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**Cyclone hits India**

Cyclone Thane hits the coast of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

**International classical guitar festival takes off in Kolkata.**

Bringing the who's who of the international classical guitar fraternity together under one roof, one of the biggest classical guitar festivals in Asia got off the ground here on Thursday.

The week-long Calcutta International Classical Guitar Festival 2011 has lined up a series of 13 concerts in which 40 artistes from all over the world would participate at the ICCR auditorium.

**Jana Gana Mana completed 100 years in 2011.**

The purely indigenous song, which has enchanted and has been saluted by billions of people for the last 100 years, was first sung on the second day of the annual conference of the Indian National Congress in Calcutta on December 27, 1911.

**NABARD loan for Transco**

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs. 140-crore assistance to the AP Transco to meet its capital expenditure needs. The Transco will utilise the loan for installation of eight substations in Anantapur, Karimnagar, Medak, Nellore and Nizamabad.

**Marathi-Hindi theatre legend Satyadev Dubey passes away**

Renowned director and actor Satyadev Dubey, a maverick theatre guru who went on to become an icon, died after having remained in a coma for the past four months.

**25 young bravehearts arrive in Capital**

Twelve-year-old Mittal Patadiya, Kapil Negi from Uttarakhand , Anjali Singh Gautam, aged 14, 2-year-old G. Parameswaran from Tamil Nadu and 14-year-old Adithya Gopal from Arunachal Pradesh are some of those brave children who will get the National Bravery Award this Republic Day.

**\$220 million Panasonic plant for Jhajjar**

The Panasonic Corporation will invest \$220 million at Jhajjar by setting up a plant there. This was disclosed by Panasonic India President Daizo Ito in a meeting with Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda here on Thursday.

**Indefinite postal strike from Jan. 17**

The National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE) and three other organisations have come together and called for an indefinite nationwide strike from January 17. An estimated 50,000 postal employees will strike work in the State.

**Sri Lankan gets prize with Chinaman**

*Chinaman* , a novel by Singapore-based Sri Lankan writer Shehan Karunatilaka, on Saturday won the 2012 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature which carries a cash award of \$50,000

**Southern Railway wins the Best Stall Award**

Southern Railway won the Best Stall of the Chamber Trade Fair 2012 among the Government Departments/public sector undertakings category

### **India, Japan and US discuss 'wide range' of regional, global issues**

India, Japan and the United States held their first trilateral dialogue in Washington on Monday over a "wide range" of regional and global issues of common interest. ANI

### **Soon, telescope to look at cosmos from surface of moon**

A telescope could soon be able to make celestial observations from the surface of moon for the first time, a new study has revealed. ANI

### **Christmas display with 331038 lights sets world record**

A family in Australia has made it to the Guinness Book of World Records after decorating their home with the largest number of Christmas lights. ANI

### **Indonesian Tsunami victim finds way home after missing for 7 years**

An Indonesian girl who was considered lost in the tsunami that engulfed Aceh in December 2004 has found her way back to her home in Lr Sangkis, West Aceh. ANI

### **Christian population declines by 10 percent in UK over past five years, finds survey**

The number of people who declare themselves as Christians in England and Wales has fallen by almost ten percent over the past five years, a new survey has shown. ANI

### **91-year-old becomes 'world's oldest yoga teacher'**

A US woman has recently been awarded the title of Oldest Yoga Teacher by Guinness World Records. ANI

### **Several quakes jolt New Zealand**

A series of earthquakes, including a magnitude 6 and three at or above magnitude 5, have hit Christchurch, toppling already damaged buildings, injuring residents and disrupting power, phone services and retailers. ANI

### **Strong UV-wavelength absorber discovered on Pluto's surface**

A strong ultraviolet-wavelength absorber has been discovered on the surface of Pluto, indicating the possible presence of complex hydrocarbon and/or nitrile molecules on the planet, a new study has revealed. ANI

### **US Air Force buys new fastest, largest hunter-killer armed drone**

The United States Air Force has purchased a new hunter-killer aircraft that is the fastest and largest armed drone in its fleet. ANI

### **Hackers plan to launch satellites to block Internet censorship**

Computer hackers are planning to put their own communication satellites into orbit in order to take the Internet beyond the reach of censors. ANI

### **US sells 84 F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia in deal worth 30 billion dollars**

The US has officially confirmed selling 84 Boeing F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia, which is its main ally in the Middle-East. ANI

### **Hindus worldwide laud Russian court rejection of Bhagavad Gita ban**

Hindus have welcomed the rejection by Tomsk court in Siberia (Russia) of proposed ban on ancient scripture Bhagavad Gita (Song of the Lord). ANI

### **Malaysian wins Miss Tourism International 2011**

Aileen Gabriella Robinson, daughter of a part Indian-part Chinese mother and an English father, became the first Malaysian to win the Miss Tourism International 2011 crown. ANI

### **Twitter crashes after being overloaded with New Year messages**

Micro blogging site Twitter crashed yesterday after being overloaded with New Year messages. ANI

### **NASA's first Grail twin enters Moon orbit**

The first of two NASA's Grail gravity twins has entered the orbit around the Moon. ANI

### **Japan working to develop Virus assassin squad**

Japan is set to build a self-replicating Virus assassin squad, which is nothing but a computer virus and when set in the network can track down and kill other viruses. ANI

### **China to launch 21 rockets, 30 satellites in 2012**

China will launch 21 rockets and 30 satellites into space in 2012, as a part of its space program. ANI

### **Wikipedia founder defends '24-hour-black out protest' over anti-piracy US legislation**

Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales has defended his decision to shut down the website for 24 hours in protest against new laws being proposed in America to stop online piracy, despite other technology firms refusing to participate in the back out. ANI

### **Air New Zealand named world's top airline**

Air New Zealand has been named global airline of the year for a second time by an industry magazine. ANI According to the [Arctic](#) Report Card, ice mass loss from [Greenland](#) in 2011 was about 430 gigatons—enough ice to raise global sea level by just over 1 millimeter.” Quoted from [NASA](#)'s Earth Observatory. Depending on the data analysis approach, 2011 was either the third most extensive or the sixth most extensive melting year since satellite records began in 1979.

### **Robots Make Popcorn and Sandwiches**

Two PR2 robots, James and Rosie, made sandwiches and popcorn at the Technical University of Munich. the robots were not pre-programmed to do each and every little step.

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope captured an image of Sharpless 2-106, a bipolar star-forming region. The image resembles a soaring, celestial snow angel. NASA says, "Twin lobes of super-hot gas, glowing blue in this image, stretch outward from the central star. This hot gas creates the 'wings' of our angel."

Phobos-Grunt, a failed Russian space probe, is expected to plummet back to Earth sometime in January. The probe was left stuck in orbit over Earth after it failed to fire its engines. Most of the satellite is expected to burn up before re-entry. Scientists do not yet know where the remaining pieces of the satellite will land. NASA's James Oberg has [warned](#) in November that Phobos-Grunt will be the "most toxic falling satellite ever."

A new island has formed in the Red Sea. The island formed following a volcanic eruption in the Red Sea earlier this month.

Scientists have rejected fears that a series of highly destructive large-scale earthquakes in the past few years, in countries bordering the Pacific Ocean, signal an increased global risk of these deadly events. Several vast earthquakes have taken place since 2004 — in Chile, Indonesia and Japan — leading some academics to express concern that they may be linked.

**In the currently hot research area known as 'epigenetics', researchers are discovering that offspring inherit much more from their parents than just their genes.**

First discovered in 1967, pulsars are astronomical objects that emit radiation pulses with astonishing regularity. Astronomers believe pulsars are rapidly rotating neutron stars that have very large magnetic fields

NASA's Kepler space telescope could be used to find exomoons, which are the moons of planets orbiting stars other than the Sun.

The recently discovered Comet Lovejoy has been captured in stunning photos and time-lapse video taken from ESO's Paranal Observatory in Chile.

### **TENNIS**

Spain won the Davis Cup beating Argentina in the final 3-1.

### **HOCKEY**

India finished second in Champion Challenge Trophy while Belgium finished first.

### **CRICKET**

Virender Sehwag beat Sachin Tendulkar's record of 200 not out by scoring 219 runs. It is highest individual ODI score by an individual. India also recorded its highest ODI team total of 418-5.

### **HOCKEY**

Australia won the Champions Trophy for the fourth Straight Champions Trophy Title (men), beating Spain 1-0 in the final.

### **FOOTBALL**

India won the SAFF Cup Football title beating Afghanistan in the final.

### **WINTER GAMES (ASIA)**

Shiva Keshwan won the first Gold Medal for India in a major international winter sports event. He won the Asia Cup a Luge title.

### **CRICKET**

South Africa beat Sri Lanka 2-0 in the three match Test series.

### **TENNIS**

Miles Roonic won the Chennai Open singles title beating Janko Tirsarevic in the finals 6-7, 7-6, 7-6.

Leander Paes and Janko Tirsarevic won the Chennai Open doubles title beating Jonathan Elrich and Andy Ram 6-4, 6-4.

### **FOOTBALL**

Lionel Messi won the World Player of the Year Award for the third time in a row.

Baichung Bhutia retired from International Football. Bayern Munich and Indian XI played for Bhutia's farewell match. They beat India 4-0.

### **SHOOTING**

Abhinav Bindra won the Gold medal in 10M Air Rifle in the Asian Shooting Championship in Doha.

Gagan Narang finished fourth.

## **ATHLETICS**

Loban Moiben(Kenya) and NETSANET Abeyo(Ethopia) won the Mumbai Marathon. Ram Singh Yadav and Lalita Babbar were the Indian category winner. Yadav qualified for the London Olympics.

## **THORSTEN HEINS replaces Lazaridis and Balsillie as RIM 'S new CEO**

The reign of the double CEO's at RIM has come to an end as Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie have just stepped down from their position as co-CEO and let Thorsten Heins take control of the helm.

## **MEGAUPLOAD hit in piracy crackdown**

File sharing site Megaupload.com has been charged with running an international organized criminal enterprise, in what the US Justice Department calls largest criminal copyright case in history.

## **Jerry yang quits Yahoo**

Jerry Yang, yahoo co-founder and former chief executive , has finally cuts ties with the company and resigned from the board after 16 years. The new CEO is the former PayPal Head Scott Thompson to the position.

## **Google Android overtakes Apple IOS in US and Canada**

Google's android mobile operating system has overtaken Apple s' ios for web browsing in the US and Canada, but IOS is still the world leader, latest figure shows.

## **IBM buys Green Hat for cloud-based agile testing**

IBM is acquiring cloud-based software testing company Green Hat to bolster its Rational product family.

## **Zappos cyber attack raises fear over e-commerce**

The breach of the database of 24 million customers of Amazon-owned online shoe retailer Zappos has once again raised fear over the security of e-commerce.

## **Wikipedia founder jimmy Wales takes site offline in PIPA and SOPA protest**

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales will take its English language site offline on Wednesday 18 January in protest at proposed US anti-piracy legislation PIPA and SOPA.