

The week from 03 Feb 2025 to 09 Feb 2025

With 48 wins, the BJP won a clear majority in the elections to the 70-seat Delhi Vidhan Sabha. The AAP which has been in power in the capital since 2014, won 22 seats, whilst the Congress(I) could not open its account for the third consecutive state election. In a bitterly fought campaign former CM Arvind Kejriwal lost the election from New Delhi.

USA has deported 104 Indians who were staying in USA illegally. The deportees who included 25 women and 12 minors, were flown from San Antonio, Texas, to Amritsar, Punjab by a US military C-17 aircraft. Indians are estimated to constitute the third largest group of illegal migrants in USA.

Flemish nationalist Bart de Wever, 54, was sworn in as Belgium's new Prime Minister. This follows seven months of negotiations to reach a coalition deal that shifts the country towards the right. The PM has pledged to crack down on irregular migration and has pushed for cuts in social benefits and pension reforms.

Two more cheetah cubs were born at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, taking the cheetah population up to 26- which includes 12 adults and 14 cubs. Five-year-old Veera, a South African cheetah, gave birth to the two cubs.

Billionaire philanthropist and spiritual leader Aga Khan, died aged 88 in Lisbon. He was the 49th hereditary imam of the Ismaili Muslims, who number about 15 million worldwide, who say they are direct descendants of the Prophet Muhammad. The Aga Khan's charities run hundreds of hospitals, educational and cultural projects, including in India.

Artworks of Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dalí are on display for the first time in India, in an exhibition at Delhi. Over 200 of his sketches, etchings and watercolour paintings are on display, some based on Indian themes, all rendered in his trademark surrealist style.

Skipper Rohit Sharma hit 119 off just 90 balls to help India beat England by 4 wickets in the 2nd ODI at Cuttack. Earlier England had made 304 all out, with Ravindra Jadeja doing the damage with 3/35. This is a welcome return to form for Rohit Sharma.

Manipur CM N. Biren Singh resigned, prior to a confidence motion called by the Congress. Since 2023, Manipur has undergone civil strife between the Meitei people and the Kuki-Zo tribal community. Over 200 people have lost their lives, and thousands are displaced.

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