

21 March 2018 Current Affairs

Nanda Bahadur Pun elected Nepal's Vice President

Nanda Bahadur Pun has been re-elected as the Vice-President of Nepal for the second term unopposed. Pun has filed candidacy for the post of the Vice President and his candidacy remained unopposed as no candidate came forward to contest with him for the post.

USA bans use of Venezuelan Cryptocurrency-Petro

The Donald Trump administration banned all use by Americans of Venezuelan cryptocurrency (Petro) that its introduction is intended to skirt U.S. sanctions. The prohibition applies to all people and companies subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

Indian Army releases book on Paramveer Chakra Awardees

General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff released a book on Paramveer Chakra Awardees - 'Paramveer Parwane'. The book is written by Dr Prabhakaran Jain and is published by Medha Books. The book illustrates the bravery of Paramveer Chakra Awardees from 1947 to 1965.

Vijay Sankar is honorary Consul General

Vijay Sankar, deputy chairman of The Sanmar Group, has been appointed the Honorary Consul General for Denmark in Chennai. His consular district consists of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry.

Myanmar President, Htin Kyaw resigns

Myanmar's President and Aung San Suu Kyi's right-hand man Htin Kyaw stepped down after two years in the position. He has resigned due to ill health. Htin Kyaw, 71, was sworn in as Myanmar's official president in 2016 after Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won landmark elections.

1st G20 Ministerial meeting held in Argentina

The first G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors began in Buenos Aires, Argentina with the presence of 57 delegations from countries and institutions.

Gulf Shield 1 military exercise of 23 countries held in Saudi Arabia

The Gulf Shield-1 military exercise of 23 countries including Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states was held in Eastern Region of Saudi Arabia. The one month exercise was largest military drill in region as it saw participation of participation of ground, naval and air forces of participating countries.

President Ram Nath Kovind confers Padma Awards

The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind presented the Padma awards to 43 eminent personalities at a Civil Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Following is the full list of awardees:

Padma Vibhushan

S. No	Name	Field	State
1.	Shri Illaiyaraja	Art-Music	Tamil Nadu
2.	Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan	Art-Music	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Parameswaran Parameswaran	Literature and Education	Kerala

Padma Bhushan

S. No	Name	Field	State
1.	Shri Philipose Mar Chrysostom	Others- Spiritualism	Kerala
2.	Dr. Ramachandran Nagaswamy	Others- Archaeology	Tamil Nadu
3.	Prof. Ved Prakash Nanda (OCI)	Literature and Education	USA

4. Pandit Arvind Parikh Art-Music Maharashtra

Padma Shri

S. No	Name	Field	State
1.	Shri Anwar Jalalpuri (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Ms. Nouf Almarwaai (Foreigner)	Others- Yoga	Saudi Arabia
3.	Dr. Rani Bang	Medicine	Maharashtra
4.	Dr. Abhay Bang	Medicine	Maharashtra
5.	Shri Mohan Swaroop Bhatia	Art-Folk Music	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Shri Narayan Das Maharaj	Others-Spiritualism	Rajasthan
7.	Shri Somdev Devvarman	Sports-Tennis	Tripura
8.	Dr. Yeshi Dhoden	Medicine	Himachal Pradesh
9.	Shri Arup Kumar Dutta	Literature and Education	Assam
10.	Shri Arvind Kumar Gupta	Literature and Education	Maharashtra
11.	Shri Digamber Hansda	Literature and Education	Jharkhand
12.	Shri Piyong Temjen Jamir	Literature and Education	Nagaland
13.	Ms. Malti Joshi	Literature and Education	Madhya Pradesh

14.	Shri Pran Kishore Kaul	Art	Jammu&Kashmir
15.	Ms. Lakshmikutty	Medicine-Traditional	Kerala
16.	Dr. Joyshree Goswami Mahanta	Literature and Education	Assam
17.	Shri Pravakara Maharana	Art-Sculpture	Odisha
18.	Shri Krishna Bihari Mishra	Literature and Education	West Bengal
19.	Ms. Subhasini Mistry	Social Work	West Bengal
20.	Ms. V Nanammal	Others-Yoga	Tamil Nadu
21.	Ms. Sulagitti Narasamma	Social Work	Karnataka
22.	Shri Gobaradhan Panika	Art-Weaving	Odisha
23.	Shri Murlikant Petkar	Sports-Swimming	Maharashtra
24.	Shri Sampat Tukaram Ramteke (Posthumous)	Social Work	Maharashtra
25.	Shri S S Rathore	Civil Service	Gujarat
26.	Shri Amitava Roy	Science and Engineering	West Bengal
27.	Shri R Sathyanarayana	Art-Music	Karnataka
28.	Shri Bhajju Shyam	Art-Painting	Madhya Pradesh
29.	Shri Maharao Raghuv Singh	Literature and Education	Rajasthan
30.	Shri Kidambi Srikanth	Sports-Badminton	Andhra Pradesh
31.	Ms. Lentina Ao Thakkar	Social Work	Nagaland

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| 32. | Shri Rudrapatnam
Narayanaswamy
Tharanathan (Duo) | Art-Music | Karnataka |
| 33. | Shri Rudrapatnam
Narayanaswamy
Tharanathan (Duo) | Art-Music | Karnataka |
| 34. | Shri Rajagopalan Vasudevan | Science and
Engineering | Tamil Nadu |
| 35. | Shri Manas Bihari Verma | Science and
Engineering | Bihar |
| 36. | Shri Baba Yogendra | Art | Madhya Pradesh |