

Around The WORLD

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15 million children under the age of 5 die every year due to water borne diseases.



Water Pollution



FRANCE

Da Vinci's 500th death anniversary

President Emmanuel Macron, with Italian president Sergio Mattarella, celebrated the 500th death anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci. The grand celebration has also put a halt to the decades old feud between the two nations over their rights to own the masterpieces created by him. The presidents commemorated him at his tombstone in Amboise in France's Loire Valley.



RUSSIA

Internet isolation bill turns law

Vladimir Putin passed a 'sovereign internet' bill, tightening internet control. The law, effective from November 1, requires the country's internet providers to isolate the traffic from foreign servers and will also put internet activities under the scrutiny of government. Russian citizens are in stark disagreement with the decision as it breaches their right to privacy.



USA

Migrant families undergo DNA tests

To prevent illegal entry of migrants, USA has decided to conduct 'Rapid DNA' tests. According to the Department of Homeland Security, DNA tests will determine if the adults and children are related to each other or not. The tests will involve cheek-swab tests to prove the parent-child relationship.



INDONESIA

Election staff dies of overwork

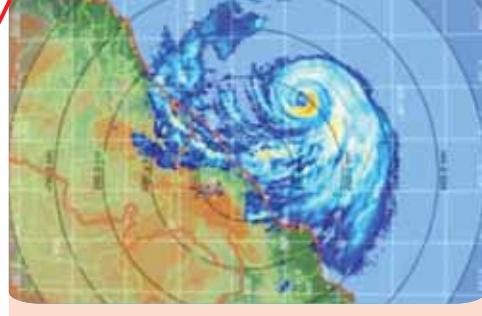
Over 270 election staff died because of fatigue-related illnesses due to counting of millions of ballot papers by hand on April 17, when the country held the world's biggest single-day elections. The Health Ministry has circulated a letter approving the best care for the ill election staff and also promised compensation.



UK

Parliament declares climate emergency

UK becomes the first country to openly declare a 'Climate emergency'. The decision came after 11 days of protest against the worsening state of the environment. The campaign also demanded the elimination of carbon emission by the year 2025.



INDIA

Odisha faces cyclone

Cyclone Fani, one of the biggest storms to come off Indian ocean, has hit eastern parts of India, mainly affecting Odisha. The storms triggered heavy rainfall with high velocity winds of 175kmph. At least 14 districts are feared to be badly affected by the cyclone.



SRI LANKA

Country warned of more attacks

Security officials of the country have issued a warning against suspected Islamist militants disguising themselves in military uniforms, conspiring more attacks. The militants might also use vans and bombers for their plans. Government has been asked to stay vigilant after the Easter Sunday blasts that killed over 300 people.



NEW ZEALAND

Media sets rule for Christchurch trial

Following the gun attacks that devastated two mosques in Christchurch, the New Zealand media has vowed not to spread white supremacist ideologies during the trial of the man charged with the shootings. The five media organisations who have signed the agreement conveyed that they were aware that the culprit Brenton Tarrant might take this opportunity to promote his negative views.

News Flash

Australia: Sydney-based news agency, Daily Telegraph, accidentally prints two pages of its rival newspaper, Sydney Morning Herald
Nepal: Earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 Richter scale hits the capital
Japan: 41-year-old Yogendra Puranik becomes first Indian to win an election in the country
Myanmar: More than 50 people dead due to landslide at Jade mine