

## 26 November 2017 Current Affairs

### 26 November: Constitution Day

Constitution Day (National Law Day), also known as Samvidhan Divas, is celebrated in India on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of Constitution of India. In 2015, government decided to observe 26th November as 'Constitution Day'. On the day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950 marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.

### Iran allows women weightlifters to compete internationally

The President of the Iran Weightlifting Federation has said that the nation will allow women weightlifters to compete internationally, after establishing the Iran Weightlifting Federation Women's Committee. The federation's chief also said that the women weightlifters can compete wearing special clothes for Muslim athletes.

### Gopi Thonakal becomes 1st Indian man to win Asian Marathon Championship

Gopi Thonakal created history by becoming first Indian man to win Asian Marathon Championship. He achieved the feat in the 16th edition of the prestigious event held at Dongguan in China. He clocked 2 hours 15 minutes and 48 seconds to clinch gold medal. Uzbekistan's Andrey Petrov won silver medal while Byambalev Tsevenravdan of Mongolia won bronze medal.

### Delhi to host International Geological Congress in 2020

Recently, a high level delegation of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) comprising its President Prof Qiuming Cheng, Secretary General Prof S C Finney, and Treasurer Prof H Kitazato visited India to discuss the preparatory aspects of the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) to be held in Delhi, India in the year 2020. India won the bid in 2012 at Brisbane, Australia to host the Congress in 2020.

### **Nirmala Sitharaman elected IDSA President**

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has been elected President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA). IDSA was set up in 1965 by the Ministry of Defence as an autonomous think tank, and it is customary to have the Defence Minister as its President.

### **Rajasthani singer Mangi Arya passes away**

Rajasthani Maand folk singer Mangi Bai Arya passed away following a heart attack in Udaipur. Mangi Bai Arya was 88 years old. She had learnt singing from her father Kamlaram Arya, an eminent classical singer of his times. She had contributed significantly in taking Maand to the national and international levels. She has won several awards, including the Kendriya Sangeet Natak Akademy Award.

### **India to help Mauritius on digital locker**

The Government of India will assist Mauritius to develop and set up digital locker services. DigiLocker is a key initiative of the Indian government under its flagship Digital India program. The free service provides citizens a share-able private space on a public cloud wherein they can store their documents. The service is aimed at paperless governance.

### **India and Finland join hands to boost mutual ties in IT renewable energy**

India and Finland joined hands to boost mutual ties in the areas of trade and investment, renewable energy and science and technology. Minister for External Affairs Sushma Swaraj and Finnish counterpart held talks in New Delhi to discuss upon strengthening mutual relations. The two ministers reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations and agreed to ramp up cooperation in trade.

### **Golden Temple awarded as the most visited place in the World**

Shri Harmandir Sahib also known as Golden Temple and the Darbar Sahib has been awarded as the most visited place of the world. The holy Sikh Shrine is situated in

Amritsar, Punjab. It is surrounded by a Sarovar which is fed by river Ravi. Book of World Records, London Awards Harmandir Sahib as the Most Visited Place of the World.