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#### 4<sup>th</sup> Raisina Dialogue to held in Delhi



Norway Prime Minister Erna Solberg has delivered inaugural address in presence of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj**. Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with **Observer Research Foundation** is organizing the flagship annual geopolitical and geostrategic conference. The theme of the Dialogue this year is "**A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes**".

#### SC reinstates Alok Verma as CBI Chief



**The Supreme Court** on 8<sup>th</sup> January reinstated **Alok Verma** as the **CBI chief**. However, the Court said, the committee constituted under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act will have to consider the matter afresh and that Mr. Verma cannot take any major policy decisions until then.



## Jana Small Finance Bank launches Current Account with Unique Auto-Sweep Facility



Jana Small Finance Bank has launched **Current Account with Auto-Sweep facility**. The facility will enable bank's existing and potential new customers to auto sweep-in and sweep-out the idle funds in the current account to Sweep Fixed Deposit and earn high interest. For a tenor of 365 days on sweep deposit, the customers will be able

to earn interest of 8.5%.

Headquarters: **Bengaluru**

MD & CEO: **Ajay Kanwal**

Tagline: **Likho Apni Kahaani**



## India born Gita Gopinath joins IMF as Chief Economist



**India born Gita Gopinath** has joined **International Monetary Fund** as its chief economist. She has first woman to occupy the top IMF post. Gopinath succeeds **Maurice (Maury) Obstfeld** as Economic Counsellor and Director of the IMF's Research Department. Obstfeld retired

on December the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Headquarters: **Washington, D.C., USA**

CEO: **Christine Lagarde**

### **Solar Man of India, Pranav R Mehta, became the first Indian to Head Global Solar Council, USA**



On January 8, 2019, the chairman of **National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)**, **Shri Pranav R Mehta**, has taken over as the **president of Global Solar Council (GSC)** from January 1, 2019. He is dubbed as the Solar Man of India.

### **Vikram Misri takes charge as new Indian ambassador to China**



On January 8, 2019, **India's new ambassador to China, Vikram Misri**, took charge of the post. Vikram Misri, took charge as India's new envoy to China. He reported to Hong Lei, Deputy Director General of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing. He is a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, and replaced **Gautam Bambawale** who retired in November 2018.



## Sports



### USA cricket approved as ICC'S 105<sup>th</sup> member



In USA Cricket's biggest milestone to date, the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced USA Cricket was approved as an **Associate Member** to become the **ICC's 105<sup>th</sup> Member**. Started in 2017 upon the expulsion of the United States' previous ICC

recognized National Federation, USA Cricket has continued to work towards a unified U.S. cricket community and the ICC's recognition will only help to further the unification efforts.

Headquarters: **Dubai, UAE**

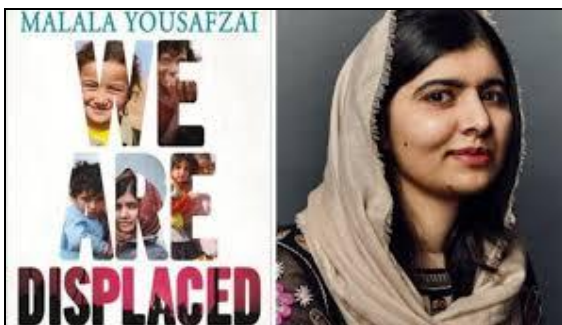
Chairperson: **Shashank Manohar**



## International



### We are Displaced: Malala's book on refugee girls to hit stands



**Nobel Peace Prize winner** and Pakistani activist, **Malala Yousafzai**, is coming up with a new book, charting her experiences travelling the world and visiting refugee camps. Titled '**We are Displaced**', the book will hit the stands in India on 9<sup>th</sup> January.