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TAMIL NADU

Insect Museum

- ❖ Tamilnadu Chief Minister opened an insect museum in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)
- ❖ It is established at the Department of Agricultural Entomology of TNAU.
- ❖ The museum houses 20,000 insects from 50 species



- ❖ The museum has displays of both beneficial and harmful insects.
- ❖ The facility is claimed to be the first insect museum in India.
- ❖ The museum, which has been built on an area of 6,691sqft, has an exhibit area that has seven radial walls with displays under themes such as insect diversity, insect biology, beneficial insects, insects and plants and cultural entomology.
- ❖ Curated specimen of 27 orders of insects are on display.
- ❖ The museum also has TV screens, which display insect-related information, insect shaped dioramas and a souvenir shop.

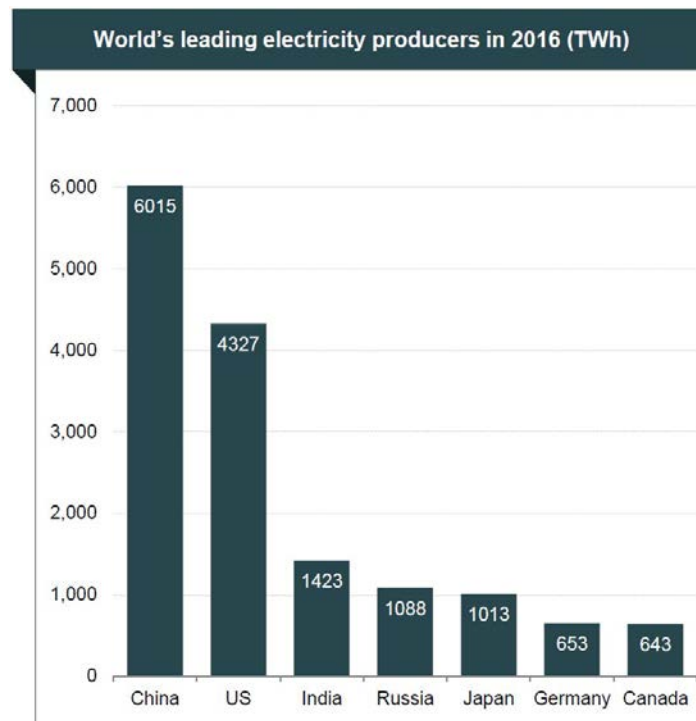
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Print Biennale India 2018

- ❖ The first-ever International Exhibition of Graphic Prints 'Print Biennale India 2018' was held in Lalit Kala Akademi with a record number of 17 countries taking part in it.
- ❖ A total number of 988 entries at the national level were received of which 127 have been chosen for display
- ❖ With countries like USA, UK, Sri Lanka, Italy, Mexico, China, Israel, Sweden, Lithuania, Poland, Argentina, Greece, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Mauritius participating in this exhibition, the Biennale has elicited global interest.

Third largest electricity producer

- ❖ India has produced 1,423 Billion Units of Electricity in financial year 2016 and became the third largest producer and the third largest consumer of electricity in the world.



- ❖ It is behind China (6,015 BU) and the United States (4,327 BU).
- ❖ India's electricity production grew 34% over seven years to 2017

- ❖ India now produces more energy than Japan and Russia.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Scientific Adviser

- ❖ Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan was appointed principle scientific adviser to the government of India.
- ❖ He will succeed 81-year-old nuclear physicist R Chidambaram, who has been in the position for more than 16 years, having been appointed in 2001.



- ❖ Vijay Raghavan, a former director of National Centre for Biological Sciences, was appointed Secretary of Department of Biotechnology in 2013.

Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA)

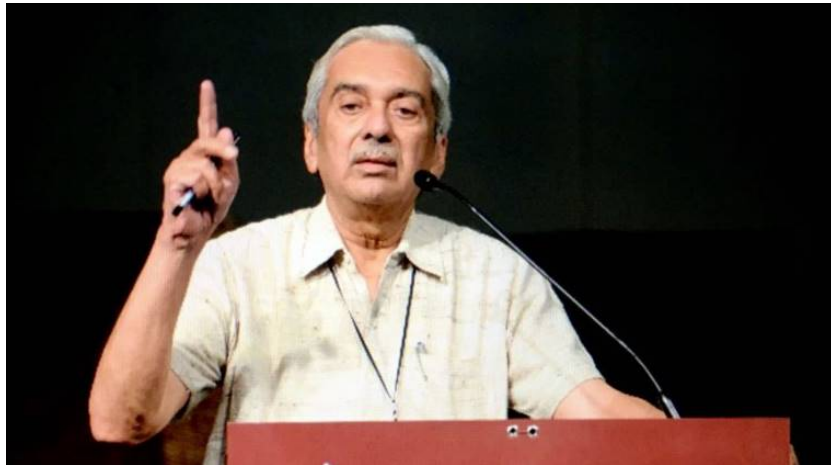
- ❖ The Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), a post created by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 1999, is the topmost advisor to the government on all matters related to scientific policy.
- ❖ The office of the PSA is one of the three scientific bodies the government relies on for advice on matters relating to science and which act as the interface between scientific institutions and the government.
- ❖ The other two are,
 - Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM)
 - Science Advisory Council to the Cabinet (SAC-C)
- ❖ Neither SAC-PM nor SAC-C have been functional under the government
- ❖ The Defence Minister has a Scientific Advisor of his/her own.

UNESCO Executive Board

- ❖ The Ministry of Human Resource Development has nominated former NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) director JS Rajput as India's representative to the Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO
- ❖ The EXB has a four-year term and 58 seats. It is one of the constitutional organs of UNESCO and is elected by the General Conference.
- ❖ The board examines the work for the organisation and the corresponding budget estimates. In practice, it is the main organ responsible for all policies and programmes of UNESCO.

Notable accolades of JS. Rajput

- ❖ JS Rajput was awarded Padma Shri in 2014.



- ❖ He has been awarded the Maharishi Ved Vyas award by the Madhya Pradesh government for his contributions in the education sector.
- ❖ 'Education of Muslims in India', a book he edited, was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 15, 2015.

SPORTS

100 ODI wickets

- ❖ Teenaged Afghanistan leg spinner Rashid Khan has become the fastest bowler to the milestone of 100 ODI wickets

- ❖ Rashid khan made this record in 44 matches which is eight fewer than the previous record holder, Australia's Mitchell Starc.
- ❖ Rashid took his 100th wicket in the format when he had West Indies' Shai Hope.

FASTEST TO 100 ODI WICKETS (BY MATCHES)

44

RASHID KHAN
AFGHANISTAN

52

MITCHELL STARC
AUSTRALIA

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SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ
PAKISTAN

54

SHANE BOND
NEW ZEALAND

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BRETT LEE
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Jockey Youth Cup

- ❖ India U-16 was crowned champions of the Jockey Cup International Youth Invitational Football Tournament after defeating hosts Hong Kong 4-2 in the final.
- ❖ Bekey Oram, Rohit Danu and Lalrokima scored the goals.



- ❖ This was the team's third consecutive victory in as many days, the team having earlier defeated Chinese Taipei (4-0) and Singapore (3-1)
- ❖ The team coached by Bibiano Fernandes is presently unbeaten in 22 matches which includes friendly matches against National Youth Teams and International Club and Academy sides.

Asian Billiards

- ❖ Pankaj Advani defended his Asian Billiards Championships title by defeating his practice partner B.Bhaskar 6-1 in the summit clash.



- ❖ With this win, Advani remains the reigning Indian, Asian and World champion in billiards for 2017-18.
- ❖ This is Advani's 11th gold medal at the Asian level of cue sports.
- ❖ India's Amee Kamani won the Asian Women's Snooker title by defeating her Thai opponent Siripaporn Nuanthakhamjan.

CWG 2018

- ❖ PV Sindhu will be the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) in Gold Coast, Australia.
- ❖ In the last Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014, Sindhu bagged a bronze in women's singles.



- ❖ In the previous three Commonwealth Games, the prestigious position during the march past of the opening ceremony had always gone to a member of the shooting squad.
- ❖ In 2006 Melbourne Games, India's flag-bearer was double trap shooter Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, who is currently the sports minister.
- ❖ 2008 Olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra had the honour when India hosted the Games in 2010.
- ❖ Pistol shooter Vijay Kumar was the flag-bearer in 2014.
