

International

Death toll in Nepal floods, landslides rises to 192.

In Nepal, 192 people have lost their lives and 30 others have gone missing in floods, landslides and inundation caused by incessant rains. More than 4,500 disaster-affected people have been rescued so far by mobilizing all agencies for search, rescue and relief after the floods and landslides.

Hurricane Helene: At least 105 people died after catastrophic flooding in US.

In US, at least 105 people died after Hurricane Helene tore across the state and caused catastrophic flooding. A North Carolina county that includes the mountain city of Asheville reported 30 people killed due to the storm. Americans in the Southeast have felt the impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation across multiple states including, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

NASA & SpaceX Launch Crew-9 Mission to ISS, aiming to bring Sunita Williams back to earth.

In a mission that aims to bring Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams back to Earth, NASA and SpaceX spacecraft carrying Crew-9 members, has left for the International Space Station (ISS).

The NASA-SpaceX mission safely reached the orbit after it was successfully launched from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. This mission is significant as it marks the first human spaceflight to launch from Space Launch Complex-40.

National

Jamaica PM Dr. Andrew Holness pay official visit to India.

Prime Minister of Jamaica, Dr. Andrew Holness was on an official visit to India. This will be his first visit to India, and also the first-ever bilateral visit of a Prime

Minister of Jamaica to India. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Jamaican Prime Minister have met several times on the sidelines of multilateral meetings.

Justice Manmohan takes oath as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court.

Justice Manmohan took oath as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has administered the oath to the 61-year-old judge at a ceremony at the Raj Niwas. Justice Manmohan will succeed Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma.

Centre to launch revamped Vatsalya Mission portal for integrated child protection services:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is set to launch a revamped portal under the Vatsalya Mission that will integrate various child protection services currently spread across multiple platforms. The revamped portal for the Vatsalya Mission will include present portals like Khoya-Paaya, TrackChild, Child Protection Services, and CARINGS will be integrated.

Business and Economy

NPCI to help Trinidad and Tobago develop UPI-like payments system.

The overseas wing of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is set to build a digital payments system for Trinidad and Tobago, which will be modelled after the United Payments Interface (UPI).

The NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), a quasi-government body under the RBI, said its deal with the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Trinidad and Tobago is to build a payments platform for both person-to-person and person-to-merchant transactions.

FPIs inflow hit 9-month high of ₹57,359 cr in equities in September

Foreign investors have invested ₹57,359 crore into Indian equities in September, making it the highest inflow in nine months, mainly driven by a rate cut by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

With this infusion, foreign portfolio investors' (FPIs) investment in equities has surpassed the ₹1 lakh crore mark in 2024.

GST Council sets up GoM on compensation cess.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has set up a 10-member GoM, chaired by the Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to decide on the taxation of luxury, sin and demerit goods once the compensation cess ends in March 2026.

The Group of Ministers (GoM), which includes members from Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, will submit its report to the Council by December 31.

PNB raises ₹5,000 crore via QIP

Punjab National Bank (PNB) raised ₹5,000 crore via Qualified Institution Placement (QIP) of about 48.19 crore equity shares at an issue price of ₹103.75 a share, which was at a discount of 4.96% to the floor price of ₹109.16 apiece.

It received bids for about ₹41,734 crore for the QIP issue, which is 16.7 times the base issue size of ₹2,500 crore and 8.3 times the total issue size of ₹5,000 crore.

Sports

Junior World Wushu Championship 2024: India won two gold, one silver and four bronze medals.

In Junior World Wushu Championship at Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, the Indian team won a rich haul of seven medals

including two golds. India won two gold medals, one silver and four bronze medals. India's Aryan won the gold medal after defeating Gong Huanran from China in the Boys' Group Junior 48 kg weight category. Shaurya won over his Iranian opponent Alireza Zamani to win another gold medal in the Boys 48kg (children) section. Nang Mingbi Borphukan won a silver medal in the Taolu Jian Shu C Group event.

Indonesia GP 2024: Jorge Martin wins to extend lead over Bagnaia.

Pramac Racing's Jorge Martin has led a crash-hit Indonesia Grand Prix in Mandalika from start to finish to win his third race of the season and extend his lead over reigning champion Francesco Bagnaia to 21 points.

BCCI inaugurates National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has inaugurated the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The world-class facility will now be called the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE). Spanning over 40 acres of land in Bengaluru, the BCCI Centre of Excellence features a total of three world-class grounds and 86 pitches, including both indoor and outdoor areas. It also has 45 outdoor net pitches for practice, all separated by safety nets sourced from the UK.

ISSF Junior World Championship: Indian pair clinche Bronze in shooting.

In shooting, the Indian pair of Gautami Bhanot and Ajay Malik won Bronze after defeating Croatia 17-9 in the Air Rifle mixed event in the ISSF Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru.

With this, India retained its top spot in the ISSF Junior World Championship. India has a total of five medals, two Gold and three Bronze.