

**IMPORTANT DAYS****February 04 - World Cancer Day**

- World Cancer Day is being observed on February 02. The Day aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year through education, raising awareness and by pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the deadly disease.
- This year, Union for International Cancer Control, which organizes World Cancer Day, is launching a new 3-year campaign with the **theme: “I Am and I Will.”**

**February 04 to10 - National Road Safety Week**

- Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is all set to launch the National Road Safety Week with a host of initiatives planned for generating awareness and sensitizing people about safe road usage.

**NATIONAL****New Delhi****President inaugurates annual Udyanotsav of Mughal Gardens**

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the annual Udyanotsav of the Mughal Gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

**INTERNATIONAL****Sri Lanka celebrating its 71st Independence day**

- Sri Lanka celebrated its 71st Independence day with usual fanfare and enthusiasm. Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih was the guest of honour at the main function held in Colombo.

**1st pontiff to visit Arabian peninsula**

- Pope Francis landed in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on a historic visit, becoming the first pontiff to visit the Arabian peninsula.

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**Russia to abandon nuclear arms treaty**

- Russia to abandon nuclear arms treaty in retaliation to US withdrawal from treaty.

**SCIENCE****Strong 6.1-magnitude earthquake**

- In Indonesia, a strong 6.1-magnitude earthquake struck off the Indonesian island of Mentawai, meanwhile no tsunami warning was issued.

**Earthquake strikes Afghanistan, Pakistan, parts of North India**

- A 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck Afghanistan, Pakistan and parts of North India. The Indian Meteorological Department said the epicentre of the quake was Hindu Kush region in Afghanistan.

**BUSINESS & ECONOMY****FPIs pull out Rs 5,300 crore from capital markets in January**

- Foreign Portfolio Investors, FPIs, withdrew over 5,300 rupees crore from the Indian capital markets in January, indicating their 'wait and watch' approach ahead of the general elections.

**India's tourism sector registers 19% growth in 2018**

- Union Minister KJ Alphons has said that the country's tourism sector fetched 234 billion US Dollar revenue last year, registering a growth of over 19%.

- At the inaugural speech of the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit in Guwahati, he said the country is ranked third in the tourism sector, according to the 2018 report of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC).

## **RANKINGS & INDEXES**

### **ICC women's Batting ODI rankings**

- 1) Smriti Mandhana
- 5) Mithali Raj

## **SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**

### **State Level Awareness Programme on Agri Export Policy**

- Commerce Minister, Suresh Prabhu addressed the first state level awareness programme on agriculture export policy said that in order to achieve the purpose of the policy clusters have been identified across the country for development of agriculture exports.

### **India-Monaco Business Forum**

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, said that there is vast scope for cooperation between India and Monaco in several sectors including tourism. Addressing the Indo-Monaco Business Forum in New Delhi.

### **12th Regional Standards Conclave**

- The BIS Act 2016 lays down the framework for Standards development and delivery in India. 12th Regional Standards Conclave held in Odisha organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- Nayib Bukele - **El Salvador's President**
- Nilambar Acharya - **Nepal's ambassador to India**

**SCHEMES****Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme**

- In order to facilitate import of capital goods for producing quality goods and services and enhance India's manufacturing competitiveness, the Central Government has been implementing a Scheme called the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy

**APP & WEBPORTAL****'NTA Students App'**

- National Testing Agency (NTA) has launched a 'mobile app' through which students can practice or take mock tests on their own computers or smart phones.

**SPORTS****Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament**

- Prajnesh Gunneswaran to lead India's challenge in Chennai open.

**India Vs New Zealand ODI Series**

- India beat New Zealand by 35 runs in the fifth and the final ODI to win five-match series 4-1.

**Kolkata Marathon**

- Anjali Saraogi retained her title in the IDBI Federal Life Insurance Kolkata Marathon with a career-best timing. Tlading Wahlang won the men's full marathon.

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