

International News

Strong show by Labour leaves Conservatives reeling

Theresa May will stay as on as the Prime Minister with support from the Democratic Unionist Party in defiance of critics both within and outside her own party, but it remains to be seen as she could continue to lead the party and the government in the long term. The Conservatives' campaign was focussed closely on Ms. May's track record, but during whose course her personal ratings fell sharply. Critics blame her leadership for Conservatives' loss of majority in Thursday's election. The close result is a sharp reversal of the comfortable lead in the polls that the Conservatives had in April, when Ms. May called the general election. Commentators had suggested that turnout, particularly among young people, would be key to the result, with the Labour benefiting from a high turnout, particularly among young people who had been inspired by Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn's campaign.

capricious

given to sudden behavior change

fortuitous

happening by accident or chance

Business News

GST review sought on hybrid cars

Ahead of the GST Council's meeting on Sunday, the auto industry has sought an "urgent review" of the GST rate on hybrid electric vehicles, seeking a duty differential of 10% from the conventional ones. The industry body, in a letter to the Finance Ministry, has also requested that 15% cess recommended by the GST Council on luxury vehicles should not be levied on hybrid electric vehicles above four metres. "SIAM has requested that [for] all vehicles falling under the 28% GST bracket, their hybrid version should be levied a 10% lower GST rate of 18%, without any cess," an industry official said. SIAM said it had suggested a duty differential "to encourage new technology."

orthodox

Conforming to all the traditional beliefs, and religious practices

alacrity

lively and cheerful readiness

National News

New Google project digitises world's top fashion archives

Restorers of rare collections at museums will share stories of their work. Anyone who has waited on a long, snaking line to get into a fashion exhibition at a top museum knows just how popular they've become and more broadly, how fashion is increasingly seen as a form of artistic and cultural expression. Google Inc. is acknowledging this reality by expanding its Google Art Project — launched in 2011 to virtually link users with art collections around the world — to include fashion.

pellucid

translucently clear

corroborate

confirm or give support to