

Around The WORLD

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GERMANY

Musical masterpiece discovered

A previously unknown composition by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, likely to be written in his early teens, was uncovered at the Leipzig City Library, Germany. The composition, dating from the mid-1760s, consists of seven miniature movements for a string trio, lasting about 12 minutes. The discovery of the masterpiece was made while researchers were compiling the latest edition of the Koechel catalogue, the definitive archive of Mozart's works.



UNITED KINGDOM

Wind energy system installed

BMW has installed the United Kingdom's first motionless wind energy system at Oxford MINI plant. Designed by Aeromine Technologies, the system harnesses wind power without visible moving parts. Installed on the building's edge, it is oriented toward prevailing winds. The plant will serve as a test site to evaluate the system's potential for improving energy efficiency at other BMW locations globally and in commercial buildings across the United Kingdom.



MALAYSIA

Coral fungus found

A group of secondary school students discovered the rare coral fungus 'Phaeoclavulina cokeri' at Universiti Malaysia Sabah Hill, marking the first regional sighting in over 60 years. This significant finding enhances research on fungal biodiversity in Southeast Asia. The discovery occurred during the Friends of BORNEENSIS (FOB 2024) programme, organised by UMS' Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (IBTP). Researchers believe this discovery will contribute to further understanding of the region's fungal diversity.



UKRAINE

Telegram banned

Ukraine has banned the use of Telegram on official devices issued to govt, military, defence, and critical infrastructure personnel. As per the National Security and Defence Council, Telegram is used by Russian forces for cyber-attacks, phishing, distributing malware, tracking user locations, and correcting missile strikes. The decision was announced to protect against further cyber threats.



INDIA

Hindi film for Oscars'25

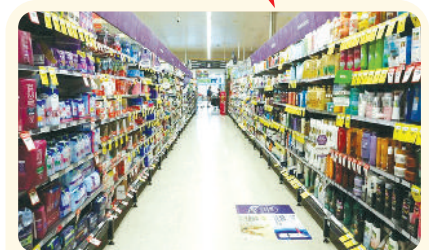
Laapataa Ladies, directed by Kiran Rao, has been chosen as India's official submission for the Oscars 2025. The film will compete for the Best International Feature Film category at the Academy Awards. A jury selected 'Laapataa Ladies' from 29 entries, including Payal Kapadia's 'All We Imagine as Light' and the Malayalam drama 'Aattam'. The FFI annually selects India's entry for the Oscars, recognising films with global appeal.



SRI LANKA

New president elected

Anura Kumara Dissanayake was sworn in as Sri Lanka's new President, pledging to deliver 'clean' politics as the nation recovers from its worst economic crisis. The left-leaning leader's victory in this election, the first since 2022, signals a rejection of corruption and cronyism, say analysts. Dissanayake replaces Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who was ousted by mass protests over economic mismanagement.



AUSTRALIA

Two supermarkets sued

Australia's consumer watchdog, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, is suing supermarket giants Coles and Woolworths, accusing them of misleading consumers. The ACCC alleges the chains falsely claimed to have permanently lowered prices on hundreds of items, but temporarily raised prices before reducing them to the same. The ACCC aims to hold the companies accountable for this.

News Flash

► **Iran:** Explosion in Tabas coal mine led to the death of 51 people; 17 people feared trapped under a 700-meter tunnel
► **USA:** First woman in role, justice Debra Hembree Lambert elected as 7th chief justice of Kentucky