

The week from 11 December 2023 to 17 December 2023

Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) announced that missile testing would be halted from January to March next year, in a bid to protect Olive Ridley sea turtles during their mass nesting season. It seems that the turtles are sensitive to flashes of light and sound!

Former TV celebrity Javier Milei, known as El Loco or the 'Madman', was sworn in as President of Argentina. At his swearing-in, he swore to "fight tooth and nail" to drag his country into "a new era of peace and prosperity".

India and South Africa shared honours in the 3 match T20 series in South Africa. After the first match was called off due to rain, SA beat India at Gqeberha, while India won at Johannesburg. Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav was adjudged Player of the Series.

PM Modi launched 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' addressing Vice Chancellors of Universities, Heads of Institutes and faculty members across the country. He said that a nation becomes developed only with the development of its people.

Mohan Yadav was sworn in as new CM of Madhya Pradesh, while Bhajan Lal Sharma took oath as CM of Rajasthan. Vishnu Deo Sai took office as CM of Chhattisgarh. All 3 appointments- in BJP ruled states- caught political observers by surprise.

Former pro Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes have been inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame. They are the first Asian male players to be given the honour. During the era of Borg and Connors, Amritraj won 16 international titles, while Paes is an Olympic medallist.

A unique event was organised in Mumbai to promote Indian textiles, specifically the saree. The 'One Bharat Saree Walkathon' showcased thousands of women walking together wearing sarees of different style and origin, thus promoting unity in diversity.

On the 22nd anniversary of the attack on Parliament, two men jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber whilst shouting slogans. As part of a plan, two others sprayed coloured gas from canisters outside Parliament. Authorities are investigating this serious breach of security.

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