

International

Former US President Jimmy Carter no more

Former US President Jimmy Carter who was the oldest living U.S. President of all time and the third U.S. President to visit India, passed away at his home in Plains, Georgia, at the age of 100. His death was announced by the Carter Center in Atlanta. A Democrat, former President Carter was the President of the U.S. from 1977 to 1981. He led an extraordinary post-presidency life and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

18th Elephant and Tourism Festival in Nepal

A five-day-long 18th Elephant and Tourism Festival is being organised in Sauraha, Chitwan National Park, Nepal. The Elephant and Tourism Festival is organised to celebrate the English New Year and Christmas and promote regional tourism. The popular Elephant Festival of Chitwan will continue till December 30 and is being held on the Baghmara Intermediate Community Forest ground.

National

India to host the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit for the first time in 2025.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 117th episode of the 'Mann Ki Baat' Programme has said that India will host the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) for the first time in 2025. He emphasized the pivotal role of young creators in the preparations for WAVES, reflecting the dynamic spirit of India's creative community.

The IndiGo A320 is the First Commercial Aircraft to Successfully Land at Navi Mumbai International Airport

The IndiGo A320, which took off from Mumbai Airport, and made a direct landing at Navi Mumbai International Airport became the first commercial aircraft to successfully land on the runway of Navi Mumbai International Airport.

18th edition of Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran

The Indian Army contingent comprising 334 personnel will participate in the 18th edition of Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran. The exercise will be conducted in Saljhandi, Nepal from the 31st of December 2024 to the 13th of January 2025.

Business/Economy

FPIs invest 22,000 crores rupees in Indian Capital Markets in December

As per the depositories data, the foreign portfolio investors, or FPIs, brought in 16,675 crore rupees into the Indian equities markets and 5,352 crore rupees into the debt market, taking the total net investment into the Indian capital markets to 22,027 crore rupees. This comes after heavy outflows in the last few months.

Clean Core Thorium Energy (CCTE), announces a tie-up with NTPC

Clean Core Thorium Energy (CCTE), an Indian-promoted, US-headquartered company has developed a nuclear fuel that can enable India to tap into its abundant thorium resources. It has announced a tie-up with NTPC, India's largest integrated power company. This tie-up will help NTPC further its ambitions of foraying into the nuclear energy sector.

Sports

Kaamya Karthikeyan creates history.

A 17-year-old student from Navy Children School in Mumbai, Kaamya Karthikeyan, created history by becoming the youngest female in the world to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. Kaamya Karthikeyan has conquered Africa's Mt Kilimanjaro, Europe's Mt Elbrus, Australia's Mt Kosciuszko, South America's Mt Aconcagua, North America's Mt Denali, Asia's Mt Everest, and culminating the current climb in Antarctica.

Kerala wins maiden Senior National Men's Handball Championship title.

Kerala defeated Chandigarh 34-31 to win their maiden Senior National Men's Handball Championship title. The tournament final took place in Changanassery, Kerala. Kerala's Devendar was named Best Player of the Championship, while Rahul received the award for Best Goalkeeper.

FIDE World Blitz Chess Championship to start in New York.

In chess, the highly anticipated FIDE World Blitz Chess Championship, alongside the Women's World Blitz Chess Championship, will start in New York on December 30. World No. 1 Grand Master (GM) Magnus Carlsen is set to return to the championships after a brief but controversial exit.

Lakshya Sen clinches bronze at the inaugural King Cup International Badminton Open 2024.

In Badminton, India's Lakshya Sen won the bronze at the inaugural King Cup International Badminton Open 2024 with a 21-17, 21-11 victory over French shuttler Alex Lanier. The King Cup is a prestigious invitational men's singles tournament featuring eight top players.

Koneru Humpy triumphs in the World Rapid and Blitz Championship.

India's Koneru Humpy won her second women's title beating Indonesia's Irene Sukander in the World Rapid and Blitz Championship held in New York. Humpy finished the tournament with 8.5 points from 11 rounds to secure her victory. Aged 37, the top-ranked Indian is only the second player after China's Ju Wenjun to win the title more than once. Indian Chess Grandmaster Humpy previously won in 2019 at Georgia. In the men's category, Russia's Volodar Murzin, aged 18, won the championship.