

International

Donald Trump nominates Indian-American Kash Patel to lead FBI

US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American Kash Patel to lead the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Mr. Patel became the second Indian American to be picked in his cabinet.

Earlier, Mr. Trump picked Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya as the director of the National Institutes of Health, the country's top health research and funding institution.

Important Days

World AIDS Day: 1st December

World AIDS Day, is being observed every year on December 1 since its inception in 1988.

The theme for World AIDS Day 2024, "Take the rights path: My health, my right!", underscores the significance of human rights in combating HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS Day was first conceptualized in 1988 by James W. Bunn and Thomas Netter, two public information officers at the World Health Organization (WHO).

National

Centre asks states and UTs to make snakebite cases a notifiable disease

The Union Health Ministry has asked states and Union Territories to make snakebite cases and deaths a 'Notifiable Disease' under the relevant provisions of the State Public Health Act or other applicable legislation.

Union Health Secretary mentioned that the Ministry has launched the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming by 2030 (NAPSE), in consultation with relevant Ministries and stakeholders, is aiming to halve snakebite-related deaths by 2030.

Indian Army, Singapore armed forces conclude joint military exercise "Agni Warrior 2024"

The Joint Military Exercise Agni Warrior 2024 between Indian Armed Forces and Singapore Armed Forces concluded in Devlali, Maharashtra.

The aim of the exercise was to maximise mutual understanding of drills and procedures to achieve jointness as a multinational force under the United Nations Charter. The exercise showcased joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Equipment by the Artillery of both Armies.

Defence Ministry signs contract with Cochin Shipyard.

The Defence Ministry signed a contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the short refit and dry docking of INS Vikramaditya at an overall cost of more than 1,200 crore rupees.

INS Vikramaditya is an Indian aircraft carrier commissioned in the Indian Navy in November 2013. After the completion of the refit, the aircraft carrier will join the active fleet of the Indian Navy with upgraded combat capability.

India-Cambodia armies commence Joint Exercise CINBAX begins in Pune

The Indian Army and the Cambodian Army have commenced their first-ever Joint Table Top Exercise, CINBAX, in Pune.

The exercise aims to foster strategic cooperation, trust, and interoperability between the two nations.

Business and Economy

NCLAT approved the sale of IL&FS Paradip Refinery Water Ltd.

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) approved the sale of IL&FS Paradip Refinery Water Ltd (IPRWL) to a qualified bidder, enabling the repayment of nearly Rs 1,000 crore in debt.

The tribunal rejected IOCL's objection regarding the BOOT agreement and mandated that the sale aligns with the agreement terms, ensuring the buyer meets specific criteria.

Skylark Information Technologies opens India's first Operational Technology (OT) Centre of Excellence (CoE).

Global IT services provider Skylark Information Technologies, in partnership with Fortinet announced the opening of India's first Operational Technology (OT) Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Chennai.

Sports

Lakshya Sen, PV Sindhu storm into Singles final in Syed Modi International tournament.

In the Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament, top Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu stormed into the Singles final.

In the semifinals, Lakshya Sen outclassed Japan's Shogo Ogawa 21-8, 21-14.

PV Sindhu advanced to the Women's Singles final. She defeated compatriot Unnati Hooda 21-12, 21-9.

India beat Chinese Taipei 16-0 in Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup in Muscat, Oman

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team thrashed Chinese Taipei 16-0 in their Pool A match at the Men's Junior Asia Cup in Muscat, Oman.

Dilraj Singh scored four goals while Rosan Kujur hit hatricks. India took a 5-0 lead at halftime with goals from Dilraj Singh in the 17th minute, Sourabh Anand Kushwaha in the 20th and 28th minutes, and Rosan Kujur in the 23rd minute.

The win kept India at the top of Pool A with nine points.

World Chess Championship: Gukesh and Ding Liren Draw Fifth Game

In the World Chess Championship, Indian Grandmaster D. Gukesh and reigning champion Ding Liren of China played out a hard-fought draw in the fifth game of their best-of-14 series in Singapore.

With a best-of-14 format, both players are still far from the winning mark of 7.5 points, and the championship will require five more points from either player to secure the title.