

World News

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Cyclones are called 'hurricanes' in North American and Caribbean regions.



Cyclone facts

UK

Word of the year '2017' rolls out
 'Youthquake', has been selected as the word of the year by Oxford dictionary. Made by combining two words youth and earthquake the word means, 'A significant cultural, political or social change arising from the actions or influence of the young people'. It was initially coined in 1960s by Diana Vreeland, who was the editor of Vogue back then.



Czech Republic

12th Prime Minister takes charge
 Andrej Babis, a business tycoon and the head of ANO party was elected as the new Prime Minister. The newly elected PM vowed to propose the member states and the European Commission a solution for illegal migration and fight against human traffickers.



China

First flight lands in Antarctica
 Hailed as a new era in the tourism landscape of China, the country's first flight to 'Antarctica' took off from Hong Kong and landed successfully in the continent. The 20 hour long flight via Capetown, carrying 22 passengers was organised by the HNA Group.



Sri Lanka

Port formally handed over
 Hambantota, a southern port in Sri Lanka has been handed over to China for a 99 year lease. The money received against the lease would be used for building a huge deep sea port and an airport.



France

New world record set for sailing solo
 French sailor, Francois Gabart has become the fastest person to sail around the world solo, non-stop. His voyage was completed in 42 days, 16 hours, 40 minutes and 35 seconds. He beat the last world record of solo sea voyage around the globe by 6 days and 10 hours.



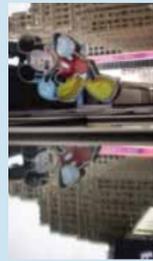
Switzerland

World's steepest railway opens
 The country inaugurated the steepest funicular railway in the world with a revolutionary design which looks like a string of giant hamster wheels. It took 14 years of designing and planning and 40 million pounds to build this railway.



US

\$52 billion struck between giants
 Walt Disney has agreed to buy the bulk of 21st Century Fox's business for \$52.4bn (£39bn). Disney's purchase includes film and television studios as well as 39% stake in Satellite Broadcasting Sky.



Pakistan

\$825 million granted by World Bank
 In what can be considered a joyous news for Pakistan, the country received a loan amount worth \$825 from World Bank. Half of the amount would be used to develop the national grid and the other half \$400 million would be allocated for improving the management of public finances.



India

Country with largest diaspora in the world
 The UN world migration report (2018) on migrating trends states, "More than 15.6 million people from India are living overseas. It accounts for 6% of the total number of international migrants estimated in 2015." UAE has emerged as the top destination for Indian migrants.

