

**04 April 2018 Current Affairs**

**NIRF India Rankings 2018 released: IISc Bengaluru adjudged best institution in India**

Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar released the NIRF India Rankings 2018 in various categories on the basis of performance of higher educational institutions.

Top 10 India Rankings 2018 in Overall Category:

1. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
2. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
3. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
4. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
6. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
7. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
8. Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
9. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
10. Anna University, Chennai

## **Commonwealth Games 2018 starts at Gold Coast in Australia**

The 21st edition of the Commonwealth Games will begin in Gold Coast, Australia, with a colourful opening ceremony. This will be a momentous day for the city as the biggest event in its history begins. Carrara Stadium has been chosen as the venue to host the opening ceremony. These Games will mark the 5th time that Australia has hosted the games. India will be represented at the opening ceremony by a contingent of over 200 athletes who will be led by flag-bearer P V Sindhu.

## **Mumbai becomes first Indian city with 8 women police station in-charge**

Mumbai, also known as the financial capital of India, has added another feather to its cap, becoming the first city of the country to have as many as eight women police station in-charges.

## **Arun jaitley re-appointed as leader of RS**

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was once again appointed as the Leader of the Rajya Sabha (RS) following his re-election to the House. In June 2014, Mr Jaitley was appointed the leader of the House in Rajya Sabha. The Leader of the House is a Rajya Sabha member who is either a cabinet minister or another nominated minister.

## **4 April: International Mine Awareness Day**

The General Assembly declared that 4 April of each year shall be observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. Theme for International Mine Awareness Day 2018 is Advancing protection, Peace and Development.

## **Nirmala Sitharaman in Russia to attend Moscow Conference**

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is in Russia to attend the 7th Moscow Conference on International Security. This is her first visit to Russia in her capacity as the Defence Minister.

## **Axis Bank removed from bullion importers list**

The Reserve Bank of India dropped Axis Bank from a list of banks it has cleared to import gold and silver in the current financial year that began April 1. Bank of Baroda, HDFC Bank and Bank of Nova Scotia were among the 16 banks allowed to import bullion. Two other small banks Karur Vyasa and South Indian Bank were also dropped from the RBI list.