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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### DONALD TRUMP RETURNS TO WHITE HOUSE AS THE 47TH U.S PRESIDENT

On January 20, 2025, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States, marking a historic return to the White House after defeating Vice President Kamala Harris. This event makes Trump the second individual in U.S. history, after Grover Cleveland, to serve non-consecutive presidential terms.

Since returning to office, Trump has proposed several controversial measures, including stricter immigration policies, tax reforms favouring large businesses, and renewed emphasis on energy independence through fossil fuels.

His decisions to recognise only two genders and to change citizenship rules have sparked widespread debate across political and social circles.

**MIDDLE EAST CEASEFIRE AND HOSTAGE EXCHANGE**  
On January 19, 2025, a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas commenced, leading to tens of thousands of Palestinians returning to northern Gaza, an area heavily damaged by Israeli shelling. The agreement includes the exchange of 33 hostages for approximately 1,700 Palestinian prisoners. However, Israel confirmed that eight of the 26 hostages yet to be released are deceased. The ceasefire has been extended to

February 18, despite ongoing regional tensions.

### LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES LEAVE DEVASTATION IN THEIR WAKE

Wildfires have ravaged Los Angeles County, with the Eaton Fire near Altadena burning over 14,000 acres, destroying nearly 9,500 structures, and claiming 17 lives. Now 99% contained, investigations point to potential involvement of Southern California Edison's equipment. In Pacific Palisades, the Palisades Fire forced evacuations, destroying properties and halting Hollywood productions. Recent rainstorms have helped firefighting efforts but caused ash and mudslides,

worsening conditions in burn areas. Relief centres in Pasadena and UCLA offer assistance to those affected, but many communities feel abandoned as they struggle to recover.

### JUSTIN TRUDEAU TO STEP DOWN AS CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER

On January 6, 2025, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his intention to resign as both the leader of the Liberal Party and as Prime Minister of Canada. He plans to step down by March 24, 2025, following the election of a new party leader. Trudeau cited internal party dissent and declining public support as primary reasons for his decision. His resignation follows the unexpected departure of Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland on December 16, 2024.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### INDIA CELEBRATES 76TH REPUBLIC DAY WITH GRAND PARADE IN NEW DELHI

India celebrated its 76th Republic Day with a grand parade at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, honouring the adoption of the Constitution in 1950. The event featured spectacular displays of military strength, including 22 Air Force jets, daring stunts by army motorcyclists, and vibrant cultural performances by over 5,000 artists, showcasing India's diversity. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto attended as the chief guest, with Indonesian forces participating for the first time, symbolising strong bilateral ties.

The parade concluded with an awe-inspiring air show, leaving spectators in admiration of India's heritage and capabilities.

### CHINESE AND INDIAN DIPLOMATS ADVOCATE FOR ENHANCED RELATIONS AMID BORDER TENSIONS

In a meeting held in Beijing, diplomats from China and India emphasized the need for mutual support and understanding. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Indian official Vikram Misri highlighted the importance of cooperation, referencing past agreements on military patrols along their contested border. Despite ongoing tensions since the 2020 clashes, both nations continue to engage in dialogue to

manage disputes and improve relations.

### KERALA'S LUMINARIES: M.T. VASUDEVAN NAIR, SHOBHANA, DR. PERIAPPURAM, AND P.R. SREEJESH HONOURED WITH PADMA AWARDS

The Government of India has recognised Kerala's exceptional talents with the 2025 Padma Awards. Renowned writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair was posthumously honoured with the Padma Vibhushan for his unparalleled contributions to literature. Actress Shobhana, acclaimed for her remarkable performances in cinema, was conferred the Padma Bhushan. Dr. Jose Chacko Periappuram,

a pioneer in heart transplantation, and Olympian P.R. Sreejesh, celebrated for his achievements in field hockey, also received the Padma Bhushan for their extraordinary contributions in their respective fields.

### FAREWELL TO LEGENDS

January 2025 marked the loss of celebrated Malayalam author M.T. Vasudevan Nair and renowned director Shafi. M.T., a pioneer in modern Malayalam literature, was known for works like *Naalukettu* and *Kaalal Pada*. Director Shafi, famous for hits like *Meesa Madhavan* and *Two Countries*, was a beloved figure in Malayalam cinema. Their passing has left an irreplaceable void in the hearts of all who admired their craft.

## NDLI EVENTS

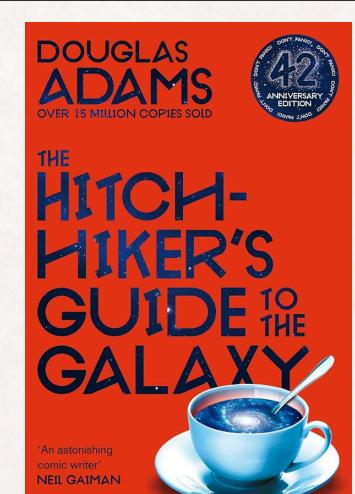
### Symphony of Stories: A Fusion of Literature and Music at RSET

On January 23 and 24, RSET NDLI, in collaboration with RSET Malhar, hosted Symphony of Stories, a unique event blending literature and live music. The event featured a book fair alongside a live musical performance, offering attendees the chance to explore a variety of books while enjoying music that complemented the stories.

### February 1, 2025 - GitHub Workshop

The GitHub Workshop held on February 1, 2025, focused on the fundamentals of version control and collaboration. The session was designed to help participants manage projects effectively while enhancing their placement readiness.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



"The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams follows the misadventures of Arthur Dent, rescued from Earth's destruction by friend Ford Prefect. Joined by eccentric characters, they journey through space, exploring absurd humor, philosophy, and satire, resonating with readers across generations.



"READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY."  
— Joseph Addison

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## RSET NEWS

### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT RSET

The Republic Day celebration at Rajagiri honoured the nation's spirit and unity. The event began with the flag hoisting ceremony by Fr. Dr Jaison Paul Mulerikkal CMI, followed by a march past by the NCC cadets. Vibrant activities organised by NSS filled the occasion with enthusiasm, bringing together students and faculty in a festive atmosphere, showcasing patriotism in the spirit of Republic Day.

### SHAKTI STATE SUMMIT 2025: EMPOWERING FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS IN KERALA

The SHAKTI State Summit 2025, organised by Samagra Shiksha Kerala and KSUM, took place at RSET on January 18, aiming to foster entrepreneurial mindsets among female VHSE students.

Inaugurated by Shri. Anoop Ambika, CEO of KSUM, the event saw 90 participants engaging in activities like ice-breaking sessions, business role play, entrepreneurship talks, and pitching training.

### RSET FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2025

The RSET Founder's Day celebration 2025 began with an inspiring message by Rev. Dr. Varghese Panthalookkaran CMI, who spoke on "St. Chavara: Patron of Entrepreneurial

Institutions," highlighting the visionary contributions of St. Chavara. This was followed by an insightful value talk by singer Sri Alphons Joseph on "Gratitude, the Door to Blessing," encouraging attendees to embrace gratitude as a path to personal and collective growth. The event also featured the launch of the RSET App, marking a significant milestone in the institution's digital journey. The event was followed by festive Christmas carols beautifully sung by the RSFT Choir.

## SPORTS NEWS

### JASPRIT BUMRAH NAMED ICC MEN'S TEST CRICKETER OF THE YEAR 2024

Jasprit Bumrah has been named ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2024 after a stellar comeback in Test cricket, claiming 71 wickets in 13 matches. His outstanding performances, including a Player of the Series award in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and key contributions to India's victories against England, Bangladesh, South Africa, and Australia, underline his dominance and skill.

### SMRITI MANDHANA CROWNED ICC WOMEN'S ODI CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

India opener Smriti Mandhana was crowned ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024, amassing 747 runs in just 13 innings. The India vice captain averaged 57.86 with a strike rate of 95.15, scoring four centuries to set a new career high in ODIs. Mandhana's tally was the highest among leading run-scorers in women's ODIs in 2024, passing Laura Wolvaardt (697), Tammy Beaumont (554), and Hayley Matthews (469).

### LEWIS HAMILTON MAKES HISTORIC MOVE TO FERRARI FOR 2025 F1 SEASON

Lewis Hamilton has officially joined Ferrari for the 2025 Formula 1 season, marking the end of his long association with Mercedes.

The seven-time world champion, with 105 Grand Prix wins, has embraced the challenge of competing with the iconic Italian team. "I'm thrilled to be part of Ferrari's rich legacy," Hamilton said after the announcement. Team principal Fred Vasseur hailed the move as a major step forward for the team. Hamilton now joins Charles Leclerc, forming a formidable lineup as Ferrari looks to return to the top after years of rebuilding. Hamilton's switch sets the stage for an exciting new chapter in both his career and the future of Formula 1.

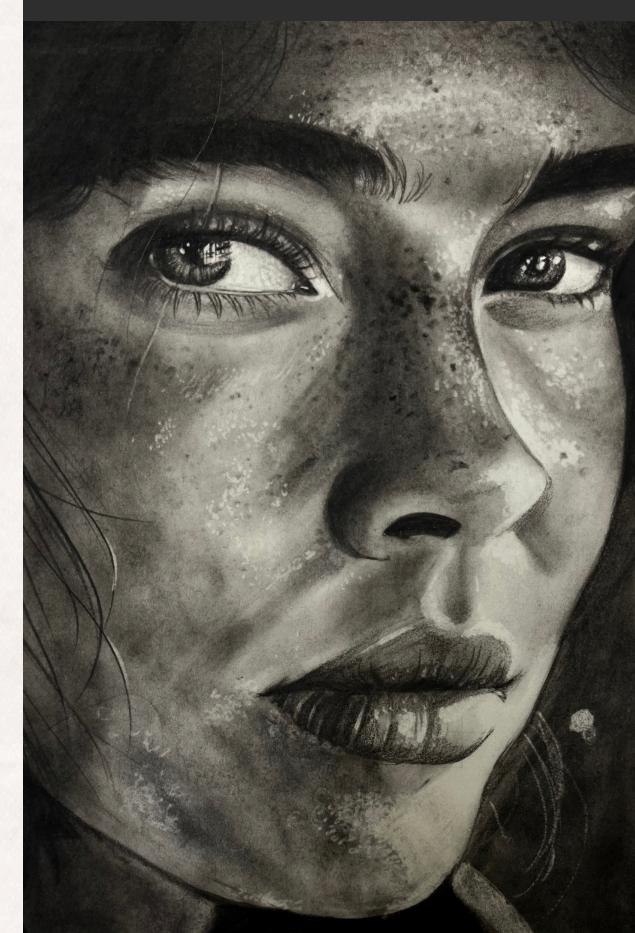
### JANNIK SINNER RETAINS AUSTRALIAN OPEN TITLE WITH STRAIGHT-SET VICTORY OVER ALEXANDER ZVEREV

Jannik Sinner successfully defended his Australian Open tennis title, defeating Alexander Zverev 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3. Sinner, the world's top-ranked player, did not face a single break point during the match, highlighting the gap between him and the second-seed Zverev. This makes Sinner the youngest player to achieve consecutive Australian Open wins in tennis since Jim Courier in the early 90s.

### KHO KHO WORLD CUP: INDIAN MEN'S TEAM CROWNED CHAMPION

The Indian men's team clinched the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup championship by defeating Nepal 54-36 in the final on Sunday. This victory followed the Indian women's team's triumph over Nepal in their respective final.

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## TECH NEWS

### ISRO ACHIEVES MILESTONE WITH IN-SPACE DOCKING TEST

ISRO achieved a major milestone in January 2025 with its first successful in-space docking test. This feat, involving the manual docking of two spacecraft in low Earth orbit, showcases India's growing capabilities in advanced space technologies. The test is a crucial step for future missions, including crewed space exploration and the development of reusable spacecraft.

ISRO's success not only strengthens its technical expertise but also positions India as a key player in the global space community, paving the way for future collaborations and ambitious space projects.

**TIKTOK BAN LIFTED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP**  
 On January 20, 2025, President Donald Trump lifted the nationwide TikTok ban, initially imposed on January 19, due to concerns over user privacy and national security. The executive order provided a

75-day grace period, allowing ByteDance, TikTok's parent company, to negotiate a potential sale to a U.S. company, with Microsoft among the interested buyers. The move aimed to address the U.S. government's security concerns by facilitating partial American ownership of the app. While the ban is temporarily lifted, further negotiations are expected to determine TikTok's future in the United States.

### DEEPESEEK'S AI BREAKTHROUGH DISRUPTS GLOBAL TECH MARKETS

Chinese AI startup DeepSeek announced a significant advancement, developing an AI model comparable to U.S.-based OpenAI's offerings but utilising substantially less computing power. This development led to a massive sell-off in technology stocks, with Nvidia experiencing a record 17% drop, equating to a loss of approximately \$600 billion in market value. Investors are now reassessing the valuation of U.S. tech companies in light of this disruptive innovation.