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National News

PM Modi Dedicates 660 MW Unit of Ghatampur Thermal Power Project to Nation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** dedicated **Unit-1 (660 MW) of the Ghatampur Thermal Power Project** to the nation, marking a significant milestone in India's energy infrastructure.
- Located in Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, the plant is part of a 3×660 MW supercritical thermal power initiative with a total capacity of 1,980 MW.
- The project is a joint venture between NLC India Limited (51%) and UPRVUNL (49%) under the name Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL). With a total cost of ₹21,780.94 crore, the remaining two units are scheduled for commissioning by FY 2025–26, significantly boosting regional power supply.
- Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) have been signed to allocate 75.12% (1487.28 MW) of the generated electricity to Uttar Pradesh and 24.88% (492.72 MW) to Assam, contingent on the transfer of 20% equity from UPRVUNL to the Assam government in NUPPL.

Goa Achieves Full Functional Literacy

- **On Goa's 39th Statehood Day**, the Union Government **declared Goa as a fully literate state under the Ullas-New India Literacy Programme**, making it one of four states to achieve this status.
- Goa attained an impressive literacy rate of 99.7%, surpassing the 95% benchmark set by the government for declaring a state fully literate.
- A total of 82 panchayats achieved 100% literacy, 33 panchayats recorded 95%-99% literacy, and one municipality reported 99% literacy; out of 6,299 illiterate individuals identified, 2,136 completed learning under the scheme.
- Archana Sharma Awasthi, Joint Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, highlighted that this is the first time the government has defined criteria for full literacy, and Goa has successfully met these under the Ullas scheme.

About Goa

- **Formation** – 30 May 1987
- **Capital** – Panaji
- **Chief Minister** – Pramod Sawant
- **Governor** – S. Sreedharan Pillai



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16-Year-Old Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti Becomes Youngest Indian to Complete 7 Summits Challenge by Conquering Everest

- **Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti** from Hyderabad became the **youngest Indian and second youngest in the world to complete the 7 Summits challenge by climbing the highest peak** on each of the seven continents at just 16 years old.
- He completed his final and most difficult climb by summiting Mount Everest (8,848 metres), fulfilling a long-held dream.
- Before him, the youngest Indian to complete the challenge was Kaamya Karthikeyan at 17 years, and the youngest worldwide is American Jordan Romero, who finished it at age 15.

Centre to Launch Jan Aushadhi Kendra Experiential Learning Program for Youth

- **The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, in collaboration with the Department of Pharmaceuticals, is launching a **15-day Jan Aushadhi Kendra Experiential Learning Program**, starting from 1 June, to engage youth in public health outreach.
- **Five youth volunteers per district** will be **deployed to Jan Aushadhi Kendras nationwide**, where they will assist in daily operations, inventory management, and spreading awareness about generic medicines and public health literacy.
- The initiative aims to foster hands-on learning and instill values of service and discipline, while strengthening the link between youth development and the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

India to Launch Its First Artificial Intelligence Special Economic Zone in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh

- **India** is launching **its first Artificial Intelligence (AI) Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh**, developed by RackBank Datacenters Pvt. Ltd. with an investment of ₹1,000 crore to boost AI research and technology.
- The AI SEZ will span six acres and include a 1.5 lakh sq. ft. data centre housing four high-density data centres with a combined capacity of 80 megawatts, equipped with advanced AI servers and systems.
- The project is expected to create job opportunities for youth from remote districts like Kanker and Sukma, reduce migration to bigger cities, and attract global tech giants such as Google, OpenAI, Microsoft, and Meta.
- Benefiting from tax exemptions and regulatory relaxations under India's SEZ policy, the AI SEZ aims to position Chhattisgarh as a major digital economy hub aligned with initiatives like Digital India and Make in India.

About Chhattisgarh



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- **Capital** – Raipur
- **Chief Minister** – Vishnu Deo Sai
- **Deputy CM** – Arun Sao & Vijay Sharma
- **Governor** – Biswabhusan Harichandan

Banking and Financial

Bank of Baroda opens first 'Phygital' branch in Kolkata

- **Bank of Baroda** inaugurated its **first 'Phygital' branch in the Kolkata Zone**, blending digital tools with personalised customer service to enhance the banking experience.
- This is the seventh 'Phygital' branch in India, featuring self-service kiosks, a video contact centre for non-financial services, and universal service desks for in-person support.
- Kolkata Zone, a major business hub for BoB in West Bengal, currently has 258 branches and plays a crucial role in the bank's regional operations.

About Bank of Baroda (BOB)

- **Founded** – 1908
- **Headquarters** – Vadodara, Gujarat
- **MD & CEO** – Debadatta Chand
- **Tagline** – India's International Bank

Appointment

Rajiv Memani appointed as President of CII for 2025-26

- **Rajiv Memani**, Chairman & CEO of EY India, has assumed office as **President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the 2025-26 term, succeeding Sanjiv Puri** of ITC Ltd.
- Mukundan, MD & CEO of Tata Chemicals Ltd, has been appointed as the CII President-Designate, while Suchitra K. Ella, Co-founder of Bharat Biotech, is now the CII Vice President for 2025-26.
- Rajiv Memani also serves on the EY Global Executive Board as Chair of its Growth Markets Council, bringing global leadership experience to his new CII role.

Recent Appointments

- **Global CEO of Hinduja Global Solutions** -Venkatesh Korla (replace Partha DeSarkar) effect from September 2025.
- **Senior VP of Swiggy Instamart** – Ankit Jain
- **MD of Hitachi India** – N Venu
- **Chairman of IndiGo** – Vikram Singh Mehta (replace Venkataramani Sumantran)
- **Director and Chairman of Tata Chemicals** – Padmanabhan (replace N Chandrasekaran)



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Asheesh Pandey and Kalyan Kumar Recommended as MDs of Union Bank and Central Bank by FSIB

- **Asheesh Pandey**, currently Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra, has been **recommended by FSIB** as the **next Managing Director of Union Bank of India**, succeeding A Manimekhalai, whose term ends next month.
- **Kalyan Kumar**, Executive Director at Punjab National Bank, has been **recommended to become the Managing Director of Central Bank of India**, replacing M.V. Rao after his retirement in July.
- A Manimekhalai has not been granted an extension as MD of Union Bank of India, amid a controversy involving the order of 2,00,000 copies of a book by KV Subramanian.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **MD and CEO of Syndicate Bank** – Arun Shrivastava
- **Co-Founder and CEO of Neo Wealth Management** – Shajikumar Devakars
- **Senior Executive Vice President and Head of Digital Transformation at Bandhan Bank** – Dibyendu Kumar Das
- **CFO of Tech-driven NBFC Kuhoo Finance** – Vineet Mahajan

Awards

Faizan Zaki Wins 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee

- **Faizan Zaki**, a 13-year-old Indian-American student from Texas, won the **2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee** by correctly **spelling the word “eclaircissement”**, meaning enlightenment or clarification.
- Zaki, a 7th-grade student at C M Rice Middle School, defeated Sarvadnya Kadam in the final round, continuing the strong performance of Indian-American students in the competition.
- This was Zaki's fourth attempt at the Scripps Bee; he had finished runner-up in 2024 in a spell-off against Bruhat Soma before claiming the title in 2025.

Defence

Indian Army Conducts Major Trials of Next-Gen Indigenous Defence Technologies Across Key Locations

- **The Indian Army** is conducting **large-scale field trials of next-generation defence technologies** at multiple strategic locations including Pokhran, Babina, Joshimath, Agra, and Gopalpur, under simulated near-combat conditions to test real-world effectiveness through integrated Electronic Warfare (EW) simulations.
- These trials are part of the Army's vision for a “Decade of Transformation” and align with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, focusing on indigenously developed advanced platforms like Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Precision-Guided Munitions, Vertical Launch Drones, and Integrated Drone Detection Systems.



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Sports

Virat Kohli Becomes First Cricketer to Score 9,000 T20 Runs for a Single Franchise with RCB

- **Virat Kohli** became the **first cricketer to score 9,000 T20 runs for a single franchise**, achieving this milestone while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in their final league match against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG).
- His total runs of 9,000 include performances in both the Indian Premier League (IPL) and the now-defunct Champions League T20 (CLT20), making him RCB's all-time leading run-scorer with consistent and remarkable performances.
- In the IPL 2025 season, Kohli has scored 548 runs in 12 innings, maintaining a high average of 60.88 and a strike rate of 145.35, showcasing his enduring form and skill as a top batsman.

Thailand's Opal Suchata Wins 72nd Miss World Title

- **Miss Thailand, Opal Suchata Chuangsri**, was crowned **Miss World 2025 at the 72nd Miss World** pageant held in Hyderabad, standing out for her confidence, grace, and dedication to women's health awareness.
- **Ethiopia's Hasset Dereje Admassu was the first runner-up**, Poland's Maja Klajda was second runner-up, and contestants from Martinique, Ethiopia, Poland, and Thailand received continental titles like Miss America and Caribbean, Miss Africa, Miss Europe, and Miss Asia and Oceania respectively.
- Eminent actor Sonu Sood was honored with the Miss World Humanitarian Award for his philanthropic contributions during the event.

Important day

1 June – World Milk Day

- **World Milk Day** is observed **every year on 1st June** to recognize the importance of milk as a global food and to celebrate the dairy sector's contributions to nutrition, livelihoods, and economic development.
- Theme 2025 – **Let's Celebrate The Power of Dairy**
- World Milk Day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and was first marked in 2001.

1 June – Global Day of Parents

- **The Global Day of Parents** is observed **annually on 1st June** to honor and appreciate all parents around the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.
- Theme 2025 – Raising Parents
- This day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012, aiming to promote awareness of the importance of family as the core unit of society.



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2 June – International Sex Workers' Day

- **International Sex Workers' Day**, also known as International Whores' Day, is **observed annually on June 2** to honor sex workers and address their often exploitative working and living conditions.
- The day originated from a historic protest on June 2, 1975, when over 100 sex workers occupied Saint-Nizier Church in Lyon, France, to protest police harassment, unsafe working conditions, and systemic discrimination.

Obituary

Veteran tiger conservationist, author Valmik Thapar passes away

- **Valmik Thapar**, a legendary tiger conservationist and author, **passed away** in Delhi; he had been a central figure in India's wildlife conservation movement since the 1970s and served on over 150 government panels related to conservation.
- Thapar's primary fieldwork was in Rajasthan, but he also significantly contributed to reviving key reserves like the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra, according to the Sanctuary Nature Foundation.

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