

Supreme Court Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud retired after a two-year tenure. His leadership of India's apex court was marked by landmark rulings and significant reforms. He was succeeded as the 51st CJI by Justice Sanjiv Khanna who will have a 6-month long tenure.

The Singapore passport has emerged as the strongest passport worldwide, with bearers allowed visa-free entry in 195 countries in the world. As per the Henley Passport Index, the Afghan passport is the weakest allowing similar access to only 28 countries. The Indian passport allows visa free access to 58 countries as per the report.

Former President and billionaire Donald Trump defeated Democrat candidate, incumbent Vice President Kamala Harris by over 4 million votes in the US Presidential election. Trump is the second person to be elected President for two non-contiguous terms, after Grover Cleveland (1885-1889 & 1893-1897).

The EdelGive-Hurun Philanthropy List 2024 stated that over 200 philanthropists donated Rs 8,783 crores – led by Shiv Nadar, founder of HCT technologies, who donated Rs 2,153 crores – or almost Rs 6 crores per day- in FY 2023-24. The report reflects an increasing dedication among rich Indians to drive social change.

Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra won the World Boxing Federation's super featherweight world title after defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands. The Arjuna Awardee (2015) made his professional debut in 2021.

Japanese scientists, at Kyoto University, developed and launched LignoSat, the world's first wooden satellite. This pioneering experiment in sustainable space technology uses 'Honoki wood' and is designed to test the resilience of wood in extreme conditions in space. It might provide valuable insights towards developing long-term human settlements in space with renewable resources.

The 29th UN Climate Summit (COP29) began at Baku, Azerbaijan, with discussions set to focus on vital climate finance mechanisms, particularly the 'New Collective Quantified Goal' (NCQG). The summit seeks to address urgent global climate issues, and secure financial commitments to assist developing nations in combating the devastating effects of climate change.

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