

22 March 2018 Current Affairs

Canadian mathematician wins Abel Prize

Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands won the prestigious Abel Prize for developing a programme connecting representation theory to number theory. The prize was established by the Norwegian government in 2002 to honour outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics.

Kerala declares Jackfruit as Official Fruit of State

Jackfruit has attained a respected status with the state government declaring it as the official fruit of Kerala. Kerala has been producing around 30 to 60 crore jackfruits every year.

Vienna named the world's most liveable city

The Austrian capital Vienna has been named the world's best city to live in for the ninth consecutive year. Mercer's 20th annual Quality of Living survey compared 231 major metropolises, examining factors such as crime, healthcare, education, public services, recreation, housing and personal freedom. Baghdad remained the worst city to live according to the same survey.

22 March: World Water Day

The World Water Day is observed on 22 March every year, to raise awareness about the importance of water. The theme this year is, 'Nature for Water' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges the world faces in the 21st century. The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day.

Singapore Airport rated World's best, Mumbai ranked 63rd

The Singapore Changi Airport has been named the world's best airport for the sixth consecutive year by consultancy firm Skytrax. The Incheon International Airport in South Korea and Haneda Airport in Japan were placed second and third respectively. The Mumbai airport has been ranked 63rd, the airports in Bangalore and Delhi are at 64th and 66th place respectively.

Swiggy Partners with ICICI Bank

Online Food ordering and delivery platform Swiggy has partnered with the country's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank to roll out two digital solutions to facilitate the transfer of funds for its delivery partners.

Bihar Governor Satya Pal Mallik gets additional charge of Odisha

Bihar Governor Satya Pal Malik will discharge the functions of Odisha Governor in addition to his own duties till regular arrangements are made. Odisha Governor SC Jamir completed his tenure.