

National Mathematics Day

The Indian government declared 22 December to be National Mathematics Day. This was announced by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 26 February 2012 at Madras University, during the inaugural ceremony of the celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan.

S Jaishankar co-chairs 19th Joint Commission meeting with Iran Foreign Minister

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar co-chaired the 19th Joint Commission meeting with Foreign Minister of Iran in Tehran. Mr Jaishankar stated that the meeting was very productive and reviewed the entire gamut of the cooperation. He further stated that both the nation agreed on accelerating the Chabahar project and, India and Iran will work together closely on their shared interests. Mr Jaishankar reached Iran on a two-day visit. During his visit, Dr Jaishankar is also expected to call on Iran President Hassan Rouhani.

About Iran

Capital: Tehran

Currency: Iranian rial

President: Hassan Rouhani

Supreme leader: Ali Khamenei

Eight West African nations rename common currency to Eco

Eight West African countries have agreed to change the name of their common currency to Eco and severed their earlier currency CFA Franc's links to former colonial ruler France.

The CFA Franc was initially pegged to the French franc and has been linked to the euro for about two decades. Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo currently use the currency. All the countries are former French colonies with the exception of Guinea-Bissau.

during a visit by French President Emmanuel Macron to Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer and France's former main colony in West Africa. Macron hailed it as a "historic reform", adding the Eco will see the light of day in 2020. The deal took six months in the making.

Union ministers, CMs to join over 100 CEOs at World Economic Forum's 50th Annual Meeting In davos



Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Mansukh Mandaviya, as well as three chief ministers — Amarinder Singh, Kamal Nath and B S Yeddyurappa —, will join over 100 Indian CEOs in the Swiss ski resort town of Davos next month for the World Economic Forum's 50th annual meeting, which will be attended by thousands of rich and powerful from across the globe.

About world economic forum

The World Economic Forum, based in Cologny-Geneva, Switzerland, is an NGO, founded in 1971. The WEF's mission is cited as "committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global, regional, and industry agendas".

Headquarters: Cologny, Switzerland

Founder: Klaus Schwab

Founded: January 1971

Motto: Committed to improving the state of the world

Cuba names Manuel Marrero Cruz as first prime minister since 1976

Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel has appointed the country's first prime minister in more than 40 years – the tourism minister, Manuel Marrero Cruz.

The post of prime minister was scrapped in 1976 by the then revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

In 2000 he was made president of the military-run Gaviota tourism group, whose hotels are subject to US sanctions under the Trump administration.

Mr Marrero was named tourism minister in 2004 by Fidel Castro and has since overseen a major boost in tourism to the island.

Bengaluru Has Maximum Number Of Young Billionaires In India

Bengaluru, India's start-up capital, now also holds the distinction of being home to the most number of billionaires aged under 40. Hurun India Rich List 2019 has released a list of top 17 self-made entrepreneurs out of which a majority of 10 are from Bengaluru alone.

While Mumbai registered the most number of billionaires across ages, Bengaluru, led by Zerodha's Nithin Kamath and Flipkart co-founder Sachin Bansal, became the millennial billionaire's hub.

The richest in the young billionaires list from Bengaluru is Nithin Kamath, founder and CEO of discount brokerage startup Zerodha. He is just 39-year-old and his net worth has been estimated to be ₹6,600 crore.



CBERS-4A: New China-Brazil earth resource satellite launched into space

The China-Brazil Earth Resource Satellite-4A (CBERS-4A), a new satellite jointly developed by China and Brazil as part of a bilateral programme, was recently sent into space, thus further pushes forward the aerospace cooperation between two countries. It was launched on a Long March-4B carrier from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province of China. The same rocket also put into orbits another 8 satellites, including a wide-range multispectral remote-sensing microsatellite donated to Ethiopia (which is also Ethiopia's first satellite).

Sierra Leone pro football league gets first female coach

One of Sierra Leone's top football clubs has picked a woman to coach its main squad, in a first for the West African country's professional league.

The East End Tigers named police officer Victoria Conteh, who formerly coached the country's female football team, as its head coach.

Also known by the nickname "D'Cox," Conteh, she started playing football in her childhood, as a defender, and went on to captain the police football team.

Maisnam Meiraba Luwang wins Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series

India's shuttler Maisnam Meiraba Luwang has won the Men's singles Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019 in Top-seeded Meiraba, who hails from Manipur, beat Ken Yong Ong 21, 14, 21-18 in the final lasting 38 minutes Meiraba had defeated another Malaysian, M Fazriq Mohamad Razif, in the semifinals. He was one of the five Indians in the main draw. Meiraba had also clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open International Challenge last month.

In women's singles, Indian shuttler Treesa Jolly lost to Thailand's third seed Krittaporn Jiantanet 21-12, 16-21, 21-16 in finals.

ICC T20I rankings: Radha retains 2nd position in bowlers' list as Deepti, Poonam slip



Indian spinner Radha Yadav remained at the second spot but compatriots Deepti Sharma and Poonam Yadav slipped a place each to the fifth and sixth positions in the latest ICC Women's T20I players rankings. Among the batters, Jemimah Rodrigues continued to occupy the fourth spot, while Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur too remained static at the seventh and ninth positions.

India continued to hold on to the fourth position in the ICC Women's T20 Team Ranking. Among others, spinner Sophie Ecclestone and opener Amy Jones have attained career-high rankings.

Australia's Megan Schutt continued to lead the bowlers ranking. The left-arm spinner is on 727 rating points.

Wicketkeeper-batter Jones has been rewarded with a jump of 30 places to a career-best 17th position.

New Zealand's Suzie Bates continued to head the T20 batting list.

Eminent translator and Sahitya Akademi award winner Dr G Nanjundan passed away.

Dr Nanjundan earned recognition for translating more than a dozen books from Kannada to Tamil. They included Jnanpith award winner UR Ananthamurthy's 'Bhava' and 'Avasthe'.

He received the Akademi Translation prize in 2012 for his work "Akkaa", a Tamil translation of short stories of various Kannada women writers.