

23 March 2018 Current Affairs

Venezuela to eliminate three zeros off currency

Nicolas Maduro, the Venezuelan President, has decided to remove three zeros off the Venezuelan currency Bolivar in the midst of a hyperinflation and crippling economic crisis. This is considered as an economic measure to guarantee commercial activities and it will come into effect from June 4, 2018. The President has therefore decided to take out of circulation the current bills and put into circulation new bills.

New Delhi ranked 22nd globally as top destination: TripAdvisor

New Delhi has been ranked 22nd in the world and eighth in Asia in the top destination for 2018, Travellers' Choice awards for Destinations by TripAdvisor. Paris in France topped the list of Travellers' Choice awards for Destinations followed by London (UK), Rome (Italy), Bali (Indonesia), Crete (Greece).

Pulitzer Prize winner Les Payne dies

Les Payne, a Pulitzer Prize-winning American journalist and columnist for Newsday who fiercely championed racial equality has passed away. He was 76. He won Pulitzer Prize for "Heroin Trail" series in 1974.

Union Govt decides to declare 2018 as National year of Millets

The union government decided to declare 2018 as 'National Year of Millets' to boost the cultivation of millets like ragi and jowar on a mission mode to achieve nutritional security. This was stated by Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh while addressing MPs in a consultative committee meeting in New Delhi.

Warship INS Ganga decommissioned

INS Ganga, an indigenously built frigate of the Indian Navy, was decommissioned in Mumbai, after over three decades of service. The warship, which was commissioned on December 30, 1985, represented a big step forward in the nation's warship building capability.

Shooter Valarivan wins gold at Junior World Cup

Emerging Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan clinched the gold medal along with a couple of world records in the women's 10 metre Air Rifle event at the ISSF Junior World Cup held in Sydney, Australia.

India's first sign language dictionary of 3000 words launched

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched India's first Sign Language Dictionary of 3000. The dictionary has been developed by Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLR&TC) under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD). This dictionary is available in both print and video formats.