

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas or Non Resident Indian Day is a celebratory day observed on 9 January by the Republic of India to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.

The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Ahmedabad on 9 January 1915.

Art Exhibition inaugurated to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Bangladesh

A ten-day-long art exhibition commemorating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was inaugurated in Dhaka. The art exhibition has been organised by the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh in association with the Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy.

The exhibition was inaugurated with a floral tribute paid by MP from Noakhali H.M. Ibrahim and MP from Jamalpur Mirza Azam. The two Gandhi Ashrams in Bangladesh are located at Jamalpur and Noakhali.

A leading thinker on Gandhian ideals, Syed Abul Maksud was the Special Guests of the Ceremony.

Pedro Sánchez sworn in as PM of Spain

Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) leader Pedro Sánchez was sworn in as the country's prime minister a day after his proposed coalition with a left-wing party narrowly slipped through a vote in Parliament.

Sánchez decided to forgo religious symbolism and took oath over the Constitution on the presence of King Felipe VI, the head of state.

It is the second time in less than two years that the socialist leader has been sworn-in as prime minister.

Former PM Zoran Milanovic wins Croatia presidential polls

Zoran Milanovic won Croatia's presidential election. He is Croatia's center-leftist former Prime Minister.

Mr Milanovic beat Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic – a conservative who won the presidency in 2015 – by 53% to 47%.

Croatia's president has a role in foreign policy and security matters but the prime minister runs the country.

Ms Grabar-Kitarovic, who was elected Croatia's first female president in January 2015.

Amit Shah released a book titled Karmayoddha Granth

Union Home Minister Amit Shah released a book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Shah talked about the three parts of Prime Minister's life starting from the phase of dedicating his life to an ideology followed by entry into politics on the ideals of the "sangathan", and finally upholding the tenets of parliamentary democracy and the Constitution to construct an ideal state.

Considered as the epitome of selfless service to the nation, Modi laid the foundation of the New India based on 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', from Gujarat and brought the concept of good governance.

India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant likely to be commissioned by early 2021

The manufacturing of the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant is currently under phase three which involves setting to work of machinery and other equipment and it is likely to be commissioned by early 2021.

This carrier is being built at the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi.

Virat Kohli retains top spot; Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara slip in ICC Test rankings

India skipper Virat Kohli retained his top spot among batsmen while Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane slipped in the latest ICC Test rankings.

With 928 points, Kohli is way ahead of second-placed Australian maestro Steve Smith (911). Pujara was placed sixth, down one rung, with 791 points, while Rahane occupied the ninth spot after slipping a couple of positions with 759 points.

In bowling, India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, returning from an injury layoff, remained static at sixth position with 794 points, while spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (772 points) and seamer Mohammed Shami (771) were ninth and 10th respectively.

Australia's Marnus Labuschagne grabbed a career-best third place.