

The week from 8 January 2024 to 14 January 2024

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Mumbai Trans-harbour Link, the country's longest bridge at 21.8 kilometres. Built at the cost of over ₹17,840 crore, the bridge has been named Atal Setu in honour of the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The United Launch Alliance's Vulcan space rocket debuted with a successful launch of carrying several payloads into space from Cape Canaveral in Florida. The company, a joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin aims to be a competitor of Elon Musk's SpaceX.

South Africa has taken Israel to the International Court of Justice, accusing it of committing "genocide" in the ongoing war in Gaza against the Palestinian armed group Hamas. Israel has denied the allegations.

Scientists confirmed that 2023 was the Earth's warmest in – by far – in a century and a half, as well as among the warmest in at least 100,000 years. On an average, temperatures worldwide were 1.48 degrees Celsius higher than they were in the second half of the 19th century.

Oppenheimer, Christopher Nolan's biopic about J Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist credited with being the "father of the atomic bomb", swept the Golden Globe Awards with five trophies – Best Drama, Director, Actor, Supporting Actor and Score.

France gets its youngest prime minister with the 34-year-old Gabriel Attal, who was appointed to the post by President Emmanuel Macron. In France, the President is vested with executive powers while the Prime Minister is responsible to the Parliament.

American golf legend Tiger Woods and sportswear company Nike have ended their 27-year-old partnership. The company started sponsoring Woods in 1996 when he had just turned pro at age 20. On Instagram, Nike thanked Woods with the caption 'It was a hell of a round, Tiger'.

South Korea banned the breeding, slaughter and sale of dogs for human consumption. Dog meat was popular earlier when the now-developed country was poor in the aftermath of the 1950s Korean War, but the popular attitude has shifted towards banning it in recent times.

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