



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 29, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India-Canada CEPA Talks Gain Momentum, Deal Expected by End of 2026

- Canada-India Trade and Investment Forum 2026 marked a major step forward as India and Canada reaffirmed their commitment to conclude negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by the end of 2026.
- The agreement aims to boost trade, investment, and economic cooperation, while improving market access across sectors such as technology, energy, agri-food, and pharmaceuticals.
- Led by Piyush Goyal and Maninder Sidhu, the forum seeks to deepen business ties and strengthen long-term economic partnership between the two countries.

NATIONAL

Indian-Origin Student Shrey Parikh Takes Home Scripps National Spelling Bee 2026 Title

- Shrey Parikh, a 14-year-old student from California, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2026 after correctly spelling 32 words in 90 seconds during the decisive spell-off round.

- He defeated Ishaan Gupta, who spelled 25 words, while Sarv Dharavane finished third.
- The competition featured 247 contestants from the U.S. and several countries. Shrey received a \$50,000 prize, the Scripps Cup, and national recognition for his outstanding achievement.

AWARD NEWS

UN to Honour Two Fallen Indian Peacekeepers on International Day of UN Peacekeepers

- The United Nations will posthumously honour Harbhajan Singh and Sujit Kumar Pradhan with the prestigious Dag Hammarskjold Medal for sacrificing their lives during UN peacekeeping missions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.
- Meanwhile, Abhilasha Barak will receive the 2025 Military Gender Advocate Award for promoting gender inclusion and women's participation in peacekeeping operations in Lebanon.
- India remains one of the largest contributors to global UN peacekeeping missions with over 4,200 personnel deployed worldwide.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Blue Origin's New Glenn Rocket Explodes During Ground Test Ahead of Satellite Launch

- Blue Origin, founded by Jeff Bezos, suffered a major setback after its New Glenn rocket exploded during a routine engine firing test at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.
- The incident occurred just days before a planned launch carrying Amazon internet satellites.
- No injuries were reported, but the explosion raised concerns about the future of the New Glenn program, NASA's Artemis Moon missions, and Amazon's satellite internet ambitions competing with SpaceX's Starlink network.

Bellatrix Aerospace Partners with South Korea's TelePIX for Advanced VLEO Satellite Mission

- Bellatrix Aerospace has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Korea's TelePIX to develop a Very Low Earth Orbit (VLEO) satellite mission, marking a major step in India-South Korea space cooperation.
- The partnership will combine TelePIX's high-resolution optical payload "Chouette" with Bellatrix's advanced satellite platform to enhance Earth observation capabilities.
- Operating in VLEO (180–450 km altitude) enables sharper imaging and faster data collection, though it requires advanced propulsion to counter atmospheric drag.
- The collaboration highlights the growing role of private space firms in next-generation satellite technology.

SPORTS

India's Esha Singh Wins Gold with World Record Score at ISSF World Cup Munich

- At just 21 years old, Esha Singh created history at the ISSF World Cup Munich by winning the women's 25m pistol gold medal with a world-record score of 43 points.
- She broke the previous record of 42 set by Kim Yeji in 2024. Esha defeated top shooters, including Olympic champion Yang Jinn and former world champion Doreen Vennekamp.
- Her exceptional consistency, composure, and ability to perform under pressure marked a major achievement for Indian shooting on the global stage.

