

Books

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu releases two volumes of selected speeches of President Kovind

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has said that political parties must evolve a consensus on the Code of Conduct for their Members both inside the Legislature and out of it. He said, otherwise people might soon lose faith in the political processes and institutions.
- Mr Naidu said this after releasing two volumes of selected speeches of **President Ram Nath Kovind** - **The Republican Ethic and Loktantra ke Swar** in New Delhi this evening.

VVS Laxman's autobiography '281 and Beyond' launched by Sachin Tendulkar in Mumbai

- Former Indian Test batsman **VVS Laxman** was recently in Mumbai for the book launch of his **autobiography 281 and Beyond**.
- **The event was attended by Indian batting legend Sachin Tendulkar who also was a part of the event.** In fact, the book was launched by the Little Master as he and Laxman looked back to the golden era of Indian cricket.

Obituaries

Noted agriculturalist Jayaraman passed away

- Noted agriculturalist **Jayaraman**, who pioneered **the protection and propagation of indigenous paddy varieties in Tamil Nadu**, passed away in Chennai on December 6, 2018.
- Hailing from Thiruthuraipoondi, Jayaraman has been credited with documenting and protecting more than 170 paddy varieties.

Former Kerala minister, veteran Cong leader C N Balakrishnan passed away

- Veteran Congress leader and former Kerala minister **C N Balakrishnan** died at a private hospital here, party sources said Tuesday.
- Balakrishnan, a former Cooperation minister, undergoing treatment for pneumonia at a private hospital here and the end came late Monday night, the sources said.

Padma Shri historian and former Jamia VC, Mushirul Hasan passed away at 71

- **Professor Mushirul Hasan**, a renowned historian and former vice-chancellor Jamia Millia of Islamia, passed away at the age of 71 early In December, 2018 morning. Hasan was also formerly the director general of the National Archives of India.
- He also served as vice-chairman, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, president of the Indo-Iran Society of the Iran embassy and president of the Indian History Congress.

Renowned classical singer Pandit Arun Bhaduri passes away

- Renowned classical singer **Pandit Arun Bhaduri** passed away in Kolkata after a prolonged illness. He was 75 and survived by wife and son.
- Pandit Bhaduri, considered to be one of the masters of Bengali songs and Bhajans, was suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Veteran CPI (M) leader Nirupam Sen passed away

- **Nirupam Sen**, veteran CPI (M) leader, passed away on December 24, 2018 in Kolkata following a cardiac arrest. He was 72.
- The former **Commerce and Industry Minister of West Bengal** had been on life support since the early weeks of December.

Ex-Union Minister Jai Narain Prasad Nishad passed away

- **Former Union Minister Captain Jai Narain Prasad Nishad** died In December, 2018 at the age of 88.
- Nishad was a former **Union Minister and an ex-parliamentarian from Bihar's Muzaffarpur Lok Sabha Constituency**.

Noted film maker Mrinal Sen passes away

- **Legendary filmmaker Mrinal Sen** passed away at the age of 95 in Kolkata this morning. A **Padma Bhushan and Dada Saheb Phalke awardee**, Sen paved the way for parallel cinema in the country with films like **Ek Din Achanak, Padatik, Mrigaya, Akaler Sandhane, Chorus, Kharij, Khandahar, Bhuwan Shome, Akash Kusum and Calcutta 71**.