

## **20 March 2018 Current Affairs**

### **1st National workshop on POSHAN Abhiyan held in New Delhi**

The first National workshop on POSHAN Abhiyan involving all the states and union territories was held at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is organising the day-long workshop with participation from all the states/ UTs.

### **Katrina Kaif appointed ambassador of 'Educate Girls'**

Indian actress Katrina Kaif has been named as the new ambassador of the international award-winning non-profit organisation, Educate Girls. Safeena Husain, Founder of Educate Girls said that it is a moment of immense honor for Educate Girls to have Katrina Kaif as an Ambassador.

### **20 March: International Day of Happiness**

The United Nations has celebrated the International Day of Happiness on 20th March. This is celebrated as a way to recognize the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world. The theme for IDH 2018 is "Share Happiness" - focusing on the importance of relationships, kindness and helping each other.

### **Yi Gang named Head of People's Bank of China**

US-educated economist Yi Gang has been named the next governor of China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC). Mr Yi has been deputy governor of the bank since 2008.

## **Jnanpith awardee Kedarnath Singh passes away**

Eminent Hindi poet and Jnanpith awardee Kedarnath Singh passed away in New Delhi following a prolonged illness. Kedarnath Singh was among India's most prominent modern Hindi poets, besides being an essayist and a well-known critic. He was 84.

## **Atul M. Gotsurve appointed next ambassador of India to Republic of Korea**

Atul M. Gotsurve has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He is currently Director of the Ministry of External Affairs. He is the IFS officer of 2004 batch.

## **Varuna 2018: Indian Navy hosts bilateral naval exercise with French Navy**

The Indo-French joint naval exercise Varuna-18 was held in Arabian Sea off Goa coast. It was aimed to explore measures to facilitate operational-level interactions between their armed forces and increase mutual cooperation, considering the common global threats.

## **Informal WTO Ministerial meeting held in New Delhi**

Representatives from 50 countries gathered in New Delhi for a two-day informal World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial meeting. It will provide an opportunity to engage in free and frank discussions with the hope that it will lead to political guidance on some major issues.

## **Axis Bank opens Representative Office in Sharjah**

Axis Bank had opened a representative office in Sharjah. The representative office is the third such Axis Bank office in the UAE after Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The UAE has the largest NRI community in the world, with a diverse population base of approximately 3.3 million NRIs.