

## **29 March 2018 Current Affairs**

### **President confers Gallantry and Distinguished Service awards**

The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind conferred Gallantry and Distinguished Service awards to armed forces personnel at the Defence Investiture Ceremony, held at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. The Gallantry awards are given for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty. This year, three Kirti Chakras and 17 Shaurya Chakras were conferred, among which one Kirti Chakra and five Shaurya Chakras were given posthumously.

### **UAE is 1st Arab Country to have Nuclear Power**

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) celebrated the completion of the first-ever Nuclear Power Plant not only in the country but the whole Arab Gulf Region. The \$20 billion Barakah Plant west of Abu Dhabi has been constructed by a consortium led by Korea Electric Power Corp in nine years.

### **Lindia Brown, who fought to end US school segregation, dies aged 75**

Linda Brown, who as a Kansas girl was at the center of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down racial segregation in schools, has died aged 75. Brown is one of that special band of heroic young people who, along with her family, courageously fought to end the ultimate symbol of white supremacy - racial segregation in public schools.

### **Shekhar Kapur appointed as chairman of central panel of 65th NFA**

Veteran director Shekhar Kapur has been appointed as chairman of the central panel of the 65th National Film Awards. Mr Kapur is known for his work in Hindi cinema and International cinema.

## **Muskan Bhanwala wins gold in shooting**

Indian shooter Muskan got gold medal in women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney. Muskan's medal was India's fourth individual gold in the prestigious tournament. Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Ayush Rudraraju and Gurnilal Singh Garcha got team silver in men's junior skeet.

## **Ethiopia's ruling coalition elects Abiye Ahmed as new PM**

Ethiopia's ruling coalition has elected Abiye Ahmed as new Prime Minister, following the resignation of Hailemariam Desalegn last month. Abiye is the chairperson of the Oromo Peoples' Democratic Organisation, one of the four ethnic-based parties in the EPRDF coalition.