

# INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## World's first quantum computing machine made in China

- The world's first quantum computing machine is **24,000 times faster** than its international counterparts.
- Researchers believe that quantum computers in some ways may dwarf the processing powers of current day supercomputers.

# PEOPLE IN NEWS

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## Mallikarjun Kharge appointed as new chairman of PAC

- **Mallikarjun Kharge** is appointed as the **Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Parliament**.
- The PAC's main function is to examine the audit report of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) after it is laid in the Parliament.

## Braj Bihari Kumar to succeed economist S K Thorat as ICSSR

- **Braj Bihari Kumar** has been appointed as the **chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**. He succeeded economist **S K Thorat**.
- He has been serving as the editor of the two quarterly journals, published by a society called Astha Bharati.
- He is a founding member of a society called Astha Bharati.

## Dronacharya awardee Wrestler Capt Chand Roop passes away

- Capt Chand Roop was received Dronacharya award in **2010**
- He received the award for his contribution to **Wrestling**

## German painter AR Penck dies at 77

- His works features primitive depictions of people and animals and recognized as an important example of the new figurative style in Europe.
- It cited the Michael Werner Gallery, which first exhibited his work in the late 1960s

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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## Indian Army successfully test-fires advanced Block-III version of Brahmos cruise missile

- Indian Army successfully test-fired **Block III version** (an advanced version) of the **Brahmos land-attack cruise missile** in the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.

- Earlier, in April 2017, the Indian Navy had successfully conducted its first test-firing of **the sea-to-land attack version** of its advanced supersonic cruise missile Brahmos.
- Brahmos missile is developed by a joint-venture between **India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Russia's Mashinostroyeniya**.

## ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

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### Madhya Pradesh Assembly declares Narmada living entity

- It provides all legal rights of a person or a living entity to ensure **"conservation of aquatic biodiversity linked with the purity and continual flow of the river"**.
- Madhya Pradesh government would bring a bill in the state assembly in order to give a living entity status to river Narmada.

### Andhra Pradesh's Banganapalle mango gets GI tag

- Andhra Pradesh's **Banganapalle mango** got Geographical Indication registration from the Geographical Indications Registry.
- A GI tag certifies the origin of a product or produce from a particular region as the quality or other feature of the product is marked only to the place of its origin.

### Archaeologists discover 4000-year-old model garden outside Egypt tomb

- A group of archaeologists discovered the remains of a nearly **4000 year old model garden** outside a tomb in the ancient Egyptian capital of Thebes known as **Luxor**.
- It is divided into equal square plots, each about 30 centimeters across.
- The garden was discovered during excavations in an open courtyard outside a Middle Kingdom tomb.
- A small mud-brick temple attached to the tomb containing three stone slabs was also discovered.
- Two elevated spots were found in the middle of the garden, which were probably used for planting trees.

### 70 million year old Dinosaur egg fossils discovered in China

- The shells, discovered near **Foshan** in the southeast part China, were found at a depth of about eight metres, preserved in red sandstone.
- China Scientists have founded five eggs: three were destroyed, but they are still visible.
- The eggs were round in shape, belonging to phytophagous dinosaurs

## SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### ICC T20 rankings: India drop to No. 4 in ICC T20 rankings

- India has dropped two places to slip to **fourth position**.
- With 118 points India is behind **Pakistan (121 points)**, **England (121 points)**, and **New Zealand (125 points)**.
- Australia and the next nine highest-ranked sides on the T20I Team Rankings will qualify automatically for the **2020 ICC World Twenty20 Tournament**, which will be **hosted by Australia**.
- The bottom eight teams on the rankings will get a second chance to qualify for the 7<sup>th</sup> of the tournament when they will join the regional qualifiers in the **ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier 2019**.

### Soumyajit Ghosh wins singles & doubles gold at Chile Open

- Indian table tennis player **Soumyajit Ghosh** has bagged both the singles and doubles gold at the **Seamaster 2017 ITTF Challenge Chile Open in Santiago, Chile**.
- Soumyajit became the third Indian to win a men's singles title at an ITTF Challenge Series or ITTF World Tour tournament.