

The week from January 23, 2023 to January 29, 2023

PM Narendra Modi named 21 largest islands of Andaman and Nicobar islands after various Param Vir Chakra awardees, with the largest island among them being named after Major Somnath Sharma, the first Param Vir Chakra awardee.

Chris Hipkins was sworn in as New Zealand's 41st Prime Minister, a week after former PM Jacinda Ardern resigned. Nicknamed 'Chippy', the 44-year-old formerly served as New Zealand's Minister of Education.

Architect BV Doshi, known for designing the campuses of IIMs at Bengaluru and Udaipur passed away aged 95 in Ahmedabad. He was the first Indian to win the 'Pritzker prize', considered the equivalent of Nobel prize in architecture.

'The Elephant Whisperers', a 41-minute documentary short film about a family adopting two orphan baby elephants in Tamil Nadu's Mudumalai Tiger Reserve was nominated at the 95th Academy Awards in the 'Best Documentary Short Film' category.

ISRO announced that 'Aditya-L1', the first Indian space mission to observe the Sun and the solar corona will be launched by June or July. The announcement was made at the handover ceremony of the Visible Line Emission Coronagraph (VELC) payload.


Former politician Mulayam Singh Yadav, tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, Aditya Birla Group Chairman KM Birla and philanthropist Sudha Murty are amongst the 106 Padma Award winners announced on the eve of the 74th Republic Day.

Belarusian tennis player Aryna Sabalenka, playing under a 'neutral' flag, won her maiden Women's Singles' Grand Slam title. She beat Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the Australian Open final in Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena.

Novak Djokovic won his 10th Australian Open singles title by beating Stefanos Tsitsipas. Djokovic and Rafael Nadal have each won a record 22 Grand Slams singles titles. Both trail 24-time champion Margaret Court and Serena Williams, who has 23, on the women's side.



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