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Science and Technology

On May 24, 2026, China launched the **Shenzhou-23** crewed spacecraft as part of its space exploration program. The spacecraft carried astronauts on an important mission to space. During the mission, the astronauts will live and work in



space while conducting scientific experiments and research. The launch demonstrates China's growing achievements in space technology and its commitment to exploring space.

Indian Economy

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NATIONAL
AI **SUMMIT** on **WATER**

27 May 2026 **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Powering Intelligent Water Utilities of the Future

India's first and largest National AI and Digital Water Summit was held on May 27, 2026, in **Bengaluru**. The event took place at the **Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE** and brought together experts, government

officials, and industry leaders. The summit focused on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies to improve water management and conservation. Participants discussed innovative solutions to address water-related challenges and promote sustainable development.

International Events



International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day, is observed every year on May 1 in many countries around the world. It is a day dedicated to honouring the efforts and contributions of workers in all fields. The day highlights the importance of workers in building the economy and society.

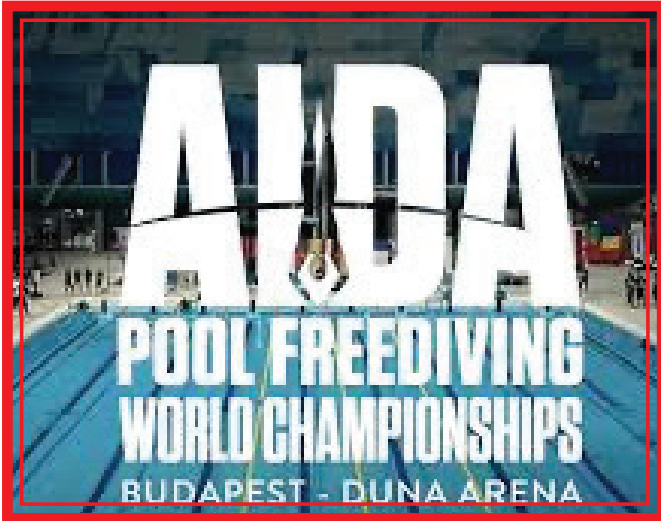
The International Day of Potato is observed every year on May 30 to celebrate the importance of potatoes around the world. This special day was designated by the United Nations to recognize the potato's nutritional, economic, and cultural value. Potatoes are a healthy food source that provides energy and important nutrients to millions of people. They are grown in many countries and play a significant role in agriculture and food security.



The United Nations posthumously honoured two Indian peacekeepers for their service and sacrifice in peacekeeping missions. The award was presented by UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Among those honoured was Major Abhilasha Barak.

This recognition highlights the bravery and dedication of Indian peacekeepers who work in difficult and often dangerous conditions to maintain peace in conflict areas around the world.

Sports



India is fielding its first-ever official national team at the World Apnea Pool Championship, which will begin on June 2, 2026, in Budapest, Hungary. This marks an important milestone for India in the sport of apnea, also known as freediving. The championship will bring together skilled athletes from different countries to compete in various underwater breath-holding events.

Rithika Sri from Tamil Nadu made history by becoming India's first transgender cricket umpire. This is an important milestone in Indian sports. Her achievement shows progress towards inclusion and equal opportunities in cricket. She has worked hard to reach this position and has earned respect in the field of umpiring.



State News



The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, presented the prestigious **President of India's Police Colour** to the Sikkim Police in Gangtok. The historic **Alankaran** ceremonial parade was held at Paljor Stadium. This honor is awarded to police forces in recognition of their outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to maintaining law and order.

The renowned Urdu poet and Padma Shri awardee Bashir Badr passed away at the age of 91 on May 28, 2026, in Bhopal. He was a highly respected literary figure known for his beautiful and meaningful Urdu poetry. His work touched many readers and is admired for its simplicity and emotional depth. Over his long career, he contributed greatly to Urdu literature and inspired many young poets



The Union Minister for the Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) launched the “**Mission Queen Pineapple**” on May 27, 2026. The mission was started in New Delhi to promote pineapple cultivation in the North Eastern region, especially in Tripura. The project focuses on improving farming, post-harvest management, and value chain development of the GI-tagged

Queen Pineapple.