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National News

- **India-Pakistan ceasefire signals a strategic shift** – While military actions have paused, India is expected to escalate non-kinetic punitive measures against Islamabad, says Sameer Patil, Director at ORF.
- **ISRO's Border Surveillance** – ISRO Chairman V Narayanan confirms that **10 satellites** are actively monitoring India's borders and coastline for national security.

International News

- **International Nurses Day** – Celebrated globally today, honoring nurses' contributions to healthcare. The theme for 2025 is **"Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies"**.
- **India-EU Trade Talks** – Chief negotiators from India and the EU begin discussions on a **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**, aiming to conclude the first phase soon.

Economic News

- **Stock Market Surge** – Sensex jumps **over 2.3%**, crossing **81,000 points**, following India-Pakistan ceasefire and positive global trade developments.
- **Pakistan's fragile economic recovery** – Pakistan faces renewed economic strain due to tensions with India, rising debt, IMF dependency, weak reforms, and structural inefficiencies across key sectors.

Business News

- **Puravankara's Bengaluru Project** – Real estate firm **Puravankara** announces a **₹3,300 crore joint venture** for a **24.59-acre land parcel** in North Bengaluru.
- **Apple's iPhone exports from India surge** – Apple's shift of iPhone assembly for the US market from China to India resulted in a 116% jump in exports in April, reaching ₹17,219 crore, as per reports from its vendors.

Sports News

- **IPL 2025 Resumption Plans** – BCCI is planning to **restart IPL 2025 by May 16**, following a week-long suspension due to India-Pakistan tensions.
- **Shubman Gill Named Test Captain** – Shubman Gill is appointed **India's Test captain** for the upcoming England series, with **Rishabh Pant as vice-captain**.

Political News

- **Assam CM praises Operation Sindoor** – Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma commended the Indian Army for eliminating over 100 terrorists in Operation Sindoor, targeting perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack and high-value individuals linked to the IC-814 hijacking and Pulwama attack, as reported by DGMO Lt. Gen. Rajiv Ghai.

Legal News

- **Justice BR Gavai welcomes ceasefire** – Chief Justice-designate BR Gavai, set to become India's first Buddhist Chief Justice on May 14, supports the India-Pakistan ceasefire, emphasizing constitutional supremacy, national unity, and social justice.

Justice Surya Kant appointed NALSA chief – The President of India has nominated Justice Surya Kant as the Executive Chairman of NALSA, effective May 14, 2025.

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National News

- **PM Modi's Address on Operation Sindoor:** Modi declares India will not tolerate nuclear blackmail from Pakistan, emphasizing a new policy against terrorism.
- **Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's Briefing:** FS Vikram Misri is set to brief a parliamentary panel on the India-Pakistan conflict on May 19, 2025.

International News

- **Poland Accuses Russia of Sabotage:** Warsaw claims Russian intelligence services were responsible for a massive fire at the Marywilska 44 shopping centre in May 2024.
- **Legal Basis for Extraterritorial Use of Force:** An emerging rule in international law permits states to use force extraterritorially in self-defense against non-state actors if the host state is unwilling or unable to neutralize the threat.

Economic News

- **US-China Trade Truce:** The United States and China reached a trade truce after negotiations in Geneva over the weekend, easing tariff tensions.
- **Indian Tariffs Remain Unchanged:** The US continues to impose a 10% baseline tariff on Indian exports, introduced by the Trump administration on April 2, 2025.

Business News

- **Tata Steel Reports Strong Q4 Profits** – Tata Steel posts a 116.5% rise in net profit to ₹1,200.9 crore, despite a 4.2% revenue decline.

Sports News

- **Carlo Ancelotti Becomes Brazil's Head Coach:** Carlo Ancelotti is confirmed as the first foreign manager of the Brazil men's national football team in a century. The Real Madrid head coach will begin his tenure with Seleção on May 26, 2025.

Political News

- **Congress Questions Government Stance:** The Congress party has urged the Centre to clarify its position on potential third-party mediation in the Kashmir issue.

Legal News

Supreme Court Questions Gender Cap in Army Recruitment: The Supreme Court questioned the gender-based cap on women Judge Advocate General (JAG) officers, asking why more meritorious female candidates were being denied entry.

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National News

- **Flights Resume:** IndiGo announced the resumption of flights from six airports, including Jammu and Amritsar, after temporary closures due to India-Pakistan tensions.
- **Pakistan High Commission Staffer Expelled:** India expelled a Pakistan High Commission official for espionage, citing security concerns.

International News

- **Zelensky Pushes for Direct Talks:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky announced plans to travel to Ankara to meet Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and expressed readiness for direct negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Istanbul on Thursday.
- **International Day of Families:** The UN marks May 15 as International Day of Families, focusing on sustainable development policies.

Economic News

- **Stock Market Update:** Indian markets opened positively, with Nifty50 trading above 24,600 and Sensex crossing 81,300 points.
- **Apple Growers Demand Ban on Turkish Imports:** Indian apple growers from Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttarakhand plan to petition Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to halt apple imports from Türkiye, citing its alleged support for Pakistan during recent border tensions.

Business News

- **Tata Steel & UPL in Focus:** Analysts highlight Tata Steel's cost-cutting plans and UPL's strong financial performance.
- **Bharti Hexacom Profits Surge:** The telecom company reported a twofold increase in net profit to ₹468 crore for Q4FY25.

Sports News

- **Italian Open:** Jannik Sinner advances to the quarter-finals, while Carlos Alcaraz faces Jack Draper in a crucial match.
- **South African Players to Exit IPL:** Several South African cricketers will leave IPL 2025 by May 25 to prepare for the World Test Championship final.

Political News

- **Congress Condemns BJP Minister's Remarks:** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge criticized Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah for his alleged objectionable remarks on Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, who was a key figure in media briefings during Operation Sindoor.

Legal News

Justice BR Gavai Sworn in as Chief Justice of India: Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai took oath as the 52nd Chief Justice of India today, becoming the first Buddhist and only the second judge from the Scheduled Castes to hold the position.

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National News

- **Madhya Pradesh Minister FIR:** The High Court has ordered an FIR against MP Minister Vijay Shah for inflammatory remarks against Colonel Sofiya Qureshi.
- **Iran's Interest in India's Cheetah Conservation:** An RTI application reveals that Iran, struggling with its declining cheetah population, has expressed interest in learning conservation strategies from India's cheetah revival efforts.

International News

- **Putin Absent from Ukraine Peace Talks:** Russian President Vladimir Putin is not listed among Kremlin officials set to attend peace talks on the Ukraine war in Istanbul on Thursday. This comes despite Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky urging Putin to participate.
- **Israel Intensifies Gaza Strikes:** Israeli airstrikes killed at least 80 Palestinians across Gaza on Wednesday, with medics reporting heavy casualties in Jabalia, including women and children. The escalation coincides with U.S. President Donald Trump's Middle East visit, as his envoys push for a new hostage release deal.

Economic News

- **Pakistan's Defence Spending Outpaces IMF Bailouts:** In 2024, Pakistan received \$1 billion under an Extended Fund Facility (EFF) worth \$7 billion over 37 months. However, the country spent \$10.2 billion on defence that year. On Wednesday, Pakistan secured another \$1 billion from the IMF, but its military expenditures consistently exceed IMF loans by 10 to 20 times.
- **Indian FDI in Azerbaijan & Türkiye:** Four Indian entities committed nearly \$6 million in foreign direct investment (FDI) in Azerbaijan and Türkiye in April. This forms a fraction of India's total \$6.8 billion outbound FDI, which surged by 90% year-on-year, led by Tata Communications, Life Insurance Company, and JSW Neo Energy.

Business News

- **Vodafone Idea 5G Launch:** Vodafone Idea rolls out 5G services in Delhi-NCR today, with plans to expand to all 17 circles by August.
- **Cochin Shipyard Stock Rises Ahead of Q4 Results:** Shares of Cochin Shipyard Ltd surged 4% ahead of its March quarter earnings report. Analysts predict a 39% topline growth, driven by ASW Corvette and NGMV project execution, along with ship repairs.

Sports News

- **Lakshya Sen Exits Thailand Open, Others Advance:** Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen faced a shock defeat at the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament, exiting in the first round. Meanwhile, Malvika Bansod, Aakarshi Kashyap, and Unnati Hooda progressed to the second round after hard-fought victories.
- **NBA Playoffs:** Minnesota Timberwolves face Golden State Warriors in Game 5 of the Western Conference semi-finals.

Political News

- **Congress Questions BJP's Foreign Relations Post-Pahalgam Attack:** Congress leaders Pawan Khera and Jairam Ramesh criticized BJP leader Amit Malviya, questioning the ruling party's stance on maintaining diplomatic and trade ties with nations that have supported Pakistan.

Legal News

President Seeks Clarification on Governor's Powers: President flags concerns of judicial overreach, requesting the Supreme Court to clarify 14 points regarding the extent of Governor's powers. Newly sworn-in Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai faces his first major challenge, tackling whether the Supreme Court can set a timeline for governors and the President, following observations made in the Tamil Nadu Governor case by a two-judge bench.

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National News

- **National Dengue Day 2025:** Observed across India with the theme "*Act early, stop dengue: clean environment, healthy life.*"
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh:** Visiting Bhuj Airbase post-Operation Sindoor, following India's missile strike on Pakistani airbases.

International News

- **International Day of Light 2025:** Celebrated worldwide to highlight advancements in light-based technologies.
- **WHO declares polio outbreak in Papua New Guinea:** The World Health Organisation calls for an "immediate" vaccination campaign after detecting the virus in two healthy children during routine screening in Lae.

Economic News

- **India GDP growth forecast:** UN revises 2025 prediction down to **6.3%**, citing global trade tensions and domestic resilience.
- **Metal prices may push up WPI in coming months:** Union Bank of India reports that despite a drop in April's WPI, rising metal prices could continue influencing inflation trends.

Business News

- **TCS leads dividend payouts in India's IT sector:** Tata Consultancy Services has returned ₹2.06 trillion to shareholders since FY21, nearly matching its ₹2.07 trillion net profit over the same period.
- **Bharti Airtel stake sale:** Singtel plans **₹8,500 crore** divestment, expected to impact market movement.

Sports News

- **Barcelona secures 28th La Liga title:** Wins **2-0** against Espanyol, claiming championship with two matches remaining.
- **Nihal Sarin finishes runner-up at Asian Chess Championship:** The Kerala Grandmaster secures second place at Al Ain, UAE, after defeating Bardiya Daneshvar but loses the title on tie-breaker. Qualifies for the World Cup.

Politics News

- **Stalin, Left oppose Centre's Presidential reference to SC:** Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin criticizes the BJP-led Union government, arguing that the move undermines the Supreme Court ruling on Governor deadlines and threatens opposition-led state autonomy.

Legal News

- **Supreme Court approves ₹500-crore Banke Bihari Corridor plan:** UP government gets clearance to develop the temple corridor in Vrindavan, with permission to acquire five acres of land for public amenities and use temple funds for infrastructure improvements.

President Murmu seeks Supreme Court opinion: Constitutional questions raised on state bill timelines under Article 143.