

The week from 23 June 2025 to 29 June 2025

The US launched Operation Midnight Hammer, deploying B-2 bombers and bunker-buster bombs in a precision strike on Iran's nuclear sites, claiming significant damage to Iran's nuclear infrastructure. The B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber is widely considered the most expensive aircraft ever built and is an advanced strategic aircraft of the US Air Force, capable of delivering both nuclear and conventional weapons with minimal radar detection.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has announced that India will conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey in 2026. Overseen by Technical Expert Group (TEG) to incorporate global best practices, a nationwide Household Income Survey aims at generating a robust and reliable data on income distribution across India for the first time.

Ambubachi Mela 2025 ended with a swarm of people at Assam's Kamakhya Temple, which celebrates the annual menstruation of Goddess Kamakhya, a key event in Tantrik Shaktism. Linked to the legend of Sati, whose reproductive organ is believed to have fallen here, it is one of the most sacred Shakti Peethas and symbolises the union of Aryan and non-Aryan spiritual practices

India marked a historic moment in space exploration as Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), 41 years after Rakesh Sharma's 1984 mission. Ax-4 is the fourth private human spaceflight mission by Axiom Space to the ISS, designed to advance international collaboration and conduct cutting-edge research in microgravity.

The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres unveiled the UN80 Initiative to reform and revamp the UN system ahead of the Charter's 80th anniversary. The UN80 Initiative is a comprehensive reform drive across the UN system to align its structures and operations with 21st-century challenges. It aims to modernize the UN system, enhance accountability and ensure it delivers effectively on peace, development, and human rights.

India's traditional Kolhapuri chappal makers have objected to luxury brand Prada's 2026 collection, alleging unauthorised imitation of their heritage footwear design. Kolhapuri chappals are handcrafted leather sandals, known for their durability and T-strap structure. It traces back to 13th century during the rule of King Bijjala and Basavanna and symbolizes rural craftsmanship and sustainable fashion. It received Geographical Indication (GI) status in 2019.

25 June 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the declaration of Emergency (1975-77), prompting national reflection on its impact on India's democracy and constitutional framework. The Emergency was declared under Article 352 on 25 June 1975, citing "internal disturbance", suspending civil liberties and altering governance structures across India. A few repercussions during emergency among a ton were the detainment of political prisoners, press censorship, suspension of fundamental rights and more.

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