

## National



### 1. India's First AI-Based Road Safety Pilot Project

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched an innovative pilot project in Uttar Pradesh, utilizing artificial intelligence to predict and prevent road accidents. The initiative involves real-time data analysis from traffic cameras and sensors to identify high-risk zones, aiming to reduce fatalities significantly.

### 3. National Sports Policy 2025 Approval (July 1, 2025)

The Union Cabinet approved the National Sports Policy 2025 to replace the 2001 version, aiming to position India as a global sports leader by 2036. The policy focuses on grassroots development, athlete welfare, and infrastructure improvement across the country.

### 3. Mission Vatsalya Portal Redesign (July 25, 2025)

The Ministry of Women and Child Development unveiled a revamped Mission Vatsalya Portal to enhance child welfare services nationwide. The portal now offers streamlined processes for adoption, foster care, and rehabilitation, with a user-friendly interface for stakeholders.

### 4. DRDO Test Fires Drone-Launched Precision Guided Missile (July 25, 2025)

The Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully conducted a test of a precision-guided missile launched from a drone off the Odisha coast. The missile demonstrated high accuracy and range, enhancing India's capabilities in aerial defense and warfare.



### 5. Youth Spiritual Summit in Varanasi (July 18–20, 2025)

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized the 'Youth Spiritual Summit' in Varanasi, themed 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat,' to address drug addiction among the youth. Over 600 delegates from 100 spiritual organizations participated, launching the Kashi Declaration to promote a drug-free India by 2047.

### 6. PM Kisan 20th Installment Announcement (July 2025)

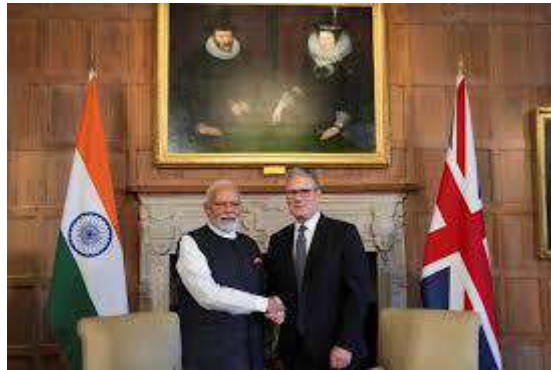
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The government announced the release of the 20th installment under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, providing financial support to eligible farmers. The funds, accessible via [pmkisan.gov.in](https://pmkisan.gov.in), aim to boost agricultural activities and rural income, with over 10 crore farmers expected to benefit.



### 4. Kaziranga Tiger Reserve Report 2024 (Released July 2025)

The 2024 report on Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, released in July 2025, highlighted its third-highest tiger density in India. The data reflects successful conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures. This milestone underscores Assam's role in wildlife preservation.



### 1. India-UK Free Trade Agreement Signed (July 24, 2025)

India and the United Kingdom signed a historic Free Trade Agreement after prolonged negotiations, aiming to enhance economic ties. The deal covers goods, services, and investments, with specific benefits for sectors like IT and textiles, promising to boost bilateral trade. This agreement marks a significant milestone in India's global trade strategy.

### 2. India-US Trade Deal (July 2025)

A new trade deal was finalized between India and the United States, focusing on expanding market access for Indian exports like pharmaceuticals and textiles. The agreement includes tariff reductions and cooperation in technology sectors, strengthening the strategic partnership.

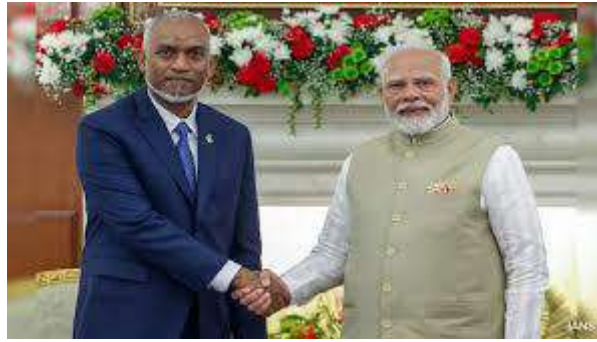
### 3. Pakistan's UN Security Council Presidency (July 2025)

Pakistan assumed the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council, led by Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, marking its eighth term. The month featured high-level discussions on multilateralism and cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. This role underscores Pakistan's growing influence in global diplomacy.

### 4. India-Maldives Agreements (July 2025)

India and the Maldives signed six Memoranda of Understanding to strengthen cooperation in fisheries, meteorology, and digital infrastructure. The agreements included a ₹4,850 crore line of credit and the

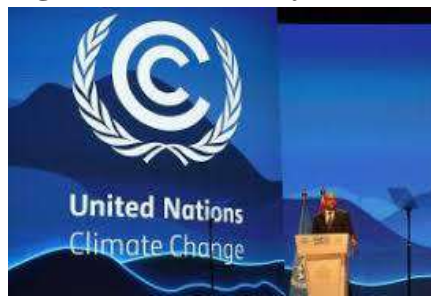
initiation of Free Trade Agreement negotiations. This move reinforces India's Neighbourhood First policy and regional stability.



### 5. U.S.-EU Trade Deal Framework (July 2025)

The United States and the European Union announced a new trade deal framework, introducing revised tariff rates to promote fair trade practices. The agreement addresses disputes over steel and aluminum, aiming to reduce trade barriers and enhance economic collaboration.

### 6. 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (July 2025)



The UN Climate Change Conference was held in Belem, Brazil, focusing on climate action and sustainability goals. High accommodation costs raised concerns, potentially limiting participation from smaller nations, despite robust discussions on carbon reduction.

## Sports

### 1. FIDE Women's World Cup 2025 (July 2025)



Indian chess player Divya Deshmukh made history by winning the FIDE Women's World Cup, becoming the first Indian to claim the title. Koneru Humpy also reached the final, showcasing India's growing dominance in women's chess. The victory has inspired a new generation of players across the country.

### 2. Shi Yuqi Wins Japan Open 2025 Men's Singles (July 21, 2025)

Chinese badminton player Shi Yuqi clinched the Japan Open 2025 men's singles title, defeating a strong field in a competitive final. The victory showcased his skill and consistency, drawing global attention to the tournament. This event highlighted the intensity of international badminton circuits.

### 3. FIDE Confirms 2025 World Cup to Be Held in India for the First Time

FIDE has officially confirmed that the **2025 Chess World Cup** will be held in **India** from **October 30 to November 27, 2025** — marking a historic first for the country.

The prestigious **128-player knockout event** is a key part of the World Championship cycle, serving as a crucial qualifier for the **Candidates Tournament**.

This announcement, made on **22 July 2025**, marks a significant milestone in India's chess journey on the global stage.

## Economy

### 1. Warburg Pincus Investment in IDFC First Bank (July 2025)

The Reserve Bank of India approved Warburg Pincus's acquisition of a 9.99% stake in IDFC First Bank for ₹4,876 crore. This investment is expected to strengthen the bank's capital base and expand its digital banking services. It reflects growing foreign interest in India's financial sector.



### 2. Telangana's Energy Storage Award (July 2025)

Telangana was honored at the 11th India Energy Storage Week in New Delhi for its leadership in energy storage and electric vehicle manufacturing. The state's progressive policies, like the Telangana EV and Energy Storage Policy, have driven this growth. This recognition boosts its reputation as an industrial hub.

### 3. New UPI Rules Effective August 1, 2025 (Announced July 2025)



The Reserve Bank of India introduced new Unified Payments Interface rules, effective from August 1, to enhance security and efficiency for apps like Paytm and PhonePe. The updates include stricter KYC norms and transaction limits to curb fraud.

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### 4. India's First Household Income Survey Starts Planning (July 2025)

The government initiated planning for India's first comprehensive Household Income Survey, scheduled for 2026, to assess economic disparities. The survey will collect data on income, expenditure, and

employment across urban and rural areas. This data will guide future economic policies and welfare programs.

#### 5. India Tops Global Fast Payment Systems with UPI at the Core: IMF Report

India has emerged as a global leader in fast payments, according to a recent report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) titled “*Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability*.” At the heart of this digital transformation is the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which has revolutionized retail transactions across the country.

According to the IMF, UPI recorded **₹24.03 lakh crore in transaction value** and **18.39 billion transactions**, highlighting its scale and impact in driving seamless, real-time payments.

#### 6. BI's Financial Inclusion Index Rises to 67 % in March 2025, Reflecting Deeper Financial Engagement

The Reserve Bank of India's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) climbed to **67.0 %** in March 2025, up from **64.2 %** in March 2024. This rise was driven by improvements in **access, usage, and quality** of financial services, indicating stronger financial engagement and enhanced financial literacy across the country.

The FI-Index, first introduced in **August 2021**, serves as a comprehensive measure of the extent of financial inclusion in India.

#### 7. India's Exports Rise Nearly 6% in April–June 2025, Boosted by Electronics and Pharma



India's overall exports — including both **merchandise and services** — grew by **5.94%** in the April–June 2025 quarter, reaching an estimated **USD 210.31 billion**, up from **USD 198.52 billion** during the same period last year.

This growth was primarily driven by strong performance in the **electronics** and **pharmaceutical** sectors, according to official data.

#### 8. India's Exports Hit All-Time High of \$825 Billion, Grow 6.3%; Tariff Cuts and FTAs to Boost Trade: FM Sitharaman

India's total exports have reached a **record high of \$825 billion**, registering a **6.3% growth**, according to Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.

She highlighted that the government has implemented several measures to ease the burden on trade — including **tariff reductions** and signing of **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)** — aimed at strengthening manufacturing and enhancing export competitiveness.

### Appointments

#### 1. Shashi Prakash Goyal as UP Chief Secretary (July 31, 2025)

Shashi Prakash Goyal was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, taking charge of the state's administrative machinery. With extensive experience in governance, he is expected to drive key developmental projects. His leadership will be crucial for implementing state policies effectively.

#### 2. Ajay Seth as IRDAI Chairman (July 25, 2025)



Ajay Seth assumed the role of Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, overseeing the insurance sector. His expertise in financial regulation is anticipated to bring stability and innovation. This appointment strengthens regulatory oversight in a growing market.

### 3. Kavinder Gupta as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh (July 2025)

Kavinder Gupta was appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, tasked with governing the Union Territory. His political background is expected to aid in addressing regional challenges and development. This move reflects the central government's focus on Ladakh's administration.

### 4. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has resigned from his post on July 21, 2025.

Vice President Mr. Jagdeep Dhankhar has resigned from his post, citing health reasons. In a letter addressed to President Droupadi Murmu, Mr. Dhankhar stated that he is stepping down with immediate effect in order to prioritize his health and follow medical advice.



## Awards & Honours

### 1. Divya Deshmukh Wins FIDE Women's World Cup (July 2025)

Divya Deshmukh was honored as the FIDE Women's World Cup champion, marking a historic first for India. Her victory over top global players showcased her strategic brilliance and dedication. This achievement has elevated India's status in international chess.

### 2. Telangana Energy Innovation Award (July 2025)



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Telangana was awarded for its pioneering work in energy storage and electric vehicle manufacturing at the India Energy Storage Week. The state's innovative policies have attracted significant investment and industry growth. This recognition underscores its leadership in sustainable technology.

### 3. Chintha Raveendran Award 2025 (July 26, 2025)

Marathi author Sarankumar Limbale received the Chintha Raveendran Award in Kozhikode for his literary contributions. The award, which included ₹50,000, a citation, and a memento, honored his more than 40 books on social issues. This accolade celebrates regional literary talent.

## Important Dates in July

### 1. National Flag Day 2025 (July 22, 2025)

National Flag Day was observed with school activities to instill pride in India's tricolor. The day honored the adoption of the flag on July 22, 1947, by the Constituent Assembly. It encourages citizens to uphold the values it represents.



Theme: One Nation, One Flag: United in Sacrifice, Committed to Peace

### 2. World Hepatitis Day 2025 (July 28, 2025)

World Hepatitis Day was marked globally to raise awareness about hepatitis prevention and treatment. Campaigns focused on vaccination and screening, addressing a major public health issue.

Theme: Hepatitis – Lets Break it Down

### 3. International Moon Day 2025 (July 20, 2025)



International Moon Day celebrated the 56th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing, highlighting lunar exploration. Global events showcased advancements in space technology and future missions.

Theme: One Moon, One Vision, One Future

## Science, Technology, Industry

### 1. NASA-ISRO NISAR Satellite Launch (July 31, 2025)

The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite was successfully launched to monitor Earth's surface and natural hazards. Equipped with advanced radar, it will provide data on deforestation and earthquakes over three years. This collaboration strengthens Indo-U.S. space ties.

## 2. India's First Indigenous Hovercraft Construction (July 2025)

Construction of India's first indigenous hovercraft began in Goa for the Indian Coast Guard. Designed for coastal patrol and rescue operations, it showcases domestic engineering prowess. This project enhances maritime security and self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

## 3. RailOne App Launch (July 1, 2025)



The Indian Railways launched the RailOne app, integrating unreserved ticketing with a 3% R-Wallet discount. Available on Android and iOS, it supports single sign-on and is authorized by IRCTC. The app paves the way for the Modern Passenger Reservation System by December 2025.

## 4. On 15th July 2025, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla safely returned to Earth from his space mission, symbolizing the boundless aspirations of India.

**Shubhanshu Shukla has made history** by becoming the **first Indian astronaut to board the International Space Station (ISS)**. He is part of the **Axiom-4 mission**, which successfully docked with the ISS on **June 26, 2025**.



This milestone also marks only the **second time an Indian has traveled to space**, following **Rakesh Sharma's historic flight** in 1984.

## Books & Authors

### Uttarakhand CM Unveils Book on Student Wellness, Highlights Importance of Mental Health

On **July 26, 2025**, Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** released a book titled *"Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education."* During the launch, he emphasized the growing importance of addressing **mental health challenges** and promoting **student welfare initiatives** within higher education institutions.

### Das Paise Ka Postcard' Revives the Golden Era of Handwritten Communication



A heartfelt book titled “*Das Paise Ka Postcard*” was recently launched in **Hyderabad**, penned by **retired Army officer S.N. Ahmed**. The book, unveiled by actor **Vinay Varma**, nostalgically revisits the era when **postcards were a cherished medium of communication**, connecting loved ones through simple handwritten messages.

**V.S. Ravi Unveils Book on Shakespeare in Hyderabad, Celebrating a Lifelong Literary Passion**

On **July 7**, retired IPS officer **V.S. Ravi** launched his latest book, “*Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict*,” in **Hyderabad**, surrounded by esteemed dignitaries and literature enthusiasts. The book reflects his **lifelong fascination with the works of William Shakespeare** and was warmly received by those who share his deep appreciation for classic literature.

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