

International Current Affairs

Zimbabwe election result

- Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party has won the majority seats in parliament.

UAE launches amnesty scheme for overstayers

- The UAE launched a landmark three-month visa amnesty programme that will benefit hundreds of illegal foreign workers, including Indians, who are overstaying their permits.

Congress passes National Defence Authorisation Act 2019 capping U.S. aid to Pakistan

- The United States Congress has passed the National Defense Authorisation Act-2019 (NDAA-19) which capped its security-related aid to Pakistan to \$150 million.

Google plans censored version of search engine in China

- Alphabet Inc's Google is planning a censored version of its search engine for China that will block websites and certain search terms. The project is a code named "Dragonfly".

New gates at Attari-Wagah border soon

- India and Pakistan are set to install new gates at the Attari-Wagah border, where people from both sides throng every evening to watch the lowering of the national flags.

Tropical storm hits Shanghai

- Jongdari, which means skylark in Korean, is the 12th typhoon of the season arrived in the Chinese financial hub.

Japan pips China to become world's second-largest stock market

- Japan (\$6.17 trillion) has pipped China (\$6.09 trillion) as the world's number two stock market ranked after the US which is the world's largest at just over \$31 trillion.

U.S. teacher rows solo across Atlantic Ocean

- Bryce Carlson, a high school science teacher from Cincinnati, Ohio, has rowed solo across the Atlantic Ocean, setting a record for a west-to-east crossing – 38 days, six hours and 49 minutes.

U.K. unveils new organ donation plan to address Indian-origin shortages

- The U.K. government announced new plans to change the law for organ and tissue donation to address the urgent need for organs within Indian-origin communities in the country.

World's first intertidal art gallery opens in Maldives

- The Coralarium, an intertidal art gallery, filled with around 30 sculptures acting as a habitat for coral and other marine species, was opened in the Maldives.

Syria to set up refugee committee

- Syria's government is to set up a committee to coordinate repatriating millions of its nationals who fled the country's seven-year conflict.

China successfully tests first hypersonic aircraft

- China successfully tested its first cutting-edge hypersonic aircraft (The Xingkong-2 or Starry Sky-2) which could carry nuclear warheads and penetrate any current generation anti-missile defence systems.

China's piglet stamps unveiled

- China Post unveiled the design of a stamp due for release in 2019 – the Year of Pig. The design features a family of two smiling pigs and their three cheerful piglets.

Brazil closes border to Venezuelans after mass crossings

- Brazil closed its northern border to Venezuelans on Monday to slow mass migration from the South American country saddled with a crippling political and economic crisis.

Hurricane Hector approaches Hawaii

- Hawaii's Big Island readies as Hurricane Hector approaches

Pakistani troops to receive training at Russian military institutes

- Pakistan and Russia have signed an agreement to allow Pakistani troops to receive training at Russian military training institutes, a move aimed at boosting their bilateral defence ties.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics to use facial recognition

- Tokyo 2020 will be the first Olympics to deploy facial recognition technology to increase security around all venues.

Saudi Arabia banned trade deals with Canada

- Saudi Arabia has frozen ties and banned new trade deals with Canada after Canada urged the release of jailed civil rights activists.

U.S. to impose new sanctions on Russia

- Washington would impose fresh sanctions on Russia after it determined that Moscow had used a nerve agent against a former Russian agent and his daughter in Britain.

Indonesian island lifted 10 inches by deadly quake

- Scientists say the powerful Indonesian earthquake that killed more than 300 people lifted the island it struck by as much as 25 centimeters (10 inches).

Australia recommences its adoption programme

- The Government of Australia has decided to recommence the Adoption Programme with India, as per Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption.

Cambodia's ruling party wins all parliamentary seats

- Cambodia's ruling Cambodian People's Party won all 125 parliamentary seats in a general election, the president of the National Election Committee (NEC) on August 15.

China challenges U.S. tariffs at WTO

- China has blasted U.S. tariffs on solar panel imports, filing a complaint at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in the latest salvo of the trade battle between the world's two economic giants.

Russia comes to the aid of China farmers

- As the trade war between China and the U.S. escalates, Russia is coming to Beijing's rescue by offering a million hectares of land suitable for cultivating soybeans and other agri-products.

Toxic algal bloom plagues Florida's Gulf Coast

- Red tide, a naturally occurring toxic algae bloom that can be harmful to people with respiratory problems has spread throughout the Gulf of Mexico. Red tide happens due to the presence of nutrients in the water and an organism called a dinoflagellate.

Transgender candidate wins U.S. primary

- Christine Hallquist won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the U.S. State of Vermont, becoming the nation's first transgender Governor.

Pakistan MPs endorse Imran Khan as PM

- Pakistani lawmakers elected former cricket star and longtime politician Imran Khan as the country's next prime minister, in a step toward the country's third civilian transfer of power.

Ten-day festival of historic Esala Maha Perehera begins

- In Sri Lanka, the ten-day festival of the historic Esala Maha Perehera began in Kandy with a grand procession. The Esala Perahera is one of the oldest and grandest of all Buddhist festivals in Sri Lanka.

UAE formed an emergency committee to help Kerala flood victims

- The United Arab Emirates has formed an emergency committee under the leadership of the Emirates Red Crescent to help victims of the floods in Kerala.

Saudi Arabia prepares for the annual Muslim hajj pilgrimage

- Saudi Arabia is preparing to host the annual hajj pilgrimage beginning, as over 1.6 million Muslim faithful from abroad have arrived in the ultraconservative kingdom.

Kofi Annan dies at 80

- Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of United Nations, dies at 80

Imran Khan seeks British PM May's help

- Imran Khan has sought UK's help to combat the menace of money laundering during a conversation with his British counterpart Theresa May.

New York hosts US celebration of Indian independence

- New York City is hosting the largest annual celebration of Indian independence outside of India.

Russia invites Taliban to Afghanistan talks

- Russia said it was preparing international peace talks on Afghanistan on September 4 and has invited the Taliban

9th edition of Mountain Echoes Literature Festival

- In Bhutan, the ninth edition of Mountain Echoes Literature Festival began in Thimphu

Pakistan Cabinet bans first class air travel by Pakistan President, PM

- Pakistan's new government has banned the discretionary use of state funds and first-class air travel by officials and leaders, including the President and the Prime Minister.

First anniversary of Myanmar military crackdown on Rohingya Muslims

- Tens of thousands of Rohingya refugees staged angry protests for "justice" on the first anniversary of a Myanmar military crackdown that sparked a mass exodus to camps in Bangladesh.

Pakistan's new govt bans VIP protocol to 'influential people' at airports

- Pakistan has banned the VIP culture at airports for "influential people" including politicians, judges and military officials as part of the new government's austerity plan.

India, Pakistan to resume talks on Indus Waters Treaty

- India and Pakistan will resume their talks on various aspects of the Indus Waters Treaty in Lahore, the first bilateral engagement since Prime Minister Imran Khan took office.

‘Jaipur Foot’ camp in Hanoi

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated a ‘Jaipur Foot’ camp in Hanoi and met with 500 Vietnamese beneficiaries of the free India-made prosthetic limb.

U.S. team to study Kerala flood impact

- A team of scientists from the U.S.-based Geotechnical Extreme Events Reconnaissance (GEER) Association is arriving on September 3 to investigate the impact of the torrential rains that wreaked havoc across Kerala.

Robot teachers in China’s kindergartens

- The autonomous robot named Keeko has been a hit in several kindergartens, telling stories and challenging children with logic problems.

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