journalism in the face of growing disinformation and digital surveillance.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Mark Carney Secures Fourth Term as Canadian Prime Minister in Historic Win**

Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberal Party has won Canada's federal election, marking a historic fourth term.

- **Kamla Persad-Bissessar Returns as Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister**

Kamla Persad-Bissessar has made a strong political comeback, winning the recent general elections to become Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago once again.

- **Madhya Pradesh Launches India's First AI-Based Forest Alert System**

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in India to introduce an AI-powered real-time forest alert system, using satellite data and mobile reporting to detect deforestation, encroachment, and land-use changes. Piloted in five forest divisions, the initiative enhances conservation efforts through instant alerts and swift field action, setting a benchmark for sustainable forest management nationwide.

SPORTS

- **14-Year-Old Vaibhav Suryavanshi Becomes Youngest Centurion in IPL History**

Vaibhav Suryavanshi, just 14 years made IPL history with a blistering 101 off 38 balls, powering Rajasthan Royals to a dominant 8-wicket win over Gujarat Titans in Jaipur. His record-breaking knock is the fastest IPL century by an Indian and the second fastest overall, behind Chris Gayle.

- **Indian Duo Manush Shah & Diya Chitale Win Mixed Doubles Title at WTT Contender Tunis 2025**

Manush Shah and Diya Chitale clinched the mixed doubles crown at the WTT Contender Tunis 2025, held in Tunisia's capital. The Indian pair triumphed in a thrilling 3-2 final against Japan's

second-seeded duo, Sora Matsushima and Miwa Harimoto, with a scoreline of 11-9, 5-11, 14-12, 3-11, 11-6.

- **India Tops Asian Yogasana Championship with 87 Medals**

India emerged as the top performer at the Asian Yogasana Sport Championship 2025 in Delhi, winning a record 83 golds, along with 3 silver and 1 bronze medals. Japan secured second place with 10 medals, followed by Mongolia, Oman, and Nepal. Over 21 countries, including Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, and Bhutan, participated, showcasing the sport's growing popularity.

- **MMA to Debut, Cricket Retained for Asian Games 2026 in Japan**

The Olympic Council of Asia has confirmed that Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) will debut with six medal events at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Cricket, played in the T20 format, will also return for both men and women, continuing its comeback since 2023, after being excluded in 2018.

AWARDS

- **Madhusudan Sai Honoured with Fiji's Highest Civilian Award**

Philanthropist Madhusudan Sai has been awarded the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji', the nation's highest honour, in recognition of his humanitarian efforts. His notable contribution includes founding the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital, which has transformed pediatric healthcare in Fiji by providing free medical services to all.

- **NICDC Wins Udyog Vikas Award for Palakkad Smart City Project**

The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) has been honoured with the Udyog Vikas Award by Janmabhumi Daily in Kerala for its key role in industrial transformation, notably through the Palakkad Industrial Smart City, a model for future Greenfield industrial cities.

- **Padma Awards 2025: 71 Honoured for Excellence Across Fields**

President Droupadi Murmu conferred Padma Awards on 71 individuals at Rashtrapati Bhawan, honouring achievements in arts, public affairs, science, and sports. L. Subramaniam and the late Osamu Suzuki received the Padma Vibhushan. Padma Bhushan recipients included Shekhar Kapur, Nandamuri Balakrishna, S. Ajith Kumar, Pankaj Udhas (posthumously), and P.R. Sreejesh. Padma Shri honourees included Jaspinder Narula, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ganeshwar Shastri Dravid, and Stephen Knapp.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice B.R. Gavai Appointed as 51st Chief Justice of India**

Supreme Court judge Justice B.R. Gavai has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India, becoming the second person from the Scheduled Caste community to hold the post after Justice K.G. Balakrishnan. He will serve until November 23, 2025, upon reaching the retirement age of 65.

▪ **Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari Appointed Vice Chief of IAF**

Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari PVSM AVSM VM took charge as the Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force. With over 30 years of decorated service, he brings rich operational, strategic, and flight-testing experience vital for IAF's future readiness.

OBITUARIES

▪ **Renowned Filmmaker Shaji N Karun Passes Away at 73**

Acclaimed Malayalam filmmaker Shaji N Karun, known for his globally celebrated contributions to cinema, passed away at 73, shortly after receiving Kerala's highest film honour, the J C Daniel Award.

▪ **Dr. Mathew Kalarickal, Pioneer of Angioplasty in India, Passes Away**

Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal, hailed as the 'Father of Angioplasty in India', passed away on April 18, 2025, at 77. He introduced angioplasty in India in 1986, transforming cardiac care nationwide.

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