

A small asteroid measuring about 11 metres across, named 2024 PT5, which originated from the Arjuna asteroid belt, was first detected by NASA's Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System (ATLAS). This week, the Earth's gravitational field caught it, making it a temporary "mini-moon" for 2 months, before it continues its journey through space!

The second phase of elections were successfully held in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in a peaceful manner. These elections are the first Assembly elections in the region since 2014. Several local parties including National Conference, J&K Peoples Democratic Party, and national parties like BJP, INC(I) and AAP are in the fray for 90 seats.

British actress, Dame Maggie Smith, died aged 89. She won the Academy Award for Best Actress for 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1969) and Best Supporting Actress for 'California Suite' (1978). She was best known for playing Professor Minerva McGonagall in the Harry Potter series, and Violet Crawley, the dowager Countess of Grantham, in the popular TV show 'Downton Abbey'.

The 'Make in India' programme completed 10 years, and now encompasses 27 sectors of the economy. This initiative was launched by the Central Government in September 2014 with a two-fold objective- firstly, to boost India's manufacturing capabilities and secondly to showcase its industrial potential on a global stage.

Sri Lankan Kamindu Mendis reached 1,000 career runs in only his 9th test and 13th innings. He broke the Asian record set by Vinod Kambli, who took 14 innings to reach the milestone. Mendis has scored 5 hundreds and 4 fifties in his brief career. His 182* helped Sri Lanka beat New Zealand by an innings and 154 runs in the second Test at Galle. Sri Lanka won the series 2-0.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that employee mental health issues result in a US\$1 trillion loss in productivity each year. This has been a growing issue in India as well, with calls for a need to regulate working hours and work stress.

A new snake species with an exceptionally long snout has been discovered in India. Two specimens of the long-snouted vine snake (*Ahaetulla longirostris*) were discovered hundreds of kilometres apart - in Bihar and in Meghalaya - according to the Journal of Asia-Pacific Biodiversity.

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