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## Paryatan Parv to Boost Tourism in India

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- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in collaboration with other Central Ministries and State Governments is organizing a "Paryatan Parv" across the country from the 5th to 25th October 2017.
- The objective of the programme is to draw focus on the benefits of tourism, showcase the cultural diversity of the country and reinforce the principle of "Tourism for All".
- The event envisages large scale participation by the public as well as industry stakeholders.
- A series of events and activities are proposed to be organised which will include illumination in and around tourist sites across the country, cultural programmes, exhibitions showcasing handlooms, handicrafts and cuisine, artisans workshops at different locations, competitions for students, sensitisation programmes for tourism service providers, yoga demonstrations, etc.
- In addition, interactive sessions and workshops on varied themes related to skill development in the tourism sector, development of rural tourism sites, and media related activities will also be arranged.

## Kazuo Ishiguro wins 2017 Nobel Prize for Literature

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- English writer Kazuo Ishiguro has been awarded the Nobel Literature Prize for 2017
- He had won the Man Booker Prize in 1989 for his novel *The Remains of the Day*
- With eight books and several screenplays and short stories to his credit, Ishiguro is among the most celebrated contemporary writers.
- The Nobel prize for literature comes with winnings of 9m Swedish krona (£832,000).
- Kazuo Ishiguro is a British novelist, screenwriter and short story writer.
- He was born in Nagasaki, Japan; his family moved to England in 1960 when he was five.
- Ishiguro graduated from the University of Kent with a bachelor's degree in English and Philosophy in 1978 and gained his Master's from the University of East Anglia's creative writing course in 1980.
- Ishiguro is one of the most celebrated contemporary fiction authors in the English-speaking world

- His 2005 novel, *Never Let Me Go*, was named by Time as the best novel of 2005 and included in its list of the 100 best English-language novels from 1923 to 2005. His seventh novel, *The Buried Giant*, was published in 2015.

## IIM-B Faculty Bags Innovator Award

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- PC Narayan, faculty from the Finance and Accounting at IIM Bangalore has been selected for the 'Teaching Innovator Award-2016' by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- The Award will be presented at a ceremony by the MHRD
- The teaching innovation that fetched Narayan the award was titled **"Transitioning from a 'Teacher-centric' to a 'Student-centric' Classroom and Online Learning"**.
- It involved innovative use of his 120+ MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course) videos in a 'flipped classroom' format for the courses that Narayan teaches.
- Prof. P C Narayan is among six others, across India, selected for the award.
- Prof. P D Jose, faculty from the Strategy area at IIMB
- Prof. Ramya Ranganathan, from the Organizational Behaviour and Human Resource Management area at IIMB, were among the 15 finalists for the Award.
- IIM Bangalore was the only institution from across the country with three of its faculty among the 15 finalists.

## Turtle Sanctuary to be Set up in Allahabad

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- Development of a Turtle sanctuary in Allahabad along with a River Biodiversity Park at Sangam has been approved under Namami Gange programme.
- It aims to protect the rich aquatic biodiversity of river Ganga from escalating anthropogenic pressures
- The estimated cost of the project is Rs 1.34 crore would include development of River Biodiversity Park at Sangam
- This project will provide much needed platform to make the visitors aware of their place in the ecosystem, their roles and responsibilities, improve their understanding of the complexity of co-existence with the environment and help generate awareness for reducing the impact of human activities on critical natural resources.

- The task of dissipating knowledge about river Ganga will be taken up ardently in this project, which is 100% centrally funded.
- The sustenance of more than 2000 aquatic species including threatened gharials, dolphins and turtles in river Ganga exemplifies the rich biodiversity of this lifeline to over 40 per cent of the country's population.
- Rivers Ganga and Yamuna at Allahabad are home to some of the most endangered fauna like turtles (Batagur kachuga, Batagur dhongoka, Nilssonia gangetica, Chitra indica, Hardella thurjii etc.), the National Aquatic Animal - Gangetic dolphin (Platanista gangetica), the Gharial (Gavialis gangeticus) and numerous migratory and resident birds.

## Asia Masters Meet in China: India Bagged 146 medals

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- The 20th edition of Asia Masters Athletics Championship was held in Rugao, China.
- India bagged 146 medals and stood second in the medal tally.
- Shivnath from Allahabad bagged four bronze medals for India
- Seventy-year-old PN Mishra of Gorakhpur won gold in hammer throw
- Saifai's 35-year-old Siddharth Krishna bagged bronze in 5 km walk
- 35-year-old Lal Bahadur Yadav of Kanpur won a gold in hammer throw. Shivnath won bronze medals in 200m and 80m hurdles, 4x100m and 4x400m relay races.
- India got 37 golds, 43 silvers and 66 bronze. India finished second behind hosts China.
- The Asia Masters Athletics Championships are the biannual championship of Asia Masters Athletics (AMA), one of six continental based regional affiliates of World Masters Athletics (WMA), known as the World Association of Veteran Athletes (WAVA) from its formation in 1977 until 2001.
- WMA is the global governing body for the division of Masters athletics.
- It is held in opposite years from the World Masters Athletics Championships.
- The event also hosts the Asia Masters General Assembly, the political gathering of the AMA which selects the locations of subsequent championships.