

July 18 - Nelson Mandela International Day

- A rare rock art pertaining to the **prehistoric period** has been found on a boulder in the Noorukuppalakonda reserve forest of Madanapalle, **Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh**.
- Minister for IT, BT, Science and Technology K.J. George inaugurated the **ESDN/VLSI Incubation Centre at KLE Technological University**.
- Minister for IT/BT and ST, Large and Medium Scale Industries, including Sugar, K.J. George inaugurated **K-Tech Innovation Hub (K-TI Hubs) at Hanuman Nagar, Karnataka**.
- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh ideologue **Rakesh Sinha**, classical dancer **Sonal Mansingh** and sculptor **Raghunath Mohapatra** were among the seven **new members of Rajya Sabha who took oath of office**.
- **The Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry** is set to move the cabinet to make all child marriages invalid.
- **The Archaeological Survey of India** will **upgrade the infrastructural and tourist-friendly facilities** at seven sites in **Tamil Nadu** and work is already on at the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram.
- **British Prime Minister Theresa May** narrowly survived another crunch Brexit vote in Parliament.
- The **first 2+2 dialogue** between **Defence and Foreign Ministers of India and the U.S.** will take place in **September first week** in **New Delhi**.
- The **EU** had slapped a **record € 4.34-billion (\$5.04 billion) antitrust fine on Google** for illegally using its Android operating system to strengthen the dominance of its search engine.

ICC Batsmen ODI rankings

- 1) **Virat Kohli - India** 2) **Joe Root - England** 3) **Babar Azam - Pakistan**
- **Additional Director General of Police (CID) Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao - Vijayawada City Police Commissioner.**
 - **MoU amongst BRICS Nations on the Regional Aviation Partnership Cooperation** viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

- **MoU between India and Cuba** on cooperation in the field of **Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy**.
- The Union Cabinet approved the **Women and transgender convicts above 55 & male convicts over 60** who have completed half of their prison sentences **will be released** under an amnesty scheme to mark the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, beginning October 2.
- **The Union Cabinet approved** the policy framework to streamline production sharing contracts signed in the **pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and NELP periods**.
- A mobile app, **‘Public Library: Finding community libraries**, was launched as a part of the **first regional public library conference** at the **M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)**.
- With a best throw of **85.17m**, **India’s javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** claimed **gold at the Sotteville Athletics** meet in France.
- **Viresh Kundu** won **bronze** in the 97kg category at the **junior Asian wrestling championships**.