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Wimbledon 2026: History, Significance and Major Winners

NEWS ITEM

The **Wimbledon Championships 2026** concluded at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London**, with **Jannik Sinner** defending the Gentlemen’s Singles title and **Linda Noskova** winning her first Grand Slam in Ladies’ Singles. The 2026 edition was played from **29 June to 12 July 2026** and continued Wimbledon’s identity as the world’s oldest and most tradition-rich tennis tournament.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Wimbledon began in **1877**.
- It is held at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club**, London.
- It is one of the four **Grand Slam** tennis tournaments.
- The four Grand Slams are **Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open**.
- Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam played on **grass courts**.
- The first Wimbledon tournament had only **Gentlemen’s Singles**.
- **Spencer Gore** was the first Wimbledon champion in **1877**.
- Wimbledon is associated with **SW19**, the postal area of Wimbledon in London.
- Important traditions include white dress code, Centre Court, Royal Box, strawberries and cream, and historic trophies.
- Wimbledon 2026 was played from **29 June to 12 July 2026**.
- The total prize money for Wimbledon 2026 was **£64.2 million**.
- The Gentlemen’s and Ladies’ Singles champions each received **£3.6 million**.
- **Gentlemen’s Singles 2026:** Jannik Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev **6-7(7), 7-6(2), 6-3, 6-4**.
- Jannik Sinner became the **10th player** to successfully defend the Wimbledon men’s singles title.
- It was Sinner’s **second consecutive Wimbledon title** and **fifth Grand Slam title**.
- **Ladies’ Singles 2026:** Linda Noskova defeated Karolina Muchova **6-2, 5-7, 6-3**.
- Linda Noskova won her **first Grand Slam title** and became the youngest Wimbledon women’s champion since **2011**.
- The Ladies’ Singles final was an **all-Czech final** between Noskova and Muchova.
- **Gentlemen’s Doubles 2026:** Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten defeated Marcelo Arévalo and Mate Pavić **7-6(4), 7-6(3)**.
- **Ladies’ Doubles 2026:** Guo Hanyu and Kristina Mladenovic defeated Gabriela Dabrowski and Luisa Stefani **6-3, 7-5**.
- **Mixed Doubles 2026:** Marcelo Arévalo and Jelena Ostapenko defeated Storm Hunter and Marc Polmans **4-6, 7-5, 6-2**.
- **Gentlemen’s Wheelchair Doubles 2026:** Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid defeated Tokito Oda and Gustavo Fernández **2-6, 6-1, 6-2**.

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Shipping Shocks Expose India's Container Vulnerability

NEWS ITEM

A report highlighted how global shipping disruptions have exposed India's dependence on foreign container ships and limited domestic container capacity. The first outcome of the **₹10,000 crore container manufacturing scheme** announced in **Union Budget 2026-27** came on **3 July 2026**, when an India-made **EXIM container** built by **DCM Shriram Group** was unveiled at **Dadri** for **Maersk**, which placed a follow-on order for another **1,000 containers**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- A **₹10,000 crore container manufacturing scheme** was announced in **Union Budget 2026-27**.
- Its first outcome came on **3 July 2026** with an India-made EXIM container built by **DCM Shriram Group**.
- The container was unveiled at **Dadri** for **Maersk**.
- Maersk placed a follow-on order for another **1,000 containers**.
- India manufactured around **24,000 TEUs in FY24**.
- China's container output runs into several million TEUs annually.
- Foreign shipping lines carry around **90-95% of India's cargo**, increasing vulnerability during global disruptions.
- Indian-made containers cost roughly **20% more** than Chinese containers due to logistics and location disadvantages.
- Manufacturing containers closer to ports such as **Dadri** can reduce transport cost disadvantages.
- Coffee exporters are affected as ships avoid the **Red Sea-Suez route** and move around the **Cape of Good Hope**.
- Rice exports to Iran are affected by uncertainty around the **Strait of Hormuz**.
- Freight from **Kochi to Jebel Ali** reportedly rose from around **\$1,000-\$1,500** to nearly **\$7,000**.
- **Nhava Sheva** has become a major hub for larger container ships.
- **Kochi, Thoothukudi, Vizhinjam, Kandla, Mumbai, Dadri, Dubai, Khor Fakkan, Sohar and Jebel Ali** came into news in the context of container logistics.
- An MoU was signed to establish **Bharat Container Shipping Line**, India's first national container carrier.
- Institutions linked to this initiative include **Shipping Corporation of India, Container Corporation of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Tuticorin** and **Chennai** port authorities.

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Indian Lab's Quantum Algorithm Shows Active Quantum Advantage

NEWS ITEM

A team led by **Dr. Indrakshi Raychowdhury** of **BITS Pilani**, working with **IBM Quantum**, designed a quantum algorithm that simulated the behaviour of subatomic particles on **120 qubits** of an IBM processor. The result has been marked "**active**" by the **Quantum Advantage Tracker**, making it the first such verified active quantum-advantage result from an Indian laboratory.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The quantum algorithm was designed by a team led by **Dr. Indrakshi Raychowdhury** of **BITS Pilani**.
- The team worked with **IBM Quantum**.
- The algorithm simulated subatomic particle behaviour on **120 qubits** of an IBM processor.
- The quantum calculation took about **20 seconds**, compared with about **two hours** on a classical computer.
- The result was marked "**active**" by the **Quantum Advantage Tracker**.
- This is the first active quantum-advantage result from an Indian laboratory.
- The work is linked to simulating **quarks and gluons** governed by the **strong nuclear force**.
- The team used a simplified model of the strong force and reduced mathematical redundancy to scale the simulation.
- A task earlier run by others on at most **27 qubits** was pushed to **120 qubits**.
- The **Quantum Advantage Tracker** was launched in **November 2025** by IBM with the Flatiron Institute, BlueQubit, Algorithmiq and academic reviewers.
- The article mentions **CERN, Switzerland**, in the context of high-energy physics and future particle simulations.
- India's **National Quantum Mission** was approved in **2023** with an outlay of **₹6,003 crore**.
- The Mission funds quantum algorithms and a computing hub in **Bengaluru**.
- India currently does not have high-end quantum hardware of its own and researchers often depend on machines abroad.

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Prambanan Temple and the Legal Recognition of Hinduism in Indonesia

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited the historic **Prambanan Temple** near **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**, along with Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**. The visit brought attention to how Hinduism in Indonesia adapted itself to the country's legal requirement of monotheism by presenting the **Trimurti** tradition as the manifestation of one supreme divine principle.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Prambanan Temple** is located near **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**.
- It is a **9th-century Hindu temple complex**.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- It is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.
- The temple complex is associated with the **Trimurti**: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.
- PM **Narendra Modi** visited Prambanan Temple with Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**.
- Indonesia's state philosophy is **Pancasila**.
- The first principle of Pancasila is belief in **one supreme God**.
- Hinduism received official recognition in Indonesia in **1962**.
- Six recognised religions were formalised as **agama** in **1965**.
- Indonesia recognises **Islam, Protestantism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism**.
- **Parisada Hindu Dharma Indonesia (PHDI)** was founded in **Bali in 1959**.
- **Sang Hyang Widhi Wasa** is the supreme divine concept in Indonesian Hinduism.
- In Indonesia, religious identity is linked to civil documents and public life, including national identity cards, marriage registration, birth certificates and school religious education.

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International Relations

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India Condolences Vietnam Boat Tragedy Involving Indian Nationals

NEWS ITEM

Vice President **C.P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** expressed condolences over the tragic boat accident involving Indian nationals near **Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam**. The Prime Minister said that the **Indian Embassy and Consulate in Vietnam** are providing all possible assistance and are in close contact with Vietnamese authorities.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The boat accident occurred near **Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam**.
- The accident involved **Indian nationals**.
- Vice President **C.P. Radhakrishnan** prayed for the swift recovery of the injured.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** extended condolences to the bereaved families.
- The **Indian Embassy and Consulate in Vietnam** are providing assistance.
- Indian officials are in close contact with **Vietnamese authorities**.
- Reports stated that Indian diplomatic missions set up control rooms to assist affected families.

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International Relations

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Defence

Ukrainian Drones Hit Russian Refineries and Azov Sea Port

NEWS ITEM

Ukrainian drone strikes hit southern Russian oil refineries and the **Port of Taganrog** on the **Azov Sea**, leading authorities to declare an emergency and evacuate some residents. Russia's Defence Ministry said it downed more than **370 Ukrainian drones**, while Ukraine's army chief **Oleksandr Syrskyi** said the war is still far from a decisive turning point.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Ukrainian drone strikes hit southern Russian oil refineries and the **Port of Taganrog**.
- The **Port of Taganrog** is located on the **Azov Sea**.
- Russian authorities declared an emergency and evacuated some residents after the strikes.
- Russia's Defence Ministry said it downed more than **370 Ukrainian drones**.
- Drones caused a fire at the **Il'sky oil refinery** in Russia's Krasnodar region.
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** acknowledged that strikes were causing fuel shortages.
- Ukraine's army chief **Oleksandr Syrskyi** said the war was still far from a decisive turning point.

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PM Modi's New Zealand Visit Elevates Ties to Strategic Partnership

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid an official visit to **Auckland, New Zealand, on 10-11 July 2026**, the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in **40 years**. He held talks with New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon** at **Government House, Auckland**, and both sides elevated India-New Zealand relations to a **Strategic Partnership**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- PM **Narendra Modi** visited **Auckland, New Zealand** on **10-11 July 2026**.
- It was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in **40 years**.
- PM Modi met New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon** at **Government House, Auckland**.
- India and New Zealand elevated ties to a **Strategic Partnership**.
- Both sides endorsed the **India-New Zealand Strategic Partnership: Roadmap to 2030**.
- The two sides welcomed the conclusion and signature of the **India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement**.
- Both sides set a target to double bilateral trade to **NZ\$7 billion / ₹35,000 crore by 2030**.
- A **Maritime Cooperation Arrangement** was signed between India's Ministry of Defence and the New Zealand Defence Force.
- An arrangement on **Hydrography and Nautical Cartography** was signed.
- A **Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement** was signed between the Indian Navy and the New Zealand Defence Force.
- A **Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism** was established.
- India's **NDMA** and New Zealand's **National Emergency Management Agency** signed cooperation on disaster risk management.
- Cooperation was agreed in **Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.
- A **Tourism MoA** was signed to increase tourist flow and cultural understanding.
- **India-New Zealand Joint Action Plan on Sport** was signed.
- Cooperation was agreed between **NMHC Lothal** and the **New Zealand Maritime Museum**.
- An **Arrangement on Cultural Cooperation** was signed.
- New Zealand nominated **Maritime Security** as its priority pillar under **IPOI**.
- New Zealand joined the **Global Biofuels Alliance**.
- A **Kiwifruit Action Plan** was launched with two Centres of Excellence in **Nagaland** and **Uttarakhand**.
- **NCPOR Goa** and **University of Canterbury** signed an MoU for Antarctic research cooperation.
- **NIFTEM-Kundli** and **Massey University** signed an MoU on food technology, research, academic exchange and student mobility.
- Important places in news: **Auckland, Government House, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Goa, Kundli, Lothal**, and the **New Zealand Maritime Museum**.

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PM Modi Arrives in Auckland on Historic New Zealand Visit

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** received a warm welcome on his arrival in **Auckland**, beginning his two-day visit to **New Zealand**. This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in nearly **four decades**. He was received by New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- PM **Narendra Modi** arrived in **Auckland** for a two-day visit to New Zealand.
- It is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in nearly **four decades**.
- He was received by New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon**.
- The Indian community welcomed him with the tricolour and chants of **"Kia Ora Modi."**
- Cultural performances included traditions from **Punjab** and **Tamil Nadu**.
- The welcome event also featured a fusion of **Carnatic and Hindustani classical music**.
- A rendition of **Vande Mataram** was performed.
- PM Modi appreciated the **Naad Vocal Ensemble**.
- Key areas of expected discussion include trade, investment, education, technology and people-to-people ties.

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Education

Education

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Government Initiative

Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State

NEWS ITEM

Uttarakhand has become India's **sixth fully literate State** after meeting the prescribed adult literacy benchmarks under **National Education Policy 2020** and the **ULLAS - New India Literacy Programme**. The declaration was approved by the Governor on **8 July 2026**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Uttarakhand** has become India's **sixth fully literate State**.
- The declaration was approved by the Governor on **8 July 2026**.
- The achievement is linked to **NEP 2020** and **ULLAS - New India Literacy Programme**.
- ULLAS stands for **Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society**.
- The literacy standards were laid down by the **Department of School Education and Literacy**, Ministry of Education.
- Uttarakhand joins **Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim** on the list of fully literate States.
- Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** called the achievement historic.
- The State government said it will continue promoting **digital literacy, financial literacy, continuing education and life skills**.

July 8, 2026

Defence and Security

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JIM&WS Team Summits Mount Khyam Tso Massif in Ladakh

NEWS ITEM

Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), **Pahalgam** conducted a **22-member mountaineering expedition** to the **Mount Khyam Tso Massif** in the **Rumtse Phu region of Ladakh**. The team successfully climbed multiple peaks between **2 July and 5 July 2026**, despite adverse weather conditions.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **JIM&WS, Pahalgam** conducted a **22-member expedition** to Mount Khyam Tso Massif.
- The expedition was flagged off by team leader **Col Hem Chandra Singh** on **26 June 2026**.
- The massif is located in the **Rumtse Phu region of Ladakh**.
- On **2 July 2026**, the team made the first ascent of **Mount Peak Point 5901 m**.
- The team leader made the first paragliding flight from **5600 m** from the same peak.
- On **3 July 2026**, the team climbed a technically challenging **6090 m peak** and **Mount Peak Point 5944 m**.
- On **5 July 2026**, the team climbed **Mount Khyam-III, 6018 m**.
- The expedition highlighted adventure capability, teamwork and India's growing presence in lesser-explored mountain ranges of Ladakh.

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International Relations

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India-Costa Rica Hold First JETCO Meeting

NEWS ITEM

The **1st India-Costa Rica Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) Meeting** was held virtually on **6-7 July 2026**. Both sides reviewed trade and investment ties and noted that bilateral merchandise trade grew to about **USD 391 million in 2025-26**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **1st India-Costa Rica JETCO Meeting** was held virtually on **6-7 July 2026**.
- It was co-chaired by **Vimal Anand**, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, from India.
- Costa Rica was represented by **Adriana Castro**, General Director of Foreign Trade.
- India-Costa Rica bilateral merchandise trade reached about **USD 391 million in 2025-26**.
- JETCO was established under the **MoU on Economic Cooperation** between India and Costa Rica.
- Areas discussed included standards, accreditation, certification, food safety, pharmaceutical regulation and export certification.
- India highlighted opportunities in **pharmaceuticals, digital technologies, manufacturing and innovation**.
- Costa Rica presented its experience in the **Central American trade integration regime**.
- Both sides agreed to strengthen business-to-business engagement and regular institutional interactions.

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Environment and Ecology

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Government Initiative

Mizoram Natural History Museum Becomes India's 21st Designated Repository

NEWS ITEM

The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** has notified the **Natural History Museum (NHM), Mizoram University, Aizawl**, as India's **21st Designated Repository** under **Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002**. The notification was issued on **19 June 2026** based on the recommendation of the **National Biodiversity Authority**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Natural History Museum, Mizoram University, Aizawl** has been notified as India's **21st Designated Repository**.
- It was notified under **Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002**.
- The notification was issued on **19 June 2026**.
- The recommendation came from the **National Biodiversity Authority**.
- NHM was established in **2022** under **Mizoram University**, a Central University.
- It is located in the **Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot**.
- It will preserve flora such as **pteridophytes** and **macrofungi**.
- It will preserve fauna such as **reptiles, amphibians, fishes, moths, beetles and butterflies**.
- It will serve as a depository for **type specimens** of newly discovered species from the region.
- Mizoram and the wider North-East region have over **7,500 flowering plant species** and more than **2,000 faunal species**.
- The repository will support documentation of endemic species such as **Leptobrachella tamdil**, a recently described amphibian from Mizoram.
- Before designation, NHM had preserved more than **500 specimens**, including herbarium sheets and wet-preserved collections.

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Economy

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J&K Exports First Shipment of Premium Cherries and Plums to UAE

NEWS ITEM

APEDA facilitated the first-ever export shipment of premium **Areko Cherries** and **Scentrose Plums** from **Jammu and Kashmir** to the **United Arab Emirates**. The shipment was sourced from farmers in **Shopian** and **Pulwama** and sent to **Abu Dhabi** and **Dubai**, opening new international market opportunities for J&K's horticulture sector.

PRELIMS FACTS

- APEDA facilitated the first export shipment of **Areko Cherries** and **Scentrose Plums** from **Jammu and Kashmir** to the **UAE**.
- The shipment was sent to **Abu Dhabi** and **Dubai**.
- The consignment comprised **one metric tonne** of premium stone fruits.
- The fruits were sourced from farmers in **Shopian** and **Pulwama** districts.
- **Areko Cherries** are described as **High-Density European Sweet Cherries**.
- The virtual flag-off ceremony was led by **APEDA Chairman Abhishek Dev**.
- Growers linked with the export supply chain realised nearly **60% higher returns for cherries** and **120% higher returns for plums** compared to domestic market prices.
- J&K exported more than **6.37 lakh metric tonnes** of fruits during **2024-25**.
- The fruit export turnover of J&K during 2024-25 exceeded **₹3,100 crore**.
- APEDA works under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.

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History, Art and Culture

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PM Modi to Visit Prambanan Temple in Indonesia

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will visit **Prambanan Temple** in **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**, with the Indonesian President on **8 July 2026**. The visit highlights India-Indonesia civilisational ties through shared heritage, temple architecture, the Ramayana tradition and ongoing conservation cooperation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Prambanan Temple** is located in **Yogyakarta, Java, Indonesia**.
- It was built in the **9th century**.
- It is Indonesia's **largest Hindu temple complex**.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- The temple complex is dedicated mainly to **Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma**.
- The complex originally had around **240 temples**.
- Its stone reliefs depict scenes from the **Ramayana**.
- The **Ramayana Ballet** continues to keep the epic alive in Indonesian culture.
- **ASI** is cooperating with Indonesian authorities for conservation of smaller temples in the complex.

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International Relations

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SCOTUS Upholds Birthright Citizenship

NEWS ITEM

The **Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)** upheld **birthright citizenship** under the **14th Amendment** and struck down President **Donald Trump's Executive Order 14160**, which sought to deny automatic citizenship to certain children born in the U.S. to non-citizen parents. The ruling reaffirmed that children born on U.S. soil are citizens at birth, except narrow traditional exceptions such as children of foreign diplomats and invading forces.

PRELIMS FACTS

- SCOTUS ruled on **30 June 2026** on birthright citizenship.
- The Court struck down President Trump's **Executive Order 14160**.
- The ruling upheld birthright citizenship under the **14th Amendment**.
- The 14th Amendment was ratified in **1868**.
- The Citizenship Clause covers persons born or naturalised in the U.S. and subject to its jurisdiction.
- Traditional exceptions include children of foreign diplomats and invading forces.
- **Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857)** denied citizenship to Black people.
- **Civil Rights Act, 1866** declared birth-based citizenship with limited exceptions.
- **United States v. Wong Kim Ark (1898)** is a key precedent for birthright citizenship.
- Trump's order had sought to deny citizenship documents to some children born after **February 19, 2025** to parents unlawfully or temporarily present in the U.S.

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PM Modi Congratulates Keiko Fujimori

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated **Keiko Fujimori** on her victory in the **Peruvian Presidential elections**. He said India values its close friendship with **Peru** and remains committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated **Keiko Fujimori** on her victory in the **Peruvian Presidential elections**.
- **Peru** is located in **South America**.
- India expressed commitment to strengthening its bilateral partnership with Peru across diverse sectors.
- The Prime Minister wished Keiko Fujimori a successful tenure.

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International Relations

Important Days

Places in News

PM Modi Greets U.S. on 250th Independence Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated U.S. President **Donald J. Trump** and the people of the **United States** on the historic **250th anniversary of American Independence**. He highlighted that India-U.S. relations are rooted in shared values of democracy, rule of law and faith in the potential of their people.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated President **Donald J. Trump** and the American people on the **250th anniversary of U.S. independence**.
- The United States observes **Independence Day** on **4 July**.
- The **Declaration of Independence** was adopted in **1776**.
- The declaration was adopted by representatives of the original **thirteen American colonies**.
- **Thomas Jefferson** was the principal drafter of the Declaration of Independence.
- The **American Revolution** broadly lasted from **1775 to 1783**.
- The **Treaty of Paris, 1783** ended the American Revolution and recognised U.S. independence.
- The Prime Minister highlighted democracy, rule of law and people's potential as shared foundations of India-U.S. friendship.

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Infrastructure

PM Launches ₹1.06 Lakh Crore Projects in Rajasthan

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth around **₹1.06 lakh crore** at **Balotra, Rajasthan**. The projects cover energy, petrochemicals, aviation, metro connectivity, roads, railways, renewable energy, power transmission and water supply.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The event was held at **Balotra, Rajasthan** on **04 July 2026**.
- Projects worth around **₹1.06 lakh crore** were dedicated, inaugurated or had foundation stones laid.
- **Rajasthan Refinery** is located at **Pachpadra in Balotra district**.
- The projects cover sectors such as petrochemicals, urban transport, aviation, railways, roads, renewable energy and power transmission.
- A new terminal building at **Jodhpur Airport** was inaugurated.
- A modified phase of the **UDAN** regional air connectivity scheme was launched.
- The foundation stone was laid for **Jaipur Metro Phase 2**.
- Rajasthan and Haryana agreed to work on water supply to **Shekhawati** through an underground pipeline from **Hathnikund Barrage**.
- Beneficiary districts mentioned for the Shekhawati water plan include **Sikar, Churu and Jhunjhunu**.
- Renewable energy initiatives mentioned include solar parks, rooftop solar under **PM Surya Ghar** and solar pumps under **PM-KUSUM**.
- **Khejri** was highlighted as an ecologically important tree in desert regions.

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Environment and Ecology

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Tiger Population Rises Fourfold in Nameri Tiger Reserve

NEWS ITEM

The tiger population in **Nameri Tiger Reserve** in Assam increased from **3 tigers in the 2022 All India Tiger Estimation** to **12 tigers by end-2025**, as validated by the **Wildlife Institute of India**. The recovery also includes the return of tigers to **Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary** after more than two decades.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Nameri Tiger Reserve** is located in **Assam**.
- Nameri's area mentioned in the report is **344 sq km**.
- Nameri shares a boundary with **Pakke Tiger Reserve** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Assam has four tiger reserves: **Nameri, Kaziranga, Manas** and **Orang**.
- **Kaziranga** and **Manas** are **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.
- Nameri's tiger population increased from **3 in the 2022 AITE** to **12 by end-2025**.
- The 2025-end estimate was validated by the **Wildlife Institute of India**.
- Tigers returned to **Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary** after more than two decades.
- **Sonai Rupai** had seen local extinction of tigers in the early 2000s.
- **Kaziranga** is noted for one of the highest tiger densities in India.

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Assam Estate Sells India's First Commercial Matcha Tea

NEWS ITEM

An Assam tea estate sold India's first commercially produced **matcha tea** at the **Guwahati Tea Auction Centre**. The first batch of **5 kg** came from **Chota Tingrai Tea Estate** in Tinsukia district and was bought by Guwahati-based **Sheosons Chai Co**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- India's first commercially produced **matcha tea** was sold by an estate in **Assam**.
- The tea came from **Chota Tingrai Tea Estate** in **Tinsukia district**.
- The first batch weighed **5 kg**.
- It was sold at the **Guwahati Tea Auction Centre**.
- The auction was conducted by **J. Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd.**
- The buyer was Guwahati-based **Sheosons Chai Co**.
- The premium fetched was **₹3,000 per kg**.
- Matcha is made from shade-grown **Camellia sinensis** leaves.

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Science and Technology

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Science & Technology

700-Year-Old Banyan Scientifically Dated in Munger

NEWS ITEM

A banyan tree in **Munger, Bihar** has been scientifically dated to around **700 years** using **radiocarbon dating**. The finding identifies it as the oldest accurately dated **banyan tree**, based on scientific evidence rather than folklore or local traditions.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The banyan tree is located in **Munger, Bihar**.
- Its estimated age is around **700 years**.
- The species identified is **Ficus benghalensis**.
- The study used **radiocarbon dating** with **Accelerator Mass Spectrometry**.
- The research was led by **Dr. Trina Bose** of the **Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences**.
- The study was published in **Quaternary Research**.
- The finding suggests that the tree may be a surviving remnant of an older natural forest in the area.

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Science and Technology

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Infrastructure

I-2SEA Submarine Cable to Link India and Southeast Asia

NEWS ITEM

A consortium comprising **Lightstorm, Microsoft, Singtel** and **Tata Communications** has unveiled the **I-2SEA submarine cable system** to connect India, Malaysia and Singapore. The project is designed to support rising demand from AI, cloud, hyperscale and GPU infrastructure users across the India-Southeast Asia corridor.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **I-2SEA** is a proposed submarine cable system linking **India, Malaysia and Singapore**.
- The consortium includes **Lightstorm, Microsoft, Singtel** and **Tata Communications**.
- It will connect India's east coast with **Singapore** and **Kuala Lumpur**.
- Indian landing points include **Machilipatnam** and a new diverse landing location in **South Chennai**.
- **NEC Corporation** has been appointed as the system supplier.
- **ASEAN Cables (ACPL)** is the marine installation partner.
- The cable system is targeted to be ready-for-service in **Q4 2029**.
- The estimated cable length from Singapore to Machilipatnam is around **3,600 km**.

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Temple Donations and Governance Models

NEWS ITEM

A report on the **Ram Temple donation row** explained how major Indian temples manage donations and why their governance systems differ. It showed that most major temples follow similar donation-handling safeguards, but operate under different models such as trusts, statutory boards, Devaswom boards, State departments, mahant-led systems and traditional community-based arrangements.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The report was linked to the **Ram Temple donation row** and examined donation management in major Indian temples.
- Common donation safeguards include authorised opening of hundis, CCTV-monitored counting, separation of cash and valuables, official documentation, audit and bank deposit.
- Approximate annual donations cited in the report include **Tirupati ₹1,880 crore, Vaishno Devi ₹230 crore, Ram Temple ₹150 crore, Siddhivinayak ₹100 crore, Kashi Vishwanath ₹80 crore** and **Puri Jagannath ₹18 crore**.
- **Ram Temple, Ayodhya** follows a trust model under **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust**.
- **Tirupati** is managed by **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams**, and its donation counting is associated with the **Parakamani system**.
- **Vaishno Devi** is managed under the **Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Act, 1988**.
- **Kashi Vishwanath Temple** is governed under the **Uttar Pradesh Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act**.
- **Jagannath Temple, Puri** functions under the **Shri Jagannath Temple Act**.
- **Tamil Nadu HR&CE Department** administers over **40,000 temples** under the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.
- **Travancore Devaswom Board**, constituted in 1950, manages several temples in Kerala, including **Sabarimala**.
- Traditional temple management models include **family management, mahant system** and **akhada/panchayati system**.
- **Article 25(2)** permits State regulation of secular activities associated with religious practice.

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Indian Navy Ships Reach Changi Naval Base, Singapore

NEWS ITEM

Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet ships **Udaygiri, Kavaratti and Shakti** reached **Changi Naval Base, Singapore**, as part of their operational deployment in South East Asia. The visit aims to strengthen India-Singapore naval cooperation through professional interactions, cross-deck visits and discussions on shared maritime interests.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet ships **Udaygiri, Kavaratti and Shakti** reached **Changi Naval Base, Singapore**.
- The ships arrived on **01 July 2026** as part of the Indian Navy's operational deployment in South East Asia.
- The deployment is linked with India's **Act East Policy, MAHASAGAR** vision and **ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation 2026**.
- During the port call, the ships will engage with the **Republic of Singapore Navy** through professional interactions, cross-deck visits and discussions on maritime issues.
- The visit aims to promote collective maritime security, regional cooperation and interoperability.

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Radio-Tagged White-Rumped Vulture Electrocuted in Tamil Nadu

NEWS ITEM

A captive-bred, radio-tagged **white-rumped vulture** was electrocuted in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris district after coming into contact with a power line. This tragic incident marks the failure of the first attempt to reintroduce a captive-bred bird of this endangered species into the South Indian wild landscape.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The deceased bird marks the **first attempted reintroduction** of a captive-bred white-rumped vulture into the South Indian landscape.
- **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve**, where the bird was initially released, is Maharashtra's oldest and largest national park, located in the Chandrapur district.
- Conservationists emphasize the need for **bunch-cabling and insulating power lines** across critical wildlife habitats like the Sigur plateau to prevent such fatalities.
- The **Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)** is a leading non-governmental organization in India engaged in conservation research and manages multiple Vulture Conservation Breeding Centres (VCBCs).

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Indian Navy Ships Conclude Visit to Thailand's Sattahip Port

NEWS ITEM

Indian Naval Ships **INS Udaygiri, INS Kavaratti, and INS Shakti** from the Eastern Fleet successfully concluded their visit to **Sattahip Port in Thailand**. This visit is a part of India's ongoing operational deployment in South-East Asia to strengthen maritime cooperation, interoperability, and strategic partnerships with regional allies.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Sattahip Port** is the largest commercial port and a major naval base located in **Thailand**, playing a crucial role in the Gulf of Thailand.
- **INS Kavaratti** is an indigenously built anti-submarine warfare (ASW) corvette constructed under **Project 28** (Kamorta class).
- **INS Shakti** is a Deepak-class fleet tanker primarily used to refuel and resupply warships while they are deployed out at sea.
- The inaugural bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy was recently named '**Ex Ayutthaya**', symbolizing the deep historic and cultural links between Ayodhya (India) and Ayutthaya (Thailand).

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India Pavilion Sets Record at Summer Fancy Food Show 2026 in New York

NEWS ITEM

India marked its largest-ever participation at the Summer Fancy Food Show 2026 in New York. Organised jointly by APEDA and ITPO, the India Pavilion mesmerised global buyers by showcasing the country's rich agricultural diversity, highlighting premium mangoes, authentic Basmati rice, and ready-to-eat delicacies.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The India Pavilion was inaugurated at the **Jacob K. Javits Convention Center** in New York by the Consul General of India and renowned Chef Vikas Khanna.
- Six high-quality export varieties of Indian mangoes and premium **Basmati rice** (which holds a Geographical Indication or GI tag in India) were prominently featured.
- Over 70 Indian exhibitors participated, representing a massive push in India's soft power and food diplomacy on the global stage.

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PM Modi Attends Seychelles' 50th Independence Day Celebrations

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th Independence Day celebrations of Seychelles as a Guest of Honour at the invitation of President Dr. Patrick Herminie. He became the first Indian Prime Minister to participate in this historic event, which also marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

PRELIMS FACTS

- PM Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to ever attend the Independence Day celebrations of Seychelles.
- An Indian Armed Forces contingent, featuring the Assam Rifles, the Indian Navy, and the Indian Navy Marching Band, participated in the national parade.
- Showcasing deep defence ties, Indian Naval Ships INS Tarkash and INS Ikshak arrived at Port Victoria to commemorate the golden jubilee.
- Seychelles gained its independence from the United Kingdom on June 29, 1976.

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BRO's Project Brahmark Celebrates 16th Raising Day in Arunachal Pradesh

NEWS ITEM

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO)'s Project Brahmark celebrated its 16th Raising Day on June 29, 2026, at Ranaghat in Arunachal Pradesh. The project has played a pivotal role in developing critical strategic road infrastructure and connectivity in the highly challenging and remote terrains of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Project Brahmark was established on **June 29, 2011**, at Ranaghat in the East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Its area of responsibility spans five districts of Arunachal Pradesh (Siang, East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, and Shi-Yomi) and parts of Assam's Dhemaji district.
- Key engineering achievements include a 100-metre steel arch bridge over the **Siyom River** and a 165-metre PSC bridge over the **Simang River**.
- During FY 2025-26, the project successfully inaugurated 13 new bridges and constructed new helipads to boost strategic reach.

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NASA's Perseverance Rover Discovers Robust Organic Matter on Mars

NEWS ITEM

In a major breakthrough, an international team of scientists has discovered complex organic carbon on Mars. Using NASA's Perseverance rover, they found this hardy organic matter directly on natural rocks within an ancient river valley in the Jezero Crater, boosting the search for ancient Martian life.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The latest discovery of organic matter was made using the **SHERLOC** instrument on the Perseverance rover.
- The robust organic material, identified as **macromolecular carbon**, was found in the fine-grained mudstones of the **Neretva Vallis** channel inside the Jezero Crater.
- Previously, NASA's **Curiosity rover** had discovered localized organic molecules in the **Gale Crater**.
- The newly found organic matter exists alongside minerals like **carbonates and sulphates**, indicating they were likely trapped and preserved by water-driven processes billions of years ago.

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Can Neutral Merchant Ships Be Attacked? Decoding Maritime Law Amidst Strait of Hormuz Crisis

NEWS ITEM

Recent U.S. missile strikes on three merchant tankers in the Strait of Hormuz tragically killed three Indian seafarers. This incident has sparked a global debate on whether neutral merchant ships can be lawfully attacked during armed conflicts and what legal remedies India has to protect its citizens.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **Strait of Hormuz** is a strategically vital waterway linking the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman** and the Arabian Sea.
- Under the doctrine of "**Diplomatic Protection**" in international law, a sovereign state like India has the legal standing to espouse claims and demand compensation for injuries caused to its citizens by another state's wrongful acts.
- **Article 51** of the UN Charter allows for the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a UN member state.
- **Article 2(4)** of the UN Charter strictly prohibits states from using force against the territorial integrity or political independence of another state.

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PM Modi Honoured with Seychelles' Highest Distinction 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the **Guardian of the Blue Horizon**, Seychelles' highest distinction, by President Dr. Patrick Herminie. The award recognizes his leadership in environmental conservation, sustainable development, and advancing the Blue Economy and the interests of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

PRELIMS FACTS

- **First Recipient:** PM Narendra Modi is the first person to receive the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' award.
- **Awarding Nation:** Seychelles (Conferred by President Dr. Patrick Herminie).
- **Previous Environmental Honours for PM Modi:** UN Champion of the Earth, Agricola Medal (FAO), and the Seoul Peace Prize.
- **India's Highlighted Green Initiatives:** International Solar Alliance (ISA), Mission LiFE, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).

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PM Modi Addresses 135th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'

NEWS ITEM

In the 135th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's recent achievements in defence indigenisation, sports, environmental conservation, and social initiatives. He emphasized the power of public participation (Jan Bhagidari) in tackling global challenges and preserving the nation's cultural and ecological heritage.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Defence Indigenisation:** INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray were recently inducted into the Indian Navy in Kolkata. They are indigenously designed and manufactured.
- **Aerospace:** The first 'Made in India' C-295 aircraft successfully completed its maiden flight. A total of 40 such aircraft are being manufactured in India.
- **Missile Technology:** DRDO and Indian Industries Partners successfully tested the indigenous 'Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile'.
- **Sports:** India topped the medal tally at the **World Yogasana Championship** in Ahmedabad, winning 114 medals, including 102 gold medals.
- **Grassroots Sports in Nagaland:** The state is promoting talent through the 'Nagaland Baby League' (football for 5-12 year olds) and the 'Nagaland Women Futsal League' (indoor football with 5 players per team).
- **Education & Heritage:** Nalanda University has revived the ancient tradition of 'Shastrarth' (debate and discussion). Meanwhile, the Central Sanskrit University in Delhi is starting a B.Tech Programme in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science to link traditional knowledge with modern technology.
- **Global Cultural Footprint:** 'Brahmakamal Dominicana', a Spanish-speaking team in the Dominican Republic, is actively learning and chanting Vedic mantras like Purusha Suktam and Sri Rudram.
- **Waste Management:** Women in Biaora, Rajgarh district (Madhya Pradesh) have initiated a campaign to convert plastic waste and empty bottles into eco-bricks to beautify public spaces.

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First Export of GI-Tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes to UAE

NEWS ITEM

APEDA facilitated the first commercial export of **GI-tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes** from **Madhya Pradesh** to the **United Arab Emirates**. The consignment comprised **one metric tonne** of premium-quality mangoes and is expected to support growers in the Rewa region.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **APEDA** facilitated the first commercial export of **GI-tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes** to the **UAE**.
- The mangoes were exported from **Madhya Pradesh**.
- The consignment comprised **one metric tonne** of premium-quality mangoes.
- **GI registration** helps create a distinct identity for region-specific agricultural products in international markets.

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India Launches World's First Nuclear Heat-Based Hydrogen Facility

NEWS ITEM

India has inaugurated the world's first hydrogen production facility based on the **Copper-Chlorine (Cu-Cl) Thermochemical Cycle** at the **Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR)**, Kalpakkam. The facility represents a major breakthrough by utilizing nuclear process heat generated from the **Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR)** to produce clean hydrogen.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The world's first nuclear process heat-based hydrogen facility is located at **IGCAR, Kalpakkam** (Tamil Nadu).
- It relies on the **Copper-Chlorine (Cu-Cl) Thermochemical Cycle**, which was indigenously developed by the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**.
- The heat required for the process is sourced from the **Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR)**.
- Unlike traditional fossil fuel-based hydrogen production (Grey Hydrogen), this nuclear-assisted method produces carbon-free **Pink Hydrogen**.

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INS Sudarshini Reaches Baltimore During 'Lokayan 26' Expedition

NEWS ITEM

Indian Naval Sail Training Ship **INS Sudarshini** arrived at Baltimore, Maryland (USA) as part of its historic **Lokayan 26** maritime expedition. The deployment involves participation in the **Sail250** celebrations marking the USA's 250th anniversary, showcasing India's rich maritime heritage and strengthening bilateral naval ties.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **INS Sudarshini** is a Sail Training Ship built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- The **Lokayan 26** expedition originated from **Kochi**, India, and reached the USA covering over 13,000 nautical miles.
- The ship navigated through the historic **Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) Canal** on its route.
- It participated in the **Sail250** celebrations, which commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

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INS Ikshak Reaches Seychelles During Operational Deployment

NEWS ITEM

The indigenously built Survey Vessel Large (SVL), **INS Ikshak**, arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles, as part of its operational deployment in the Southwest Indian Ocean region. The visit coincides with the 50th National Day celebrations of Seychelles, highlighting the deep maritime partnership and long-standing friendship between India and Seychelles in line with **Vision MAHASAGAR**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **INS Ikshak** is the second ship of the Survey Vessels Large (SVL) project of the Indian Navy.
- It was indigenously designed and built by **GRSE** and **L&T**.
- **Port Victoria** is the capital and strategic port city of **Seychelles**, located in the western Indian Ocean.
- The ship's deployment is anchored in the Indian Navy's **Vision MAHASAGAR** initiative.

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India Launches 'Operation Amistad' for Venezuela Earthquake Relief

NEWS ITEM

India has launched **Operation Amistad**, a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission, to provide critical support to Venezuela following devastating earthquakes. The mission involves the deployment of two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft carrying a 41-member rescue team, an Indian Army Field Hospital, and 36 tons of medical supplies, including portable **BHISHM cube** hospitals.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Operation Amistad is a HADR mission launched by India for earthquake-hit Venezuela.
- The mission includes two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft.
- The relief package contains two BHISHM cube portable hospitals, 30 tons of relief supplies, and 6 tons of medicines.
- A 41-member rescue team is deployed as part of the operation.

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PM Modi's Visit to Seychelles for National Day Golden Jubilee

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit **Seychelles** as the Guest of Honour for its National Day Golden Jubilee celebrations. The visit involves bilateral talks with President Dr. Patrick Herminie, participation of Indian defence forces, and reinforces India's commitment to the Indian Ocean Region through Vision **MAHASAGAR**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the Guest of Honour for the National Day Golden Jubilee of **Seychelles**.
- A contingent of the Indian defence forces and two Indian Navy ships will participate in the national celebrations.
- Seychelles is a key partner in India's **Vision MAHASAGAR** initiative.

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PM Modi Congratulates Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan on Re-election

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated **Nikol Pashinyan** on his victory in the parliamentary elections in **Armenia**. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral partnership across trade, defence, and technology, while PM Modi thanked Armenia for facilitating the evacuation of Indian nationals stranded in Iran.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Nikol Pashinyan** was recently re-elected as the Prime Minister of **Armenia**.
- India and Armenia have a growing defence partnership; India has exported military equipment like **Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers** and **Swathi weapon locating radars** to Armenia.
- Armenia acted as a crucial transit and facilitation point for the evacuation of Indians from **Iran** during recent geopolitical tensions.

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Devastating Back-to-Back Earthquakes Strike Venezuela

NEWS ITEM

Venezuela was struck by a rare 'earthquake doublet' with magnitudes of 7.2 and 7.5, just 39 seconds apart. The twin tremors, with their epicentre near the coastal town of **Morón**, west of Caracas, caused widespread structural collapse and prompted a declaration of a state of emergency.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The epicentre of the recent twin earthquakes was located near **Morón**, a coastal community along Venezuela's Caribbean shoreline.
- Venezuela's seismic activity is governed by the boundary interaction between the **Caribbean Plate** and the **South American Plate**.
- An **earthquake doublet** refers to two closely timed earthquakes of similar magnitude that occur on the same or adjacent fault segments.
- Shallow-focus earthquakes generally cause more intense surface shaking and structural damage compared to deep-focus tremors of the exact same magnitude.