

The week from 15 July to 21 July 2024

President Paul Kagame was re-elected to the presidency of Rwanda for a fourth successive term, winning over 99% of the votes cast in an election which is believed to have been far from 'free and fair'.

Subhash Dandekar, who inherited Dandekar & Co (now Camlin) in 1960 and transformed it into a household name synonymous with quality stationery and educational products, passed away aged 86.

PM Modi laid the foundation stone for India's longest urban tunnel, to be built between Borivali and Thane. The 11.8 km long, Rs. 16,000 crore project, will shorten travel time for commuters to just 12 minutes, from the existing one hour upwards.

Elon Musk announced that he would move the headquarters of his companies X and SpaceX from California to Texas, after enjoying billions of dollars' worth of subsidies. In 2022 he had termed California as the land of "taxes, overregulation and litigation".

India scored 201/5 against UAE in a Women's Asia Cup match at Dambulla, Sri Lanka. This is India's highest score in Women's T20 internationals. India won the match by 78 runs. Earlier India beat Pakistan, extending their record to 6-1 across various editions of the Asia Cup.

US President Joe Biden, 81, announced that he was withdrawing from the upcoming Presidential election. He endorsed his running mate, US Vice President Kamala Harris, 59, as his choice for Democrat Presidential candidate, against Republican, Donald Trump.

Veteran communist leader, KP Sharma Oli, won a vote of confidence in Nepal's House of representatives. He replaced Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda". A sign of Nepal's fractured polity, this is Oli's 4th term, while it was Dahal's 3rd.

20th July was observed as International Moon Day. Each year, this marks the anniversary of Neil Armstrong's historic landing on the Moon. Celebrated since 2022, the 2024 theme was "Illuminating the Shadows".

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