

The week from 18 March 2024 to 24 March 2024

India's Foreign Minister S Jaishankar paid homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army Soldiers (Azad Hind Fauj) at the Former Indian National Army Monument in Singapore. The war memorial, established by Netaji in 1945 in then-Japanese-occupied Singapore, was later demolished by the British upon the defeat of Japan in World War II.

The Election Commission of India has opened nominations for candidates for the first phase of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. In this phase, voting will take place for 102 constituencies across 17 states and four union territories. Candidates must be nominated by the Election Commission in the constituency from which they wish to be elected.

The Supreme Court directed yoga guru Ramdev and Patanjali Ayurved MD Acharya Balkrishna to appear before it due to the company's failure to respond to a notice issued in contempt proceedings for publishing misleading ads. The Supreme Court had previously warned the company against such ads while considering a plea by the Indian Medical Association.


India's Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. has taken over operations at the largest iron-ore complex in the South American country of Venezuela. The company expects to export over 600,000 metric tons of raw material per month by the end of the year, which will be used to produce steel in India.

Russian President Vladimir Putin secured his fifth term in office by winning the presidential election held in March 2024, extending his stay in power for another six years. He won with 88% of the votes, including those from Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine.

South Sudan, one of the world's poorest countries, ordered the closure of its schools starting from Monday, April 18, as temperatures were expected to reach an extreme 45 degrees Celsius. The country, highly vulnerable to climate change and prone to heatwaves, also advised parents against allowing children to play outdoors in the extreme heat.

In a groundbreaking procedure, surgeons in Boston, USA, have transplanted a kidney from a genetically engineered pig into a 62-year-old patient, who survived and was living in the immediate aftermath of the operation. The transplanted kidney began producing urine soon after the surgery, a development that promises to open a new source of kidneys for patients.

The 2024 Indian Premier League T20 commenced with defending champions Chennai Super Kings defeating Royal Challengers Bangalore by six wickets at Chennai on March 22. The schedule for the 17th edition has been announced only for the first 21 matches, with the rest to be declared later to avoid date clashes with the 2024 general election.



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