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National News

- **India-Japan Defence Talks:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is hosting Japanese counterpart General Nakatani for discussions on regional security and defence cooperation amid rising India-Pakistan tensions.
- **India Cuts Water Flow Through Baglihar Dam:** Following the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, India has halted water flow through the Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project on the Chenab River.

International News

- **UNSC to Hold Closed Consultations on India-Pakistan Tension:** The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is set to hold closed consultations today following a request from Islamabad. The discussions will focus on escalating tensions between India and Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives.
- **Israel Airport Attack:** Israel vows retaliation against Iran-backed Houthis after a missile strike near Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport injured six people.

Economic News

- **India's Liberalized FDI Policy Attracts Global Investors:** Deloitte India highlights that India's foreign direct investment (FDI) policy offers stability, predictability, and sector-agnostic opportunities.
- **Petrol & Diesel Demand Rises in April:** India's diesel consumption recorded a 4% increase in April after months of low or negative growth. The demand surge is attributed to higher fuel consumption during the summer season, with diesel still accounting for 38% of total petroleum products used in the country.

Business News

- **JSW Steel Shares Decline After Supreme Court Ruling:** JSW Steel Ltd. stock continued its four-day losing streak after the Supreme Court ruled its six-year-old Bhushan Power & Steel resolution plan as illegal.

Sports News

- **Formula 1 Miami GP:** McLaren's Oscar Piastri won the **Miami Grand Prix**, extending his championship lead.
- **IPL 2025:** Sunrisers Hyderabad face Delhi Capitals in today's IPL match, with playoff spots at stake.

Politics News

- **Rahul Gandhi Acknowledges Congress's Past Mistakes:** During an interactive session at Brown University, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi stated that while he was not in politics during the 1984 riots, he is willing to take responsibility for Congress's historical wrongs, including towards Sikhs.

Legal News

Waqf Act Challenge: The Supreme Court is hearing petitions against the **Waqf (Amendment) Act**, with the government defending its stance on waqf property regulations.

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National News

- **Civil Defence Mock Drill:** The Ministry of Home Affairs has instructed states to conduct a nationwide air raid siren mock drill on May 7 to test and strengthen emergency preparedness across 244 designated civil defence districts.
- **Sabarimala Temple Visit:** President Droupadi Murmu is set to become the first Indian President to visit Kerala's Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Temple on May 19. Security and ceremonial preparations are underway, with public darshan restricted during her visit.

International News

- **Ukraine Drone Attack:** Russia reports that Ukraine launched an overnight drone attack on Moscow for the second consecutive night. All four major airports were temporarily closed for safety but later reopened.
- **Israel-Gaza Conflict:** Israel's security cabinet has approved a plan to expand its military offensive against Hamas, including the capture and holding of Gaza. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced a forceful operation to destroy Hamas and rescue hostages.

Economic News

- **ADB Meeting:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) clarified that issues related to Pakistan were not discussed during the bilateral meeting between ADB President Masato Kanda and Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the sidelines of the 58th ADB Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy.
- **Moody's Fiscal Warning:** Moody's Ratings states that while India's economy remains resilient despite tensions with Pakistan, increased defence expenditure could weigh on fiscal strength and delay consolidation. The agency expects periodic flare-ups but does not foresee an outright, broad-based military conflict.

Business News

- **IHCL Q4 Earnings:** Indian Hotels Company Ltd (IHCL) reported a 25% YoY growth in net profit, reaching ₹522 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2025. The board recommended a dividend of ₹2.25 per share, with revenue growth driven by strong hospitality demand.

Sports News

- **Esports at KIYG 2025:** Esports will debut as a demonstration event at the Khelo India Youth Games 2025, marking a milestone for competitive gaming in India. The event will be held from May 6 to 7 at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Bihar, featuring BGMI, Street Fighter 6, Chess, and eFootball on both mobile and console platforms.

Political News

- **Punjab-Haryana Water Dispute:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini accused Punjab of indulging in petty politics over the water distribution issue. He stated that the Haryana Cabinet strongly condemns the resolution passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, emphasizing the need to respect the nation's governance system.

Legal News

Waqf Amendment Act Case: Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna placed pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 before Justice BR Gavai. The Supreme Court scheduled the hearing for May 14, with the matter initially heard by a bench including Justices PV Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan.



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National News

- **India's Military Strikes:** India launched '**Operation Sindoor**', striking **nine terror infrastructure targets** in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to the **April 22 Pahalgam terror attack**.
- **Nationwide Mock Drills:** India is conducting civil defence mock drills across **244 districts** to assess emergency preparedness amid heightened tensions with Pakistan.

International News

- **World Athletics Day:** Today marks **World Athletics Day**, promoting youth participation in sports and celebrating athletic achievements worldwide.
- **UK-India Trade Deal:** The **UK and India** have finalized a **landmark trade agreement** after **three years of negotiations**, easing export regulations for **UK whisky, cars, and other products**, while **reducing taxes** on India's **clothing and footwear** exports.

Economic News

- **India's HDI Ranking:** India has climbed to 130 in the **Human Development Index (HDI)**, now at par with **Bangladesh but still behind Sri Lanka**, according to UNDP's latest report.
- **India's Global Economic Rank:** India is projected to **overtake Japan** and become the **world's fourth-largest economy** in 2025, with a GDP of **\$4.18 trillion**.

Business News

- **Stock Market Outlook:** Following India's **retaliatory strike on Pakistan**, market analysts predict **limited impact** on Indian equities, with **Nifty's strong support at 23,800-24,000**.

Sports News

- **Inter Milan in Champions League Final:** Inter Milan secured a spot in the **Champions League final** after defeating **Barcelona** in the semi-finals.
- **India vs South Africa Women's ODI:** India faces **South Africa** in their final **group-stage match** of the **women's ODI tri-series** hosted by Sri Lanka.

Political News

- **Mock Drill Participation:** The **BJP Parliamentary Party** has directed **MPs to participate** in today's **nationwide mock drills** as ordinary citizens.
- **India-Pakistan Tensions:** **Pakistan's Defence Minister** warns of possible retaliation following India's **Operation Sindoor** strikes.

Legal News

Supreme Court Ruling on PMLA: The Supreme Court has held that accused persons under the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)** are entitled to receive copies of documents and statements collected by the **Directorate of Enforcement (ED)** but later omitted from the prosecution complaint.

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National News

- **Cross-Border Shelling:** Pakistani troops engaged in shelling along LoC in Kupwara, Baramulla, Uri, and Akhnoor for the second consecutive day. 12 civilians killed, including three women and three children, with 51 injured in Pakistan Army's heavy mortar shelling.
- **CUET UG 2025 Postponement:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) is likely to postpone the CUET UG 2025 exam due to ongoing India-Pakistan tensions following Operation Sindoor.

International News

- **India-Pakistan Conflict Escalation:** Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has vowed retaliation after India's military strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir.
- **Pope Election Delayed:** The first conclave vote to elect a new Pope ended with black smoke, signaling no decision yet.

Economic News

- **Credit Rating Impact:** S&P Global Ratings noted that ongoing India-Pakistan hostilities increase credit risks for both nations but do not immediately affect sovereign credit ratings.

- **Coal India Profit Surge:** Coal India reported a 12% increase in net profit for the March quarter, reaching ₹9,593 crore, despite a slight drop in revenue.

Business News

- **Major Q4 Earnings Reports:** Companies including Titan, Dabur, L&T, Asian Paints, and PNB are set to announce their Q4 results today, impacting investor sentiment.
- **Punjab National Bank Growth:** PNB reported a 51.7% increase in net profit for the March quarter, reaching ₹4,567 crore, with plans to raise ₹8,000 crore through bond issuance.

Sports News

- **IPL 2025 Update:** Gujarat Titans (GT) secured the top position in the league after defeating Mumbai Indians (MI).
- **Chess & Badminton Action:** Indian players D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, and R Vaishali are competing in the Superbet Chess Classic, while Kidambi Srikanth faces Ayush Shetty in the Taipei Open Round of 16.

Political News

- **All-Party Meeting on Operation Sindoor:** The Indian government has convened an all-party meeting today to brief leaders on Operation Sindoor, following military strikes on terror camps in Pakistan.

Legal News

- **UAPA Applicability in Question:** The Delhi High Court questioned whether the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) applies to the 2023 Parliament protest, stating the act was serious but not necessarily terror-related.

Supreme Court Lauds Colonel Sofiya Qureshi: Colonel Sofiya Qureshi Highlighted in Supreme Court's ruling challenging gender barriers in the Army, reinforcing women's permanent commission, while her joint address with Wing Commander Vyomika Singh during Operation Sindoor became a symbol of national unity following the Pahalgam terrorist attack, which aimed to communalize Indian society.

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National News

- **India intercepts Pakistan's missile and drone attacks:** Security forces engage in defense operations along the western border, escalating tensions.
- **Indian Govt orders OTT platforms to remove Pakistan-origin content:** Decision comes amid rising security concerns and diplomatic strains.

International News

- **American Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost elected Pope:** Officially takes the name Pope Leo XIV, marking a new era for the Vatican.

- **Ukraine ratifies minerals deal with the US:** Agreement aims to secure increased arms support and boost defense capabilities.
- **MoS Sanjay Seth arrives in Moscow to attend Victory Day celebrations:** Represents India at the 80th anniversary event marking the victory over Nazi Germany in World War II.

Economic News

- **India's April inflation sees near six-year low on easing food prices:** Reuters poll suggests consumer inflation remained below the RBI's 4% target for the third consecutive month.
- **Indian team to visit Washington to advance trade agreement with US:** Officials will hold further talks this month to finalize an early tranche of the bilateral trade agreement, focusing on mutual tariff concessions.

Business News

- **India-Pak tensions push India VIX fear index up by 5%:** The index, which measures market volatility, surged 4.65% to 21.99 amid rising geopolitical uncertainties.

Sports News

- **DC, PBKS cricketers 'panicked' after Dharamsala IPL game called off:** Match abandoned mid-way due to escalating border tensions, causing unease among players.

Political News

- **Rahul Gandhi, Owaisi extend support to govt over Operation Sindoor:** Leaders back military action following an all-party meeting discussing India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

Legal News

Supreme Court sets aside Delhi HC order on ANI's Wikipedia page: Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan rule that courts should not mandate media deletions, reinforcing judicial transparency.