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INTER NATIONAL MEWS

RUSSIAN GLIDE BOMB ATTACK IN EASTERN UKRAINE KILLS AT LEAST 21 PEOPLE IN LINE TO RECEIVE PENSIONS



Ukraine's president and a regional official say at least 21 people have been killed when a Russian glide bomb has struck a village in eastern Ukraine as pensions were being distributed to older people. (8/9/25)

SRI LANKA SLASHES PERKS FOR FORMER PRESIDENTS



Sri Lanka's Parliament voted to cut perks and privileges accorded to former presidents or their widows, as the ruling National People's Power tries to keep its poll pledge of weeding out corruption and slashing excessive state expenditure. (9/9/25)

NEPAL PROTESTS UPDATES: ARMY TO TAKE CHARGE OF SECURITY AFTER K.P. SHARMA OLI RESIGNS; PRESIDENT URGES RESTRAINT



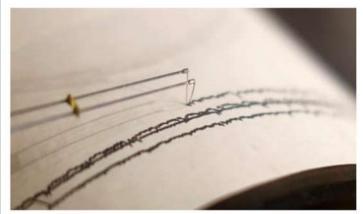
In a significant escalation, Nepal's Parliament building was set on fire by protestors as the Nepali Army and chiefs of other security agencies issued a joint appeal, urging restraint. (7/9/25)

MEXICO'S NEW TARIFFS ON ASIAN IMPORTS AIM TO COUNTER U.S. TRADE PRESSURES



Mexican import taxes on more than 1,400 products from China and other Asian countries will be as high as 50%, as the country tries to shore up domestic production and pass on some of the Trump administration's tariff pain. (10/9/25)

MAGNITUDE 7.4 QUAKE STRIKES OFF RUSSIAN FAR EAST, TSUNAMI WARNING LIFTED



The earthquake struck off Kamchatka's east coast in Russia, triggering a tsunami warning. Depth estimates varied between 10 km and 39.5 km. (13/9/25)

TIES WITH INDIA ONE OF THE TOP U.S. HAS TODAY: RUBIO



U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that it is important that the U.S. be represented by "someone who has the direct ear and confidence of the President", adding that he knows of no one "who has had a better or closer working relationship" than Sergio Gor. (11/9/25)

ISRAEL SLAMS PAKISTAN AT UNSC, SAYS 'CANNOT CHANGE FACT THAT BIN LADEN WAS KILLED OUR TERRITORY



The Pakistani envoy accused Israel of repeatedly violating international law through "brutal" military actions in Gaza, and repeated cross-border strikes in Syria, Lebanon, Iran and Yemen. (12/9/25)





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REGIONAL MEGIONAL MEG

TIRUVALLUVAR TEMPLE RENOVATION WORK PROGRESSING WELL: MINISTER SEKARBABU



Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments P K. Sekarbabu on Tuesday said that work to reconstruct the temple for Saint Tiruvalluvar in Mylapore in the city was progressing well. The project was being carried out at a cost of ₹19.17 crore. As part of the renovation, a library, a parking lot, and a golden lotus tank would come up. The works are expected to be completed in a couple of months, said a press release here. (09/09/2025)

517 VILLAGES IN TAMIL NADU ARE SEEMAI KARUVELAM-FREE: TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT TELLS MADRAS HIGH COURT



The Tamil Nadu government has informed the Madras High Court that 517 villages spread across 32 districts have become free of seemai karuvelam (prosopis juliflora), an exotic and invasive plant species considered harmful to the ecology and the maintenance of groundwater table. (08/09/2025)

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PLANS 132 WORKS UNDER COMPREHENSIVE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN CHENNAI



Tenders have been floated by the Highways department for several works under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme (CRIDP) 2025-26. The proposed works include widening of road stretches, construction of stormwater drains in unconnected reaches, and building of culverts. A total of 132 works are planned at a combined cost of ₹561.50 crore, covering 230.68 km of roads across Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Chengalpattu districts. (10/09/2025)

COASTAL RESTORATION EFFORTS LAUNCHED FOR MANALI-ENNORE REGION



The Tamil Nadu government introduced two major environmental initiatives—Manali-Ennore Restoration and Rejuvenation Company (MERRC) and the Tamil Nadu Marine Resource Foundation (TN-MRF)—to rejuvenate the polluted Manali–Ennore coastal region. Efforts include mangrove restoration, greening initiatives, waste management, biodiversity conservation, and appointing over 300 new forest staff. The plan is backed by ₹50 crore for marine conservation and eco-tourism. (07/09/2025)

INNOVATION IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT BY IIT MADRAS



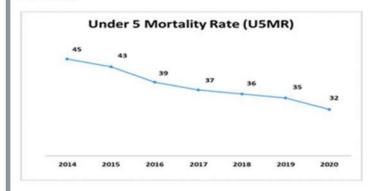
A next-generation wastewater treatment system developed by a startup incubated in IIT Madras has been installed in two industrial units in Erode and Perundurai. (11/09/2025)

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES MARINE RESOURCES FOUNDATION TO PROTECT AND RESTORE MARINE BIODIVERSITY



The State government on Tuesday launched the Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation (TNMRF) to protect and restore marine biodiversity by safeguarding endangered species, rehabilitating ecosystems such as coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass, and expanding the protected areas. (09/09/2025)

TAMIL NADU ACHIEVES FURTHER DECLINE IN MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO



Tamil Nadu's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR), which has been on a gradual decline, fell by another three points, according to the Sample Registration System's latest 'Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India (11/09/2025)





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NATIONAL MEWS

C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA



Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan was elected as the 17th Vice-President of India on Tuesday (September 9, 2025) by a margin of 152 votes. The Opposition fell short of its own expected tally, even as 98.2% of the total electorate, comprising members of both Houses of Parliament, cast their ballot. (09/09/2025)

IN A FIRST, INDIAN ARMED FORCES' ALL-WOMEN SAILING TEAM TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE



"We will be the forerunners of the Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni and showcase the power of Indian Tri-Services, "said Squadron Leader Shraddha Raju. According to the expedition leader, Lieutenant Colonel Anuja Varudkar, this is a milestone in India's maritime journey and a shining example of Nari Shakti in uniform as the Indian Armed Forces are jointly leading a circumnavigation mission for the first time. (10/09/2025)

MUMBAI SUB-URBAN RAIL NETWORK: MRVC FLOATS TENDER FOR 2,856 VANDE METRO AC LOCAL TRAIN



"Projects worth nearly Rs 17,000 crore, covering more than 300 kilometres of new lines, are currently underway at a rapid pace. These initiatives aim to decongest existing lines, improve service frequency, and cater to the ever-growing demand of Mumbai's suburban commuters," he said. (07/09/2025)

INDIAN NAVY'S FIRST TRAINING SQUADRON ARRIVES AT RÉUNION ISLAND, MAURITIUS

Ships of the Indian Navy's first training squadron (1TS), INS Tir and ICGS Sarathi, arrived at Réunion island, while INS Shardul reached Port Louis, Mauritius, on September 8, as part of their long-range training deployment in the southwest Indian Ocean Region. (08/09/2025)



PM ANNOUNCES ₹1,600 CRORE FOR FLOOD-HIT PUNJAB, ₹1,500 CRORE FOR HIMACHAL



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday (September 9, 2025) visited Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, States ravaged by recent floods following unprecedented rain, and announced relief packages. He announced financial assistance of ₹1,500 crore for Himachal Pradesh and an aid of ₹1,600 crore for Punjab. (09/09/2025)

AMIT SHAH LAUNCHES FASTER IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE PROGRAMME AT 5 MORE AIRPORTS



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday (September 11, 2025) launched the Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP), which accelerates the immigration process for preverified Indian nationals and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders at five additional airports. (11/09/2025)

TRIBAL STUDENTS FROM ASSAM MEET PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU DURING INSPIRING



A total of 16 tribal students from upper Assam experienced a moment of a lifetime when they met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan recently, marking the most inspiring highlight of their ongoing National Integration Tour organised By the Indian Army. (12/09/2025)





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SPORTS BUZZ

INDIA WINS HOCKEY ASIA CUP:



The Indian men's hockey team ended an eight-year title drought by winning the 2025 Hockey Asia Cup on home soil. This also gives India direct qualification for the 2026 FIH World Cup

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE



Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 kicked off with thrilling, closely fought matches. Around 71% of games in the opening week were decided by 5 points or fewer. The new tie-breaker and "Golden Raid" rules added extra drama and excitement.

BOLIVIA SHOCKS BRAZIL



On September 9, 2025, Bolivia beat Brazil 1–0 in a CONMEBOL World Cup 2026 qualifying match played in El Alto, Bolivia. Bolivia's victory meant they secured a spot in the intercontinental play-offs for a bid at World Cup 2026.

HONOURED BY LIGA PORTUGAL

At age 40, Ronaldo was officially named GOAT ("Greatest Of All Time") and "Best Player of All Time" by Liga Portugal during their annual gala.



WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP



England prepare for their quarter-final clash with Scotland; Zoe Aldcroft returns from injury to boost the Red Roses side. Head coach John Mitchell has stressed discipline and fast starts as key for victory. The clash is expected to draw a record women's rugby crowd in England.

ASIA CUP



India crushed the UAE in just 27 balls, chasing easily. Abhishek Sharma's blazing start put him in a T20I milestone circle alongside Rohit Sharma. Tensions remain around the India vs Pakistan match on September 14: political backlash, boycott calls, but it remains scheduled.

CONOR MCGREGOR CONFIRMS RETURN PLANS



McGregor has announced he's definitely coming back to the UFC. His return is being planned as a big event at the White House for the 250th anniversary of the United States.





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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COULD AI CHATBOTS BECOME CONSCIOUS?



replicate emotional Chatbots may participate in casual responses, conversation, and even emulate empathy, rendering them somewhat 'alive' in a way. Advanced systems such as GPT-based chatbots can produce creative writing, emulate personalities or engage in philosophical discourse, further obscuring. (8/9/25)

ISRO INKS PACT WITH HAL FOR TRANSFER OF SMALL SATELLITE LAUNCH VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY



ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan during the signing of an agreement between New Space India Limited, ISRO, IN-SPACE and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the transfer of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle technology. (9/9/25)

AMAZEFIT BALANCE 2 REVIEW A PERFECT HYBRID AND A WORTHY INVESTMENT

At 24,999, it offers features and endurance that many premium watches twice its price struggle to match. (7/9/25)

SCIENTISTS DEVELOP DESIGNER CLOWNFISH



The research findings were published in an article by scientists Ajith Kumar T.T. and P. R Divya at the Centre for Peninsular Aquatic Genetic Resources, which is part of NBFGR, Kochi, in the journal Current Science. (10/9/25)

APPLE'S AI AND SEARCH EXECUTIVE ROBBY WALKER TO LEAVE: REPORT



Walker's exit comes as Apple's cautious approach to Al has fueled concerns it is sitting out what could be the industry's biggest growth wave in decades. (12/9/25)

THE PHYSICS OF LIGHT-BASED COMPUTERS CAN CHANGE THE WAY AI WORKS



Recently, two research teams studied nonlinear interactions between intense light pulses passing through glass fibres and uncovered something unusual. They reported that it's possible to use the physics of light in optical fibres to perform complex AI tasks potentially much faster and with less energy than traditional computers. (11/9/25)

UK AIMS TO TRANSFORM ALZHEIMER'S DIAGNOSIS WITH BLOOD TEST TRIAL



The new blood test measures the protein p-tau217, which is considered an effective biomarker of the presence of both the rogue proteins in the brain. (13/9/25)

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