

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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- ▶ **Famous tabla maestro who passed away in December 2024**
Zakir Hussain
 - Born in Mumbai in 1951, Zakir Hussain is the son of tabla legend Ustad Alla Rakha.
 - He composed the music for the Malayalam film *Vanaprastham*.
 - He received the Sangeetha Natak Akademi Award in 1991.
 - The country honored him with the Padma Shri in 1988, the Padma Bhushan in 2002 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2023.
- ▶ **Newly appointed Prime Minister of France**
Francois Bayrou
- ▶ **Nepal's Army Chief who honored with the rank of 'General of Indian Army'**
General Ashok Raj Sigdel
 - The honour was given to Nepal Army Chief for his commendable military prowess and immeasurable contribution to fostering Nepal's long and friendly association with India.
- ▶ **The film directed by Payal Kapadia, which is nominated for the 2025 Critics' Choice Award for Best Foreign Language Film**
All We Imagine as Light
- ▶ **The country that successfully launched the Saman-1 satellite in December 2024**
Iran
- ▶ **New cassava varieties developed by the Central Tuber Research Institute (CTCRI), Sreekrishnan**
Sree Annam, Sree Manna
- ▶ **Text-to-video generation tool introduced by Open AI**
Sora Turbo



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