

The week from 27 Jan 2025 to 02 Feb 2025

DeepSeek, a Chinese AI chatbot reportedly made at a fraction of the cost of its rivals, has become the most downloaded free app in the US. AI chip giant Nvidia and other tech firms connected to AI, including Microsoft and Google, saw their share prices tumble on Monday in the wake of DeepSeek's sudden rise.

The 38th National Games are being held in Uttarakhand. The motto of the games is 'Sankalp Se, Shikhar Tak', while the mascot is Maui, a monal, the state bird of Uttarakhand. Over 10,000 sportspersons are expected to participate in these games, which are being held across all major cities of the Himalayan state.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget for the 8th year in a row. The budget has provided relief to the middle class, by a rationalisation of rate of personal income tax. Persons earning upto ₹12 lakhs a year need not pay any income tax now.

India beat England 4-1 in the T20 International series. In the 5th and final match at Mumbai, opener Abhishek Sharma, adjudged player of the match, hammered a hapless English attack, scoring 135 in a mere 54 balls! Leg spinner Varun Chakravarthy received the player of the series award for claiming 14 wickets at a miserly average of just under 10!

The 67th Grammy Awards were held in Los Angeles, with more than 90 prizes handed out. After missing out on 4 previous occasions over 25 years, Beyoncé won the best album for her 8th album, Cowboy Carter, which celebrates and contextualises the black roots of country music.

Tata Steel, established in 1903, has claimed to be the first Indian company to develop hydrogen compliant pipes designed specifically for transporting hydrogen, a critical step in supporting India's transition to clean energy. This strengthens India's ambitious National Hydrogen Mission.

The oldest living Olympic Gold medallist in athletics, Greg Bell, died aged 94. Indiana-born Bell won the gold medal in long jump in the 1968 Summer Olympics at Mexico City. Following his appearance in the Summer Olympics, he worked as director of dentistry at Logansport State Hospital for over 50 years and retired in May 2020, aged almost 89!

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