

International

ICJ Hague orders Israel to ensure immediate food supply to Gaza amid fears of famine.

In the Hague, the International Court of Justice unanimously ordered Israel to take all the necessary and effective action to ensure that basic food supplies arrive without delay, to the Palestinian population in Gaza.

The World Court said the Palestinians in Gaza are facing worsening conditions of life, and famine and starvation are spreading.

Senior Hezbollah Commander Nabil Qaouk killed in Beirut Airstrike.

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have confirmed a successful strike against Nabil Qaouk, a high-ranking Hezbollah official.

Qaouk, a veteran member who joined Hezbollah in the 1980s, held several key positions within the organization, including Deputy Commander of the southern region.

Important Days

World Heart Day: 29th September

World Heart Day is a global event that takes place on September 29 to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease (CVD).

The World Heart Federation and its partners organize activities to educate the public about CVD, its risk factors, and how to prevent it.

This year, 2024, the World Heart Day theme is "Use Heart for Action". This theme highlights a shift from awareness to empowering with a clear purpose and goal.

World Rabies Day: 28th September

28 September is World Rabies Day. It is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.

28 September also marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

Theme for 2024 world rabies day is, 'Breaking Rabies Boundaries,'.

International Day for Universal Access to Information: 28th September.

Recognizing the significance of access to information, the 74th UN General Assembly proclaimed 28 September as the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) at the UN level in October 2019.

Hosted by the government of Ghana and UNESCO, the theme of the 2024 Global Conference on Universal Access to Information is "Mainstreaming Access to Information and Participation in the Public Sector".

Obituary

Actress Dame Maggie Smith no more

Dame Maggie Smith, the celebrated British actress renowned for her roles in Harry Potter and Downton Abbey, passed away at the age of 89.

Maggie Smith's acting prowess earned her two Academy Awards, Best Actress in 1969 for "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and best Supporting Actress in 1978 for "California Suite".

National

India ranks as the second-largest steel producer .

The minister of state for steel and heavy industries, Bhupathiraju Srinivasa, said that India is currently the second-largest producer of steel, with a production of 144 million metric tonnes.

While addressing a three-day international conference on green steel production in New Delhi, the minister lauded the technological innovation and material efficiency in the steel sector, which have driven global steel production close to 2 billion metric tonnes.

Export ban on non-basmati rice removed.

The Union government has decided to allow exports of non-basmati white rice with immediate effect.

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Withdrawing a blanket ban on overseas shipments of non-basmati white rice, the government imposed a floor price of USD 490 per tonne and exempted the commodity from export duty.

Exports of non-basmati white rice have been banned since July 20, 2023 to boost domestic supply.

Business and Economy

IndusInd Bank reappoints Sumant Kathpalia as MD and CEO.

IndusInd Bank has reappointed Sumant Kathpalia as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) for another three-year term.

Kathpalia had 36 years of experience, having previously worked with Citibank, Bank of America, and ABN AMRO. He joined IndusInd Bank 16 years ago, playing a pivotal role in turning the bank around.

India's forex reserves reach a new record high of \$692.3 billion.

India's foreign exchange reserves reached a record high of \$692.3 billion, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India.

The largest component of forex reserves, foreign currency assets, rose to \$605.7 billion from \$603.6 billion.

Gold reserves increased to \$63.6 billion from \$62.9 billion. The reserve tranche position with the IMF slightly decreased to \$4.46 billion from \$4.52 billion.

Sports

Gulveer Singh wins gold medal in men's 5,000 meters race at World Athletics Continental Tour .

Gulveer Singh, a 26-year-old Indian athlete, won the gold medal in the men's 5,000 meters race at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Japan.

He set a new national record with a time of 13 minutes and 11.82 seconds. Before that, the record was held by compatriot Avinash Sable.

Karichal Chundan wins 5th consecutive Nehru Trophy at Punnamada lake.

In Kerala, the Karichal Chundan (Snake Boat) rowed by the Pallathuruthy Boat Club won the coveted Nehru Trophy at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha.

This is the fifth consecutive win of the Nehru Trophy for the Boat Club. In a pulsating final, where microseconds decided the outcome, Karichal won the race, clocking 4 minutes, 29.785 seconds.

India defeats Nepal 4-2 to Reach SAFF U-17 Championship final.

In football, India defeated Nepal 4-2 in the semi-final of the SAFF Under-17 2024 Championship at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan. In the final, India will face Bangladesh.

India is a five-time champion of SAFF U17, and in the last edition, they defeated Bangladesh by 2-0 in the final.