

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

INDIA-SINGAPORE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE HELD IN NEW DELHI TO STRENGTHEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



The 3rd round of India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable was held in New Delhi today. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led the Roundtable along with External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, and Railways and Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The delegation from Singapore was led by Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry, Gan Kim Young. (13/8/25)

E3 WARN IRAN OF UN SANCTIONS REIMPOSITION UNLESS TALKS RESUME



France, Germany, and the UK, collectively known as the E3, have once again threatened Iran with the reimposition of the snapback UN sanctions, unless the country resumes negotiations. As per the media reports, in a letter to UN Secretary-General António Guterres and the Security Council, the E3 foreign ministers reiterated their threats of reimposing international sanctions on Iran. (13/8/25)

AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES TO RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE



Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced that Australia will formally recognise the State of Palestine at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September, marking a significant shift in the nation's foreign policy. (11/08/25)

PUTIN-TRUMP ALASKA SUMMIT ENDS WITHOUT DEAL ON UKRAINE CONFLICT



Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin said that they made progress in three hours of talks in Alaska, moving closer to finding an end to the Ukraine War, but did not announce an immediate ceasefire. (16/8/25)

UZBEKISTAN PRESIDENT SHAVKAT MIRZIYOYEV CALLS PM MODI TO DISCUSS BILATERAL COOPERATION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received a call from Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. During the call, President Mirziyoyev conveyed his greetings and felicitations to the Prime Minister and the people of India on the upcoming 79th Independence Day. (12/8/25)

U.S. NATIONAL DEBT REACHES RECORD \$37 TRILLION



The Congressional Budget Office's January 2020 projections predicted the U.S. reaching the milestone after fiscal year 2030. (13/8/25)

U.S. PRESIDENT TRUMP WARNS OF POSSIBLE TARIFFS ON CHINA OVER RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS



U.S. President Donald Trump said he does not immediately need to consider retaliatory tariffs on countries such as China for buying Russian oil but might have to in two or three weeks. (16/8/25)

NATIONAL NEWS

GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH 'SABHASAAR' AI TOOL FOR GRAM SABHA MEETINGS



The Centre is set to unveil an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered tool to automatically generate minutes of meetings of gram sabhas, the primary body of the Panchayati Raj system, consisting of all registered voters of a gram panchayat. Named 'SabhaSaar', it will be rolled out in Tripura on Independence Day, August 15, and thereafter made available to other states, said a government official. (14/8/25)

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PM DURING HIS I-DAY ADDRESS



- Semiconductors: From Lost Decades to Mission Mode.
- Nuclear Energy Capacity to Grow Tenfold by 2047.
- GST Reforms – A Diwali Gift.
- ₹1 Lakh Crore PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana.
- High-Powered Demography Mission.
- Made in India Jet Engines – A National Challenge.
- Energy Independence – Samudra Manthan Begins. (15/8/25)

INDIA ACHIEVES LANDMARK MILESTONE OF 100 GIGAWATT OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) MODULES MANUFACTURING CAPACITY



This achievement strengthens India's path towards Atmanirbhar Bharat and the target of 500 Gigawatt non-fossil capacity by 2030. (15/8/25)

INDIA TO SET UP TWO NEW DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS IN MAHARASHTRA AND ASSAM

This move follows the success of the two existing corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, which have made notable progress since their launch in 2018. This move follows the success of the two existing corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, which have made notable progress since their launch in 2018. (14/8/25)

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NHAI LAUNCHES 'FASTAG ANNUAL PASS' FACILITY @ RS. 3000/-



The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), on 79th Independence Day, implemented the 'FASTag Annual Pass' facility at about 1,150 toll plazas on National Highways and Expressways across the country. One-time fee payment of Rs 3,000 will be taken for one year validity or 200 toll plaza crossings. The FASTag Annual Pass will be applicable for all non-commercial vehicles. (17/8/25)

ICAI HOLDS COUNCIL MEETING IN PAHALGAM, FIRST SUCH HIGH-LEVEL GATHERING SINCE APRIL 22 ATTACK



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India celebrates Independence Day in Pahalgam, symbolising hope, unity, and commitment to rebuilding trust in Kashmir Valley. (15/8/25)

MANGALORE RANKED AS THE SAFEST CITY IN INDIA



However, in city-wise safety rankings, Mangalore has been ranked as the safest city in India, praised for its low crime rates and strong civic infrastructure, globally ranking #49 with a safety index score of 74.2. (12/8/25)

REGIONAL NEWS

CHENNAI HAS 1.8 LAKH STRAY DOGS: CORPORATION TELLS MADRAS HIGH COURT



Greater Chennai Corporation says 10 more ABC centres are being established and that it has already begun 'Rabies-free Chennai' programme aimed at vaccinating both pets as well as strays in all 15 zones within 60 days. (14/8/25)

GOONDAS ACT INVOKED ON ECONOMIC OFFENDERS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TAMIL NADU



In a bid to combat economic crimes, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has begun detaining economic offenders under the Goondas Act. Sending a clear message that economic offences would be met with strict and immediate consequences, said Director-General of Police (DGP) Shankar Jiwal. (16/8/25)

AFTER TWO DECADES, ASI RESUMES UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES OFF MAHABALIPURAM



SPORTS OPTOMETRY RESEARCH LAB LAUNCHED BY SANKARA NETHRALAYAS OPTOMETRY INSTITUTION



A sports optometry research lab was launched on Saturday by the Elite School of Optometry (ESO), run by Sankara Nethralaya, at the college's international optometry conference. (17/8/25)

CAUVERY DELTA RECORDS HIGHEST-EVER KURUVAI CROP COVERAGE THIS YEAR



The Cauvery delta, which accounts for nearly 50% of paddy coverage in the State during the Kuruvai cultivation season, has achieved a record coverage this time with the extent of area exceeding six lakh acres. (17/8/25)

The Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW) of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has resumed underwater archaeological studies on submerged remains off the Mahabalipuram coast. (17/8/25)

TNUEF AND CHENNAI KALAI KUZHU TO PERFORM PLAY ON ENFORCEMENT OF SC/ST ACT IN THE STATE

The Tamil Nadu Untouchability Eradication Front (TNUEF) and Chennai Kalai Kuzhu would perform a play titled 'Pattangil Ullapadi', based on case studies of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, enforcement in Tamil Nadu. The play would be performed across 20 districts over 10 days from August 16 to August 25. (15/8/25)

T.N. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGISTERS A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN REVENUE



The revenue of the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has increased fivefold – from ₹49.11 crore in 2020-21 to ₹243.31 crore in 2023-24 – the State government said, while highlighting the achievements of the Tourism Department. (17/8/25) 2



SPORTS BUZZ

RISHABH YADAV WINS INDIAS FIRST MEDAL IN WORLD GAMES 2025



In the World Games 2025, Rishabh Yadav etched his name into the history books by clinching India's first individual medal, securing a bronze in the men's compound archery event, yesterday in Chengdu, China. The 22-year-old, seeded 10th, outclassed senior teammate and multiple World Cup gold medallist Abhishek Verma 149-147 in a high-quality bronze medal match. (10/8/25)

WORLD GAMES: INDIA'S NAMRATA BATRA MAKES HISTORY AS SHE REACHES WUSHU 52KG FINAL



India's Namrata Batra created history by reaching the women's 52 kg final at the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China today. Namrata beat Philippines' Krizan Faith Collado 2-0 to assure India of its first-ever World Games medal in the sport of Wushu. (9/8/25)

ICC WOMENS T20I RANKINGS: DEEPTI SHARMA SURGES TO 2ND SPOT AMONG BOWLERS

ICC Women's T20I Rankings: India's Deepti Sharma has risen to second place in the latest ICC Women's T20I bowling rankings, putting her on the cusp of the top spot. (10/8/25)

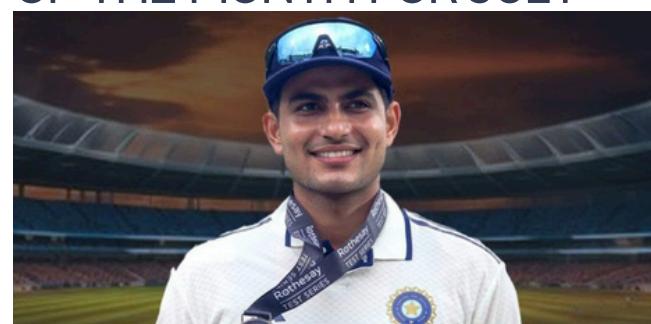


WEST INDIES BEATS PAKISTAN IN SECOND ODI, LEVELS SERIES

Roston Chase's 49 not out off 47 balls included two sixes and the winning boundary as West Indies scored 184-5 in 33.2 overs. (11/8/25)



INDIAS TEST CAPTAIN SHUBMAN GILL NAMED ICC MENS PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY



Gill has landed the Player of the Month award after a stiff competition from England Test skipper Ben Stokes and South African all-rounder Wiaan Mulder. (12/8/25)

ANNU RANI WINS GOLD IN WOMEN'S JAVELIN THROW AT INDIAN OPEN 2025 WORLD ATHLETICS CONTINENTAL TOUR BRONZE MEET



She recorded a best throw of 62.01 meters, comfortably beating Sri Lanka's NDL Hatarabag Leka 56.27 meters and India's Deepika 54.20 meters. (11/8/25)

S. ROHIT KRISHNA BECOMES INDIAS 89TH GRAND MASTER



Rohith felt that his pursuit of excellence in academics slowed down the pace of his becoming a chess Grandmaster. When he became the 89th Indian Grandmaster at the Almaty Masters Qonaev Cup in Kazakhstan on with a victory over IM Artur Davtyan of Romania in the final round, securing six points out of nine, he was on top of the world. (14/8/25)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

RAJASTHAN TO CARRY OUT INDIA'S FIRST DRONE-BASED ARTIFICIAL RAIN TRIAL



Rajasthan is set to conduct India's first-ever drone-based artificial rain experiment on Tuesday. Drones, rather than aeroplanes, will be used for cloud seeding, a technique designed to induce rainfall. Agriculture Minister Kirodi Lal Meena will officially inaugurate the event at 2 pm near Ramgarh Dam in Jaipur. (12/8/25)

INDIAN RAILWAYS CONDUCTS TRIAL RUN OF ASIAS LONGEST FREIGHT TRAIN 'RUDRASTRA'



The Indian Railway has achieved a new milestone by successfully conduct a trial run of Asia's largest, a 4.5 km long freight train 'Rudrastra'. (10/8/25)

A BIG PIECE OF INTERNET HISTORY IS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR

If you are old enough to remember the signature pinging, boinging, and hissing sounds that came with connecting to the Internet in the early days, hold onto those memories – AOL just announced that its dial-up is about to hang up forever. (10/8/25)



CM LAUNCHES OMBRIC, PARTNERS WITH 7 INSTITUTIONS FOR MARINE BIOTECH BOOST



Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi today launched the Odisha Marine Biotechnology Research & Innovation Corridor, also called OMBRIC, an initiative by Science & Technology Dept. (11/8/25)

INDIA'S FIRST DRONE-BASED CLOUD SEEDING LAUNCHED IN RAJASTHAN



State Agriculture Minister Kirodi Lal Meena on Tuesday launched a pioneering cloud seeding experiment at the Jamwaramgarh Dam area to revive Ramgarh Lake and tackle the region's water crisis. (12/8/25)

INDIAN ARMY TO HOST SURYA DRONATHON 2025 FROM AUG 10



The Surya Command of the Indian Army, in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India, is set to host the Surya Dronathon 2025, a pioneering drone competition that will bring together talented freelancers and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) from across the country.

PIXELSPACE INDIA-LED CONSORTIUM TO ESTABLISH INDIA'S FIRST COMMERCIAL EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITE CONSTELLATION



It is for the first time in the history of the Indian space sector, a private consortium would invest more than 1,200 crore over the next five years to launch a constellation of 12 state-of-the-art EO satellites. (14/8/25)

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