

Newsletter

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

INDIA HIGHLIGHTS TERRORISM AS A GRAVE THREAT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AT UNHRC



India raised concerns about the global impact of terrorism on human rights during discussions at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). Indian representatives emphasized that terrorism continues to undermine fundamental freedoms and threatens the security and dignity of civilians worldwide. India called for stronger international cooperation to combat terrorism, stressing the importance of accountability, intelligence sharing, and unified action against terrorist financing and networks. The statement reaffirmed India's position that addressing terrorism is essential for protecting human rights and ensuring global peace.

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GERMAN DELEGATION VISITS NITI AAYOG TO LEARN ABOUT GOVT'S FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES

A German delegation visited NITI Aayog, India's premier policy think tank, to gain insights into the Government of India's flagship initiatives and policy frameworks. Discussions covered India's development priorities, digital governance initiatives, infrastructure expansion, and innovation-driven growth strategies. The interaction aimed to deepen policy dialogue and strengthen India-Germany cooperation, particularly in areas such as sustainability, technology, industrial transformation, and public policy innovation.



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INDIA SENDS HUMANITARIAN AID TO MADAGASCAR AMID ONGOING RELIEF EFFORTS



India has dispatched humanitarian assistance to support ongoing relief efforts in Madagascar. An Indian Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying 12 tonnes of medical aid and 18 tonnes of disaster relief material landed in Antananarivo. The consignment includes life-saving medicines, surgical supplies, tents, water storage tanks, dignity kits, and ready-to-eat meals providing critical support to affected communities.

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INDIA SENDS 1,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE TO MALAWI FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

India has dispatched a humanitarian consignment of one thousand metric tonnes of rice from the Nhava Sheva Port to the people of Malawi to support Malawi's efforts towards food security following the drought caused by the El Niño effect. The consignment is a reiteration of India's continued commitment to supporting partners in the Global South and advancing the spirit of South-South cooperation.



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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

NITI AAYOG RELEASES SECOND ANNUAL EDITION OF FISCAL HEALTH INDEX 2026



India's NITI Aayog released the second annual edition of the Fiscal Health Index 2026 in New Delhi. The report highlights several policy priorities for strengthening fiscal health across states. These include enhancing revenue mobilisation and strengthening state-owned tax capacity, rationalising committed expenditures to restore fiscal flexibility, improving the composition and quality of capital expenditure. Systematic benchmarking tools such as the Fiscal Health Index will also support states in identifying structural fiscal challenges and adopting targeted policy reforms.

It was highlighted that improving fiscal resilience across states will be central to sustaining long-term development, reducing regional disparities, and supporting India's development aspirations. The Fiscal Health Index 2026 provides an important resource for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders by offering a transparent and data-driven assessment of state finances.

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INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS



BHARAT TEX 2026

India's Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh announced the launch of Bharat Tex 2026, India's largest global textile event in New Delhi. The third edition of the event will be held from 14-17 July 2026 this year at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital. It serves as a major platform for trade, investment, and networking in the textile sector. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Singh said that in the coming days India will emerge as the hub of natural fibre. 141 countries will participate in the event. The Minister also said that India recycles the most amount of cotton in the world and all the countries look towards India in the textile sector.

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INDIA FACILITATES EXPORT OF 25 METRIC TONNES OF ASSAM'S GI-TAGGED JOHA RICE TO UK AND ITALY



India has facilitated the export of 25 metric tonnes of Assam's GI-tagged Joha Rice to the United Kingdom and Italy. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) enabled the shipment. Joha Rice, known for its rich nutritional value and unique heritage, became a Geographical Indication product in 2017. India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that the export reflects the continued efforts to significantly expand India's agricultural exports, unlock new global markets and ensure better income opportunities for farmers.

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GLOBAL AUTO MAJORS ARE EXPANDING MANUFACTURING IN INDIA

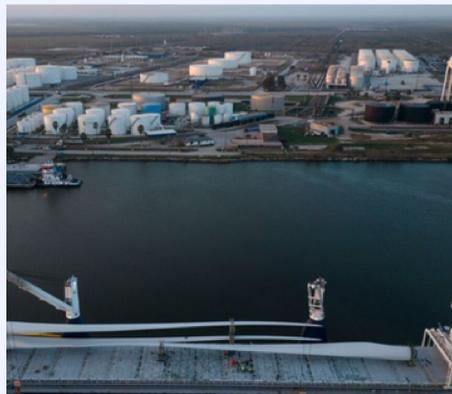
India's National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency, "Invest India" in an article stated that leading global automobile manufacturers are increasingly expanding their manufacturing footprint in India, attracted by the country's large domestic market, improving infrastructure, and supportive policy environment. India is already the world's third-largest automobile market by volume and the fourth-largest vehicle producer globally, with production rising from just 2 million units in the early 1990s to nearly 33 million vehicles in 2025.



India pairs a massive, increasingly wealthy, and urbanizing population with a low car ownership rate of just 27.5 vehicles per 1,000 people. This combination of scale and untapped market depth creates a massive runway for long-term growth in the automotive sector. A report by Moody's notes that India's expanding workforce demographics and rising consumer spending are central to its long-term attractiveness for global auto manufacturers, even as demand stagnates in several developed markets.

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US PRESIDENT TRUMP ANNOUNCES US\$ 300 BILLION PARTNERSHIP WITH RELIANCE TO BUILD FIRST MAJOR US REFINERY IN 50 YEARS



President Donald Trump has announced a historic US\$ 300 billion partnership with India's Reliance Industries Ltd to open America First Refining, the first new major oil refinery in the US in 50 years. Located at the Port of Brownsville, Texas, the facility is described as the largest investment in U.S. history and is expected to create thousands of jobs while serving as the cleanest refinery in the world. By boosting domestic production and exports, the new refinery aims to strengthen American national security and stabilise energy markets amid these global tensions.

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INDIA'S PASSENGER VEHICLE MARKET POSTS RECORD FEBRUARY, SETS COURSE FOR 5 MILLION UNITS IN 2026

India's passenger vehicle market recorded its highest-ever February sales, putting the sector on track to cross 5 million units in 2026. Strong consumer demand, improved supply chains, and expanding financing options contributed to the growth. Industry analysts note that India's rising middle class, urbanisation, and improving infrastructure continue to drive long-term growth in the automotive sector, positioning the country among the world's largest car markets.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

SOLAR IRRIGATION TO REVOLUTIONISE INDIA'S AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY SECTORS

Addressing the 4th National Agro-RE Summit in New Delhi, Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said that solar irrigation can revolutionise India's agriculture and energy sectors. Mr Joshi emphasised that solar irrigation can play a crucial role in promoting sustainable farming while strengthening the country's renewable energy capacity. The Minister noted that solar irrigation can ensure reliable irrigation for farmers during the daytime.



India's installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources has increased from 81 gigawatts to nearly 275 gigawatts. With continued economic expansion, the nation's energy demand will rise further. He said that according to a report by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, India could surpass the energy demand of other developed countries by 2040.

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INDIA'S INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY REACHES NEARLY 136 GIGAWATTS

India's installed solar power capacity has reached nearly 136 gigawatts, accounting for almost half of the country's total renewable energy capacity, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said during his address at the Foundation Day celebrations of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in New Delhi. Rapid growth of solar energy in India reflects sustained policy commitment and innovation in the clean energy sector. Joshi noted that the International Solar Alliance has played a major role in advancing the global transition to solar energy and strengthening cooperation among countries working toward sustainable development.



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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

ISRO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS CE20 CRYOGENIC ENGINE GROUND TEST



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted a key ground test of its CE20 cryogenic engine, demonstrating higher thrust capability that could improve the performance of India's heavy-lift rocket, the LVM3 launch vehicle. The sea-level hot test was carried out on March 10 at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu, where the engine operated for 165 seconds and generated about 22 tonnes of thrust.

The CE20 engine powers the upper stage of LVM3 and is critical for missions requiring heavy payloads. It has also been human-rated for India's upcoming Gaganyaan mission. ISRO said the higher-thrust testing is aimed at enhancing the rocket's payload capacity for future satellite and space exploration missions.

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