



News Letter

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POLITY & GOVERNANCE

India co-chairs UN Group advocating accountability for crimes against peacekeepers

India has strongly reiterated its commitment to ensuring justice for crimes committed against UN peacekeepers, calling accountability a strategic necessity for the success of global peacekeeping missions. At a high-level UN meeting of the Group of Friends (GoF) for promoting accountability, it was conveyed that peacekeepers face serious threats while serving in dangerous areas, yet most crimes against them go unpunished.

The GoF for Accountability of Crimes against Peacekeepers was formally launched in December 2022 during India's Presidency of the UN Security Council, building upon the landmark Security Council Resolution 2589 (2021), a resolution that was piloted by India and specifically called for facilitating accountability for crimes committed against peacekeepers. India, the largest contributor of troops to UN missions, has sent over 300,000 peacekeepers in the past 70 years, with 182 losing their lives. India continues to lead efforts to protect peacekeepers and ensure justice.

Read more: [Press Release \(PMI New York\)](#)

AAIB appeals media to refrain from spreading premature narratives regarding AI plane crash

India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has issued an appeal to the public and the media "to refrain from spreading premature narratives" about the Air India crash of June 12 and also noted that certain sections of the international media are repeatedly attempting to draw conclusions through selective and unverified reporting, and urged both the public and the media to refrain from spreading premature narratives that risk undermining the integrity of the investigative process. AAIB appealed to all concerned to await publication of Final Investigation Report after completion of the Investigation.

Read more: [AAIB Appeal](#)

Designation of The Resistance Front (TRF) by the United States Department of State

India welcomed the decision of the United States Department of State to designate The Resistance Front (TRF) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). The TRF has been involved in numerous terror-related activities, including the heinous attack on

civilians in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on 22 April 2025 for which it twice claimed responsibility. The designation of TRF is a timely and important step reflecting the deep cooperation between India and the United States on counter-terrorism.

Read more: [US Department of State](#) and [MEA Press Release](#)

India Deepens Regional Statistical Ties in Cooperation with UN Agencies

India's Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), as an active member of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) has hosted a Regional Workshop, in cooperation with the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UN SIAP) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) on "Data Ethics, Governance, and Quality in a Changing Data Ecosystem" for 16 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The workshop reflects India's commitment to collaborative, ethical, and future-ready data ecosystems.

Read more: [UN Statistics Division](#)

Indian Activist wins UN Population Award

Indian women's rights activist Varsha Deshpande has won the 2025 United Nations Population Award in the individual category. Ms. Deshpande is a pioneering women's rights activist with more than 35 years of experience working on gender-based violence, discrimination and gender. She tirelessly works to empower grassroots women by building their vocational skills, connecting them to vital resources and services, and fostering their financial independence.

Read more: [UN India](#)

India's pioneering role in advancing Digital Public Goods

The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation Report titled "Bridging Horizons and Continents: Forging Transformative Pathways in South-South and Triangular Cooperation" highlighted India's pioneering role in advancing Digital Public Goods (DPGs), pointing to it as a strong example.

Read full Report: [Global Report on South-South and Triangular Cooperation](#)

ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

New guidelines to promote first-time exporters and new markets under ODOP

India's Commerce Ministry will work with districts to promote first time exporters to newer markets under the National One District One Product (ODOP). The Ministry will soon be coming out with more guidelines on how new markets, new products, and new exporters can be promoted. ODOP initiative is aimed at fostering balanced regional development across all districts of the country. The initiative aims to

select, brand, and promote at least One Product from each District of the country for enabling holistic socioeconomic growth across all regions. The ODOP Initiative has identified a total of 1102 products from 761 districts across the country.

Read more: [Brochure](#) and [Product List](#)

NITI Aayog launches third edition of “Trade Watch Quarterly”

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), the apex public policy Think Tank of the Government of India, released the third edition of the "Trade Watch Quarterly" publication for Quarter 3 of the financial year 2025 (October to December) on Jul 14, 2025, in New Delhi. In addition to offering a comprehensive analysis of India's trade position for the quarter, this edition's thematic section focuses on recent shifts in US tariff structures, offering critical insights into the realignment of international trade and its implications for India's export competitiveness.

Read full Report: [Trade Watch Quarterly](#)

LEADS 2025 - Flagship Global Thought Leadership Initiative

LEADS 2025 (Leadership, Excellence, Adaptability, Diversity, Sustainability), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)'s fourth edition of flagship global thought Leadership Initiative will convene World Leaders, Policymakers, and Industry Experts for a two-day dialogue on the most pressing challenges and opportunities in this new era. Under the theme “Collaborations for Growth in a Transformative World” on 10-11 September 2025, LEADS 2025 will serve as a platform for thought-provoking discussions on Reshaping Industries, Fostering Innovation, and driving sustainable growth.

Read more: [LEADS 2025](#)

Automotive Mission Plan 2047

India's Ministry of Heavy Industries has initiated the Automotive Mission Plan 2047 (AMP 2047), a strategic roadmap to advance India's automotive sector. Building on the achievements of previous Automotive Mission Plans, which promoted the significant growth in India's automotive sector through stakeholder collaboration, AMP 2047 aims to enhance innovation, global competitiveness, and sustainable development to establish India as a global automotive leader by 2047.

Read more: [Automotive Mission Plan 2047](#)

DGFT Showcases ‘Trade Connect’ ePlatform to Empower Indian Exporters

India’s Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) showcased the Trade Connect ePlatform, which serves as a comprehensive hub of information and services on international trade for all stakeholders. Trade Connect provides latest and updated information on tariffs, certifications, trade events, eCommerce, and buyers in a simplified manner to MSMEs. It also serves a single point of issuance and validation for preferential and non-preferential certificates of origin through a secure, electronic, paperless issuance process with all authorised issuing agencies being present on the platform.

Read more: [Trade Connect ePlatform](#)

GREEN ENERGY & EV PUSH

India’s Renewable Rise: Non-Fossil Sources Now Power Half the Nation’s Grid

India has achieved a landmark in its energy transition journey by reaching 50% of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources—five years ahead of the target set under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement. This significant milestone underscores the country’s steadfast commitment to climate action and sustainable development, and signals that India’s clean energy transition is not only real but also accelerating.

Read more: [Press Release](#)

India’s EV sales projected to cross 7% market share by FY28: CareEdge report

India’s electric car sales are projected to cross a 7% market share by FY28, provided supply chain challenges around rare earth elements (REEs) are addressed in time, according to a new report released by CareEdge. The report highlighted that India’s electric car market has witnessed robust growth over the past three years, expanding from just over 5,000 units in FY21 to more than 107 thousand units in FY25, a 21-fold increase. While electric four-wheelers currently form a small part of India’s overall EV sales, the segment is expected to see rapid expansion in the coming years, driven by fresh model launches, strengthening public policy support and growing private sector participation. The first Tesla showroom in India recently opened in Mumbai, laying the groundwork for further expansion.

Read report: [Care Edge Report](#)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India's High-Performance Computing (HPC) systems for Weather and Climate Prediction

India's Ministry of Earth Sciences has commissioned India's High-Performance Computing (HPC) systems Arka and Arunika for use in weather and climate prediction. With a combined computing power of 22 Peta FLOPS, these state-of-the-art supercomputers will enable ultra-high-resolution forecasts up to 1 km, harness AI & ML for better prediction of extreme weather and strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience against climate variability. This marks a transformative step in delivering more accurate, reliable, and timely weather and climate services for India's farmers, fishermen, planners, and citizens.

Read more: [MoES on Twitter](#)

India has the highest penetration of AI skills: Stanford AI Index 2024 Report

According to the Stanford AI Index 2024, India has the highest penetration of AI skills. AI talent concentration in India has grown by 263% since 2016, positioning the country as a major AI hub. As of 2023, 20% of AI researchers in India choose to stay in the country, a significant increase from nearly zero in 2019.

Read full Report: [Stanford AI Index 2024 Report](#)

Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's space mission will boost India's Gaganyaan Project: ISRO

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) stated that astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla becoming the first Indian in 41 years to travel to space, conducting scientific experiments aboard the International Space Station (ISS) is a significant step towards India's upcoming Gaganyaan programme. India's first manned spaceflight mission - Gaganyaan is being spearheaded by ISRO with the goal is to send Indian astronauts into space aboard an indigenous spacecraft and bring them back safely.

Read more: [About Gaganyaan Project](#) and [Shubhanshu Shukla](#)
