



1,80,000 fewer prisoners in Russia over five years as convicts fight in Ukraine, says prison chief



GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny



President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping arrive for a state dinner at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing | AP

Xi pushes new framework, Trump backs 'stable' ties

US President calls counterpart a friend amid Beijing warning on Taiwan

OTHER KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Xi said China and the US should be "partners rather than rivals"
- Chinese leader invoked the "Thucydides Trap", warning against conflict between a rising and established power
- Trump invited Xi to visit the White House in September
- White House said both sides discussed expanding market access for US businesses in China
- Leaders discussed possible cooperation in agriculture, aircraft and investment sectors
- US officials said Trump sought China's support in easing the Iran crisis
- Both sides agreed the Strait of Hormuz must remain open for global energy supplies
- China will order 200 Boeing jets, Trump tells Fox News. Analysts reckon the order would include best-selling 737 Max
- Nvidia chief Jensen Huang and Tesla CEO Elon Musk were part of the US business delegation
- Trump's Beijing visit is scheduled to conclude on Friday after additional engagements and meetings

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Donald Trump agreed to build a "constructive, strategically stable relationship" as they met in Beijing on Thursday at a superpower summit.

The new strategic position should be led by cooperation and "measured competition with healthy stability", Xi said, according to the *South China Morning Post*. He also said Beijing would treat the new framework as a guide for the relationship for the next three years and beyond, though the White House made no reference to the phrase in its comments.

Trump arrived in China with accolades for his host, calling Xi a "great leader" and "friend" and extending an invitation to visit the White House in September. Beyond the pomp as he welcomed Trump, Xi in less effusive tones said the two sides "should be partners and not rivals", and highlighted the issue of Taiwan — which Beijing claims as its territory — straight off the bat.

"The Taiwan question is the most important issue in China-US relations," Xi said, according to remarks published by Chinese state media shortly after the start of the talks, which lasted two hours and 15 minutes. "If mishandled, the two nations

could collide or even come into conflict, pushing the entire China-US relationship into a highly perilous situation," Xi added. Xi greeted Trump with a red-carpet welcome at the opulent Great Hall of the People, with military band fanfare, a 21-gun salute and a host of schoolchildren jumping and chanting "welcome!".

Seemingly enjoying the ceremony, Trump said "the relationship between China and the USA is going to be better than ever before". Xi instead referenced a political theory about the risks of war when a rising power rivals a ruling one, inspired by an ancient Greek historian. At a state banquet in the evening, the Chinese leader insisted it was possible. "Achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and making America great again can totally go hand in hand... and advance the wellbeing of the whole world," Xi said, in reference to Trump's MAGA movement.

Iran overshadows

The White House said the leaders talked about the Iran war, an issue which analysts have said could weaken Trump's position, having already forced him to postpone this trip. The two sides "agreed that the Strait of Hormuz must remain open to support the free flow of energy", the White House said.

Tensions escalate as Indian cargo ship sinks off Oman, vessel seized near UAE

Lebanon, Israel hold fresh peace talks in US

WASHINGTON: Lebanon and Israel held fresh peace talks in Washington on Thursday as their latest ceasefire neared its end amid continuing Israeli strikes. Israel said it targeted Hezbollah sites in south Lebanon after warning residents to evacuate, while Lebanese media reported attacks beyond those areas.

More than 400 people have reportedly been killed during the truce. Lebanon is seeking a lasting ceasefire and Israeli withdrawal, while Washington continues pressing Beirut to disarm Hezbollah.



Israeli military flares descend over Lebanon's village of Arnoun as Lebanon and Israel prepare for fresh peace talks in Washington | AFP

Iran lets Chinese ships pass through Hormuz

TEHRAN: Iranian media on Thursday said Tehran had allowed Chinese ships to pass through the strategic Strait of Hormuz under Iranian-managed transit protocols. Reports said the passage began after a request from Beijing and involved more than 30 ships. Iran has largely restricted shipping through the waterway since the outbreak of war with the US and Israel in February.

UAE denies Netanyahu secretly visited country

JERUSALEM: Israel said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu secretly visited the UAE during the Iran war and met President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, calling it a "historic breakthrough" in ties. The UAE later denied reports of any secret visit, insisting relations with Israel are conducted publicly under the Abraham Accords.

DUBAI

An Indian-flagged cargo ship sank off the coast of Oman after an attack sparked a fire aboard the vessel while it was travelling from Somalia to Sharjah in the UAE, Indian authorities said on Thursday, as tensions escalated near the Strait of Hormuz. Officials said all 14 Indian crew members aboard the Haji Ali were rescued by Oman's coast guard and were safe.

A ship anchored off the United Arab Emirates was also seized and taken toward Iran, authorities said. It wasn't immediately clear who was behind the incidents, but they happened as a senior Iranian official reiterated his country's claim of control over the waterway and another said it had a right to seize oil tankers connected to the US.

The turmoil in the strait, which a fifth of the world's oil

passed through before the war, has been a sticking point for weeks in talks between the US and Iran to end the conflict. Iran's grip on the vital waterway has jolted the world economy and spiked fuel prices far beyond West Asia.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said it received reports that the ship seized on Thursday was taken by unauthorised personnel while anchored 38 nautical miles north-east of the UAE port of Fujairah, an important oil export terminal that has been repeatedly attacked during the war with Iran.

The UK maritime center did not name the ship seized Thursday and said it is investigating. The British military said the vessel is heading toward Iranian waters. India's foreign ministry condemned the attack on commercial shipping and civilian mariners.



UK Health Secy quits, set to join PM race

LONDON

UK Health Secretary Wes Streeting resigned from the Cabinet on Thursday, declaring that he had lost confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Keir Starmer.



British Health Secretary Wes Streeting

As a frontrunner to replace Starmer at 10 Downing Street, Streeting is expected to launch his bid to be elected Labour leader if he can secure the backing of the party's requisite 81 members of Parliament.

It piles further pressure on Starmer, who has been attempting to quell an internal rebellion over the devastating results for the governing party in last week's local elections.

"It is now clear that you will not lead the Labour Party into the next general election and that Labour MPs and Labour unions want the debate about what comes next to be a battle of ideas, not of personalities or petty factionalism," Streeting said in his resignation letter addressed to Starmer.

"It needs to be broad, and it needs to be the best possible field of candidates. I support that approach and I hope you will facilitate it," he said.

Social Care and state-funded National Health Service, Streeting added: "The National Health Service is the embodiment of all that is best about Britain and our values. Thanks to our Labour government, it is on the road to recovery.

"These are all good reasons for me to remain in post, but as you know from our conversation earlier, having lost confidence in your leadership, I have concluded that it would be dishonourable and unprincipled to do so."

While the process may not begin soon, Starmer's future as Labour leader looks uncertain if the NEC triggers a formal election.

His words are being interpreted as paving the way for a Labour leadership contest, with former deputy prime minister Angela Rayner, Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham and Energy Secretary Ed Miliband among his other expected rivals.

EXPRESS READ

ICC-wanted Philippine senator flees Senate

MANILA: Philippine senator Ronald dela Rosa, wanted by the International Criminal Court for alleged crimes against humanity linked to former president Rodrigo Duterte's anti-drug crackdown, fled the Senate where he had sought refuge to evade arrest, officials said Thursday. His escape came after gunshots were fired during an argument between Senate security personnel and a government agent, causing chaos in the heavily guarded complex. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. urged calm as police launched an investigation.

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Limited Recruitment Notification for SC&ST, BC backlog vacancies
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Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC			ST	Total
	Group-I	Group-II	Group-III		
Associate Professor	6	6	2	4	18
Of the above, Horizontal reservation (women)	-	-	-	-	4

PART-B (BC Backlog - Associate Professor)
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	Total
	Associate Professor	7	6	2	2	
Of the above, Horizontal reservation (women)	4	4	-	2	2	12

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: www.rgukt.in or <https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in>.

Receiving of the online applications will commence from: 18.05.2026. The last date for submission of online application is 08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST). The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self-attested relevant documents is 15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).

NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.

Date: 15-05-2026
Sd/- VICE CHANCELLOR, RGUKT-AP
University Call Center: 7670905558 from 010:00 AM to 05:00 PM
DIPR No.5087PP/CL/ADVT/11/2021-22, Dt: 14/05/2026

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Cadre	SC			ST	Total
	Group-I	Group-II	Group-III		
Assistant Professor	6	10	4	11	31
Of the above, Horizontal reservation (women)	-	-	-	-	5

PART-B (BC Backlog - Assistant Professor)
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	Total
	Assistant Professor	12	8	4	6	
Of the above, Horizontal reservation (Women)	8	5	0	4	4	21

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ADJOURNMENT OF AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

We refer to our E-auction sale notice published in Newspaper 'The New Indian Express, Kerala Kaumudi & Deepika' on 24.04.2026 and we hereby Adjourn the E-auction sale process of property shown in - JOB - ALWAYS Branch, (Sl. No. 34) Property No. 3 to 6 in respect of S. No.34 (Property No. 3 to 6) of Always Branch - Borrower/Guarantors : M/s Silverstream Plastics and Chemicals have been postponed to 30.05.2026. Rescheduled date and time of E-Auction is 30.05.2026 - Time - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. All other terms and conditions contained in the e-auction publication dated 24.04.2026 shall remain the same.

14.05.2026
Ernakulam (Sd/-) Authorised Officer

Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd.
MADC
CIN: U45203MH2002SGC136979

TENDER NOTICE

MADC invites bids for leasing of plots admeasuring about 14,973 sq. mtr. (equivalent to 3.70 acre) for development of Five Star Category Hotel at Shirdi International Airport, Shirdi, Maharashtra.

The detailed tender document can be downloaded from the website www.mahatenders.gov.in from 16/05/2026 from 11.00 hours.

Sd/-
Vice Chairman and Managing Director

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD
(A Gold Category State PSU)
Registered Office: OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751 001
CIN: U13100OR19565GCO00313

NIT No.16/OMC/CIVIL/2026

Tender for the following works are invited on-line through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha.

Sl. No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (In lakh)	Time period of the work (in month)	Class of Contractor	EMD online (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid document (Rs.)
1	Repair of Block-B Out Gate Dispatch Road at Guali Mines in the District of Keonjhar.	113.37	09 (Nine)	'B & A'	1,13,400/- +18% GST	10,000/- +18% GST
2	Construction of RCC gate (2nos) with Security Room (1no) at South Kaliapani Mines in the district of Jajpur.	16.00	04 (Four)	'D & C'	16,000/- +18% GST	6,000/- +18% GST

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from dt 20.05.2026 to dt 03.06.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
2. Last date of on-line submission of tender in the portal is dt 03.06.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
3. Date of opening of Technical Bid is dt 04.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
All other details can be seen from bid documents available at Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason therefor.

OIPR- 30001/30005/1/26-27/0020 Sd/- GM (Civil)

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
(See proviso to Rule 8(i))
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower/Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Naveen Pathrose (Borrower) Mrs. Daisy Pathrose (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCC00005880233	4 Bhk House With Land Area 1743, Built-up Area 1359 Sq. Ft in 1.62 Acres (4 Cents) in Re Sy No. 777-1-2-3 in Edathala Panchayath, Aluva East Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District - 683112. Bounded on The North: 8 Feet Pathway South: Property of Varghese East: Property of Aji West: Property of Hussain	Rs. 44,42,991/- (As on May 12, 2026).	Rs. 38,00,000/- Rs. 3,80,000/-	June 04, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 10:30 AM June 05, 2026 From 02:00 PM To 11:30 PM	June 11, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 PM
2.	Mr. Vinesh A R (Borrower) Mrs. Aswathy K R (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCC00005800044 LBCC00005965585	With Land Area 2174 And Built-up Area 1740 Sq. Ft in 2.02 Acres (Centres) in Re Sy No. 387/6-7, Parakkadav Panchayath, Parakkadav Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District - 683579. Bounded on The North: Remaining Property South: Property of Surendran East: 8 Feet Private Road West: Property of Ajith Kumar	Rs. 29,87,202/- (As on May 12, 2026).	Rs. 23,30,000/- Rs. 2,33,000/-	June 05, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 10:30 AM June 06, 2026 From 02:00 PM To 11:30 PM	June 11, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website assets.matexauctions.com of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagee/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by June 10, 2026, before 05:00 P.M., else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidders must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024. Branch on or before June 10, 2026, before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before June 10, 2026, before 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/her offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024. Branch on or before June 10, 2026, before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at 'Cochin'.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee number 965522532/8129501439.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: 15 May 2026
Place: Cochin
Authorized Officer
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