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## International

### Tonga hit by tsunami after volcanic eruption



The Pacific country of Tonga experienced a large volcanic eruption Saturday followed by a tsunami that flooded parts of the capital, Nuku'alofa, which lies just 65km north of the volcano.

According to the US-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, the surge wave reached a height of 2.7 feet in Nuku'alofa.

### 20th Dhaka International Film Festival inaugurated



The 9-day long 20th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF) was inaugurated at the National Museum premises in Dhaka by the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr A K Abdul Momen. High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami was present as special guest on the occasion.

The Lebanese-German film 'The Anger' directed by Maria Ivanova was the inaugural movie of the festival.

Better film, better audience, better society is the motto of the DIFF.

## National

### World's largest Khadi flag displayed along Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan's Longewala



The world's largest national flag, the Indian Tricolor made from Khadi, was displayed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan's Longewala, on the occasion of 74th Army Day.

Longewala, in the western part of the desert state's Jaisalmer district was the site of the iconic Battle of Longewala in 1971, which was fought during that year's war between the two neighbors.

The flag is 225 feet long, 150 feet wide and weighs around 1 thousand 400 kilogram, while the Ashoka Chakra in the center has a diameter of 30 feet. The 'Monumental National Flag' is a creation of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to mark the ongoing 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations

### Centre promulgates revised consolidated Guidelines for Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles



Centre has promulgated revised consolidated Guidelines and Standards for Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles yesterday. These guidelines are exhaustive and include provisions for individual owners of Electric Vehicles as well as Public Charging Stations. In a significant step, Owners may charge their Electric Vehicles at their residence and offices using their existing electricity connections. The guidelines provide that any individual or entity is free to set up public charging stations without the requirement of a license. These can be set up provided that such stations meet the technical, safety and performance standards and protocols laid down by Ministry of Power, Bureau of Energy Efficiency and Central Electricity Authority from time to time.

### **R-Day celebrations to begin every year from Jan 23 to include birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**



Republic Day Celebrations will now begin every year from 23rd January instead of 24th. According to Government of India's sources, the step was taken to include the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Subash Chandra Bose. Birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose is celebrated as Parakram Divas across the country.

Earlier, the Government took the decisions to mark 14th August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day and 31st October as Ekta Divas-National Unity Day which is a Birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. Government had also decided to commemorate 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas which is birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Constitution Day will be celebrated across the country on 26th November and 26th December will be commemorated as Veer Baal Divas to pay tribute to four Sahibzadas.



### 10th century stone idol of Goat Head Yogini being returned to India: Culture Minister



Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy announced that a 10th century stone idol of Goat Head Yogini that had been illegally removed from a temple in Lokhari, Banda, Uttar Pradesh is being returned to India.

The sculpture is of a goat headed Yogini that originally belonged to a group of stone deities in sandstone and installed in Lokhari temple. The sculpture had briefly surfaced in the art market in London in 1988. In October last year, High Commission of India received information about the finding of a goat-headed Yogini Sculpture that had matched the description of the Lokhari set, in the garden of a private residence near London.

### Road Transport Ministry issues draft notification mandates vehicles of category M1 to be fitted with two side/side torso air bags



Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a draft notification which mandates that vehicles of category M1, manufactured after 1st October 2022, shall be fitted with two side or side torso air bags one each for the persons occupying front row outboard seating positions and

two side curtain or tube air bags, one each for the persons occupying outboard seating positions. M1 category vehicles refers to motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.

Side or side torso air bag" means any inflatable occupant restraint device that is mounted to the seats or side structure of the vehicle interior.

## Economy/Banking

### Flipkart Group acquires electronics recommerce firm Yaantra



E-commerce giant, the Flipkart Group has acquired Yaantra, an electronics recommerce company, to strengthen its recommerce business and enhance after-sale offerings for its customers in the smartphones segment. Yaantra, incorporated in 2013 by Jayant Jha, Ankit Saraf and Anmol Gupta, is a leading brand that repairs and sells refurbished consumer tech products such as smartphones and laptops.

With this acquisition, Flipkart will provide a comprehensive service ecosystem to its customers that takes care of the entire lifecycle of smartphones.

### Reliance signs MoU to invest Rs 5.95 lakh crore in green energy projects in Gujarat



Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Gujarat of investment Rs 5.955 lakh crore in various projects as part of the Investment Promotion Activity (IPA) for Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2022.

RIL will help in setting up 100 GW Renewable Energy Power Plant and Green Hydrogen Eco-System in Gujarat in a 10-15 years span.

The agreement will also generate 10 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Gujarat.

### **Bengaluru outstrips Chinese cities in tech VC funding in 2021: Report**



With \$18.6 billion in investments, Bengaluru made it to the top-five leading VC funding hubs across the world in 2021 — following San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Greater Boston Region and London. However, it outstripped Beijing (\$13.6 billion) and Shanghai (\$13.4 billion).

Global tech VC investment into start-ups hit a record level of \$675 billion in 2021, doubling the previous all-time high of \$340.6 billion in 2020, a report by London & Partners and dealroom.co. VC investments in 2021 were led by the US at \$328.8 billion, followed by China at \$61.8 billion and India coming in third with \$44.6-billion funding. The United Kingdom ranked fourth at \$39.8 billion, followed by Germany at \$19.9 billion, says the report.



## India, UK start FTA negotiations to double bilateral trade by 2030



India and the United Kingdom (UK) formally launched negotiations for an ambitious free trade agreement (FTA) with an aim to first complete an interim agreement by mid-April and subsequently a comprehensive deal by the end of the year, which could double the bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030.

Trade Minister Piyush Goyal and his British counterpart Anne-Marie Trevelyan, who is visiting India, jointly launched the talks for the FTA, which is touted as India's deepest trade deal yet.

## Indifi, GPay join hands to offer instant digital credit to SMEs



Indifi partners  
Google Pay to offer  
instant digital credit  
to SMEs

Small businesses-focused online lending platform Indifi Technologies has collaborated with Google Pay to provide instant loans to eligible medium, small and micro enterprises (MSMEs) merchants through the Google Pay platform.

The borrowing process is entirely digital and eligible merchants on the Google Pay for the Business app can click on loan offerings from Indifi and submit an application online. The loans will be in the range of Rs 2.5 to Rs 3 lakh.

## Sports

### Virat Kohli steps down as Indian Cricket Team's Test Captain



Virat Kohli has stepped down as the Test captain of the Indian Men's cricket team. The decision comes after the series defeat against South Africa. Kohli announced his decision to step down through a post on social media this evening.

Kohli replaced MS Dhoni as the captain of Indian team and became the most successful Test captain with 40 wins in 68 matches. Under his dynamic captaincy India became a formidable force and dominated every team at home. He became the first-ever Asian captain to win a Test series in Australia.