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Maiden Mumbai

# India this week

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**W**hile we sit on our couch just breathing, a lot of things happen around us, and sometimes in our very own country. We bring you the ones worth mentioning.



## Kejriwal announces free wi-fi

**News:** Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has announced that the Delhi Cabinet has approved of his proposal to install free Wi-Fi internet service in the capital. He said that every user will be provided with 15 GB data free per month. According to the proposal, 11,000 hotspots will be set up, out of which 4000 will be installed near bus stops and the remaining near assembly constituencies across Delhi.

**Views:** This decision seems more like a political incentive rather than a call for development, considering it is targeted at the youth that makes up a chunk of the voting population. It would have been better if the government focused on other development initiatives.

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## Kerala swamped by incessant rains

**News:** Kerala is being ravaged by floods due to heavy rains which have led to the death of more than 60 people. 2,27,333 people have been evacuated and shifted to 1,551 relief camps across the state. Several teams from the Indian Army, Navy, National Disaster Relief Response (NDRF), fishermen and volunteers have engaged in the rescue operations.

**Views:** The devastating situation caused by floods in Kerala and other states like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Assam, indicates that calamities have become a common occurrence and that they can no more be called 'natural' disasters. These are visibly the consequences of the indifferent attitude of humans toward nature. While the whole nation has come together for rescue operations and donations, which is commendable, it's about time for us to start acting in order to save the environment.

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## Kohli breaks 26-year-old record

**News:** Virat Kohli went on to become the highest run-scorer against West Indies in ODIs. He attained the record during India's second ODI when he scored 19 runs more than the previous record of 1930 runs which was set by Javed Miandad 26 years ago. While Miandad took 64 innings to make the record, Kohli was able to outrun the same in just 34 innings.

**Views:** Virat Kohli has shown exemplary performance as a batsman and skipper, and the pressure of being the captain has only blazed and refined this diamond of a sportsman. This perhaps serves as a befitting reply to those who questioned his captaincy post India's ouster from the world cup. Undoubtedly, he is an unstoppable batsman of the present cricket era!

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## Davis cup asked to be shifted

**News:** India has asked International Tennis Federation (ITF) to move their forthcoming Davis Cup tie from Pakistan to a neutral venue. This request has come as a result of the political tensions that have arisen between the two countries due to the revocation of Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, by the Indian Government.

**Views:** India's demand to ITF to move the Davis Cup to a neutral venue clearly reflects the already existent tensions between India and Pakistan, which were further escalated after the abrogation of Article 370. Since Pakistan has already shown its displeasure by making changes in the bilateral trade relations at its end, India's demand does not seem unjustified, because the team's security is highly compromised in such a scenario.

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## Around The WORLD

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## USA

### Free Hindi classes to university students

With an aim to promote Hindi language, the Indian embassy in Washington has decided to provide free Hindi classes to the students of George Washington University. In the six-week non-credit introductory Hindi language course, the students will learn about Hindi alphabet and verbal communication. The course has already garnered interest of 87 candidates from 7 different countries.



## WALES

### Man sets new record

An adventurer named Ashley Philip Dykes became the first person to walk the length of the river Yangtze which is 6300 km long. Dykes began his trekking journey a year ago from the Tibetan plateau and finished near Shanghai. The river Yangtze is the third longest river in the world after Nile and Amazon.



## CHINA

### Typhoon causes massive destruction

Typhoon Lekima hit the south eastern part of the country, leaving over 35 people dead and more than 30 people missing. In Zhejiang province, the calamity damaged 34000 houses. 3023 airline flights were halted in Shanghai and other services were cancelled. More than 21,000 people have been engaged in relief operations



## NEPAL

### Newly discovered lake might be world's highest

The Kajin Sara Lake, which was recently discovered by mountaineers in Manang district, might be the highest lake in the world. According to its current measurement, the lake is located at an altitude of 5200 meters. It is estimated to be 1,500 metre long and 600-metre-wide. It might replace Lake Tilicho which currently holds the title of the world's highest lake, situated at an altitude of 4,919 metres.



## INDIA

### Samjhauta Express cancelled

After Pakistan suspended the bi-weekly cross-border train services, India cancelled Samjhauta Express at its end, indicating tensions between the two countries. This decision came after the revocation of Article 370 which is being objected by many.



## SINGAPORE

### Wildlife trade to be curbed

In an effort to stop illegal wildlife trade, the National Parks Board has decided to ban ivory sale from September 1, 2021. The announcement came on World Elephant Day after deliberations with ivory retailers and non-government organisations. Lawbreakers will face one-year jail term and also pay hefty fines.



## News Flash

► **Japan:** An experiment which involves creating animal embryos containing human cells has been approved by the Japanese government ► **Greece:** Wildfire rages on the Greek island of Evia ► **Myanmar:** Thousands of Rohingya to be sent back