

International

Nepal Secures ₹4.75 Billion from Carbon Trading

Nepal had earned 2.87 million US dollars from carbon trading in the last fiscal year. The Alternative Energy Promotion Centre has earned income from 8 carbon trading projects since 2011.

The Executive Director of APEC, Nabaraj Dhakal, shared that the centre has constructed 40,253 kilowatts of micro and small-scale hydropower projects so far, as well as provided renewable energy service to 3.650 million households in the country.

UNSC affirms UNRWA's crucial role in Gaza's humanitarian response

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) emphasised the vital role of UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to Palestinian refugees through essential education, health, relief and social services programmes and emergency assistance in the occupied Palestinian territory, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

The Israeli parliament had passed two legislations to prohibit UNRWA from operating in the country, and ban Israeli authorities from any contact with the agency.

India-China Complete Disengagement at Depsang and Demchok

The disengagement process at the Depsang and Demchok regions of eastern Ladakh has been completed between India and China after four and a half years of military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

India and China have agreed to communicate in advance when conducting patrols in sensitive zones.

Obituary

Justice KS Puttaswamy, Passes Away

Justice K.S. Puttaswamy, the pivotal petitioner in the landmark right to privacy case, passed away.

He served as a judge at the Karnataka High Court and later as the first Vice Chairperson of

the Central Administrative Tribunal in Bengaluru.

In 2012, Justice Puttaswamy filed a petition against the Aadhaar scheme, challenging its constitutionality. On August 24, 2017, a nine-judge Constitution bench, led by Chief Justice J.S. Khehar, unanimously upheld the concept of privacy as a fundamental right while also upholding the Aadhaar scheme.

Awards

Francis Ford Coppola to receive AFI Life Achievement Award

Francis Ford Coppola, the visionary director is set to receive the prestigious AFI Life Achievement Award at a ceremony at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre. The AFI Life Achievement Award is given to individuals whose work has significantly advanced the art of film, earning acclaim from critics, scholars, and audiences alike.

This honour marks the 50th instalment of the award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the film industry.

Important Days

National Unity day: 31st October

India celebrates National Unity Day on 31st October to honour the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who was a pivotal figure in India's struggle for independence and the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of the country.

Patel was instrumental in uniting the country's diverse princely states into a single, independent nation and Known as the "Iron Man of India".

National

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated C-295 aircraft manufacturing complex in Vadodara

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez, jointly inaugurated the TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C-295 aircraft, in Gujarat's Vadodara.

A total of 56 aircraft are there under the C-295 programme, of which 16 are being delivered directly by the aircraft manufacturing company Airbus from Spain, and the remaining 40 will be built at the facility, which is the first private sector Final Assembly Line (FAL) for military aircraft in India.

Ayodhya sets Guinness World Record

Ayodhya set two Guinness World Records during its Deepotsav celebrations, lighting over 25 lakh oil lamps along the Saryu River and holding the largest mass aarti with 1,121 participants.

The two records were set on 55 ghats, including Ram ki Paidi, on the banks of the Saryu River in the holy city.

Business and Economy

Global gold demand grows 5% in July-Sep : WGC

Total gold demand gained 5% y/y to 1,313t – a record for a third quarter.

This strength was reflected in the gold price, which reached a series of new record highs during the quarter. The value of demand jumped 35% y/y to exceed US\$100bn for the first time ever.

Dabur to buy ayurvedic product maker Sesa Care.

Home-grown FMCG and Ayurvedic products maker Dabur announced the acquisition of Sesa Care, engaged in the Ayurvedic personal care and wellness segment, at an enterprise value of Rs 315-325 crore.

This new acquisition will help Dabur to expand in the ₹900 crore ayurvedic hair oil market.

Sports

Kagiso Rabada reclaims top spot in ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings

South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada reclaimed the top spot in the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings. He has overtaken Josh Hazlewood, Jasprit Bumrah, and Ravichandran Ashwin to take the top spot.

The 29-year-old also achieved the milestone of becoming the fastest South African to reach 300 Test wickets. Rabada had previously held the top ranking in January 2018.

Hylo Open 2024: Malvika Bansod & Rakshitha Sree Advance

In the Hylo Open 2024 badminton tournament in Germany, India's Keyura Mopati lost to Denmark's Anna Siess Ryberg 21-8, 21-12 in the first round of women's singles. In men's singles, Collins Valentine Filimon, playing for Austria, defeated India's Tharun Mannepal 21-19, 21-19.

India's Malvika Bansod defeated Bulgaria's Hristomira Popovska in straight games 21-6, 21-17 in the women's singles first round. Another Indian female shuttler, Rakshitha Sree, emerged victorious over Yu Chen Hui of Chinese Taipei 21-13, 21-19 to reach the second round of women's singles.