

The week from 7 Oct to 13 Oct 2024

Elon Musk's SpaceX achieved a significant milestone on Sunday by catching the massive booster stage from its Starship rocket in a pair of robotic arms as it fell back to the company's launchpad in southern Texas. This is crucial to its goal of developing fully reusable rockets capable of ferrying humans, scientific equipment and supplies to the moon and onwards to Mars.

Contrary to exit polls, which predicted a Congress win, the BJP won 48 out of 90 seats in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha. In Jammu & Kashmir the National Conference, led by Omar Abdullah, secured 42 seats in alliance with the Congress (6). With the support of a few independents, it is expected that Omar Abdullah will be sworn in as Chief Minister shortly.

The Taiwanese forces are on high alert as China holds military exercises around the island, in what it calls a "stern warning" against those seeking "independence" for the self-ruled island. Since 1949, Taiwan and China have existed in a tenuous relationship.

Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata, 86, Chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, passed away. After obtaining a degree in architecture at Cornell University, he joined the Tata group on the shop floor. He succeeded JRD Tata as Chairman of the Salt to Software conglomerate in 1991. Known for his philanthropy and love for animals, under his stewardship, the Tata groups revenues went from USD 5 Billion to USD 100 Billion!

A new-look Indian team, missing its star players, beat Bangladesh 3-0 in a one-sided T20 series; winning the matches by 7 wickets, 86 runs and 133 runs! In the 3rd match, at Hyderabad, India scored 297/6 in 20 overs with Sanju Samson hitting 111 of just 47 deliveries with 11 fours and 8 sixes!

Tennis great Rafael Nadal, 38, announced his retirement. Winner of 22 Grand Slam Singles Championships including a record 14 French Opens. He was ranked No 1 for 209 weeks and is one of 3 men to complete the Career Golden Slam in singles. He also won the Australian Open and Wimbledon twice, and the US Open on 4 occasions.

According to a report issued by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), India's sustainable eating habits could save the planet. If all countries adopted India's consumption patterns, the world would require less than one earth to support food production by 2050, making it a model for sustainability.

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