

The week from August 6, 2018 to August 12, 2018



K. Jayalalitha, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, died at Kauvery Hospital in Chennai after prolonged, age-related illness. He was the last of Tamil Nadu's politicians with a colossal mass following, like MG Ramachandran and Jayaram Jayalalitha. For decades, the state's politics was dominated by the rivalry between its two towering figures - Jayalalitha and Karunanidhi.

Google announced 'Pie' as the name for the latest version of the Android operating system, succeeding Android Oreo. The Android 'Pie' version has begun rolling out to Pixel phones and will be available to other devices later this year. Android 9.0 'Pie', which was first unveiled at Google's annual developer conference in May, will use artificial intelligence to adapt to how you use the device.



India doubled import duties on 328 textile products to 20 per cent, the second such hike in a month, as the world's largest cotton producer sought to curb soaring imports from China and focus more on local value addition in the labour-intensive sector. India's textile imports jumped by 16 per cent to a record \$7 billion in the last fiscal.

The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve has become the 11th Biosphere Reserve from India that has been included in the UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR). The decision was taken at the 30th Session of International Coordinating Council (ICC) of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme of UNESCO held at Indonesia's Palembang from July 23 to July 27.



Alarmed by plunging television ratings for the Academy Awards, the organization behind the Oscars said it would add a category for blockbuster films. The new Oscar will be awarded for "Outstanding Achievement in Popular Film" and will be introduced this coming year, at the 91st Oscars. The last category to be added was 'Best Animated Feature Film'.

Nobel prize-winning scientist Marie Curie was the most influential woman in history, Britain's BBC found in a poll, highlighting her role in curing cancer. Readers of BBC History magazine ranked Polish-born Curie at the top of a list of 100 women who changed the world, for becoming the first person to win two Nobel Prizes and for her research in radioactivity.



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Santhali has become the first Indian tribal language to get a Wikipedia edition in its own script. Spoken by over 6.4 million people in the states of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, and Assam, efforts to bring Santhali to the mainstream were going on, even before the Wikipedia page went live. It presently has content of about 70,000 words.

Ahead of the Independence Day, the Delhi Police inducted India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations. After rigorous training of around 15 months from specialists all across India and abroad, 36 women commandos from the northeastern states have been inducted into this squad.



NASA's Parker Solar Probe was launched after it was delayed on Saturday due to a technical snag. The probe, a \$1.5 billion unmanned spacecraft, aims to get closer than any human-made object in history to the centre of our solar system. The probe is designed to plunge into the Sun's mysterious atmosphere, known as the corona.



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