

International

Ukraine says, Russia fired intercontinental ballistic missile.

Ukraine has charged that Russia fired an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile, ICBM at Ukraine a day after President Vladimir Putin changed Moscow's nuclear doctrine. Moscow's strong response comes days after US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer allowed Ukraine to use Western long-range cruise and ballistic missiles to target deep within Russian territory.

Earlier Ukraine fired a US-made ATACMS missile and a UK-made 'Storm Shadow' missile targeting Russian territories.

ICC issues arrest warrants for Netanyahu, his former Defence Minister, Hamas leader.

The Hague based International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his former Defence Minister and Hamas officials, accusing them of war crimes and crimes against humanity over their 13-month war in Gaza and the October 2023 attack on Israel respectively.

The move comes after the ICC prosecutor Karim Khan announced that he was seeking arrest warrants for alleged crimes connected to October 7th last year's attacks on Israel by Hamas and the Israeli military response in Gaza. The ICC said, Israel's acceptance of the court's jurisdiction was not required.

Mali's Prime Minister fired by ruling Junta after criticizing military regime.

Mali's Prime Minister Choguel Maiga, has been fired by the ruling Junta days after criticizing the military regime in the country. Choguel Maiga had criticized the ruling Junta's failure to bring back democracy and to organise elections by March 2024. Maiga alleged that the elections have been postponed indefinitely, with General Assimi Goita continuing as the interim President. The junta, led by General Goita, took power of Mali after back-to-back coups in 2020 and 2021.

Armenia becomes 104th full member of International Solar Alliance.

Armenia has become the 104th full member of the International Solar Alliance. Armenia handed over the Indian Solar Alliance Instrument of Ratification during a meeting between its Ambassador to India, Vahagn Afyan, and the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, Abhishek Singh. Armenia's full membership in the International Solar Alliance, founded by India and France, has been in effect since November 15, 2024. The corresponding agreement was signed on November 16, 2023, in Yerevan.

National

K Sanjay Murthy sworn in as CAG of India.

K Sanjay Murthy has taken oath as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in New Delhi. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at Rashtrapati Bhawan. He replaced Girish Chandra Murmu, who was appointed as the CAG in August 2020.

Earlier, Mr Murthy served as the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education in the Education Ministry.

PM Modi to inaugurate ICA Global Cooperative Conference on Nov 25.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the ICA Global Cooperative Conference on the 25th of this month at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. During the conference, Mr. Modi will launch a commemorative stamp on the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The theme of the six-day conference is "Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All." The Prime Minister of Bhutan, Dasho Tshering Tobgay and the Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji, Manoa Kamikamica, will also attend the conference.

General Dwivedi conferred Honorary General rank by Nepali Army

Chief of the Army Staff, Indian Army General Upendra Dwivedi is in Kathmandu on a five-day official visit at the invitation of Chief of Army Staff, Nepali Army General Ashok Raj Sigdel. General Dwivedi is leading a five-member delegation. Showcasing the strong ties between the two countries, Indian Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi was conferred with the prestigious rank of Honorary General of the Nepali Army.

82 young artists to be conferred with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar.

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will confer the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for the years 2022 and 2023 at a function in New Delhi. A total of 82 young artists will be honoured with the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar. Sangeet Natak Akademi instituted the award in the name of Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan for young performing arts practitioners up to the age of 40 years in 2006.

The award is given annually to outstanding young artists in the fields of music, dance, drama, folk and tribal arts, and puppetry. The Yuva Puraskar carries a cash award of 25 thousand rupees, a plaque, and an angavastram.

Science & Technology Minister Jitendra Singh launches VISION Portal to nurture skill development in underprivileged children.

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network (VISION) in New Delhi. The initiative is aimed at nurturing education, skill development, and innovation among underprivileged children.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister lauded the entrepreneurial vision behind the initiative and its focus on democratizing opportunities for students across the country. He emphasized how the portal could act as a gateway for those in remote areas to access mentorship and training.

Business and Economy

India, Maldives sign MoU to establish framework for promoting use of local currencies in cross border transactions

Reserve Bank of India and the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for promoting the use of local currencies Indian Rupee and Maldivian Rufiyaa in cross-border transactions.

The MoU encourages the use of the Indian Rupee (INR) and the Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) in current account transactions, permissible capital account transactions, and any other economic or financial transactions agreed upon by both countries.

This framework will allow exporters and importers to invoice and settle payments in their respective domestic currencies, facilitating the development of trading in the INR-MVR pair in the foreign exchange market.

Sri Lanka: Overall Inflation Rate decreases to -0.7% in October 2024.

In Sri Lanka, the Overall Rate of Inflation, as measured by the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), decreased to -0.7% in October 2024. This is the second consecutive month when the year-on-year inflation has been recorded in negative territory. According to the Department of Census and Statistics, the Overall Rate of Inflation, as measured by the NCPI, was -0.2% reported in September 2024.

At the peak of the economic crisis in 2022, inflation had touched 70% in the island nation. With tight monetary and fiscal measures, the inflation rate has been brought to the current levels.

Sports

Tennis: Italy beat Slovakia to win Billie Jean King Cup

Italy won the Billie Jean King Cup for the fifth time as Jasmine Paolini beat Rebecca Sramkova to secure a dominant 2-0 win over Slovakia. World number four Paolini triumphed 6-2, 6-1 in the second singles rubber to follow up Lucia Bronzetti's 6-2, 6-4 victory against Viktoria Hrucakova.

Bihar to host Khelo India Youth Games and Para Games in April 2025.

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced that Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth Games and Para Games in April next year. He said Bihar has recently showcased its capability to host major sporting events like the Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey. There are 38 Khelo India Centres in Bihar and one Khelo India State Centre of Excellence catering to athletes at all levels.

China Masters 2024: Indian star shuttler Lakshya Sen enters Men's Singles quarterfinals

In the China Masters 2024 Badminton, Indian star shuttler Lakshya Sen has entered the Men's Singles quarterfinal beating Rasmus Gemke of

Denmark 21-16, 21-18 in the second round. In Men's Doubles also, Indian duo, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy advanced to the quarterfinal beating Rasmus Kjør and Frederik Søgaard of Denmark 21-19, 21-15.

Hardik Pandya reclaims top spot as world's no. 1 all-rounder in ICC Men's T20I rankings.

In ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings, India veteran Hardik Pandya has re-claimed the first place as all-rounder in the world. While in the batters, India's Tilak Verma, who is in the third place, made a massive jump into the top 10 list followed by Suryakumar Yadav, who is in the fourth place.

In the bowling category, Arshdeep reached the ninth spot, while Ravi has slipped to the eighth spot.