

# NEWS LETTER

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**VOTE चोरी**

THERE WERE **1,00,250** VOTE CHORI

**5 TYPES OF VOTE CHORI**

<b>DUPLICATE VOTERS</b>	11,965
<b>FAKE &amp; INVALID ADDRESSES</b>	40,009
<b>BULK VOTERS IN SINGLE ADDRESS</b>	10,452
<b>INVALID PHOTOS</b>	4,132
<b>MISUSE OF FORM 6</b>	33,692

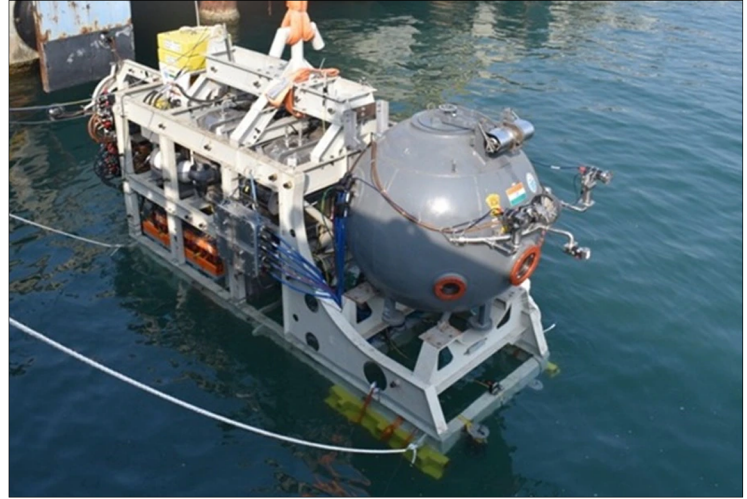
## Rahul Gandhi Alleges “Vote Chori” in Maharashtra; EC Rejects Claims as Baseless

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of facilitating “vote chori” in Maharashtra, claiming that one crore new voters were mysteriously added between the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the state assembly elections. Speaking during his Voter Adhikar Yatra, Gandhi said the sudden surge was “magical” and part of a conspiracy between the BJP and the poll body. He also alleged that the ECI refused to share voter roll data and destroyed CCTV footage, calling it a threat to democracy. The ECI, however, strongly rejected the charges as “baseless,” stressing that voter roll revisions follow transparent legal processes. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has asked Gandhi to either provide a sworn affidavit with evidence within seven days or issue a public apology. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis also dismissed the allegations, accusing Gandhi of trying to undermine democratic institutions.



## Jaishankar in Moscow: Pushes for Deeper Economic Engagement

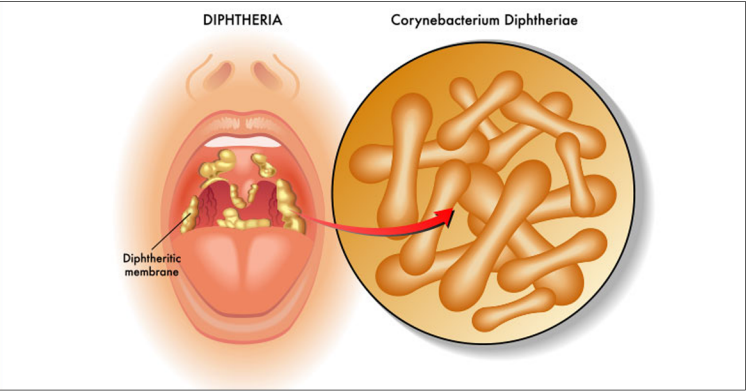
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar began his Russia visit today, holding key talks with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov after earlier meetings with First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov and the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC). His trip comes amid U.S. pressure on India over Russian oil imports, with Washington imposing steep tariffs. At the IRIGC-TEC, Jaishankar highlighted the sharp growth in India-Russia trade — from \$13 billion in 2021 to \$68 billion in 2024-25 — but warned of a significant trade imbalance. Stressing the need for diversification, he urged Moscow to expand engagement beyond energy and raw materials by tapping India’s consumer and infrastructure sectors.



## India Launches National Deep Water Exploration Mission to Boost Energy Independence

In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Independence Day announcement of the ‘National Deep Water Exploration Mission’, the government has dispatched a team of Indian scientists to France to study advanced techniques in deepwater exploration. The delegation will implement their learnings in India upon their return, marking a critical step toward harnessing untapped energy reserves beneath the sea. During his speech, Modi underscored that India must accelerate efforts to achieve energy self-reliance, highlighting the mission as part of the nation’s broader push for development. Referring to it as a modern-day “Samudra Manthan”, he said the initiative would focus on identifying and exploiting potential oil and gas reserves under the sea through a mission-mode approach.

## Somalia Faces Sharp Rise in Diphtheria Cases Amid Vaccine Shortages and Aid Cuts



**Mogadishu** : Somalia is witnessing a severe surge in diphtheria infections, with more than 1,600 cases and 87 deaths recorded so far this year — nearly double the total caseload of 2024, health officials confirmed.

### Rising Health Crisis :

Hussein Abdulkar Muhidin, head of Somalia’s National Institute of Health, said the jump in cases is linked to vaccine shortages and cuts in U.S. aid, which have hampered response efforts.

Diphtheria, a bacterial infection that causes swollen glands, fever, and breathing difficulties, is preventable through vaccines. While Somalia’s immunisation rates have improved in recent years, hundreds of thousands of children remain unvaccinated.

### Human Impact :

The crisis has hit displaced families the hardest. After fleeing conflict in Ceeldheere, Deka Mohamed Ali’s four unvaccinated children all contracted diphtheria. Her 8-year-old son died, her 9-year-old daughter recovered, and her two toddlers are still undergoing treatment in Mogadishu.



## Israel Faces Manpower Strain as Major Gaza City Offensive Looms

Israel is preparing for one of its most extensive military operations since the Gaza war began nearly two years ago, with a planned expanded assault on Gaza City — the most densely populated area of the enclave and a central stronghold of Hamas’ political and military network. While the government has authorised the offensive, serious questions remain about whether the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have the manpower and stamina required to carry it through. Months of relentless fighting have already strained the military, with tens of thousands of reservists recalled multiple times, leading to widespread fatigue among troops. The success of the upcoming campaign may depend not only on Israel’s military firepower but also on its ability to maintain morale, organisation, and resilience through what could be a grueling urban battle.



## Elon Musk to Face Lawsuit Over Alleged \$1 M-a-Day Giveaway Fraud

A U.S. federal judge has ruled that Elon Musk must face a lawsuit filed by voters who claim the Tesla CEO and his political action committee, America PAC, defrauded them during the 2024 presidential campaign with a deceptive \$1 million-a-day giveaway scheme.

- **False Lottery Scheme:** Elon Musk and his PAC allegedly promised voters a random chance to win \$1 million a day if they signed a petition, but no real winnings were possible.
- **Voter Data Misuse:** The petition allegedly served as a way to collect personal data (names, addresses, emails, phone numbers) under misleading pretenses.
- **Fraudulent Inducement:** Voters in seven battleground states claim they were tricked into supporting Musk’s political agenda through deceptive promises.

# EDUCATION

## Kamal Haasan Bats for State-Controlled Education Policy

Makkal Needhi Maiyam (MNM) chief and Rajya Sabha MP Kamal Haasan has strongly advocated for Tamil Nadu's State Education Policy (SEP) while calling for education to be moved back from the Concurrent List to the State List. He argued that true cooperative federalism begins with giving States the autonomy to design education systems suited to their people, culture, and ground realities. Haasan criticized the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, particularly its three-language formula—mother tongue, English, and another Indian language. Without naming directly, he pointed to Hindi, warning against language imposition. According to him, language should be seen as a medium, not the core purpose of education.



## Haryana Expands Smart Education and Pushes Solar Power Mission

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini underscored the importance of moral education and technology-driven learning in shaping India's future as a developed nation. Speaking at the Smart Class Expansion Program in Kurukshetra's Ladwa, he highlighted a series of digital initiatives rolled out across the state's schools. So far, five lakh tablets have been distributed to students of Classes 10–12, nearly 40,000 classrooms have been equipped with digital boards, and 1,201 IT labs have been established. In partnership with the Sampark Foundation, over 7,000 schools have received Sampark TV Boxes loaded with textbooks, videos, worksheets, and assessment tools. Additionally, 1,485 schools now feature LED TVs, while 132 schools in Ladwa and Babain blocks have been transformed into "smart classes." The state has also provided Wi-Fi connectivity to over 5,000 schools and set up Atal Tinkering Labs across all 22 districts. Beyond education, Saini also launched a solar power initiative under the Pradhan Mantri Muft Bijli Yojana. The government plans to install solar panels on one lakh homes this year, targeting families with annual incomes below ₹1.8 lakh. Each eligible household will receive a 2 kW solar panel, with ₹70,000 subsidized by the Centre and the balance covered by the state government.



## From Bicycles to the Space Station: India's Space Journey Now in NCERT Modules

The NCERT has introduced special educational modules titled "India: A Rising Space Power" to highlight the country's remarkable journey in space exploration. Designed for both middle-stage and secondary students, the modules trace India's progress from its humble beginnings in the 1960s to its present position among global space leaders. The story begins with the Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR), established in 1962 under Vikram Sarabhai, which later evolved into the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). One anecdote featured is how India's first rocket parts were transported on bicycles and bullock carts, a practical choice since motor vehicles generated electric and magnetic fields that could interfere with delicate equipment. NCERT aims to inspire students with a sense of pride and curiosity, showing how India's scientific spirit transformed from bullock carts to space stations within just six decades



## Indian Railways Trials Removable Solar Panels Between Tracks



In a pioneering step toward zero-energy railway infrastructure, the Indian Railways has introduced the country's first removable solar panel system installed between active tracks. The pilot project, rolled out in the East Central Zone, uses an indigenous installation design that allows panels to be laid without disrupting train operations. These panels are built to be durable, efficient, and removable, enabling easy maintenance and seasonal adjustments—marking a breakthrough in sustainable transport technology. According to railway officials, the project reflects India's growing push for renewable energy adoption in alignment with national climate change goals. The Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) has been at the forefront of these efforts, already deploying rooftop solar panels across workshops and offices. Now, BLW has successfully trialed the track-based solar system with a 70-metre stretch fitted with 28 solar panels. The setup delivers a 15 kWp capacity, with an energy density of 240 kWp per kilometre, capable of generating nearly 960 units per kilometre per day.

## India Successfully Test-Fires Agni-5 Ballistic Missile



India has once again demonstrated its strategic defence capabilities with the successful test-firing of the Agni-5 Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) on 20 August 2025. Conducted under the supervision of the Strategic Forces Command, the launch took place at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha, and validated all operational and technical parameters, according to the Ministry of Defence.

With a striking range of 5,000 km, the Agni-5 stands as India's longest-range operational missile, bringing the entire Asian continent and even parts of Europe within its reach. This makes it a crucial component of India's strategic deterrence posture.

## Coinbase CEO Fires Engineers for Resisting AI Coding Tools



Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong has taken a bold stance on AI adoption, revealing that he fired engineers who refused to onboard AI coding tools like GitHub Copilot and Cursor—even after the company purchased enterprise licenses for them. Speaking on the Cheeky Pint podcast with Stripe President John Collison, Armstrong emphasized that Coinbase is “leaning as hard as we can” into AI. To accelerate adoption, he gave employees a one-week deadline to learn and onboard with AI tools. His directive was clear: no delays, no exceptions. The move underscores how major tech firms view AI as non-negotiable infrastructure, comparable to mastering version control or cloud platforms. At Coinbase, Armstrong's stance sends a clear message: “No AI, no job.”

# SPORTS

## Chikitha Taniparthi Wins Historic Archery Gold for India

India celebrated a landmark moment at the World Archery Youth Championships 2025 in Winnipeg, Canada, as Chikitha Taniparthi clinched the Under-21 women's compound gold medal—the nation's first-ever gold in this category at the Youth World Championships. The 20-year-old showcased nerves of steel and commanding form throughout the knockout rounds. In the semi-finals, she outclassed Spain's Paula Diaz Morillas 142–133, before defeating Korea's Park Yerin 142–136 in a tense final. Earlier, in the quarter-finals, she overcame a stiff challenge from compatriot and 2023 senior Asian champion Parneet Kaur, edging her out 146–143.



## Lakshya Sen, PV Sindhu Brace for Stern Test at BWF World Championships

Indian badminton stars Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu are set for a challenging campaign at the BWF World Championships, beginning Monday, with both players looking to overcome recent struggles in form and fitness. For Lakshya Sen, the opener is as tough as it gets—against world No. 1 Shi Yu Qi, the top seed from China who has already clinched three Super 1000 titles this season. Ranked 21, Sen returns to Paris, the city where he endured heartbreak at the Olympics last year, finishing fourth after close defeats to Viktor Axelsen and Lee Zii Jia. Reflecting on that campaign, Sen admitted it was difficult to process initially but said he now draws positives from the experience to build mental strength.



## Dream11 Pulls Out as Team India's Title Sponsor After Gaming Law

India's leading fantasy sports platform Dream11 has officially withdrawn from its role as the title sponsor of the Indian cricket team, citing revenue losses following the government's recent passage of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025. The new legislation, passed by Parliament earlier this month, has forced Dream11 to shut down its real-money gaming operations—a major revenue stream for the company. Representatives of Dream11 recently visited the BCCI headquarters to formally inform officials of their inability to continue sponsorship. This development comes at a crucial juncture, just weeks before Team India's high-profile assignments—the Asia Cup 2025 (UAE, from Sept 9) and the ICC Women's World Cup (Guwahati, from Sept 30). A BCCI official confirmed the situation, adding that the board is already exploring alternative sponsorship options, though the timeline is tight. The exit marks a major shift in Indian cricket sponsorship, underlining how regulatory changes can reshape the sports-business ecosystem overnight.

## Zakir Khan Makes History at Madison Square Garden

In a groundbreaking moment for Indian comedy, Zakir Khan became the first Indian comedian to headline a Hindi-language stand-up show at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden (MSG) on August 17, 2025. Performing to a sold-out audience of 6,000, the Indore-born comedian carried the rhythm, wit, and poetry of Hindi onto one of the world's most prestigious stages, proving that humor transcends language barriers. Part of his North America tour, Zakir's MSG set blended observational humor, shayari, and personal anecdotes. His stories about family, love, and small-town dreams resonated with audiences, making them feel seen and understood. Fellow comedian Tanmay Bhat also joined him on stage, adding to the night's celebratory tone. This historic performance wasn't just Zakir's victory—it was a moment of representation for Indian language, culture, and storytelling on the world stage.



## From College Stage to Global Spotlight: Manika Vishwakarma Crowned Miss Universe India 2025

What began as a graceful stage presence at a Delhi University fresher's event has blossomed into a remarkable journey for Manika Vishwakarma, who was recently crowned Miss Universe India 2025. The 22-year-old will now represent the country at the Miss Universe competition in Thailand later this year, marking a proud moment for her alma mater and for India. Born in Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan, and raised in Delhi, Manika is in the final year of her BA in Political Science and Economics at Mata Sundari College for Women. A multi-talented performer, she trained in classical dance and painting, with her artworks earning recognition from the Lalit Kala Akademi and JJ School of Arts. Her pageantry journey gained momentum in 2024, when she won the Miss Universe Rajasthan title.



## Govinda-Sunita Divorce Rumours Resurface, Manager Dismisses as "Old News"

Speculation over the marital status of Bollywood veteran Govinda and his wife Sunita Ahuja has resurfaced, but the actor's manager has clarified that there is no fresh development and described the reports as "old news." A recent media report claimed that Sunita had filed for divorce on December 5, 2024, at the Bandra Family Court, citing adultery, cruelty, and desertion. However, Govinda's manager, Shashi Sinha, dismissed the buzz, noting that the filing happened six to seven months ago and that matters are now "getting settled." He added that the family is preparing to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi together, underlining that the couple is not heading for separation. Govinda's lawyer, Lalit Bindal, also echoed this stance, calling the reports recycled speculation. Both Govinda and Sunita have remained unavailable for direct comment.



## TikTok Website Goes Live in India, Comeback Speculation Grows

After a five-year ban, short-video giant TikTok has stirred excitement among Indian users as its website became accessible for some in the country. The move has reignited speculation about a potential comeback, though the app itself remains unavailable on Google Play Store and Apple App Store, and the company has made no official statement about resuming services in India. User experiences, however, remain mixed. While some report being able to open the homepage, others on social media say the site is still blocked. Even for those who gained access, the functionality is limited. For instance, the "Newsroom" section displays a message stating: "You don't have access to this page. Our services aren't available in your country or region." Similarly, the "Careers" page returned a 503 Service Temporarily Unavailable error.



# REAL-ESTATE



## BRICS

### BRICS to Settle Trade in Indian Rupees for the First Time

In a historic move, BRICS nations will now settle trade in Indian Rupees (INR), marking a significant milestone in India's ambition to internationalize its currency and elevate its global financial standing. For India, this decision is not just economic—it symbolizes prestige, influence, and growing strategic autonomy in a multipolar world order. The grouping, originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, has now expanded to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, and the UAE, forming a 10-nation bloc. Together, BRICS accounts for nearly 45% of the world's population and wields enormous influence over global GDP and trade. Decisions made within this collective carry weighty financial implications worldwide. The roots of BRICS trace back to earlier forums like RIC (Russia-India-China) and IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa), which sought to amplify the voices of emerging economies.

### PMO to Review Response to US Tariff Hike on Indian Exports

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) will convene a high-level meeting on August 26 to assess the impact of steep tariff hikes imposed by the United States on Indian goods and to chart India's policy response. The meeting will be chaired by the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, with inputs from the commerce and industry ministry, exporters, and export promotion councils. Exporters had sought relief through an Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), requesting collateral-free working capital with government-backed risk cover. However, officials are leaning toward sector-specific support measures rather than blanket, economy-wide interventions. Tuesday's deliberations are expected to finalize India's strategic response, balancing immediate relief for exporters with long-term resilience measures. Protecting SMEs, which form the backbone of India's export ecosystem, remains the top policy priority.



### Director's Desk

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### Standing Tall Amid Tariff Turbulence

The sudden decision by the United States to double tariffs on Indian goods to 50% is not just an economic jolt—it is a clear signal of trade war posturing. Such moves, often couched as protective measures, are in reality attempts to bend emerging economies to political will. The message from Washington under President Trump is blunt: accept unfair terms or pay the price. But India cannot, and will not, kneel to arrogance. Our exporters—particularly small and medium enterprises—will face immediate pain, no doubt. Margins will be squeezed, competitiveness challenged. But crises also forge resilience. The government is already working on sector-specific support, cluster-based credit, and new financial cushions to shield vulnerable industries. More importantly, India is accelerating efforts to diversify export markets, deepen trade within BRICS, ASEAN, and Africa, and strengthen self-reliance in manufacturing. This tariff battle must be seen not as a roadblock, but as an inflection point. India's strategy is simple: stand firm, adapt fast, and expand globally without bowing to coercion. In the long arc of global trade, those who innovate and persevere outlast those who bully. India's exporters carry that spirit. And together, we will ensure the tricolor never bends.