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Russia 'test-fires hypersonic missile'

Russia test-launched a hypersonic missile from a Mig-31 supersonic interceptor jet that took off from an airfield. The hypersonic missile has been described as “Kinzhal missile” – named after a type of dagger – as “an ideal weapon”. The Kinzhal is said to travel at 10 times the speed of sound and have a range of 2,000 km (1,200 miles).

PM Modi, French President Macron jointly inaugurate solar power plant at Mirzapur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting French President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated 101-megawatt solar power plant at Dadar Kala village in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh. The largest solar projects in the country has been set up by French company ENGIE. The company was awarded the project in 2016 with the cost of Rs. 680 crore. Solar Energy Corporation of India has signed Power purchase agreement for 25 years with the company.

Navjot Kaur climbs to World No. 2

Navjot Kaur became World No. 2 in the 65 kg category as per the latest rankings released by United World Wrestling. The top position belongs to 2015 World Championship silver medallist Petra Olli of Finland though both have 18 points each. Vinesh Phogat is No. 2 in the 50kg category behind Lei Chun of China, while Sakshi Malik is No. 4 in the 62 kg category.

Samvedna 2018: IAF's first multilateral HADR air exercise in South Asia

Samvedna 2018, the first multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise of Indian Air Force (IAF) in association with South Asian Region nations was held off the coast of Kerala. The multilateral exercise was spearheaded by IAF and conducted by Southern Air Command (SAC) and involved representatives from air forces of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and UAE.

India top medal tally at ISSF Shooting World Cup

India topped the medals tally in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup with four gold, one silver and four bronze medals for a total of nine medals in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Gold and Silver Winners:

Shahzar Rizvi won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol event (Men's).

Manu Bhaker won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol event (Women's).

Manu Bhaker partnered with Om Prakash Mitharval for the 10m air pistol mixed team gold.

Akhil Sheoran clinched the gold medal in men's 50m rifle 3 positions.

Anjum Moudgil won silver medal in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event.

Vietnam's Nguyen Huong Giang crowned "Miss International Transgender Beauty Queen 2018"

Vietnam's Nguyen Huong Giang was crowned "Miss International Queen" in Thailand at one of the world's top beauty pageants for transgender women. The winner fended off 26 competitors, from countries spanning Mongolia to Mexico, to clinch the coveted crown in the seaside town of Pattaya, where the popular contest has been running since 2004.

WHO steps up fight against tobacco

The World Health Organization has launched new guidelines on the role that tobacco product regulations can play in reducing tobacco demand. The new guide, titled ‘Tobacco product regulation: Building laboratory testing capacity’ was launched at the 2018 World Conference on Tobacco or Health. The laboratory guide has information on how to test tobacco products and what products to test.

India placed 33rd worldwide in web-borne threats: Kaspersky

Global cyber security provider Kaspersky Lab in a summit stated that India ranks 33rd worldwide in the list of countries facing web-borne threats. The Summit had about 100 participants from all over India, and brought together the most important names from the world of information security.