

Rishi Sunak becomes third British Prime Minister of the year



Rishi Sunak became Britain's third prime minister this year and the first person of colour to lead the former imperial power, vowing to mend the "mistakes" of Liz Truss's calamitous 49-day tenure. Sunak became the ruling Conservatives' new leader on Monday after triumphing over rival contender Penny Mordaunt, who failed to secure enough nominations from Tory MPs. Sunak addressed the nation outside 10 Downing Street after his appointment by King Charles III, capping the latest extraordinary twist in UK politics following Boris Johnson's exit in July.

Cyclone Sitrang kills at least 24 people in Bangladesh



Cyclone Sitrang, a tropical storm that lashed Bangladesh left at least 24 people dead and about 8 million without power across the delta nation. The government said about 10,000 homes were damaged and more than 6,000 hectares of crops were destroyed. Thousands of fishing projects were also washed away. Power supply for more than 80 lakh people was disrupted by the cyclone which is now being restored across the affected area. The government had evacuated close to 1 million people from the 15 coastal districts as the cyclone advanced towards Bangladesh over the last two days.

United States appoints Elizabeth Jones to serve as Chargé d’Affaires at US Embassy in New Delhi



The United States has appointed Elizabeth Jones to serve as Chargé d’Affaires in New Delhi. According to a media note issued by the US State Department, Jones recently served as the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts. She previously served as Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia, acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, and Ambassador to Kazakhstan.

Ash Carter, US defence chief who opened combat to women, dies



Former US Defence Secretary Ash Carter, who opened combat jobs to women and ended a ban on transgender people serving in the military, has died at age 68. He died after suffering a heart attack in Boston. Mr. Carter was a nuclear expert, three-time Pentagon executive, budget guru and academician.

'Burning of fossil fuels killed over 3 lakh Indians in 2020'



An estimated over 3,30,000 people died in India due to exposure to particulate matter from fossil fuel combustion in 2020, says the 2022 report of The Lancet countdown on health and climate change: health at the mercy of fossil fuels. The report adds that from 2000-2004 to 2017-2021, heat-related deaths increased by 55% in India. The new findings also pointed to the fact that governments and companies continue to follow strategies that increasingly threaten the health and survival of people, and future generations.

25.25 Crore e-KYC transactions executed via Aadhaar in September 2022, says IT Ministry



Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has said that 25 crore and 25 lakh e-KYC transactions were executed via Aadhaar last month. It is a nearly eight percent jump in such transactions compared with August this year. The Ministry said that the cumulative number of e-KYC transactions via Aadhaar so far has increased to over twelve hundred ninety-seven crore by the end of September this year.

Competition Commission of India imposes Rs 936 Crore penalty on Google for abuse of dominant position



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed more than nine hundred 36 crore rupees penalty on Google in yet another antitrust probe for anti-competitive practices in relation to its Play Store policies. The Commission also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline. The CCI has found the US tech giant guilty of abusing its market position to promote its payments app and in-app payment system. It said, Google forced app developers to use its in-app payment system. The Commission has directed Google to cease and desist from indulging in anti-competitive practices.

The CCI had imposed a penalty of over one thousand 337 crore rupees on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets on the 20th of this month.

Embassy REIT to invest Rs. 2,200 cr. in office buildings



Embassy Office Parks REIT will invest about Rs. 2,200 crores in the next four years to develop premium work spaces as it sees 'tremendous' growth potential in the office market despite global recessionary concerns, CEO Vikaash Khdloya said. He said demand for office space in India would remain strong as large global companies want to open offices in India because of the huge availability of a cost-efficient talent pool and cheap rentals.

COAI for bringing all OTT players under regulation



The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) pitched for regulating all OTT players, including communication over-the-top (OTT) players such as WhatsApp, and those such as Netflix that consumed huge bandwidth. Regulation on communications OTTs as well as OTTs consuming humongous bandwidth is a necessity. There is a need to ensure a level-playing field among all technologies, so that a fair and healthy competition prevails in the industry,” the industry association said.

McIlroy regains World No. 1 ranking with CJ Cup triumph



Rory McIlroy held on for a one-stroke victory in the USPGA Tour CJ Cup to return to the top of the world rankings for the ninth time in his career. Three late birdies proved crucial when the Northern Ireland star bogeyed the last two holes but still edged American Kurt Kitayama. The four-time major winner is back atop the rankings for the first time since July 2020.

Rune beats Tsitsipas to win second ATP title



Denmark's Holger Rune saw off top seed Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets in Stockholm to claim his second ATP title at the age of just 19. The world number 27 saved the only break point he faced in an impressive 6-4, 6-4 victory. Rune broke in the third game of each set, finishing the match with 20 winners.

Shi Yuqi and He Bingjiao triumph in Denmark Open



China's Shi Yuqi beat compatriot Lee Zii Jia 21-18, 16-21, 21-12 to claim the men's singles in the Denmark Open badminton tournament in Odense. Meanwhile, He Bingjiao got the better of Olympic champion Chen Yufei 22-20, 12-21, 21-10 to take the honours in the women's section.

Sindhu back in the world's top-5; Prannoy moves to 12th



P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy gained a spot each to reach the fifth and 12th positions in the women's and men's singles world badminton rankings. Sindhu now has 87,218 points from 26 tournaments and Prannoy 64,330 points from 26 tournaments. Lakshya Sen and K. Srikanth remained static at No. 8 and 11.

Karman Thandi is now the No. 1 in the country



Unseeded Karman Kaur Thandi is now the country's No. 1 player after she beat Katherine Sebov of Canada 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the \$60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Saguenay, Canada. Karman is now ranked 217 in the latest list after a career-best of 196 in 2018 when she won her first singles title in the ITF circuit in Hong Kong. Karman jumped 91 places from 308, to be ahead of Ankita Raina, the second best Indian on the list at 297.