

## **15 March 2018 Current Affairs**

### **India ranks 133rd in 2018 global happiness index**

India ranked 133rd in the World Happiness report 2018. The report ranks 156 countries by their happiness levels, and 117 countries by the happiness of their immigrants. Burundi ranked last in the index.

### **Indian film 'Halkaa' bags award at Montreal fest**

Indian filmmaker Nila Madhab Panda's 'Halkaa' has bagged the Grand Prix de Montreal at the gala. The film is a take on a slum child's heroism, aspirations, and dreams. 'Halkaa' was selected among seven international children's films from different countries in the official competition of the festival.

### **15 March: World Consumer Rights Day**

World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated globally on 15th March. It is an awareness day and theme for this year's WCRD 2018 is 'Making Digital Marketplaces Fairer'. On this day in 1962, President John F Kennedy formally addressed the issue of consumer rights in US Congress and became first leader to do so.

### **Nepal's Chief Justice removed**

Chief Justice of Nepal Gopal Prasad Parajuli was removed by the Judicial Council amid a raging dispute over his multiple birth certificates. The Council removed him stated that as per the available certificates, he should have retired from the post on August 5, 2017.

## **Jackie Shroff's 'Shunyata' wins international award**

Actor Jackie Shroff's short film "Shunyata" has won an award at Best of India Short Film Festival in Los Angeles, US. The 22-minute fiction film directed by Chintan Sarda was selected to be in top six from amongst thousands of entries and was played at a theatre in Los Angeles.

## **Ravichandran Ashwin gains two places in ICC Test rankings**

Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin climbed up two steps to be placed 4th in the latest Test Player rankings released by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The other Indian bowler Ravindra Jadeja remains static at third place. South Africa's Kagiso Rabada regained his top spot among bowlers crossing the coveted 900-point mark in ratings.