

22 September 2018 Current Affairs

A Gitesh Sarma appointed Secretary (West) in MEA

A Gitesh Sarma was appointed as Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). A Gitesh Sarma's appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet. He is an Indian Foreign Service Officer (IFS) of 1986 batch. He replaces Ruchi Ghanashyam. Currently, A Gitesh Sarma is additional secretary in the foreign ministry.

Fitch raises India's FY19 GDP growth forecast to 7.8%

Fitch Ratings upped India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.8% from 7.4% earlier, but flagged rising oil bill and higher interest rates as key concerns. Fitch, in its Global Economic Outlook, said it expects inflation to rise to the upper end of the central bank's target band on relatively high demand-pull pressures and rupee depreciation.

Anindo Majumdar appointed as new Secretary of CVC

Financial Commissioner of Delhi Anindo Majumdar has been appointed as Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), according to an official order. Mr Majumdar, who was the chief secretary of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands before coming to Delhi, was in July, appointed financial commissioner, which is a statutory post.

Anushka Sharma receives Smita Patil Memorial award

Actor Anushka Sharma received the Smita Patil Memorial Award at Priyadarshni Academy 34th Anniversary Global Awards, in Mumbai. She was presented the award by Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari and Union Minister of Railways and Coal Piyush Goyal.

Anshu Malik won bronze at the junior World wrestling championship

Anshu Malik won bronze at the junior World wrestling championship in Trnava, Slovakia. She beat Russia's Alina Kazymova by 11-5. Anshu lost her semifinal to Sae Nanjo of Japan. In the 57kg category, Mansi is to fight for a bronze in the cham.

India successfully test fires short-range Prahaar missile

India has successfully test-fired the indigenously developed surface-to-surface short-range tactical ballistic missile 'Prahaar' from the Odisha coast. The test launch was successful, as the missile travelled a range of 200 km before zeroing in on the target, achieving all mission objectives.

Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang has passed away

Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang died aged 61 at a military hospital in the capital Hanoi following a period of illness. Quang was appointed the president, a largely ceremonial role, in April 2016, and served alongside Vietnam's de facto leader Communist Party Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong and Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc. Before that, he served as minister of public security.

India to host the women's boxing world C'ships

The Women's Boxing World Championships, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, will be held from November 2018, in New Delhi. The teams will have to be in the national capital by November 13, with the competition starting two days later. The marquee tournament was last held in India in 2006 and remains the best for the country in terms of performance. India had topped the medal tally with four gold, three silver and one bronze medal.