

The week from 23rd November 2025 to 29th November 2025

Australia has announced a landmark policy requiring social media companies to block users under 16 from creating accounts and to deactivate existing underage accounts starting 10 December. Aimed at protecting children from harmful online content and excessive screen time, the rule targets major platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, X, Snapchat, Reddit, Twitch and Kick.

India clinched the inaugural Blind T20 Women's World Cup by defeating Nepal by seven wickets in the final at P Sara Oval, Colombo, on 23 November 2025. Bowling first, India restricted Nepal to 114/5, then chased the target comfortably, scoring 117/3 in 12 overs, with Phula Saren top-scoring at 44*. Earlier, India had beaten Australia in the semifinals, while Nepal overcame Pakistan.

Ethiopia's Hayli Gubbi volcano erupted for the first time in nearly 12,000 years, sending massive ash plumes 14 km into the sky. High-speed winds carried the ash across Yemen, Oman and the Arabian Sea, eventually reaching Gujarat, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, worsening air quality.

Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was sentenced to a cumulative 21 years in jail across three corruption cases linked to irregular land allocation in the Purbachal New Town Project. The verdict follows Hasina's recent death sentence in a separate crimes-against-humanity case, intensifying Bangladesh's ongoing political turmoil ahead of the February 2026 elections.

In a tragic incident, an Indian Air Force Tejas Light Combat Aircraft crashed during an aerobatic display at the Dubai Air Show. This is only the second accident in the jet's 24-year history. The aircraft crashed while performing a low-altitude negative G manoeuvre, from which it failed to recover.

Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India, succeeding Justice B.R. Gavai. Born on 10 February 1962 in Haryana, he began practising law in 1984, served as Haryana's youngest Advocate General in 2000, and was elevated to the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2004. Prior to his Supreme Court appointment in 2019, he was Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

Uzbek grandmaster Javokhir Sindarov, aged 19 years, 11 months, and 18 days, created history by becoming the youngest-ever FIDE World Cup Champion, defeating China's Wei Yi in the tiebreak finals of the 2025 World Cup held in Goa. The month-long event featured 206 players. Russian GM Andrey Esipenko secured third place, and a Candidates berth after beating Nodirbek Yakubboev.

Arunachal Pradesh's iconic handcrafted 'dao', a machete-styled sword, forged by tribal blacksmiths using age-old techniques, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, marking a significant boost for the state's indigenous craftsmanship. With this addition, Arunachal Pradesh now holds 20 GI-tagged products, reflecting its rich traditional knowledge systems.



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