

The week from May 21, 2018 to May 27, 2018



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro was re-elected for a second six-year term in presidential elections, in a vote marred by an opposition boycott and claims of vote-rigging. According to the reports by The National Electoral Council (CNE), the voter turnout was less than 46%, out of which, Maduro received 67.7% - 5.8 million votes. Mr. Nicolas replaced Hugo Chavez after his death from cancer in 2013.

Kendrick Lamar, Ed Sheeran, Luis Fonsi, and Bruno Mars were the big winners at the 2018 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas. Kendrick won six awards, clearing up most of the rap trophies, while Bruno took home the R&B honours, and Sheeran picked up the Top Artist of the Year and Top Male Artist awards among his six-award haul, and Fonsi collected a handful of trophies for his crossover hit Despacito.



The first commercial flight (42-seater ATR aircraft of the Alliance Airlines) of Arunachal Pradesh under UDAN scheme landed at Pasighat airport, an Advance Landing Ground (ALG) in East Siang district. This historic moment puts border state on the aviation map of the country. Alliance Air, a subsidiary of Air India, will operate flight services on Kolkata-Guwahati-Pasighat route thrice a week – on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The former Paris St-Germain manager, Unai Emery, is unveiled as Arsene Wenger's successor. Arsenal has confirmed Emery as the new head coach. Emery left French side PSG this month after a two-year spell in which he won a league title and four domestic-cup competitions. Emery left French side PSG this month after a two-year spell in which he won a league title and four domestic-cup competitions.



After days of high drama and power-broking, JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy on Wednesday took oath as Karnataka's 24th chief minister, while Congress state president G Parameshwara was sworn in as his deputy. Kumaraswamy was administered the oath of office and secrecy by governor Vajubhai Vala in front of the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru. This will be his second term as the chief minister of Karnataka..

South African batsman AB de Villiers has retired from international cricket. It was a sudden announcement four days after completing another IPL season with Royal Challengers Bangalore. De Villiers, 34, made his announcement public via a video, in which he said "I am tired". De Villiers bowed out as one of the greatest batsmen of his time. He has represented South Africa in 114 Tests, 228 ODIs and 78 T20 Internationals.



Polish author Olga Tokarczuk won the Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'Flights'. The novel, translated by Jennifer Croft, interweaves narratives of travel with explorations of the human body. It bagged the 67,000 US dollar prize after topping a shortlist of six titles, with Tokarczuk becoming the first Polish writer to win the award. The awards were announced at a ceremony in London.

President Donald Trump cancelled a scheduled June 12 summit in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after recent sparring between the two countries over the planned nuclear talks. South Korean President Moon Jae-In urged both Trump and Kim to hold direct talks. Trump cited North Korea's "tremendous anger and open hostility" in calling off the meeting.



Nima Jangmu Sherpa, a 28 year old Nepali woman, has created a world record by scaling three highest mountains in Nepal in a single climbing season. She made her historic ascent on Mt Kanchenjunga, third highest peak of the world. With this, she has become the only woman in the world to climb three highest peaks in Nepal above 8,000 meters within 25 days. She had successfully scaled Mt Everest on May 14 and Mt Lhotse on April 29.

A vintage Shane Watson put up an exhibition of power-hitting with the unbeaten knock of 117 in front of a packed Wankhede crowd to power Chennai Super Kings to their third Indian Premier League title. Sunrisers Hyderabad posted a competitive 178/6 at the Wankhede. Chasing 179, CSK overhauled the target in 18.3 overs by scoring 181/2 with eight wickets in hand.



Gareth Bale came off the bench to score twice, including one of the all-time great goals in a Champions League final, as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 3-1 in Kiev on Saturday to take the trophy for the third year running. Bale's jaw-dropping overhead kick in the 64th minute put Real 2-1 up moments after his introduction, following a dramatic start to the second half, in which Karim Benzema gave Real the lead as a result of a Loris Karius howler.



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