General Awareness

The week from 17 Feb 2025 to 23 Feb 2025

An asteroid, named 2024 YR4, has a 2.8% to 3.1% chance of hitting Earth in 2032, according to NASA and the European Space Agency. The building sized asteroid is estimated to be 40 to 90 meters wide, which thankfully is nowhere close to the size of the "planet-killer" asteroid that slammed into Earth 66 million years ago and led to the extinction of dinosaurs.

Kylian Mbappé completed 500 career goal contributions [358 goals, 142 assists] across all competitions between club and country. Aged only 26 years and 61 days, he has beaten his more celebrated and older rivals Lionel Messi (486) and Cristiano Ronaldo (302) at the same age.

Massive student-led demonstrations rocked Jakarta and other cities in Indonesia as a response over controversial policies, including massive budget cuts, by Indonesian president Prabowo Subianto. The protests are nicknamed #IndonesiaGelap literally meaning 'Dark Indonesia'.

India beat hosts Pakistan by 6 wickets in clinical fashion, all but ending Pakistan's hopes of qualifying for the semi-finals. After restricting Pakistan to 241, India knocked off the runs without any trouble, with Virat Kohli sealing the win with the boundary that took him to his 51st ODI ton. He also crossed 14,000 career ODI runs during the knock.

Archaeologists have found the last undiscovered royal tomb of the 18th Egyptian dynasty, which included the famous pharaoh Tutankhamun. King Thutmose II's tomb was found by a British-Egyptian team in the Western Valleys of the Theban Necropolis near the city of Luxor.

Chinese animated blockbuster Nezha 2 overtook Pixar's Inside Out 2 to become the highest-grossing animated film globally. Nezha 2 collected 12.3 billion yuan ($1.69 billion) including pre-sales and overseas earnings, making it the eighth highest box office film globally. Over 99% of Nezha 2's box office income has come from mainland China!

A high voter turnout of over 82% was recorded in snap elections to the 630-seat German Bundestag (parliament). The CDU/CSU alliance led by Friedrich Merz won 29% of the vote, but the far-right AfD pushed the SPD into third place.

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