



## Asmita Dey, Harsh Singh make history as India's first gold medallists in judo at Commonwealth Games

Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh secured India's first-ever CWG gold medals in judo. Asmita Dey defeated Heidi Quach of Canada 2-1 in the 48kg women's final while Harsh Singh stunned Joshua Katz of Australia, who was the reigning bronze medallist, 10-0 in the men's 60kg summit clash.

SOURCE: THE HINDU

## 01 GOVERNANCE & POLICY



THE HINDU

### Prashant Kishor secures historic victory over BJP in Bankipur, Bihar

Prashant Kishor secured a historic victory in the Bankipur bypoll in Bihar, capturing a seat that the BJP had consistently maintained since 1995.



THE PRINT

### Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launches yarn bank Scheme to boost handloom sector

Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio launched the Chief Minister's Yarn Bank Scheme to provide subsidised natural yarn to weavers, saying the initiative will strengthen the state's handloom sector and improve the livelihoods of thousands of artisans.



REDIFF

### Government of India introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to rename 'Kerala'

The Lok Sabha passed the Kerala Bill, 2026 to formally rename the state of Kerala to Keralam. The initiative follows a unanimous resolution by the Kerala Legislative Assembly to align the official constitutional name with its native Malayalam usage.



THE HINDU

## 80th Independence Day Celebrations in India on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2026

India celebrated its milestone 80th Independence Day on 15 August 2026 under themes focusing on Yuva Shakti and a developed nation (\*Viksit Bharat\*).



THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Narendra Modi becomes second PM to deliver 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive Independence Day speech

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered his 13th consecutive address from the Red Fort, making him the second-longest-serving PM to do so continuously after Jawaharlal Nehru.

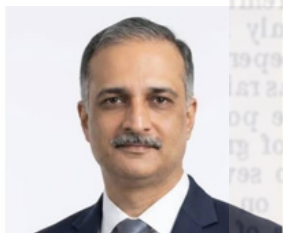


THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Captain Sonia Singh Chauhan became the designated commissioned officer to assist PM Modi during flag hoisting

Captain Sonia Singh Chauhan became the designated commissioned officer of the Indian Army to assist PM Modi during the 80th Independence Day flag hoisting. The protocol featured a synchronised 21-gun salute executed by the 1721 Field Battery using entirely indigenous 105 mm Light Field Guns.

## 02 BUSINESS & INDUSTRY



THE HINDU

## SEBI appoints Prasanta Mahapatra as Executive Director

Prasanta Mahapatra officially took charge as the Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), overseeing the Corporation Finance Investigation Department (CFID).



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

## Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appoints Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director (ED), who will oversee the departments of foreign exchange and financial markets regulation.



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

## N Chandrasekaran considers stepping down as Tata Sons chairman ahead of AGM

In a major corporate shift, Natarajan Chandrasekaran announced he will step down as the Executive Chairman of Tata Sons Private Limited, formalising the conclusion of his term.



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

## J&K Bank Teams Up with HDFC Life to Expand Customers Insurance Choices

Jammu & Kashmir Bank entered into a strategic corporate partnership with HDFC Life Insurance. The bancassurance agreement allows J&K Bank to cross-sell HDFC Life's entire bouquet of life, health, and retirement insurance products across its extensive branch network.



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

### Qatar launches new UPI route to send money to India

India Post and Qatar Post, in collaboration with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), have fully operationalised PosTransfer. This allows the Indian diaspora in Qatar to instantly transfer money directly to UPI-linked bank accounts in India for a fee of QAR 15.

## 03 WORLD & DIPLOMACY



NDTV

### Russia proposes direct railway route to India

Russia has proposed exploring a railway route that could eventually connect the country to the Indian Ocean and provide access to India. The idea was shared by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin.



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

### India and Malaysia commence bilateral exercise Udara Shakti 2026 at Subang Air Base

The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) officially commenced the "Udara Shakti 2026" joint air exercise. India deployed Dassault Rafale fighters and Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for the drills.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

### Indian Army contingent departs for Thailand for join military exercise MAITREE-XV

The joint military exercise MAITREE-XV commenced between the Indian Army and Royal Thai Army, aimed at reinforcing counter-insurgency and tactical defense cooperation.



NEWS ON AIR

### India and Nepal sign MoUs for eight development projects in education, health and agriculture

India and Nepal signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to execute 8 High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Nepal spanning education, health, and agriculture, funded through Indian grant assistance.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

### Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir sworn in as Bangladesh's 23rd president

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, a prominent leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), has been elected as Bangladesh's 23rd President in a contested election, marking a significant shift in the country's political landscape.



AL JAZEERA

### US launches 'Operation Economic Outcast' to cut Iran's economic lifeline

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has announced an economic pressure campaign against Iran, vowing to target Tehran's financial interests across the world. Bessent said that the US would target all Iran's sources of revenue, including oil, with the aim of preventing other countries to do business with Tehran.

## 04 BRICS FOCUS — INDIA'S CHAIRSHIP YEAR



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### Bhubaneswar to host BRICS Education Summit

The 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting officially commenced in Bhubaneswar under India's BRICS Chairmanship.

## 05 SCIENCE, SPACE & DEFENCE



THE HINDU

### ICAR develops India's first fully annotated T2T genome of pigeonpea variety Asha

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) successfully developed India's first fully annotated Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) reference genome for the pigeonpea variety 'Asha', paving the way for climate-resilient pulses.



THE HINDU

### New seahorse species identified by Kerala researchers

Researchers from the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) discovered a new seahorse species named \*'Hippocampus amandavincentae'\* off the coasts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.



NEWS ON AIR

### India successfully test-fired medium-range ballistic missile Agni-4 from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha

India successfully test-fired the Agni-4 Medium-Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM). The launch took place from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.



THE HINDU

### ICTS professor Deepak Dhar awarded the prestigious 2026 Dirac Medal

The International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS) mentioned that its professor Deepak Dhar has been awarded the prestigious 2026 Dirac Medal, recognising his contributions to statistical mechanics and complex systems.



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

### PM Modi inaugurates 'Param Pragma' supercomputer at IIT Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially inaugurated Param Pragma, an AI-powered, high-performance supercomputing facility located at the Sonipat Campus of IIT Delhi. The system is designed to heavily accelerate academic deep-tech, machine learning, and data science research across India.



HUBNEWS

### New Mushroom species discovered in Meghalaya and West Bengal

Researchers have officially documented a newly identified mushroom species, *Russula griseopurpurata*, recorded across regions in Meghalaya and West Bengal. The mushroom belongs to the large and diverse *Russula* genus.

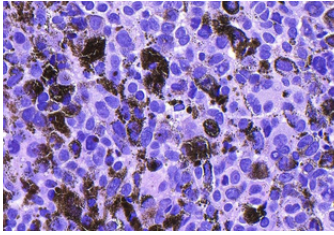


NEWS ON AIR

## 78 Gallantry awards announced for Defence Forces, CAPF personnel

President Droupadi Murmu approved 78 Gallantry Awards for Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel.

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CNN HEALTH

## Pharmaceutical giant Moderna and Merck say melanoma vaccine succeeded in large trial

Pharmaceutical giants Merck and Moderna announced breakthrough clinical phase outcomes for mRNA cancer vaccine. Built using a patient's individual tumor cells, the vaccine recorded a massive, statistically significant reduction in cancer recurrence among advanced melanoma skin cancer patients.

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NEWS ON AIR

## Ladakh hosts first-ever Black-Necked Crane Festival to highlight conservation of endangered species

Ladakh is celebrating the first-ever Black-necked Crane festival to highlight the importance of its conservation and the role of Ladakh Union Territory in conserving the habitat of this endangered species, as Changthang Cold Wildlife Sanctuary in Ladakh is the only breeding place in the country.

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NEWS ON AIR

## India's first indigenous African Swine Fever Vaccine for pigs is major breakthrough in veterinary research

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has dedicated India's first indigenous MA-104 Cell Line-Based Live Attenuated African Swine Fever (ASF) Vaccine for pigs. The Ministry said that it is a major breakthrough in veterinary research.

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OUTLOOK BUSINESS

## Reliance and Rolls-Royce to Partner for Developing Fifth-Gen Fighter Jet Engines Indigenously

Reliance Industries and British aerospace and engineering company Rolls-Royce on Friday announced their strategic intent to work together on developing an indigenous combat engine for India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme.

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INDIA TODAY

## India Test-Fires Fully Indigenous AK-203 'Shair' Assault Rifle In Amethi

India successfully test-fired its first 100% indigenous AK-203 'Sher' assault rifle at the manufacturing facility in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. The rifle is slated to replace the aging INSAS system and begin military trials in September 2026.

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BUSINESS TODAY

## Divyastra Mk3: Lucknow defence startup tests India's first fully indigenous jet-powered loitering munition

India's first indigenous, jet-powered loitering munition (kamikaze drone), Divyastra Mk3, successfully executed its maiden flight trials from a designated testing corridor in Uttar Pradesh.

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS

## Hon'ble Vice-President of India unveils Gnani Artha -- the next frontier of Sovereign AI

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan unveiled Gnani Artha, India's indigenous sovereign AI stack. Developed by GNANI AI, it includes an advanced Large Language Model (LLM) named Evon 3.3 and an institutional workflow platform called Plexus.

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## 06 SPORT



CRICINFO

## Ajinkya Rahane announces retirement from international cricket and all formats

Veteran Indian cricketer Ajinkya Rahane officially announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket, ending a distinguished 12-year career. Rahane played 85 Tests, 90 ODIs and 20 T20Is for India, the last of which was a Test match in the West Indies in July 2023.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Harshita Jakhar scripts history and becomes first Indian woman ever at Tour de France Femmes

Indian cyclist Harshita Jakhar created history by becoming the first Indian woman to be part of the Tour de France Femmes. The 19 year old rode alongside seven other cyclists from Afghanistan, Algeria, Chile, Ethiopia, Namibia and Uganda.



REDIFF

## Jos Buttler Smashes All-Time Record in T20 Cricket

Jos Buttler has etched his name in cricket history, surpassing West Indies legend Kieron Pollard to become the leading run-scorer in T20 cricket, a remarkable feat achieved during a blistering innings in the Men's Hundred.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

## R. Praggnanandhaa wins maiden Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz title

R. Praggnanandhaa won the Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid and Blitz 2026 championship in the United States. He secured top spot following a strategic draw in the final stretch.



THE INDIAN EXPRESS

## Basant Kumar and Shahnava Khan make history at U20 World Championships

Basant Kumar became the first Indian high-jumper to win a medal at the U20 World Championship, claiming silver. Shahnava Khan followed with bronze in the long jump, becoming the first Indian male long-jumper to reach the podium at the championships.



INDIA TODAY

## Ashmita Chaliha wins Korea Masters 2026

Ashmita Chaliha won the VICTOR Korea Masters 2026, beating China's Han Qian Xi in the women's singles final. The Assam shuttler recovered from losing the opening game and claimed her maiden World Tour title.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

## BWF World Championships 2026 hosted in India

India has hosted the 30th edition of the BWF World Championships after a long time since the year 2009.



THE NEWS MILL

## Ahmedabad to host 2026 Commonwealth Cue Sports with 45 nations

World Pool Association (WPA) President Ishaun Singh announced that Ahmedabad will host the Commonwealth Cue Sports Championships 2026 in October, featuring athletes from 45 countries. The event represents the second edition of the Championships.



THE PRINT

## Sports Authority of India approves setting up of National Coach Accreditation Board

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the setup of the National Coach Accreditation Board (NCAB) to standardize sports coaching standards across India.



THE INDIAN EXPRESS

## Indian Grandmaster Pranesh M wins Kanizsa Open chess title

Indian Grandmaster Pranesh M won the prestigious Kanizsa Open following a thrilling final round win against Germany's Vadim Petrovskiy here. Pranesh is currently ranked 44th in the latest FIDE World Rankings.



THE HINDU

## R Praggnanandhaa becomes the first Indian to win Grand Chess Tour title

Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa became the first-ever Indian to win the prestigious Grand Chess Tour (GCT) title. He staged a massive final-day comeback to defeat USA's Fabiano Caruana in Saint Louis.

## 07 PEOPLE & SOCIETY



THE HINDU

## Varsha Ashok Aglawe becomes first woman Director General of Geological Survey of India

Varsha Ashok Aglawe has assumed charge as the 54th director general of Geological Survey of India, becoming the first woman to head the country's geoscientific organisation.



THE HINDU

## Veteran Nepalese mountaineer Nirmal Purja dies in avalanche in PoK

Celebrated Nepalese mountaineer Nirmal Purja tragically died following a massive avalanche on Broad Peak, located in Pakistan-administered Kashmir.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

### Former Chief Justice M. S. Liberhan passes away

Justice Manmohan Singh Liberhan, the former Chief Justice of the Madras and Andhra Pradesh High Court, who headed the Liberhan Commission passed away at the age of 87.



NEWS ON AIR

### Defence Minister flags off All India Girls High Altitude Long Trek 'Aparajita -- Parang La 2026' in New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off an elite All-India Girls High-Altitude Long Trek titled 'Aparajita -- Parang La 2026'. The rigorous military-supported expedition features young women trekkers crossing the challenging Parang La pass (elevated at over 18,300 feet) to test high-altitude endurance and promote gender inclusivity in adventure sports.



INDIA TODAY

### Veteran actor Sowcar Janaki passes away at the age of 94

Veteran actor Sankaramanchi Janaki, aka 'Sowcar' Janaki, known for countless performances in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada films, passed away. She was 94 years old.



THE INDIAN EXPRESS

### Kezia Liz Mejo from Kerala crowned as Miss Universe India 2026

Kaziah Liz Mejo from Kerala was crowned the winner of Miss Universe India 2026 at a finale judged by former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen. Vaishnavi Ganesh finished as the first runner-up.