



24th April 2018 Current Affairs

1. National Panchayati Raj day is celebrated on 24th April.
2. Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 29th Road Safety Week at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. He also released a book named "Have a Safe Journey".
3. Commerce and industry minister Suresh Prabhu chaired the first meeting of the think tank set up to frame a national policy on e-commerce.
4. The Diu Smart City has become the first city in India that runs on 100 percent renewable energy during the daytime.
5. India has signed a USD 210 million loan agreement with the World Bank to improve rural connectivity in Madhya Pradesh.
6. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed in principle to give an aid of Rs.1,700 crore to Uttarakhand for infrastructure development and creation of sewerage treatment facilities in urban areas.
7. The Madras High Court became the first court in south India and eighth in the country to introduce e-court fee payment facility.
8. Iran has banned the use of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies by its banks and financial institutions.
9. The European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) are set to co-chair a two-day international conference in Brussels, aiming to pump financial aid for Syrians and garner political support for UN-led intra-Syrian talks.
10. India topped as the highest recipient of remittances globally in 2017, with its diaspora sending back \$69 billion, a World Bank statement said.
11. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj have attended the meetings of the defense and foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Beijing.
12. Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani, human rights lawyer Indira Jaising and architect Balkrishna Doshi are among Fortune magazine's '50 greatest leaders' of 2018, featured the three Indians at the 24th, 20th and 43rd places respectively.
13. Egyptian photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid has won the 2018 Press Freedom Prize awarded by the United Nations cultural agency UNESCO.
14. Conservative former senator Mario Abdo Benítez has been elected president of Paraguay.

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