

The week from 18 Nov to 24 Nov 2024

Talks at UN climate summit COP29 at Baku, Azerbaijan ended with richer countries promising funding of \$300bn to help poorer countries fight climate change. This is well short of the \$1.3tr developing countries were pushing for. The African Group of Negotiators described the final pledge as "too little, too late", while India dismissed the money as "a paltry sum".

Spanish tennis great Rafael Nadal, 38, known to millions as 'Rafa' retired after Spain's defeat in the Davis Cup. His many achievements include 22 Grand Slam Singles titles, 92 ATP Singles titles, two Olympic gold medals, four Davis Cup final triumphs, 209 weeks as world number one, 912 consecutive weeks in the top 10.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won his fourth consecutive World Drivers' Championship with fifth place in the Las Vegas Grand Prix. Verstappen joins Alain Prost and Sebastian Vettel as a four-time champion, with only Lewis Hamilton(7), Michael Schumacher(7) and Juan Manuel Fangio(5) ahead of him in that list.

The 3-party Mahayuti won 230 seats out of 288 in the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha. The BJP won 132, the Shiv Sena led by incumbent CM Eknath Shinde won 57, while the Nationalist Congress Party won 41 seats. The MVA alliance could only register 48 seats with the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) winning 20, the Congress(I) winning 16 and the NCP (Sharad Pawar) winning 12 seats.

The I.N.D.I.A. coalition won a handsome majority in Jharkhand – winning a total of 56 seats with incumbent SM, Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leading the way with 34 seats. Alliance member Congress(I) won 16 seats, while the largest opposition party, the BJP won 21 seats in all.

Nikhil Advani's 7-episode OTT series 'Freedom at Midnight', based on the book of the same name by Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins was released. The series (and the book) are based on the tumultuous events of the mid 1940s leading to the independence of India and the accompanying partition of the Indian sub-continent.

Indian billionaire Gautam Adani was indicted by a Brooklyn court in New York, USA. Mr Adani has been charged with fraud, and stands accused of orchestrating a \$250m (£198m) bribery scheme and concealing it to raise money from US investors.

Indian PM, Narendra Modi, was honoured with the highest award of 3 Caribbean nations- Dominica, Guyana and Barbados. He received the Dominica Award of Honour, the Order of Excellence of Guyana, and the Order of Freedom of Barbados (only awarded to foreigners).

In a star-studded IPL Auction conducted in Saudi Arabia, Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in the history of the Indian Premier League. He was 'bought' by Lucknow Super Giants for Rs 27 crores. A few minutes earlier Shreyas Iyer was 'purchased' by Punjab Kings for Rs 26.75 crores.



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