

The week from 12 May 2025 to 18 May 2025

In one of India's largest anti-Naxal operations, 31 Maoists were killed in Operation Black Forest, conducted in Kurraguttalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border. Operation Black Forest is a 21-day high-intensity counterinsurgency mission targeting Maoist strongholds in forested hilly terrain and is part of efforts being made to realise India's target of eliminating left wing extremism by 31 March 2026.

India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation eased to a 13-month low of 0.85% in April 2025, sharply down from 2.05% in March, driven by falling fuel and primary article prices. The WPI measures the average change in prices of goods traded in bulk by wholesalers to other businesses and reflects inflation at the producer level, before the goods reach the end consumer.

Amravati (Maharashtra) born Justice BR Gavai, 64, was sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India on May 14, 2025, by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. He is the second Dalit to hold the post, after Justice KG Balakrishnan. A former Judge of the Bombay High Court, he has been a Supreme Court Judge since 2019.

Scientists in China have successfully fabricated atomically thin 2D metal sheets of bismuth, gallium, tin, and lead using a novel high-pressure technique. 2D metals are ultra-thin layers of metal atoms, usually just 1-2 atoms thick, where electrons are confined to move only in two dimensions

The Union government has assigned seven all-party delegations scheduled for travel to key partner countries, including members of the UNSC and the EU, to convey India's message of zero tolerance against terrorism following the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. The seven delegations comprise 59 members, including 31 political leaders from the ruling NDA and 20 politicians from other parties.

The President conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award for the year 2023 upon Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya and renowned poet-lyricist Gulzar. Established in 1961 by the Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust, it is India's highest literary honour, awarded annually for outstanding contribution to Indian literature

Mariangela Hungria, Brazilian microbiologist, won the 2025 World Food Prize for pioneering biological nitrogen fixation and reducing reliance on chemical fertilizers. Her innovations sparked Brazil's 'Micro Green Revolution', significantly boosting crop yields and lowering input costs. Established in 1986 by Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug, it was first awarded to S. Swaminathan in 1987 - pioneer of India's Green Revolution

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