

Sports: Football star Cristiano Ronaldo has hit 1 billion total followers across his social media accounts - Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Chinese social media sites Weibo and Kuaishou - making him the first person to reach that mind-boggling figure. Of course, since many people will follow him across multiple platforms, and some will be fake accounts, known as bots, it does not equate to one billion individual followers.

Science and Technology: SpaceX's Polaris Dawn crew returned to Earth after five days in orbit following a historic mission featuring the world's first commercial spacewalk. NASA, said the mission represented "a giant leap forward". The crew included billionaire Jared Isaacman, Scott Potteet, a retired US Air Force pilot, and SpaceX employees Sarah Gillis and Anna Menon.


Entertainment: The 76th Primetime Emmy Awards honoured the best in American programming from June '23 until May '24, as chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Shogun lead with 25 nominations, resulting in 18 wins. Netflix was the network with most nominations- 107 in all across various shows.

Education: A 13-year-old schoolboy, Ruarcc, has built a Lego robot that can solve a Rubik's cube. A student at St Malachy's College in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the year 10 student's creation can solve the puzzle from any pre-set variation using colour sensors. It uses about 5,000 lines of Python code.

Political: Home Minister Amit Shah announced that Port Blair, capital of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, has been renamed Sri Vijaya Puram. The name reflects Chola rule over the islands a millennium ago. During the freedom struggle, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had hoisted the Indian Tricolour on these islands.

Health and Wellbeing: The Indian Government has approved health coverage of upto Rs 5 Lakhs to all senior citizens aged 70 and above, irrespective of income, under the flagship scheme AB PM-JAY. This will benefit approximately 4.5 crore families, and six crore senior citizens.

Environment: Typhoon Yagi, Asia's most powerful storm this year, has devastated Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, the Chinese island of Hainan and the Philippines, and most recently Myanmar (Burma). Hundreds have died, and many more displaced by the category 5 Super Typhoon.



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