

The week from 11 March 2024 to 17 March 2024

The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 that would enable the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act passed by the Parliament in 2019. The legislation facilitates citizenship to undocumented people belonging to six minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who arrived in India on or before December 31, 2014.

The Election Commission of India announced that Lok Sabha elections will be held in 7 phases from April 19 to June 1, with results declared on June 4. Simultaneously, assembly elections for Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, and Odisha will be conducted. There are 96.8 crore registered voters (48.6% women) and 1.02 crore first-time voters (46.7% women).

Muslims in India began fasting for the lunar month of Ramzan after sighting the new moon on March 11. The sighting of the crescent moon is a tradition that confirms the start of the fasting month, during which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, engaging in acts of charity and worship.

Scientists discovered 100 new marine species in the largely unexplored waters of the Bounty Trough depression in the Pacific Ocean near New Zealand. The expedition took place at 4800 meters, which is roughly equivalent to half the height of Mount Everest in depth.

TikTok, the Chinese-owned short video app, banned in India after Chinese incursions into Indian territory in Ladakh, is under debate by US lawmakers. They allege that the Chinese ownership of the app poses a potential threat to American national security, despite its popularity among US users. The US House of Representatives later passed a bill to force the Chinese owners to divest.

In the 96th Academy Awards, Oppenheimer, a film on the development and fallout of the atomic bomb during World War II, won seven out of thirteen nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director. Other notable winners were Poor Things with four awards and The Zone of Interest with two. Robert Downey Jr. also won his first Oscar, three decades after his first nomination.

Akira Toriyama, one of Japan's leading comics authors, and creator of the Dragon Ball anime and manga franchise, passed away at 68. Dragon Ball is the story of the journey of a young boy named Son Goku to collect seven magical orbs that summon a wish-granting dragon.

Royal Challengers Bangalore secured their maiden Women's Premier League T20 title by defeating the two-time finalists Delhi Capitals in the final of the 2nd WPL. Led by Smriti Mandhana, RCB comfortably chased the target of 114 runs in the last over to claim their first title across leagues. The RCB's male side is still chasing its maiden title in the Indian Premier League.



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