

NATIONAL

▪ **India's First AI SEZ to Be Set Up in Nava Raipur**

India's first AI-focused Special Economic Zone will be developed in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh, by RackBank Datacenters. The project aims to establish India as a global AI leader with advanced infrastructure for AI research and deployment.

▪ **Karnataka Enacts Strict Tobacco Law: Hookah Bars Banned, Legal Age Raised**

The (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products) COTPA (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 2024, effective from May 30, 2025, raises the tobacco purchase age to 21, bans loose cigarettes and hookah bars, and increases fines for public smoking to ₹1,000. It prohibits tobacco sales within 100 meters of schools and includes spitting under tobacco use. The law, upheld by the Karnataka High Court, targets youth protection and public health.

▪ **India Unveils DHRUVA for Digital Addressing System**

The Department of Posts has launched the DHRUVA (Digital Hub for Reference and Unique Virtual Address) policy to build a standardized, geo-coded digital address system. Aimed at enhancing service delivery across sectors, it follows the DIGIPIN model and treats address data as core infrastructure, promoting user privacy, interoperability, and consent-based data sharing.

▪ **Telangana Declares Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve for Tiger Protection**

Telangana notified the Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve, a 1,493 sq. km tiger corridor linking Kawal and Tadoba reserves. The move, under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, aims to boost tiger movement, protect biodiversity, and ensure long-term habitat connectivity across Telangana, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh.

▪ **India to Build First Indigenous Polar Research Vessel**

India to build its first indigenously manufactured Polar Research Vessel (PRV) through a partnership between GRSE and Norway's Kongsberg, enhancing polar research and supporting the 'Make in India' initiative.

▪ **IICA to Open First Regional Campus in Meghalaya under PM-DevINE**

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) will set up its first regional campus in New Shillong Township, under the PM-DevINE scheme. The campus will focus on corporate governance, ESG, CSR, and insolvency, enhancing training and policy research in the North East.

▪ **UP Approves 20% Police Quota for Ex-Agniveers**

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved 20% horizontal reservation in police recruitment for former Agniveers. This applies to roles like Constable, PAC, Mounted Constable, and Fireman, ensuring post-service employment for youth completing 4 years under the Agneepath scheme.

- **India's First All-Women Tri-Services Sailing Expedition Returns After Historic Seychelles Voyage**

Tri-Services All-Women Sailing Team of the Indian Armed Forces completed a historic 1,800-nautical-mile, 2-month expedition to Seychelles aboard the indigenous yacht 'Triveni'. Comprising 11 women officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, this was India's first international open-sea voyage by an all-women crew.

- **Himachal Launches Green Scheme with Community Focus**

Himachal CM launched the "Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana: to boost green cover by planting fruit trees on degraded land. The scheme involves SHGs, Mahila and Yuvak Mandals, ensuring local employment. Alongside, the Green Adoption Scheme engaged corporates in afforestation.

- **India Adds Khichan and Menar Wetlands to Ramsar List, Total Now 91**

Khichan (Phalodi) and Menar (Udaipur) wetlands in Rajasthan were declared Ramsar Sites, raising India's total to 91. Khichan is renowned for hosting thousands of Demoiselle Cranes, while Menar, known as the "bird village," shelters 150+ bird species.

- **Chenab Rail Bridge Inaugurated, USBRL Project Completed**

PM Modi inaugurated the Chenab Rail Bridge in J&K, completing the 272-km USBRL project. Standing at 359 meters, it's now the world's highest railway arch bridge. The link connects Kashmir to India's rail network, boosting tourism, trade, and regional integration.

- **Amit Shah Launches Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag to Promote Indian Languages in Governance**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA) in New Delhi to promote Indian languages in governance and reduce English dominance, the initiative aims to boost mother tongue usage and ensure linguistic inclusivity in administration.

- **800-Year-Old Pandya-Era Shiva Temple Unearthed in Tamil Nadu**

An 800-year-old Shiva temple from the later Pandya period has been discovered in Udampatti village, Melur taluk, Tamil Nadu.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025**

Observed on: May 17, **Theme:** "Digital without Fistula."

- **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression 2025**

Observed on: June 4, this UN-designated day highlights the plight of children affected by war, violence, and exploitation.

- **World Environment Day 2025: "Beat Plastic Pollution"**

Observed on: June 5, 2025 **theme:** “Beat Plastic Pollution.”

- **World Food Safety Day 2025: “Food Safety – Science in Action”**

Observed on: June 7, 2025 **them:** “Food Safety: Science in Action.”

- **World Oceans Day 2025: “Wonder – Sustaining What Sustains Us”**

Observed on: June 8, 2025 **theme:** “Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us.”

INTERNATIONAL

- **Luís Montenegro Reappointed as Portugal's PM**

Luís Montenegro, has been reappointed as Portugal's Prime Minister after the general elections.

- **Germany Becomes World's Top Creditor, Surpassing Japan After 34 Years**

Germany overtook Japan as the world's largest net creditor for the first time since 1990, driven by trade surpluses, currency shifts, and stronger asset growth, marking a major shift in global financial dynamics.

- **Elon Musk Launches XChat to Rival WhatsApp and Telegram**

Elon Musk's X (formerly Twitter) launched XChat, as a dedicated messenger to take on the likes of WhatsApp, Telegram and China's WeChat service.

- **Lee Jae-myung Elected South Korea's President After Yoon's Ouster**

Lee Jae-myung has been elected President of South Korea, following the removal leader Yoon Suk Yeol after martial law controversy.

- **Karol Nawrocki Elected President of Poland**

Karol Nawrocki won Poland's presidential election with 50.89% votes, defeating liberal Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski.

- **Bangladesh Unveils New Banknotes Without Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Portrait Amid Political Shift**

Bangladesh's interim government, led by Muhammad Yunus, has released redesigned Taka notes (₹1000, ₹50, ₹20) that exclude founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's image. Instead, the new currency features natural landscapes, archaeological sites, and Hindu-Buddhist temples to promote a non-partisan, culturally inclusive identity.

- **India Wins IAS Presidency; V. Srinivas Elected President**

India has been elected to lead the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for 2025–2028. V. Srinivas, Secretary of DARPG, secured 87 out of 141 votes, defeating Austria in the final round.

- **Nicaragua Joins Global Push Against Harmful Fishing Subsidies**

Nicaragua became the 101st WTO member to ratify the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, moving the deal closer to enforcement. The agreement aims to ban subsidies promoting illegal, unregulated, and overfishing practices, and support sustainable marine use.

- **UN Elects 5 New Non-Permanent Members to Security Council**

UN General Assembly elected Bahrain, Colombia, DRC, Latvia, and Liberia as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for the 2026–27 term. Among them, Latvia made history by joining the Council for the first time. The elected members will join the 15-member Council, which includes 5 permanent and 10 rotating members, tasked with maintaining global peace and security. These countries will replace Algeria, Guyana, South Korea, Sierra Leone, and Slovenia starting January 2026.

- **Bangladesh Drops 'Father of the Nation' Title for Mujibur Rahman**

Bangladesh's interim government, led by Prof. Mohammed Yunus, revised the Liberation War Act, officially removing Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's title as the 'Father of the Nation'. This move follows the earlier issuance of new currency notes excluding his image.

SPORTS

- **RCB Wins Maiden IPL Title in Historic 2025 Final**

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) clinched their first-ever IPL title, defeating Punjab Kings (PBKS) in a thrilling final at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium, marking a long-awaited triumph for the franchise.

- **India Shines at Asian Athletics Championships 2025**

India delivered an impressive performance at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025 held in Gumi, South Korea, from May 27 to 31, finishing second overall with a total of 24 medals—8 gold, 10 silver, and 6 bronze.

- **India-England Test Series Renamed Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy**

India-England Test series has been renamed the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, jointly announced by the ECB and BCCI. The move honours James Anderson, England's leading Test wicket-taker, and Sachin Tendulkar, the most-capped Test player.

- **Magnus Carlsen Clinches 7th Norway Chess Title**

Magnus Carlsen won the Norway Chess 2025 title for a record seventh time after a tense final round in Stavanger. A crucial draw against Arjun Erigaisi secured his victory.

AWARDS

- **President Honours 92 Defence Personnel with Service Medals**

President Droupadi Murmu awarded 92 distinguished service medals—including 30 PVSMs, 5 UYSMs, and 57 AVSMs—to personnel from the Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and BRO at the Defence Investiture

Ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhawan. The awards recognized exceptional leadership and dedication in both peacetime and conflict, reflecting India's focus on defense modernization and strategic readiness.

APPOINTMENTS

- **WADA Re-elects Witold Bańka and Yang Yang for Final Term**

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has re-elected Witold Bańka as President and Yang Yang as Vice-President for their final term (2026–2028).

- **S Mahendra Dev Appointed New Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council**

Eminent economist S Mahendra Dev has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).



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