

## PROCESS OF FILLING VACANCIES OF HC JUDGES ON WAR FOOTING: SUPREME COURT



With the clearance, the process of filling the vacancies in High Courts is proceeding on a war footing. The chief justice gave the information about clearance of the MoP while heading a three-judge Bench which was disposing of a number of PILs seeking to fill with vacancies for reducing the huge pendency of cases.

## PRESIDENT PRANAB MUKHERJEE PRESENTS KCK INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRINT JOURNALISM



President Pranab Mukherjee on 20 March 2017 presented the KCK International Award for excellence in Print Journalism. The awards were organized by Rajasthan Patrika in New Delhi. The award for the year 2014 was conferred upon Wanjohi Kabukuru's team for the story How East Africa Lost Its Innocence that was published in New African magazine, London.

## SURYA KIRAN XI JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE CONCLUDES IN PITHORGARH



Indo-Nepal joint military exercise Surya Kiran XI concluded on 20 March 2017 at Pithorgarh in Uttarakhand. The exercise culminated with a 48 hour outdoor exercise in which troops of both the countries carried out a cordon and search operation in a mock village. It was the 11th edition of the Surya Kiran exercise. The 14-day long exercise began on 7 March 2017.

## MAGGIE MACDONNELL, A CANADIAN TEACHER WINS GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE



Maggie MacDonnell, a Canadian teacher was named the winner of the annual Global Teacher Prize at a ceremony conducted on 19 March 2017 at the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai. Maggie who teaches at the Ikusik School in Salluit, an Inuit village deep in the Canadian Arctic, was awarded for her achievements within the local community that survives amidst harsh conditions and her effort in helping to reduce teenage suicide rates.

## WORLD POETRY DAY 2017 CELEBRATED GLOBALLY ON 21 MARCH 2017



The World Poetry Day was celebrated on 21 March 2017 across the globe. The objective behind the day is to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression as well as to offer endangered languages the opportunity to be heard within their societies. The day also provides an occasion to honour poets, revive oral traditions of poetry recitals, promote the reading, writing and teaching of poetry.

## **RESOLVE RAM TEMPLE DISPUTE OUTSIDE THE COURT: SC**



The Supreme Court (SC) on 21 March 2017 advised the concerned parties in Ram Temple dispute case to resolve the matter outside the court. This came following the appeal of BJP leader Subramanian Swamy who sought an urgent hearing on the Ayodhya dispute on the claims that it is a sensitive matter. The Ram Temple dispute case is pending since last six years.

## **RAM VILAS PASWAN: STRICT PUNISHMENT FOR MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENTS**



The announcement was made by the Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public distribution minister Ram Vilas Paswan during the question hour of the Lok Sabha. The union government on 21 March 2017 announced that it would be taking an action against misleading advertisements endorsed by the celebrities.

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY (WDSD) OBSERVED ON 21 MARCH



The World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) was observed on 21 March 2017. On this day of observation of the World Down Syndrome Day people with down syndrome and their nearby organise and participate in activities to raise public awareness of Down syndrome.

## GHANSHYAM SINGH APPOINTED AS MEMBER-TRACTION RAILWAY BOARD



Ghanshyam Singh on 21 March 2017 was appointed as new Member (Traction) Railway Board and ex officio Secretary to the Government of India. Singh is an officer of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineering (IRSEE) of 1979 batch. He is also a Gold Medalist in B.E. in Electrical Engineering from Allahabad University.

## RAJYA SABHA PASSES HIV, AIDS BILL, 2014 BY VOICE VOTE



The upper house of Indian Parliament, Rajya Sabha passes the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014 by voice vote on 21 March 2017.

## **ANKUR KHANNA APPOINTED AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF ICC**



Ankur Khanna was on 20 March 2017 appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Khanna will join the ICC by the end of March 2017. He will relocate to the ICC headquarters in Dubai. Presently, he is serving Air Asia India as the CFO, the post he has held for the last twelve months.

## **RAVINDRA JADEJA GRABS TOP SPOT IN ICC TEST BOWLER RANKINGS**



India's ace bowler Ravindra Jadeja in third week of March 2017 grabbed the top spot in the list of the Test bowlers. The top spot came after the left-handed spinner bagged a total of nine wickets in the recently concluded match between India and Australia in Ranchi, Jharkhand.



## ICICI BANK LAUNCHES NEW APP MERA IMOBILE FOR RURAL CUSTOMERS



ICICI Bank has launched the Mera iMobile app, which is designed as a one stop shop for a range of digital services for rural customers. The application allows electronic transfer of funds through multiple payment mechanisms, provides weather updates, up to date prices of vegetables in mandis, and is available in eleven local languages.

## RS 2 LAKH IS THE CASH TRANSACTION LIMIT, AADHAAR MANDATORY FOR I-T RETURNS



The Rs 3-lakh cash transaction limit proposed for cash payments in the Budget for 2017-18 would be brought down to Rs 2 lakh as part of an unprecedented 40 amendments to the Finance Bill. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley moved the amendments in the lower House on Tuesday. This is aimed at tightening the noose on those dealing in cash.

## GOVERNMENT SWAPS CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF IDBI BANK, INDIAN BANK



In an unprecedented move, the Centre has swapped the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of state-owned Indian Bank and IDBI Bank. Mahesh Kumar Jain, who was Managing Director & CEO at Indian Bank, has been appointed as Managing Director & CEO of IDBI Bank, which is now in some financial trouble and faced with several legacy issues.

## 1.04 CRORE PEOPLE HIT BY ARSENIC CONTAMINATION IN BENGAL: REPORT



According to recent report tabled in the Lok Sabha, West Bengal has the highest number of arsenic-affected people in the country. State's 83 blocks in eight districts have ground water affected by arsenic contamination. Despite the State government's efforts to curb the Arsenic menace, there is still a lot to be done.

## WORLD WATER DAY OBSERVED ON 22ND MARCH 2017 ACROSS THE GLOBE



World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. An international day to celebrate freshwater was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

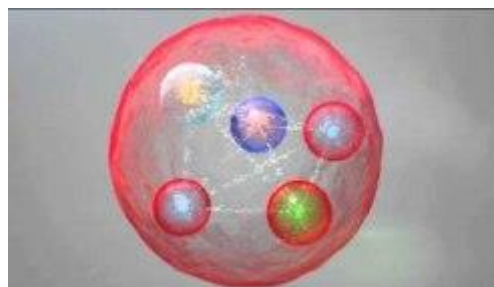
## FIVE INDIANS IN WEF'S 2017 YOUNG GLOBAL LEADERS LIST



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Five Indians, including Paytm Founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma and Shruti Shibulal of The Tamara Hospitality, have made it to the World Economic Forum's 100 Young Global Leaders list. The other individuals who represented India in the Five Indians list include Ambarish Mitra Founder and CEO Blippar.

## SCIENTISTS DISCOVER FIVE NEW SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLES USING LHC AT CERN





Scientists using Large Hadron Collider accelerator (LHC) at CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research) have discovered a new system of five particles all in a single analysis. This discovery is unique as observing five new states all at once is very rare. According to the standard convention, these particle states were named  $O_c(3000)0$ ,  $O_c(3050)0$ ,  $O_c(3066)0$ ,  $O_c(3090)0$  b  $O_c(3119)0$ .

## **ABB INDIA BAGS AWARD FOR RESTORING 1,035 MW SHARAVATHI PLANT IN KARNATAKA**



ABB India has restored and modernised the critical 1,035 MW Sharavathi hydropower plant in Karnataka that accounts for 25 per cent of Karnataka Power Corporation's generation. The Sharavathi project with seamless integration of complete plant data, is an example of ABB's future-ready technologies enabling the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) and aligns with the government's push for 24×7 reliable power for all with focus on smart power infrastructure and digitalisation.