

JANUARY

1 Presidential elections take place in Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory

2 Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and possibly Argentina, join the **BRICS** group of emerging economies, which becomes **BRICS+**

3 The world's largest cruise ship, **The Icon of the Seas**, makes its inaugural voyage

FEBRUARY

4 China marks the **Year of the Dragon**. People born in Dragon years are said to be creative, curious and determined

5 Indonesia, the world's third-largest democracy, holds presidential elections

6 Japan could become only the fifth nation to land on the moon if its **Moon Sniper** lander touches down successfully

MARCH

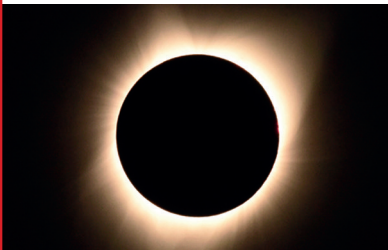
7 **Donald Trump** stands trial for trying to overturn his 2020 presidential election defeat, one day before "Super Tuesday"

8 **Vladimir Putin's** run in Russia's presidential election could ensure he stays in power until 2030

9 **Dune: Part Two**, the sequel to the 2021 movie adaptation of the sci-fi classic, is released

APRIL

10 A total solar eclipse, dubbed the **Great North American Eclipse**, will be visible from Mexico to Newfoundland



11 Venice imposes a €5 entry fee on daytrippers during peak tourist season, as the city seeks to combat overtourism

12 The **Rolling Stones** go back on the road in North America, with two of the core trio already past their 80th birthdays

MAY

13 **Narendra Modi** eyes a third term as Prime Minister in India's national elections

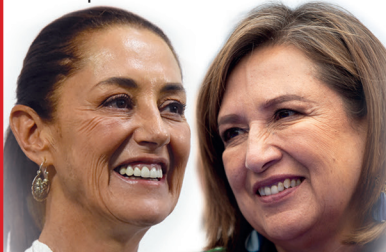
14 South Africa is expected to hold national elections

15 Sweden hosts the **Eurovision Song Contest** for the seventh time

JUNE

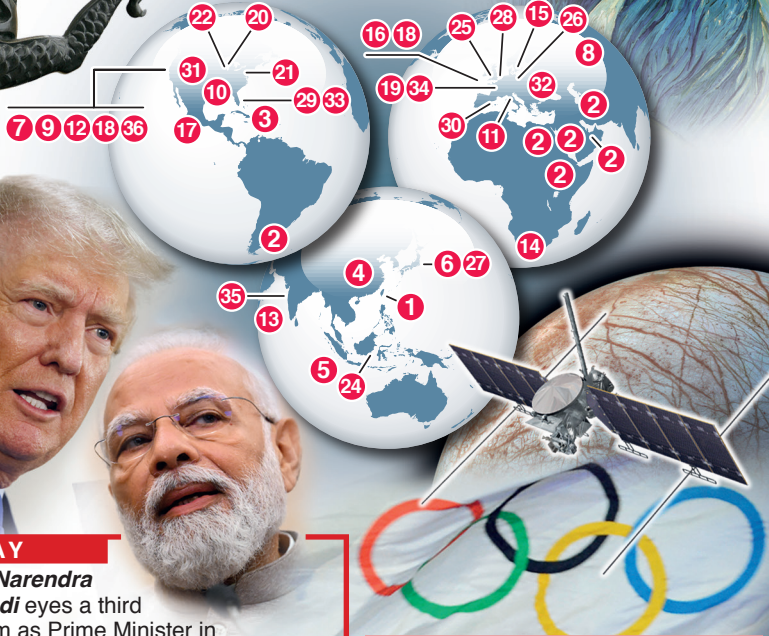
16 Citizens across 27 EU member states elect representatives to the newly expanded 720-seat European Parliament

17 Former Mexico City mayor **Claudia Sheinbaum** (left) and senator **Xóchitl Gálvez** are vying to become Mexico's first female president



18 Football takes centre stage at **Euro 2024** in Germany and the **Copa América** in the U.S.

WORLD AGENDA 2024



SEPTEMBER

25 A blockbuster **Van Gogh** exhibition opens in London as part of the **National Gallery's** bicentenary celebrations

26 Germany holds elections in the eastern states of Brandenburg, Saxony and Thuringia, with the far-right **AfD** expected to do well

27 Japan's **Martian Moons eXploration (MMX)** mission blasts off to collect samples of the Martian moon **Phobos** and return them to Earth

OCTOBER

28 NATO Secretary General **Jens Stoltenberg** steps down after a decade at the helm

29 NASA is set to launch **Europa Clipper**, a probe to study the habitability of Jupiter's icy moon **Europa**

30 The final race of the 37th **America's Cup**, the oldest competition in international sport, takes place in Barcelona

NOVEMBER

31 Americans go to the polls to elect their president and determine who controls Congress

32 The **COP29** climate conference is scheduled to be held in Eastern Europe, but Russia opposes any EU location

33 Four astronauts will loop around the moon on **Artemis II**, NASA's first crewed mission back to the moon in over 50 years

DECEMBER

34 Paris's **Notre-Dame Cathedral** reopens its doors, five years after the devastating fire that destroyed the roof and iconic spire

35 The new **Navi Mumbai International Airport**, designed in the shape of a lotus, the national flower, opens in India's biggest city

36 **Robert Eggers'** remake of **Nosferatu**, the classic vampire made famous in **F.W. Murnau's** 1922 film, is released



JULY

19 Paris hosts the **Olympic Games**, 100 years after they were last held in the city

20 U.S. Republicans select their presidential candidate at the party's national convention in Milwaukee

21 NATO leaders meet in Washington for their annual summit as the expanded alliance marks its 75th anniversary

AUGUST

22 Democrats formally nominate their presidential candidate at their National Convention in Chicago

23 The annual **Perseids** meteor shower reaches its peak, with 60 or more meteors visible per hour

24 The new city of **Nusantara** is formally inaugurated as the capital of Indonesia, replacing Jakarta

