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Sindhudurg to host India's first submarine museum

- Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district, known for its scenic beaches and historic sea forts, is set to emerge as a major marine tourism destination with India's first underwater museum and submarine tourism project coming up off its coastline.
- The ambitious project is being developed near the Nivati Rock formations in Sindhudurg, some 500 kilometres from Mumbai, and is expected to boost adventure and marine tourism in the Konkan region, officials said on Thursday.
- Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC), in a press release, said it has successfully scuttled decommissioned Indian Navy warship Ex-INS Guldar off the Sindhudurg coast as part of India's first underwater museum, artificial reef and submarine tourism project.
- The warship was installed on the seabed near Nivati Rock at a depth of around 22 metres on May 19 in coordination with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), the release informed.
- The project is expected to boost tourism and economic activity across Sindhudurg district and the Konkan coastline by generating employment and

supporting allied businesses such as accommodation, transport and food services, the official said.

- “The submarine project is under construction and is likely to become operational within one-and-half years. The submarine will allow tourists to safely view the underwater warship and marine ecosystem without diving into the sea. This will make underwater tourism accessible to a wider range of visitors,” MTDC managing director Nilesh Gatne said.

Government To Launch JEEVAN App for Senior Citizens and SHATAYU Dashboard for Care Ecosystem

- Virendra Kumar will launch the JEEVAN Mobile App for Senior Citizens and the SHATAYU Dashboard for Geriatric Caregivers on 22 May 2026 under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The JEEVAN App aims to improve eldercare access, digital support services, and connectivity for elderly citizens, while the SHATAYU Dashboard will support caregiver coordination, resource sharing, and elderly care information management.
- The initiative focuses on strengthening India’s Care Economy, covering areas like Eldercare, Healthcare Support, Disability Care, and community-based caregiving through technology-driven solutions and policy support.
- The programme will also feature Karnataka and Kerala presenting best practices in social welfare and healthcare, with participation from policymakers, experts, academia, and government stakeholders.

India Fast-Tracks ₹2,600 Crore Chenab Projects After Indus Waters Treaty Freeze

- India has approved Chenab River infrastructure projects worth nearly ₹2,600 crore, including the ₹2,352 crore Chenab-Beas Link Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh and the Dulhasti Stage-II hydropower project in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Executed by NHPC, the projects aim to improve water utilization and expand hydropower generation.
- The move comes after India paused engagement under the Indus Waters Treaty following the Pahalgam terror attack, drawing geopolitical attention.
- India is also accelerating major Chenab basin projects including Kiru, Kwar, Ratle, Pakal Dul, and the 1,856 MW Sawalkote hydropower venture.

AWARDS

Padma Shri for Preserving Traditional Indian Embroidery

- Kantha embroidery artist Tripti Mukherjee will receive the Padma Shri on May 25, 2026, from President Droupadi Murmu for preserving West Bengal's traditional Kantha craft and empowering rural women.
- With over 37 years of experience, she trained many women through her centre in Suri, helping them earn independent incomes through embroidery work.
- Mukherjee also promoted Indian handicrafts internationally at exhibitions in Birmingham and Tokyo. Previously, she received the Shilp Guru Award, Bangashree Award, and National Award Certificate for her contribution to traditional Indian textile craftsmanship.

Former WHO Scientist Elected Fellow of the Royal Society

- Indian public health scientist Soumya Swaminathan has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS), one of the world's highest scientific honours.
- The recognition celebrates her decades of work in infectious disease research, public health leadership, and global health policy, including her roles as former Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization and former Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- She becomes only the second Indian woman to receive this honour after Gagandeep Kang.
- The award also marks a rare father-daughter milestone, as her father M.S. Swaminathan was also an FRS.

International Booker Prize 2026

- Taiwan Travelogue by Yang Shuang-zi, translated by Lin King, won the International Booker Prize 2026, becoming the first Mandarin Chinese-translated novel to receive the honor.
- Set in 1930s colonial Taiwan, the novel follows a Japanese writer and her interpreter on a journey exploring friendship, identity, food, and colonial tensions through a layered metafictional narrative.
- The award highlights the growing global recognition of Taiwanese literature and the vital role of translation in connecting cultures worldwide.
- This year's shortlist also explored themes of exile, resilience, political struggle, and human connection, reflecting the power of literature to bridge histories and experiences.

SPORTS

East Bengal Win Indian Super League Title for First Time, Ending 22-Year Wait

- East Bengal FC won their first Indian Super League title in 2026, defeating Inter Kashi FC at Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata, ending a 22-year trophy drought in top-tier Indian football.
- Inter Kashi took an early lead through Alfred in the 15th minute, but East Bengal equalised in the 50th minute via Youssef Ezzejari before Mohammed Rashid scored the winning goal in the 73rd minute.
- The victory marked East Bengal's first major domestic title since the 2003–04 National Football League season, ending years of near misses and intense rivalry pressure.
- Entering the final match tied on points with Mohun Bagan, East Bengal secured the championship on superior goal difference. Ezzejari, who scored 11 goals in 13 matches, also won the Golden Boot.
- The triumph is considered a historic moment in Indian football, restoring one of the country's most decorated clubs to the top.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Biological Diversity 2026

- The International Day for Biological Diversity 2026 will be observed on May 22 with the theme “Acting locally for global impact,” highlighting how community-level actions can help tackle biodiversity loss.
- Established by the United Nations, the day promotes awareness about protecting ecosystems, wildlife, plants, and genetic diversity essential for human survival.
- The 2026 campaign emphasizes local conservation efforts such as sustainable farming, forest protection, pollution reduction, and wetland restoration. Biodiversity supports food, medicines, clean water, climate regulation, and livelihoods worldwide, yet around one million species face extinction threats.
- The observance also supports goals under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which aims to restore ecosystems, conserve natural habitats, and mobilize global biodiversity protection efforts by 2030.

