

The week from 1 January 2024 to 7 January 2024

ISRO marked 2024 with the successful launch of X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) space observatory using a PSLV-DL rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The mission aims to study the polarization of cosmic X-ray emissions from various astronomical sources, including black holes, neutron stars, active galactic nuclei, and pulsar wind nebulae.

Bangladesh went to polls on Sunday, an election which incumbent Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League is expected to win hands down. Her path to power has been eased by the election boycott by the main opposition, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

The global population was projected to reach 8 billion on New Year's Day, according to the US Census Bureau, reflecting an increase of 75,162,541 from the previous year. In January 2024, an estimated 4.3 births and 2.0 deaths are expected worldwide every second.

A powerful 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck Western Japan's Ishikawa Prefecture on New Year's Day, trapping individuals under collapsed buildings and disrupting utilities for tens of thousands. The earthquake also triggered tsunami warnings

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On January 2, 2024, a runway collision occurred at Haneda Airport in Tokyo between an Airbus A350 (operating a Japan Airlines flight) and a De Havilland Canada Dash 8 (operated by the Japan Coast Guard), destroying both aircraft and resulting in 5 persons losing their lives.

The Supreme Court stated that the Adani Group does not require further investigations beyond the ongoing scrutiny by the market regulator SEBI. This provides reassurance for the conglomerate and its investors, who saw stock prices impacted by allegations of wrongdoing from US short-seller Hindenburg Research.

Batting great David Warner retired from Test cricket after scoring 57 runs in his final innings for Australia in Sydney, helping the team beat Pakistan and complete a 3-0 sweep over the visitors. The 37-year-old scored 8,786 runs in the 112 Tests, with a high score of 335 not out.



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