International

Moldovan Presidential runoff

Moldovan President Maia Sandu is leading in the Presidential runoff with 54.19 percent of the vote, while her main rival, former Prosecutor General Alexandr Stoianoglo, is trailing with 45.81 percent. The runoff follows an October 20 election in which no candidate achieved the required majority.

India-Greece bilateral cooperation reviewed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis have reiterated their commitment to strengthen strategic partnership between the two countries. They reviewed progress in several areas of bilateral cooperation, including trade, defence, shipping, and connectivity.

National

The Seventh Session of the International Solar Alliance

The Seventh Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly was inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on November 4. The ISA Assembly will review initiatives of the International Solar Alliance, that have a bearing on energy access, security, and traditions with a focus on empowering member countries to adopt solar energy and mobilise finance to speed up solar deployment. The seventh session of the International Solar Alliance is going to be held under the Presidency of India and the co-Presidency of France.

The 15th India-US Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR

The 15th India-US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR which began on November 2nd at Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, US will conclude on the 22nd of this month.

The last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in December 2023. This will be the second exercise of the year between the Indian and the US Army. The previous exercise – YUDH ABHYAS 2024, was conducted in Rajasthan in September.

Bhai Dooj celebrated.

The festival of Bhai Dooj was celebrated on November 3. Celebrated two days after Diwali, the day marks the end of the five-day-long festivities. It is known by different names in various parts of country, like Bhai Phota, Bhaubeej, Bhai Tika or Yama Dwitiya.

On this day, sisters pray for the safety of their brothers and long life. In return, the brothers promise to protect and look after their sisters.

One of the biggest festivals of Manipur- Ningol Chakkouba celebrated.

One of the biggest festivals of Manipur- Ningol Chakkouba was celebrated across the state with religious fervour and gaiety. The festival is held every year on the second day of the lunar month of Hiyangei of the Meitei calendar. The main component of the festival is the visit of married sisters to their maternal homes for a grand feast and joyous reunion followed by the exchange of gifts.

The first science result from the Aditya-L1 mission.

The first science result which involves the Aditya-L1 mission, India's first scientific mission dedicated to studying the Sun is out. Scientists who developed Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC) onboard Aditya-L1 precisely estimated the onset time of a coronal mass ejection that erupted on the Sun on July 16. VELC is the spacecraft's primary payload. The spacecraft's VELC payload was developed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIAp), Bengaluru.

Economy/ Business.

Foreign investors turn net sellers in October.

Foreign investors became net sellers in October, withdrawing shares worth over 94,000 crore rupees in the month owing to high valuations in domestic markets and the strong performance of the Chinese market.

Data with the depositories showed that overall, FPIs have been net buyers in 2024, except for January, April, May, and October.

The NSE launches a mobile app as well as websites in eight additional languages.

To commemorate 30 years of operations the National Stock Exchange has launched a mobile app as well as websites in eight additional languages. The MD and CEO of NSE, Ashishkumar Chauhan, announced that these languages include Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu, bringing the total number of languages supported by the NSE to twelve. The NSE also held its traditional muhurat trading today on the occasion of Lakshmi Poojan.

India is poised to reach 50,000 crore rupees in defence exports by 2029-30.

India's Aatmanirbhar drive is yielding the desired results and the country is poised to reach 50,000 crore rupees in defence exports by 2029-30, as per Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The Defence Minister said that the government's efforts to achieve self-reliance are turning out to be highly successful as defence exports, which were around 600 crore rupees 10 years ago, crossed a record number of 21,000 crore rupees in Financial Year 2023-24.

Sports

India's impressive performance at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships

India secured 17 medals, including four golds, across the men's and women's categories at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships in Colorado, USA. The Indian squad, featuring 19 boxers, 9 men and 10 women, saw 12 athletes reach the finals, with every female boxer winning a medal. The four gold medalists included Hemant Sangwan, the only male champion, and female champions Krisha Verma, Parthavi Grewal, and Vanshika Goswami.

Kiwis script history.

The visiting New Zealand men's cricket team created history by winning the test series 3-0. No team had been able to win all the Test matches in India in a series featuring three or more Test matches in nine decades.

Indian duo, win the doubles title in Seoul.

Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan won the doubles title at the ATP 100 Challenger event in Seoul, South Korea. The Indian duo, defeated USA's Vasil Kirkov and Bart Stevens of the Netherlands 6-4, 4-6, [10-3] in the final.

Anahat Singh triumphs

Squash player, Anahat Singh secured her sixth PSA Challenger title of the year by winning the women's singles crown at the Costa North Coast Open 2024 in Coffs Harbour, Australia.

Seeded third in the tournament, the 16-year-old defeated Japan's sixth seed Akari Midorikawa in straight games 3-0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-7).