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Mario Abdo Benitez sworn in as new President of Paraguay

Mario Abdo Benitez took as Paraguay's new president, four months after playing down close family ties with the South American country's late dictator to win a tight election race.

24th World Congress of Philosophy

The 24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) was held in Beijing, China. It was organized by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies, and Peking University. Its theme was "Learning To Be Human". This was first time that the quinquennial (once in five year) event was held in China.

D Bala Venkatesh Varma appointed Ambassador to Russia

Senior diplomat D Bala Venkatesh Varma was appointed as India's next ambassador to Russia. Varma, a 1988 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as Indian envoy in Spain.

India Ratings decreases growth forecast to 7.2% from 7.4% for FY19

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised down its FY19 economic growth forecast to 7.2% from 7.4% earlier.

Godrej's Smita Crishna tops list of India's wealthiest women

Smitha Crishna, third-generation heir of the Godrej Empire, has topped the India's wealthiest women list for 2018, prepared by Kotak Wealth-Hurun Report. Crishna, who has a 20% stake in the Godrej Group, has an estimated net worth of Rs 375.7 bn.

Nihal Sarin becomes 53rd Chess Grandmaster from India

14 years Nihal Sarin became India's 53rd Chess Grandmaster after winning at the Abu Dhabi Masters. He is only third grandmaster from Kerala after GN gopal & SL Narayanan.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee passes away

Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has passed away aged 93 in Delhi. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was three times Prime Minister of India. he is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

2018 Albany Medical Center Prize

Three US scientists James Allison, Carl June and Steven Rosenberg were declared winners 2018 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research.