

# Current Events

## PLOG RUN

2 October, 2019

Plogging is picking up plastic and waste while jogging. The campaign signifies two effects namely 'Swasth' and 'Swachta' which is staying fit while keeping the city clean. The Fit India Plog run is a part of the Fit India Movement launched by Prime Minister Modi in August.



## THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

2 October, 2019

The International Day of Older Persons is observed to highlight contributions made by the older population to the society. It aims at raising awareness of opportunities and challenges of ageing in the world. According to the United Nations, between 2017 and 2030, the number of persons in the age group above 60 years will grow from 962 million to 1.4 billion. This is expected to be greater than youth and children under the age 10.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

3 October, 2019

The United Nations marks October 2 every year as the International Day of Non-Violence. It is being marked since 2007. The objective is to promote non-violence through education and public awareness. The day has strong connection with the works, methods and beliefs of Mahatma Gandhi.



## SACHIN TENDULKAR GETS THE MOST EFFECTIVE SWACHHATA AMBASSADOR AWARD

3 October, 2019

At the Safaigiri 2019 organised by the India Today group, the Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar was awarded "The most effective Swachhata Ambassador". The former Indian Cricketer was chosen as he utilised his fame and popularity to ensure India achieved its goal of Swachh Bharat.



## WORLD TEACHERS DAY

5 October, 2019

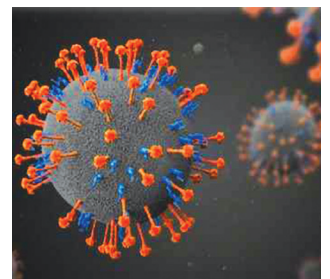
The World Teachers Day is commemorated by UNESCO since 1994. It is on this day the recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers was adopted in 1966. In 1997, Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted.



## RESEARCHERS SEE INDIVIDUAL VIRUS FORMATION FOR THE FIRST TIME

6 October, 2019

The researchers of USA captured images of formation of viruses from particles. The research provided a detailed view of mechanism with which the particles self-assembled to form a parasite. The study was performed on single stranded RNA virus.



## WORLD COTTON DAY; TEXTILE MINISTER ATTENDS THE PROGRAM

7 October, 2019

The World Cotton Day (WCD) is being organised by the WTO in collaboration with UN, FAO

(Food and Agriculture Organisation), UNCTD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), International Trade Center and International Cotton Advisory Committee.



The World Cotton Day is being observed for the first time. The resilience of farmers will be recognised and celebrated on the day.

### WORLD SPACE WEEK: 4-10 OCTOBER: IMPORTANT FACTS

**8 October, 2019**

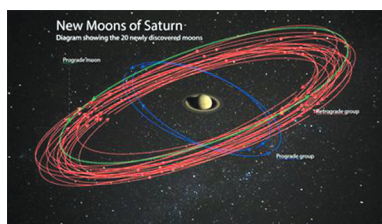
World Space Week is the largest space event on the Earth. More than 80 countries are participating commemorating the week this year. The theme this year is *The Moon: Gateway to the Stars*. The World Space Week was launched on October 4, 1957. The date was selected to mark the launch of first human-made earth satellite, *Sputnik 1*.



### 20 NEW MOONS OF SATURN DISCOVERED

**9 October, 2019**

On 8th October 2019, 20 new moons of Saturn were discovered. With this Saturn has a total of 82 moons today. It is the highest of any planet in solar system. Till date Jupiter had the highest number of moons. It has 79 moons.



### WORLD POST DAY

**9 October, 2019**

The World Post Day was declared by the UPU (Universal Postal Union) Congress in Tokyo, Japan. The proposal for the commemoration of the day was submitted by a member of Indian Delegation Mohan Narula.



### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD

**11 October, 2019**

Every year, October 11 is commemorated as International Day of Girl Child by the United Nations. The day is important as it raises awareness of issues faced by girls internationally. The major problems faced by girls includes forced child marriage, legal rights, medical rights, education and nutrition.

### PANGIO BHUJIA: NEW EEL-LOACH SPECIES DISCOVERED IN KERALA

**11 October, 2019**

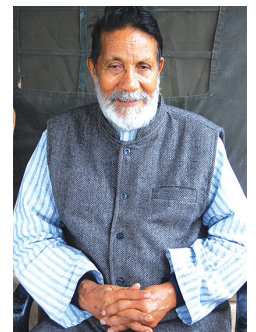
Researchers from Kerala have discovered new species of eel-loach named 'Pangio bhuja' in Kozhikode district of state. It is unique species of miniature well-dwelling subterranean fish. It is the first species of eel-loach in the world that has been discovered to be living in subterranean environments.



### INDIRA GANDHI AWARD FOR NATIONAL INTEGRATION AWARDED TO CHANDI PRASAD BHATT

**12 October, 2019**

Environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt was awarded Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the years 2017 and 2018 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country.



### THE ORDER OF THE GREEN CRESCENT: AWARDED TO VICE PRESIDENT M VENKAIAH NAIDU

**12 October, 2019**

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu was given 'The Order of the Green Crescent', the highest Civilian Honour of Comoros, in Moroni (Comoros capital). He was conferred the honour by Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros. He is the first to receive the honour from India.





## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

13 October, 2019

The International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) was begun in 1989 by the United Nations General Assembly. The purpose of the day is to promote global culture towards risk awareness and disaster reduction. It celebrates how people and communities around the world reduce their exposure to disasters.



## NEW BCCI PRESIDENT

14 October, 2019

Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly is all set to become the new president of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) with elections unlikely to be held at BCCI's Annual General Meeting on October 23.



## BOOKER PRIZE

15 October, 2019

The 2019 Booker Prize was jointly won by Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo after judges defied the rules by declaring a tie. Even though the organisers told 2019's judges that they were not allowed to pick two winners, but Peter Florence, the chair of the five-member judging panel, decided to flout the rules anyways. The rules were changed after the last tie in 1992.



## MOST EMINENT SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD

15 October, 2019



The Vice President Shri Venkaiyah Naidu presented the "Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award" to scholar, legal luminary and former Attorney General of India Shri K Parasaran.

## NEW PRESIDENT OF TUNISIA

15 October, 2019

Kais Saied is elected as the new President of Tunisia after a landslide victory in a recently concluded Presidential runoff.



## WORLD FOOD DAY

16 October, 2019

The World Food Day (WFD) is held annually on 16th October by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), UN (United Nations). It is celebrated to commemorate the creation of FAO. The day is marked by more than 150 countries all over the world. FAO organises various events worldwide to create awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger. The aim is to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all.



## LIONEL MESSI WINS 6TH GOLDEN SHOE AWARD

17 October, 2019

Barcelona FC captain Lionel Messi won the Golden Shoe for the 2018/19 season, for being the top scorer in the European leagues with 36 goals (in 34 games). This is his sixth Golden Shoe.



## 65TH INDIAN GRAND MASTER (CHESS) AT THE AGE OF 13 YEARS

19 October, 2019

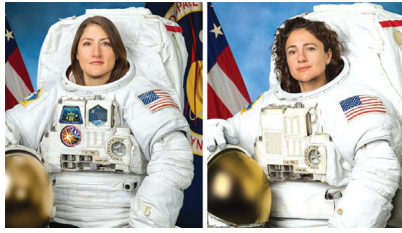
Raunak Sadhwani will be the 65th Indian Grand Master (Chess) at the age of 13 years! On October 18, 2019, Sadhwani with a rating of 2479 has already gained 23 points to cross the stipulated mark of 2500 in live ratings. He just needs to turn up for the next two rounds to gain his final norms.



## FIRST EVER ALL WOMEN SPACEWALK

19 October, 2019

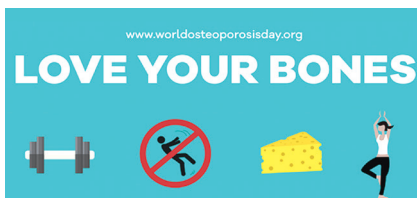
NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Christina Koch made history when they ventured outside International Space Station (ISS) for first ever *all women* spacewalk. It was the first time in more than half a century of space exploration that two women astronauts walked in space together.



## WORLD OSTEOPOROSIS DAY

21 October, 2019

The World Osteoporosis Day is observed by the International Osteoporosis Foundation annually. The purpose is to create awareness for the prevention, treatment and diagnosis of osteoporosis. It was launched in 1996.



## HIGHEST BRIDGE IN INDIA

22 October, 2019

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the highest bridge in India. The bridge was named after the "Lion of Ladakh" Col Chewang Rinchen. It stands at 14,650 feet across the Shyok river. It is located at 45 km from India's border from China. It connects Leh's Darbuk with Daulat Beg Oldi. The bridge is said to reduce the travel time by half-an-hour. The bridge is an all-weather permanent bridge. Some bridges in the Ladakh, Siachen regions become inaccessible in winter.



## WORLD DAY FOR AUDIOVISUAL HERITAGE

28 October, 2019



World Day for Audiovisual Heritage was observed on 27 October. The day enables us to pass down common heritage across generations. The audiovisual documents contain the primary records of the history of the moving pictures and radio sounds capturing of 20th and 21st centuries. The theme for the year 2019 is to *Engage the Past Through Sound and Images*.

## WORLD STROKE DAY

29 October, 2019



World Stroke Day was observed on the 29th of October every year. The day provokes us to fight against stroke front and center on the global health agenda. It raises awareness of the prevention and treatment of the condition. It also ensures better care and support for survivors.

## FIRST FEMALE PM OF BELGIUM

29 October, 2019

Former Belgian Budget Minister Sophie Wilmes has taken office as the first female Prime Minister in the country's 189-year history. She was named as the head of the country's next caretaker government.

## INTERNATIONAL INTERNET DAY

30 October, 2019

International Internet Day was observed on 29 October across the world. The day marks the event of the sending of the first message, the first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in California, the USA in 1969.

