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INTERNATIONAL

Second BRICS EWG Meeting Held in Thiruvananthapuram

- The Second Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting under India's BRICS Presidency 2026 was held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from 6–7 May 2026.
- **Venue & Participation:**
Hosted in Thiruvananthapuram, the meeting included representatives handling labour, employment, and worker welfare from 11 member states (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, and the United Arab Emirates).
- **Knowledge Partners:**
Technical inputs were provided by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office.
- **Progression Timeline:**
Built upon the First EWG Meeting held in March 2026, with deliverables scheduled for final adoption at the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in July 2026.

NATIONAL

Centre Approves Proposal to Increase Supreme Court Judge Strength to 37

- The Union Cabinet, led by Narendra Modi, has approved increasing the strength of the Supreme Court of India from 33 to 37 judges (excluding the Chief Justice) through the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026.
- This move aims to address the rising backlog of cases and improve the efficiency of the judiciary by enabling faster hearings and timely disposal.
- The proposal is based on Article 124 of the Constitution, which allows Parliament to determine the number of judges.
- The expansion is expected to strengthen judicial capacity and ensure quicker delivery of justice.

NCERT rolls out PRASHAST 2.0 for early identification of disabilities in schools

- National Council of Educational Research and Training has launched PRASHAST 2.0 to promote inclusive education by enabling early identification of disabilities among school children.
- This upgraded digital tool allows teachers and educators to screen students for 21 disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016 through a structured two-level assessment.
- Integrated with national platforms like UDISE+ and APAAR, it ensures timely intervention and support.
- Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, PRASHAST 2.0 aims to ensure no child is left behind in India's education system.

ECONOMY

India's Net Direct Tax Collections Rise 5.12% to ₹23.40 Trillion in FY26

- India's net direct tax collections grew by 5.12% to about ₹23.40 trillion in FY26, according to data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes, reflecting steady but moderate revenue growth.

- Despite this increase from ₹22.26 trillion in FY25, collections fell short of the revised estimate of ₹24.21 trillion, indicating a gap between projections and actual performance during the year.
- Corporate tax contributed around ₹10.99 lakh crore, while personal income tax (including STT) led with about ₹12.41 trillion, highlighting stronger individual compliance and income growth.
- Gross collections stood at ₹28.12 lakh crore with slightly lower refunds, suggesting improved tax efficiency, even as challenges remain in meeting ambitious revenue targets.

DEFENSE

MoD Inks ₹1,476 Crore BEL Contract for Army Electronic Systems

- The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** signed a **₹1,476 crore** contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** to procure **five Ground-Based Mobile Electronic Systems** for the **Indian Army**.
- **Procurement Specifics:**
 - Includes the acquisition of five Ground-Based Mobile Electronic Systems.
 - Intended exclusively for the deployment within the Indian Army.
- **Manufacturing Details:**
 - Executed by the Hyderabad unit of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
 - Approved under the Buy (Indian-IDDMM) (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured) category.

