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### **World Water Day- 22 March**

**विश्व जल दिवस- 22 मार्च**

- ❖ The World Water Day is observed on 22 March every year, to raise awareness about the importance of water. The theme this year is, 'Nature for Water' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges the world faces in the 21st century. An international day to celebrate freshwater was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro. The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day.

### **Reservation for disabled hiked to 5% in PG medical courses**

**पीजी मेडिकल कोर्स में विकलांगों के लिए आरक्षण 5% तक बढ़ाया गया**

- ❖ The Health Ministry has hiked the seats reserved for disabled students in postgraduate medical courses from 3% to 5%. The "historic decision" will ensure that disabled candidates offer an equal contribution towards India's progress, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said. The 21 disabilities listed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 include dwarfism, autism, and Thalassemia.

### **Cabinet approves Ayushman Bharat – National Health Protection Mission**

**कैबिनेट ने आयुषमान भारत - राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य संरक्षण मिशन को मंजूरी दी**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the launch of a new Centrally Sponsored Ayushman Bharat -National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) having central sector component under Ayushman Bharat Mission anchored in the MoHFW. The scheme has the benefit cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year. The target beneficiaries of the proposed scheme will be more than 10 crore families belonging to poor and vulnerable population based on SECC database. AB-NHPM will subsume the on-going centrally sponsored schemes –Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS).

### **106th edition of Indian Science Congress to be held next year in Bhopal**

**भोपाल में अगले साल होने वाले भारतीय विज्ञान कांग्रेस के 106 वां संस्करण**

- ❖ The 106th edition of the Indian Science Congress will be held next year from 3rd to 7th January at the Barkatullah University in Bhopal. General President-elect of the Science Congress Association, Prof. Manoj Kumar Chakrabarti announced that the theme of the meet will be 'Future India: Science & Technology'.

### **Vienna named the world's most liveable city for the ninth year**

**वियना ने नौवें वर्ष के लिए दुनिया का सबसे जीवंत शहर नामित किया**

- ❖ The Austrian capital Vienna has been named the world's best city to live in for the ninth consecutive year. Mercer's 20th annual Quality of Living survey compared 231 major metropolises, examining factors such as crime, healthcare, education, public services, recreation, housing and personal freedom. Also, Baghdad remained the worst city to live according to the same survey.

## **Cabinet approves closure of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians**

**भारतीय विदेशों में भारत विकास फाउंडेशन को बंद करने की कैबिनेट ने मंजूरी दी**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for closure of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) to enhance synergies in channelizing Diaspora's contributions to Government of India's flagship programmes such as National Mission for clean Ganga and Swachh Bharat Mission. IDF-OI was set up by Government of India with the approval of Cabinet in 2008 as an autonomous not-for-profit Trust, to facilitate Overseas Indian philanthropy into social and development projects in India. As the Foundation received only Rs. 36.80 Lakhs between December 2008 and March 2015 as donation from overseas Indian community, a comprehensive review of IDF-OI was undertaken in 2015.

## **Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands wins Abel Prize**

**कनाडा के गणितज्ञ रॉबर्ट लैंगलैंड्स ने हबिल पुरस्कार जीता**

- ❖ Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands has won the prestigious Abel Prize for developing a programme connecting representation theory to number theory, Norway's Academy of Sciences and Letters said. Langlands will be awarded the 6.0-million-kroner Abel Prize by Norway's King Harald in Oslo on May 22. Named after the 19th century Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel, the prize was established by the Norwegian government in 2002.

## **India Post releases special cover on Stephen Hawking**

**भारत पोस्ट स्टीफन हॉकिंग पर विशेष कवर रिलीज**

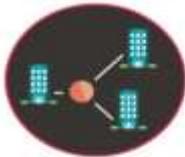
- ❖ India Post has paid tribute to theoretical physicist and cosmologist Stephen Hawking by issuing a special cover on him. Chief Post Master General (CPMG) of Maharashtra and Goa Circle H C Agrawal and Director of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Dr Sandip Trivedi jointly issued the special cover. Hawking died at the age of 76 on March 14 in his home in Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

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