

01 April 2018 Current Affairs

Government appoints Vineet Joshi as first DG of National Testing Agency

Government has appointed former chairman of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Vineet Joshi, as the first Director-General (DG) of the National Testing Agency (NTA). He is 1992-batch IAS officer of the Manipur cadre.

India becomes World's second largest mobile phone producer

India has replaced Vietnam to become second largest producer of mobile phones in 2017. Currently, China stands at number one in mobile production around the world. The top three mobile producing countries are China, India and Vietnam.

Mithali Raj adjudged 'Sportsperson of the year'

Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj was adjudged 'Sportsperson of the Year' while ace shuttlers Kidambi Srikanth and P V Sindhu bagged the best senior male and female athletes at the Telangana Sports Journalists Association annual awards for 2017 in Hyderabad.

Kotak becomes first bank to roll out AI-run voicebot

Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched the country's first artificial intelligence-powered voicebot in the banking sector. Keya uses automatic speech recognition, natural language understanding and text-to-speech technology.

JKCA appoints Irfan Pathan as coach-cum-mentor

The Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) appointed former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan as the coach-cum-mentor of its senior state side for the 2018-19 season.

Kerala lifts their sixth Santosh Trophy

Kerala have lifted their sixth Santosh Trophy Football title. In a thrilling final at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, they beat defending champions and 32-time winners Bengal via penalty shootout.

Sloane Stephens beat Latvian Jelena Ostapenko to win Miami title

US tennis player Sloane Stephens beat Latvian Jelena Ostapenko 7-6 (7-5) 6-1 to win her first Miami Open title. She is currently holding World No 12 position.

Allahabad Bank cuts lending rates

Allahabad Bank has reduced the base rate and benchmark prime lending rate (BPLR) by 45 basis points each. The Bank has slashed base rate to 9.15% from 9.60%. BPLR has been brought down to 13.40% from 13.85%.