

12 August 2018 Current Affairs

Bachelet named new UN human rights chief

The UN General Assembly has approved Chile's former President Michelle Bachelet as the next UN human rights chief by consensus. Bachelet has been a victim of human rights abuses herself and is also a fierce advocate for women's rights.

Meeting of senior officials of BIMSTEC

A special meeting of Senior Officials of the Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was held in Kathmandu.

NGT forms committee

The National Green Tribunal has formed a committee to look into whether sub regional plans for protection of Natural Conservation Zones (NCZs) were consistent with the regional plan prepared by the National Capital Region Planning Board.

Karnataka government appointed 4 AAGs

The Karnataka government has appointed 4 Additional Advocates Generals (AAGs) to represent the government in the Principal Bench of the High Court of Karnataka.

Axis Bank first to introduce iris authentication

Axis Bank became first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.

Israel opens Visa application centre in Kolkata

Israel opened a visa application centre in the city of Kolkata for tourists from West Bengal and north eastern states. Visa applications in the jurisdiction under the New Delhi centre would also be accepted here.

12 Aug: International Youth Day

August 12 is celebrated as International Youth Day by United Nations. It is celebrated to draw awareness about legal and cultural issues surrounding the youth of today. Theme for 2018 'Safe Spaces for Youth'.

Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul Dies

Nobel Prize-winning British author V S Naipaul has died at the age of 85. Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul who was born in Trinidad wrote more than 30 books and won the Nobel Literature Prize in 2001.