

1.Today (12th August) is International Youth Day.

1st International Youth Day was observed on 12th August 2000 by United Nations.

Theme: _ "Safe Spaces for Youth "

2. Delhi Police inducted an All-female Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team, making it the 1st unit of its kind in the country.

3. NASA* successfully launched its Parker Solar Probe , aimed to enter the Sun's corona (outer atmosphere) , where no spacecraft has gone before.

4. International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected India's GDP growth 7.3 % in the 2018-19 fiscal and

7.5 % in 2019-2020 on strengthening of investment and robust private consumption.

5.Nobel Prize-winning author V S Naipaul (85), who was born to parents of Indian descent, has passed away.

He was known for novels like (' A House for Mr Biswas ' and ' A Bend in the River ' .

6. Justice Gita Mittal was sworn in as the 1st woman Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court .

7. Google launches Video Q and A App Cameos Aimed At Celebrities

8. National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) facility in Hyderabad, Telanagana.It is India's first genetic resource bank where genetic material will be stored for posterity which will further the cause of conservation of endangered and protected animals.

9. Digital North East Vision 2022 was released in Guwahati, Assam by Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad.1st electronics manufacturing cluster in northeastern region was also inaugurated in Guwahati, Assam.

10. Union Civil Aviation Ministry has given in-principle approval to set up water aerodromes in the country. To start with it has identified five states: Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Assam for development of water aerodromes.

In the 1st phase of the project, Chilka Lake (Odisha), Sabarmati River Front and Sardar Sarovar Dam (Gujarat) have been identified for the development of such facilities.

11. Union Government has provided green funds worth over Rs 66,000 crore to increase the country's forest cover. Government aims to increase the area under forest cover in the nation to at least 33 per cent.

12. World Bank has mandated the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) to issue the world's first blockchain-based bond. The Kangaroo bond, referring to foreign bonds issued in Australia in the local currency, has been named bond-i, an acronym standing for Blockchain Offered New Debt Instrument. (It's also a reference to Bondi Beach, an iconic spot in Sydney.)

13. BBC History Magazine conducted a reader's poll of 100 women who changed the world. In this poll, Marie Curie has been voted the woman who made the most significant impact on world history.

Top 3: _

1. Marie Curie,

2. Rosa Parks,

3. Emmeline Pankhurst.

14. 17-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal clinched his 4th Canadian Masters 1000 title at the Rogers Cup in Toronto. He defeated Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas.