

28 February 2018 Current Affairs

28th February: National Science Day

The National Science Day is observed every year on 28th February with an objective to spread message of importance of science and its application among the people. The theme for National Science Day 2018 is "Science and Technology for a sustainable future". The day is observed to mark the discovery of Raman effect by Physicist CV Raman on 28th February, 1928. For his discovery, CV Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

Karnataka won Vijay Hazare Trophy

Karnataka defeated Saurashtra by 41 runs in the Vijay Hazare Trophy final on Tuesday to win the tournament for the third time. Batting first, Karnataka put up a total of 253/10 driven by Mayank Agarwal's 90(79), before Saurashtra were bowled out for 212 in 46.3 overs. Agarwal hit 723 runs in eight matches in the tournament, including seven 80+ scores.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics mascots unveiled

The organising committee of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games announced on 28 February, 2018 that two futuristic figures, inspired by anime, have been chosen as mascots following voting by thousands of Japanese children. The voting to choose the mascot was conducted across thousands of schools in Japan. The mascots are aimed at boosting children's participation in the Games.

I&B Minister Smriti Irani Releases 'India-2018' Book

Information and Broadcasting Minister Smriti Irani released 'India 2018' (English Version) and 'Bharat 2018' (Hindi Version). The books are published by the Publications Division. The book available in both print and online versions. It is an exhaustive publication dealing with all aspects of the country's development. With its latest edition, the book has entered into its 62nd year of publication.

India, Seychelles conduct military exercise Lamitye 2018

The eighth edition Lamitye 2018, bilateral military exercise between Indian Army and Seychelles People's Defence Force was held at Mahe Island in Seychelles archipelago. The Seychelles archipelago falls on one of most significant and busiest sea transport routes of the world in Indian Ocean. The Lamitye exercise is conducted biennially between Indian and Seychelles with aim of enhancing military cooperation and interoperability between the two countries. "Lamitye" means friendship in Creole (local dialect of Seychelles). The aim Lamitye 2018 was fighting insurgency, terrorism and piracy threats.

Kanchi Shankaracharya Jayendra Saraswati passes away

Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal, the Kanchi Shankaracharya, passed away on 28, February 2018 in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu. He was 82. He was 69th pontiff of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. He will be succeeded by the junior pontiff Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi, the 70th Shankaracharya of Kamakoti Peetam traditionally referred to as Kamakshi.

India Clinched 11 medals at Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament

India have come up with best ever performance at the 69th Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Bulgaria. At Sofia, the country ended with a whopping 11 medals - five from men and six from women boxers. Overall, the contingent clinched two gold, three silver and six bronze medals. Vikas Krishan, who claimed a gold medal in 75 kg category, was also adjudged the best boxer of the event, a first for an Indian. Another Gold medal was clinched by Amit Panghal.

Davis Cup to convert into 'WC of Tennis'

The Davis Cup, in existence since 1900, may be converted into a 'World Cup of Tennis' from next year. The new format will feature 18 teams playing a week-long event at one venue, instead of the existing 16 teams playing across four different months. A 25-year, \$3 billion partnership with investment group Kosmos is in place for the new event.

28th February: World Rare Disease Day

The World Rare Disease Day was observed across the globe on 28 February, 2018 with the aim to raise awareness about rare diseases and their impacts. The day was commemorated with events in over 80 countries and regions across the world. The day was coordinated by the European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS), which promotes research on rare diseases and commercial development of orphan drugs. It is observed on the last day of February each year.

Balong 5G01 chipset: Huawei unveils world's first 5G chip

Chinese electronic device and smartphone maker Huawei has unveiled Balong 5G01, world's first 5G chip at Mobile World Congress 2018 held in Barcelona, Spain. The company also showed its 5G-ready CPE equipment.

Roger Federer becomes Most Decorated Laureus Award Winner

Tennis legend Roger Federer became the most decorated winner in the history of Laureus World Sports Awards after he won twin honours at the 18th edition of the awards ceremony in Monaco. It was his sixth award. The awards include the Sportsman and Comeback titles. American tennis great Serena Williams won the Sportswoman of the Year Award following her Australian Open success, her 23rd Grand Slam title. Serena is now the most decorated female Laureus Award winner with five Laureus statuettes.