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International Events

India hosted the first-ever **ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue at Chennai Port** on **June 30–July 1, 2025** to boost maritime cooperation and cruise tourism. The event supports India's Act East Policy and promotes regional connectivity in the Indo-Pacific. It aims to develop cruise routes, port infrastructure, and cultural exchange. The dialogue highlights economic opportunities in tourism and India's growing maritime role with ASEAN nations.



The joint military exercise “Jaa Mata,” conducted by the Indian Coast Guard and the Japan Coast Guard, recently concluded off the coast of Chennai. Named after the Japanese phrase meaning “we will meet again,” the exercise emphasized maritime collaboration and involved activities such as coordinated maneuvers, boarding operations, and firefighting drills.

Pakistan has assumed the rotating **Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** for **July 2025**.

This is **Pakistan's first term as UNSC President since 2013**.

The presidency rotates monthly among UNSC members in alphabetical order.



India will take over as Chair of BRICS in 2026 and will host the 18th BRICS Summit, as announced at the end of the **17th Summit held in Brazil**.

BRICS is a group of five major emerging economies: **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa**. It was formed in the **late 2000s** to represent the interests of the **Global South**. BRICS aims to provide a **counterbalance to Western-dominated institutions** like the **IMF and World Bank**. India's chairmanship in 2026 is expected to focus on **reforms, inclusive growth, and South-South cooperation**.



The New Development Bank (NDB), established by the BRICS nations, has recently admitted Algeria as a new member, marking a key step in expanding its global membership. The NDB primarily funds infrastructure and sustainable development projects. Algeria's inclusion reflects the bank's goal to broaden its reach

beyond the original five BRICS countries. This expansion strengthens South-South cooperation and promotes economic development. Overall, the growing membership allows the NDB to play a larger role in global finance and development. Kingdom of Eswatini, Republic of Guinea, Republic of India, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Suriname, Federal Republic of Somalia and Republic of Kazakhstan.

On **July 6, 2025, Suriname (a country in South America)** elected a **woman president for the first time** since its independence in **1975**. **Jennifer Geerlings-Simons, 71**, leader of the **National Democratic Party (NDP)**, was chosen as the new president. She was elected through Suriname's **parliamentary system** by a **two-thirds majority** in the **51-member National Assembly**. Simons is scheduled to **take office on July 16, 2025**.



The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, has launched a Specialized Training Program in Cancer Care for BIMSTEC member countries at the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) in Mumbai. This initiative was previously announced by the Prime Minister during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit. Participants from BIMSTEC countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Nepal, are currently attending the program.



Science and Technology



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi **Adityanath** and Union Minister Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone for **India's first Green Data Centre in Sahibabad, Ghaziabad**. The ₹1,000 crore project is a joint venture between **Central Electronics Limited (CEL)** and **ESDS**. It will have

a 30 MW capacity and use eco-friendly features like smart cooling, rainwater harvesting, and renewable energy. This data centre supports **digital growth, job creation, and sustainability goals**.

The Indian Navy commissioned **INS Tamal (F71)** on **July 1, 2025**, at the **Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia**. INS Tamal is a multi-role stealth guided missile frigate equipped with advanced weapons and sensors. Although built in Russia, the ship includes **26% indigenous components**, such as the **BrahMos supersonic missile**. This commissioning marks the **last foreign-built major warship** to be inducted into the Indian Navy as India moves toward



defence self-reliance. The event aligns with the goals of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India**, reflecting India's shift from foreign procurement to indigenous warship production. It also highlights ongoing **India-Russia defence cooperation** and India's growing capabilities in naval defence.

Himachal Pradesh is the first Indian state to use Aadhaar-based **face authentication** for ration distribution through the Public Distribution System. The system, called **FaceAuth**, verifies beneficiaries by scanning their faces using a smartphone app. It matches the scanned face with Aadhaar data to ensure accurate identification. This method replaces older verification techniques like OTPs and fingerprint scans. FaceAuth speeds up the process and reduces fraud in ration distribution.



Indore, India, has launched the country's first QR-based digital house address system. This system uses unique QR codes on metal plates affixed to each house, allowing residents to access GPS-based digital addresses and access various services and information.

Awards and Recognition

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was conferred the **Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana**, a national honour of Ghana, by its President **John Dramani Mahama**. The award was given in recognition of PM Modi's **distinguished statesmanship** and his role as an **influential global leader**. This honour reflects Ghana's appreciation of India's contributions to international cooperation and strengthens India-Africa diplomatic relations. It is one of Ghana's highest civilian awards.



Famous Hindi writer **Geetanjali Shree** won the **PEN Translates Award 2025** for her book *Once Elephants Lived Here*. The book was translated into English by **Daisy Rockwell**. It tells stories about memories, changes, and feelings. This is the second big award for the writer and translator — they also won the **Booker Prize** in 2022 for another book. The award is given to books from different languages that are translated into English. It helps readers around the world enjoy stories from many cultures.



The **Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago** is the highest award given by this country. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** received this honour from President **Christine Kangaloo** at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Port of Spain. Modi also spoke to the Parliament of Trinidad and

Tobago, talking about the long history and close friendship between India and Trinidad and Tobago. This award shows the strong relationship between the two countries.

State News

In a significant step for India's urban governance, Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** inaugurated the **First National Level Conference of Chairpersons of Urban Local Bodies** on **July 3, 2025**, in **Manesar**. This two-day event is the first of its kind and brings together key municipal leaders from across India. The conference focuses on strengthening grassroots democracy and promoting urban development by encouraging dialogue among urban local bodies from all states and union territories.



Entertainment

Deepika Padukone has been selected to receive a **star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame** in the **Class of 2026**, making her the **first Indian actress** to receive this honour. The **Hollywood Chamber of Commerce** announced her inclusion in the **Motion Pictures category**, alongside global stars like Emily Blunt, Timothée Chalamet, and Rami Malek. This recognition marks a significant milestone for Indian cinema and acknowledges Deepika's **global influence and contribution** to the film industry.



Sports



The **first Khelo India Water Sports Festival** will be held at **Dal Lake, Srinagar, from 21st to 23rd August 2025**. The three-day event will feature **five sports: kayaking and canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race, and dragon boat race**. Over **400 athletes** from all **36 States and Union Territories** will participate in this **open-age competition**. The festival is

part of the **Khelo India initiative** to promote regional and water-based sports. It highlights the government's focus on **broad-based sports development and youth engagement**.

Jannik Sinner is the first Italian man to win Wimbledon. He achieved this feat in 2025, defeating Carlos Alcaraz in the final, according to multiple news sources. This victory marked a historic moment for Italian tennis, as it was the first time an Italian player had won the prestigious Wimbledon title. Sinner is 23 years old.



19-year-old International Master Divya Deshmukh from Maharashtra made history by becoming the first Indian to win the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup title, defeating fellow Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy 1.5–0.5 in the tiebreaks.

With this remarkable victory, Divya not only clinched the prestigious title but also became the 88th Indian Grandmaster and the fourth Indian woman to achieve a GM norm.

The FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025 was held in Batumi, Georgia, from July 6 to 28, 2025. The tournament followed the classical chess format.



PARAKH is a national assessment body set up under NCERT as per NEP 2020. Its main goal is to standardize assessment practices across states. PARAKH provides reliable data on students' learning outcomes. In 2025, it assessed over 21 lakh students from 74,229 schools in 781 districts. The subjects included language and mathematics for all grades. "The World Around Us" was assessed for Grades 3 and 6, and science and

social science for Grade 9. This helps improve education quality through better policy decisions.