



Members of the joint expedition team from the country's premier mountaineering institutes; pose after climbing Mount Everest, in Nepal



Vehicles stuck in debris following flash floods triggered by heavy rains, at Jagatkhana in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh



Multi-party delegation with Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain Vinod K Jacob during a visit to Bab Al Bahrain, in Manama



Smoke billows after a fire broke out in a building, at Mangla Haat in Howrah, West Bengal

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A cyclist passes by a collapsed electric pole following strong winds and rainfall, in New Delhi

Drugs worth Rs 11.5 crore seized in Assam, four arrested

GUWAHATI: Narcotic substances worth Rs 11.5 crore have been seized from two districts of Assam and four drug peddlers were arrested, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. In a post on X, Sarma said on Saturday night that the Assam Police dealt a major blow to the drug trade through two operations in Karbi Anglong and Cachar districts. "@karbianglongpol intercepted a vehicle at Khatkhathi checkpoint and seized: 4.899 kg Morphine worth Rs 5 Cr; 1 peddler arrested," he said. In the second operation in Cachar, the district police and Special Task Force (STF) seized over 1.2 kg of heroin worth more than Rs 6 crore, Sarma said. "@cacharpolice & @STF intercepted a vehicle at Sonabarighat and seized: 1.259 kg Heroin worth 76.5 Cr; 3 persons arrested," the chief minister added.

Two killed in road accident in Jharkhand's Giridih

GIRIDIH (JHARKHAND): Two persons were killed and another was injured after two trucks collided head-on in Jharkhand's Giridih district on Sunday morning, police said. Seven cattle were also killed in the accident, which took place near the Molidih river on the Giridih-Dhanbad Highway, they said. "The collision involved a truck carrying livestock and another loaded with cement. The drivers of both the vehicles had died. The injured has been admitted to hospital," SDPO Jeetvahan Oraon said. Oraon said an investigation is underway to ascertain the cause of the accident.

2 charred to death in e-rickshaw charging station fire in Shahdara, 4 wounded

NEW DELHI: Two people were charred to death and four wounded in a fire that broke out at an e-rickshaw charging station in east Delhi's Shahdara Sunday morning, an officer said. The Delhi Fire Service (DFS) said it received a call about the fire around 6.40 am from near Ram Mandir on Moti Ram Road in Shahdara. Five fire tenders were immediately rushed to the spot. The fire broke out in a tin shed structure built over an approximately 400 square yards, which was being used as a charging station for e-rickshaws. "By 8.30 am, the fire was brought under control. During the operation, two charred bodies were recovered from the debris," DFS chief Atul Garg said. The four injured were rescued and rushed to the GTB Hospital nearby.

Police office collapses in rain in Ghaziabad, cop sleeping inside dies

GHAZIABAD: A 58-year-old sub-inspector died early Sunday when the roof of the Assistant Police Commissioner (ACP) Ankur Vihar Loni's office collapsed in rain, an officer said. Virendra Kumar Mishra was sleeping inside a room and was found buried under the debris. Additional Police Commissioner Alok Priyadarshi confirmed the incident. The collapse wasn't discovered till policemen came to the office in the morning. They pulled out Mishra's body from the debris and rushed him to a hospital, where he was declared dead. His family in Etawah district has been informed, police said.

Sister-in-law, niece arrested for stabbing man to death at Delhi home

NEW DELHI: A 50-year-old man's sister-in-law and niece were arrested for allegedly stabbing him to death at his residence in outer Delhi's Nihal Vihar area, an official said on Saturday. The deceased, identified as Rajesh Mittal, used to live with his sister-in-law and niece, he said, adding that his brother had reportedly left the family home around 10 to 12 years ago and has not returned since. They allegedly stabbed him on May 23 for allegedly beating them in an inebriated state, and also had a property dispute with him, a senior police officer said. The accused tried to portray the incident as an accident, he added.

Two killed in car accident in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Two persons were killed and two others injured after the car in which they were travelling crashed into a road divider and then hit a truck on the opposite side of the road in Odisha's Sambalpur district, police said on Sunday. A police officer said the accident happened on Saturday near Laldukhai village on National Highway 53. The village falls under the jurisdiction of the Burla police station of Sambalpur district. The front portion of the car was completely damaged, the officer said. Locals rescued all four occupants of the car and took them to VIMSAR Medical College and Hospital in Burla, where doctors declared two of them dead on arrival, the police officer said.

Kerala declares alert after Liberian cargo ship sinks

PTI, KOCHI: A Liberian cargo ship, carrying 640 containers including 13 with hazardous cargo, capsized and sank in the sea off the state's coast in the early hours of Sunday, and the incident has led to a major oil leak, a top official said.

The Kerala government has sounded a statewide alert, and fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea, and the Coast Guard is working to contain the spill. With the rescue of 3 more crew members by a Navy ship, all the 24-member crew have been rescued.

In the early hours of 25 May 2025, the ship 'MSC ELSA 3' listed rapidly, capsized and sank, a Coast Guard statement said here. The incident has led to a significant oil spill, with leaked fuel drifting at around three kilometres per hour, prompting authorities to brace for potential impact along the Kerala coastline.



The Liberian container vessel, carrying marine fuel, that developed a critical 26-degree list nearly 38 nautical miles southwest of Kochi on Saturday, tilted further and lost more containers into the sea off the coast of Kerala, in Kochi

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG), coordinating the pollution response, said the ship had 84.44 metric tonnes of diesel and 367.1 metric tonnes of furnace oil in its tanks, in addition

to containers carrying hazardous materials like calcium carbide—a chemical that reacts violently with seawater to release highly flammable acetylene gas.

Noting that the coast of Kerala is home to both vivid biodiversity and is a major

tourist attraction, the Coast Guard said it has geared up pollution response preparedness and coordination with the state administration for all possible scenarios.

An ICG aircraft, with advanced oil spill mapping technology, has been tasked

with assessing the situation, it said. Meanwhile, a meeting chaired by Kerala Chief Secretary A Jayathilak has confirmed a significant oil leak from the vessel and issued a statewide alert.

According to an official note issued after the meeting, the leaked fuel is drifting at a speed of approximately three kilometres per hour, posing serious environmental and navigational threats.

It said the Coast Guard is actively working to contain the spill using two ships and an aerial Dornier aircraft that sprays dispersant to break up the oil. "The Director General of the Coast Guard, who heads the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan, is directly overseeing response efforts. Given the possibility of the oil slick reaching any part of the Kerala coastline, a statewide alert has been issued," the note said.

Heavy rains, thunderstorm lashes Kerala

PTI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: A Huge number of trees got uprooted, houses were damaged, rivers are in spate, and shutters of some dams were raised in Kerala on Sunday with heavy rains overnight and strong winds continuing to lash across the state.

Almost all districts of the state received widespread rains throughout the night and in the morning, causing intense waterlogging in low-lying areas and traffic snarls.

In landslide-battered Chooralmala in Wayanad, incessant heavy rains caused concerns among local people the previous night.

Water flow in the Punnappuzha River, crisscrossing through the Chooralmala-Mundakkai region, heavily increased due to continuing downpour, they said.

Five shutters of the Malankara dam in Idukki district were raised on Sunday morning to release the excess water, according to an official statement.

LEAD A FARMING RESURGENCE



In drought-hit Karauli, Rajasthan, women led a water revolution, reviving ponds and rivers, ending dacoity, restoring farming and bringing peace back to once-parched villages

Caste census not divisive, assests SC rights panel chief

PTI, NEW DELHI: Nixing insinuations that caste enumeration would create chasms in society, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Chairperson Kishor Makwana said the data gathered would serve as a foundation for policy decisions and strengthen social justice. It will help uplift the marginalised backward communities, he told PTI in an interview.

With the BJP-led NDA government deciding to include caste enumeration in the next census, Makwana welcomed the move, saying that unlike in 2011, "definite figures would be available" that would ensure proportionate access to welfare schemes.

The UPA government conducted the Socio-Economic and Caste Census in 2011, which was the first

attempt since 1931 to collect caste data nationwide. However, the caste data from SECC-2011 was never fully released or utilised.

Rejecting concerns that the caste census could lead to sectarian divisions, Makwana said, "This will not create any division based on caste. Rather, it will strengthen social justice."

"It will uplift backward castes and strengthen all three aspects -- social, political, and economic -- of Babasaheb Ambedkar's dream for the Scheduled Caste community."

The caste census will provide accurate numbers that will serve as a foundation for policy decisions and target beneficiaries of schemes such as the Mudra Yojana in a much better manner, the NCSC chairperson said.

GST big contributor to rising poverty in Pak: World Bank

PTI, ISLAMABAD: The General Sales Tax has the largest marginal contribution to the rise of poverty while a monthly cash transfer programme to the poorest families has the largest positive impact on inequality reduction in Pakistan, a World Bank study has said.

"The Effects of Taxes and Transfers on Inequality and Poverty in Pakistan" reports that the General Sales Tax (GST) payments account for over 7 per cent households' pre-tax expenditure, which leads to further impoverishment among poor and vulnerable households.

Dawn reported on Sunday quoting the World Bank (WB) study that estimations of the marginal contributions of individual fiscal instruments – or the additional impact that individual fiscal instruments have on poverty or inequality when all other fiscal instruments are included – demonstrate that GST has the largest marginal contribution to the national poverty increase.

The second-largest impact on inequality comes from pre-primary and primary education expenditures, the WB study said.

India has become 4th largest economy, overtaking of Japan: NITI CEO

PTI, NEW DELHI: India has become the fourth largest economy in the world, overtaking Japan, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam has said. Subrahmanyam said the overall geopolitical and economic environment is favourable to India. "We are the fourth largest economy as I speak. We are a USD 4 trillion economy as I speak," he said.

Citing IMF data, Subrahmanyam said India today is larger than Japan. Till 2024, India was the fifth-largest economy in the world. "It is only the US, China and Germany which are larger than India, and if we stick to what is being planned and what is being

thought through, in 2.5-3 years, we will be the third largest economy," Subrahmanyam said.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) report released in April had said that India is expected to be the fourth largest economy in the world with a GDP of USD 4.19 trillion in 2025, ahead of Japan.

India's nominal GDP for 2025 (FY26) is expected to be USD 4.187 billion marginally more than the likely GDP of Japan which is estimated at USD 4.187 billion, the IMF had said.

According to IMF data, India's per capita income has doubled from USD

1,438 in 2013-14 to USD 2,880 in 2025.

The IMF in its WEO report also said the Indian economy is projected to grow at 6.2 per cent in 2025-26, slower than earlier estimated rate of 6.5 per cent, due to escalated trade tensions and global uncertainty.

"For India, the growth outlook is relatively more stable at 6.2 per cent in 2025, supported by private consumption, particularly in rural areas," the IMF had said.

According to the report, the global growth is projected at 2.8 per cent in 2025, lower by 0.5 percentage points estimated earlier. In 2026, the global econ-

omy is estimated to grow at 3 per cent.

NITI Aayog approach paper titled "Viksit Bharat @ 2047" said from being considered a part of the 'fragile five' economies of the world, India rose to become the top five economies of the world in just a decade.

The World Bank defines high-income countries as those whose annual per capita income is more than USD 14,005 (2024-25). India has the potential and aims to be a high-income country by 2047. The approach paper said a Viksit Bharat @ 2047 will be a USD 30 trillion economy.

Tripura's rare Bostami turtles facing extinction, govt launches study

PTI, AGARTALA: The soft-shell Bostami turtles, an endangered species found in a lake surrounding the Tripureswari Temple in Tripura's Gomati district, are facing extinction, officials said.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) had classified the specimen as extinct in the wild, they said.

The state government



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has sanctioned funds for a year-long study on Bostami

turtles to be conducted by the Turtle Survival Alliance

Foundation. Gomati District Magistrate Tarit Kanti Chakma said the study is a priority for both the forest department and the district administration.

District Forest Officer (DFO) H Vignesh said a meeting in this connection was held recently between the DM and forest officials.

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