

The week from 24 Feb 2025 to 02 Mar 2025

In a bizarre meeting at the White House, US President Trump and Vice President Vance tore into Ukrainian President Zelensky, in front of a stunned media contingent. The US accused Ukraine of not wanting to work towards ending the Russia-Ukraine conflict, warning Ukraine that America was not willing to aid Ukraine further.

US firm Firefly's 'Blue Ghost' became the second commercial vehicle to reach the lunar surface. This latest collaboration by NASA with a private agency, intends to explore the Sea of Crises, a huge crater visible from Earth. Intuitive Machines was the first private company to achieve a lunar landing, back in February 2024.

Vidarbha won their 3rd Ranji Trophy title, beating Kerala on first-innings lead. Vidarbha was rescued in both innings by the 3rd wicket pair of player-of-the-match Danish Malewar (153 & 73) and Karun Nair (86 & 135). Vidarbha's Harsh Dubey took 3 wickets and became the all-time record holder for most wickets in a Ranji season, finishing with 69 wickets!

Microsoft is shutting down Skype, the video-calling service that had hundreds of millions of users, in May 2025. Once one of the world's most popular websites, it allowed users to make computer-to-computer voice calls for free. Skype said users can sign in to Microsoft Teams with their account to stay connected with all their chats and contacts.

The 45-day long Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, ended on February 26 with over 66 crore devotees taking a holy dip at Triveni Sangam. This is the world's largest recorded gathering of people at one place. The next Kumbha is the Hardwar Ardha-Kumbha in March 2027.

India will face Australia at Dubai in one semi-final of the 2025 Champions Trophy, whilst in the other semi-final New Zealand will take on South Africa at Lahore. Hosts Pakistan failed to win a single match and were eliminated from the tournament. India finished the league stage with victories over all 3 opponents- Bangladesh, Pakistan and New Zealand.

PM Modi inaugurated 'Jhumoir Binandini 2025' in Guwahati, Assam, which featured over 8,000 dancers and musicians performing the Jhumoir, a folk dance of Assam Tea Tribe and Adivasi Communities of Assam. The Mega Jhumoir event symbolises 200 years of the tea industry, and also 200 years of industrialisation in Assam.

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