

World's Oldest Man Francisco Nunez Olivera passes away at 113

The world's oldest man Francisco Nunez Olivera has died just over a month after celebrating his 113th birthday. He was 10 years old when World War One broke out. He passed away in Spain where he had lived throughout his life. He was born on December 13, 1904.

Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan takes charge as DGMO of Indian Army

Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan took charge as the new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army. He succeeds Lt General A K Bhatt. Lt Gen Chauhan has held several important posts in the Army and is known for his expertise in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast.

Neelam Kapoor appointed as Director General of Sports Authority of India

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed senior bureaucrat Neelam Kapoor as Director General (DG) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI). ACC was headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She is 1982 batch officer of Indian Information Service (IIS). At present, she is Principal Director General of the Directorate of Field Publicity. She was Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB) in UPA Government headed by then PM Manmohan Singh. As PIB chief, she was in-charge of information officers attached to every central government ministry.

Dinesh Srivastava takes over as chief executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex

Distinguished scientist Dinesh Srivastava took over as Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC). He has succeeded G Kalyanakrishnan who retired on superannuation. Srivastava will also be Chairman of NFC board. Prior to this assignment, he was holding the position of Deputy Chief Executive at NFR.

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Sushma Swaraj to embark on two-day visit to Nepal

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will embark on a two-day visit to Nepal on 1 February 2018. She will hold discussions with various political leaders on issues of mutual interest and to enhance age-old special ties of friendship between India and Nepal during her stay at Kathmandu. She will meet Communist Party of Nepal (UML) Chairman K.P.Sharma Oli, who is likely to be the new Prime Minister of Nepal. Later she will meet senior leaders of Rashtriya Janta Party Nepal. The Minister will meet Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) Chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda and Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba the next day. She will also call on President Vidya Devi Bhandari.

A hill on Mars is named after Kalpana

NASA named seven hills on planet Mars after the seven crew members, including India-born astronaut Kalpana Chawla, of the Space Shuttle Columbia who lost their lives while returning from their mission. The crew died when the space shuttle disintegrated on re-entering Earth's atmosphere on February 1, 2003. The 16-day mission was dedicated to research in physical, life and space sciences.

Punjab Government bans sale of 20 insecticides

Punjab Government's Department of Agriculture has issued directions to discontinue the sale of 20 pesticides (insecticides) including Endosulfan harmful to health of humans and environment with immediate effect. This decision was taken based on the recommendations of Registration Committee, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) and Punjab State Farmers' Commission (PSFC).

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INS Karanj is Third Scorpene Class Submarine Launched by Indian Navy

Indian Navy has launched 'INS Karanj', the third of the six indigenous Scorpene-class submarines. The submarine, equipped with superior stealth features and precision-guided weapons built at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited. Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff, was the chief guest on the occasion. The submarine has an overall length of 67.5 meters and a height of about 12.3 meters.

Shesh Anand Madhukar honoured with Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award

Magahi writer Shesh Anand Madhukar was honoured with Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award 2018. He is second writer of Magahi language to be given this award. Madhukar has been working extensively for the development of the Magahi language. In Magahi, his well-acclaimed works are "Eklavya" and "Magahi Bhulachal Hey". His books have been included in the graduate and post-graduate syllabus of Vinobha Bhave University, Hazaribagh.

India slips to 42nd place on EIU Democracy Index, Norway tops

India has slipped to 42nd place on an annual Global Democracy Index according to the data compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). India has moved down from 32nd place last year. The index ranks 165 independent states and two territories on the basis of five categories: electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation and political culture. The list has been divided into four broad categories- full democracy, flawed democracy, hybrid regime and authoritarian regime. North Korea is ranked the lowest at 167th, while Syria is a notch better at 166th place.

The top 5 Countries in the list are-

Norway,

Iceland,

Sweden,

New Zealand and

Denmark.

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QUIZ

(1) Who has been appointed the new director general of the Sports Authority of India (SAI)?

- (A) Neelam Kapoor
- (B) Parag Kishore
- (C) Nandani Jain
- (D) Rajiv Saxena

Answer: A

(2) What is the India's rank in the 2017 EIU Global Democracy Index?

- (A) 33rd
- (B) 64th
- (C) 42nd
- (D) 21st

Answer: C

(3) NASA named seven hills on planet Mars after the seven crew members, including India-born astronaut _____.

- (A) Rakesh Sharma
- (B) Kalpana Chawla
- (C) Dr. Shawna Pandya
- (D) None of the above

Answer: B

(4) What is the name of the third indigenous Scorpene-class submarine launched by Indian Navy recently?

- (A) INS Kalvari
- (B) INS Khanderi
- (C) INS Vela
- (D) INS Karanj

Answer: D

(5) Which country Sushma Swaraj to embark on two-day visit?

- (A) Nepal
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) China
- (D) South Africa

Answer: A

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