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INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi's Historic Slovakia Visit: India and Slovakia Elevate Ties to Comprehensive Partnership

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Slovakia on 15 June 2026 marked the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister since Slovakia's independence in 1993.
- During the visit, bilateral relations were elevated to a Comprehensive Partnership.
- India and Slovakia signed 11 agreements covering defence, labour mobility, digital technologies, higher education, research, healthcare, tourism, and scientific cooperation.
- Key outcomes included collaboration in artificial intelligence, partnerships between leading educational institutions, and mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation and consular dialogue.
- The visit opened a new chapter in bilateral relations and reflected a shared commitment to long-term cooperation in strategic, technological, and economic sectors.

NATIONAL

BRICS adopts Indore Declaration

- The 16th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting, held in Indore on 12–13 June 2026 under India's chairship, concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Indore Declaration.
- The declaration focuses on strengthening food security, nutrition, climate-resilient agriculture, agricultural trade, farmer welfare, and digital agriculture.
- Special emphasis has been placed on small and marginal farmers, women, and youth.
- Four priority areas include food security, agricultural cooperation, sustainable farming, and innovation in food systems.
- The meeting also launched four major institutional initiatives, including networks on agro-ecology, digital agriculture, farmers' rights in seed systems, and cooperation on agro-inputs and genetic resources among BRICS nations.

India Extends Ravi-Beas and Krishna Water Tribunals: Key Facts, Purpose

- The Government of India extended the tenure of the Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal and the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal by one year in June 2026 to continue resolving long-pending inter-state water-sharing disputes.
- Constituted under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, these tribunals address water allocation issues among multiple states.
- The Ravi-Beas Tribunal deals with disputes involving Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan, while the Krishna Tribunal oversees water-sharing among Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Telangana.
- The extension highlights the government's commitment to resolving disputes through legal and institutional mechanisms, promoting cooperative federalism, equitable water distribution, and sustainable development.

Indian Railways Expands Kavach 4.0 Safety System

- Indian Railways approved a major expansion of Kavach 4.0, its indigenous Automatic Train Protection system, on 15 June 2026.
- The system prevents train collisions, overspeeding, and Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD) through real-time monitoring and automatic braking.
- The rollout covers major railway divisions including Ahmedabad and Ambala, along with high-density corridors in southern India.
- The expansion is supported by an LTE-based communication network project worth over ₹1,200 crore, enhancing train-to-control centre connectivity.
- Earlier approvals for installing Kavach on 232 locomotives further strengthen the initiative, making it a key component of India's railway modernization and safety enhancement programme.

India Targets 155 GW Wind Energy Capacity by 2035

- India has set a target of achieving 155 GW of installed wind energy capacity by 2035, with an interim goal of 100 GW by 2030.
- As of June 2026, the country's wind capacity exceeded 56.1 GW, making India the world's fourth-largest wind energy market.
- At the Global Wind Day Conference in Goa, the government highlighted a 46% annual growth rate in FY 2025-26 and launched the WT-MARUT portal to improve supply-chain transparency and domestic manufacturing.
- Wind energy remains central to India's clean energy transition, supporting energy security, emission reduction, green jobs, and long-term sustainability objectives.

AWARD

PM Narendra Modi Receives Slovakia's Highest National Award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Slovakia's highest national honour, the Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class), by President Peter Pellegrini during his historic visit to Bratislava on 15 June 2026.

- The award recognizes his contributions to strengthening India-Slovakia relations and promoting international cooperation.
- Modi dedicated the honour to the people of India and described it as a symbol of the friendship and trust between the two nations.
- This became the 33rd international award received by him from a foreign country and coincided with the elevation of bilateral relations to a Comprehensive Partnership.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Bombay Launches BharatGen

- India launched BharatGen, a sovereign multilingual artificial intelligence ecosystem led by IIT Bombay under the IndiaAI Mission.
- Supported by the ₹10,000 crore IndiaAI Mission, BharatGen is designed to process and generate content across all 22 scheduled Indian languages.
- Developed through collaboration among leading institutions, including IIT Madras, IIT Mandi, and IIIT Hyderabad, the platform supports speech recognition, document intelligence, multilingual content generation, and text-to-speech technologies.
- BharatGen aims to strengthen India's digital sovereignty, reduce dependence on foreign AI platforms, and promote AI-driven innovation across governance, healthcare, education, agriculture, and public service delivery.

ISRO Develops Lunar Lander Capable of Surviving 200-Day Moon Missions

- ISRO is developing an advanced lunar lander capable of surviving and operating on the Moon for 100–200 days, significantly longer than the Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander, which functioned for one lunar day.
- Developed in collaboration with the Department of Atomic Energy, the lander will incorporate advanced heating and thermal management systems to withstand extreme lunar night temperatures below -100°C . The mission aims to enable extended scientific exploration of the Moon's south polar region, including studies of water ice and lunar geology.
- The project aligns with India's Space Vision 2047, which includes a space station by 2035 and a crewed lunar mission by 2040.

DEFENSE

DRDO Successfully Tests Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) in Odisha

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully tested the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha, on 15 June 2026.
- The indigenously developed missile is designed for precision strikes against strategic land targets over long distances.
- Unlike ballistic missiles, it flies at low altitudes along a guided path, making detection and interception difficult.
- Developed with significant participation from Indian industry, the missile strengthens India's indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities and long-range strike potential.
- The successful trial marks a major advancement in India's strategic deterrence and modern warfare preparedness.

INS Agray Joins Arnala-Class Anti-Submarine Fleet of the Indian Navy

- The Indian Navy inducted INS Agray, the fifth vessel of the Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft programme, strengthening coastal defence and maritime security capabilities.
- Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, the vessel is part of an eight-ship project approved in 2019.
- Designed for anti-submarine warfare, coastal surveillance, mine-laying, and mine-neutralization missions, INS Agray features over 80% indigenous content.
- Equipped with advanced sonar systems, torpedoes, rockets, and waterjet propulsion technology, the vessel offers enhanced manoeuvrability, stealth, and operational effectiveness, supporting India's maritime security objectives and the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

