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## *Grigor Dimitrov announced as Balkan Athlete of the year*

- ✓ Bulgaria's world number three tennis player Grigor Dimitrov has been named Balkan Athlete of the Year, the Bulgarian news agency (BTA) said.
- ✓ Dimitrov, who won the biggest title of his career when he captured the season-ending ATP Finals in London last month, became the first Bulgarian to scoop the prize after female wrestler Stanka Zlateva in 2010.



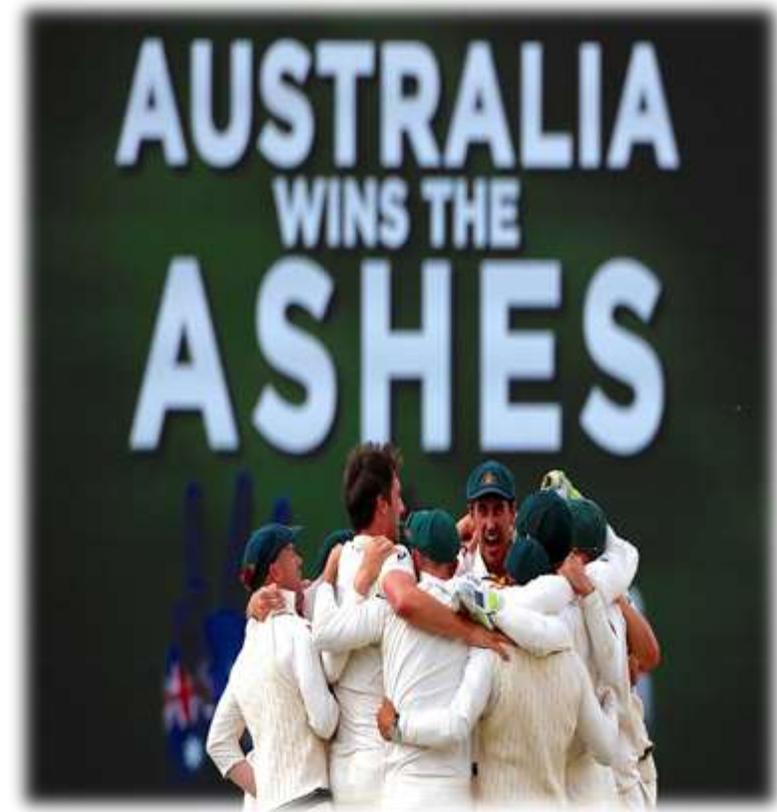
## *Indian annual economic growth can be 8% for next 20 years: UN experts*

- ✓ India can achieve an 8% growth rate for the next two decades by promoting investment and improving the living conditions of its people, a senior United Nations (UN) the economic official has said.
- ✓ India in our assessment has the potential to grow at eight percent, not for a few years, but 20 years.
- ✓ The UN, in its latest report, projected India's growth rate to be 7.2% in 2018 and 7.4% in 2019.



## *Australia clinched Ashes with two matches to remaining*

- ✓ Australia thrashed England by an innings and 41 runs in the third Test in Perth to reclaim the Ashes with two matches to spare.
- ✓ Australian captain, Steve Smith was named Man-of-the-Match for a second time in the series, his brilliant 239 having left England with an improbable second innings mountain to climb.
- ✓ First tournament: 1882-83



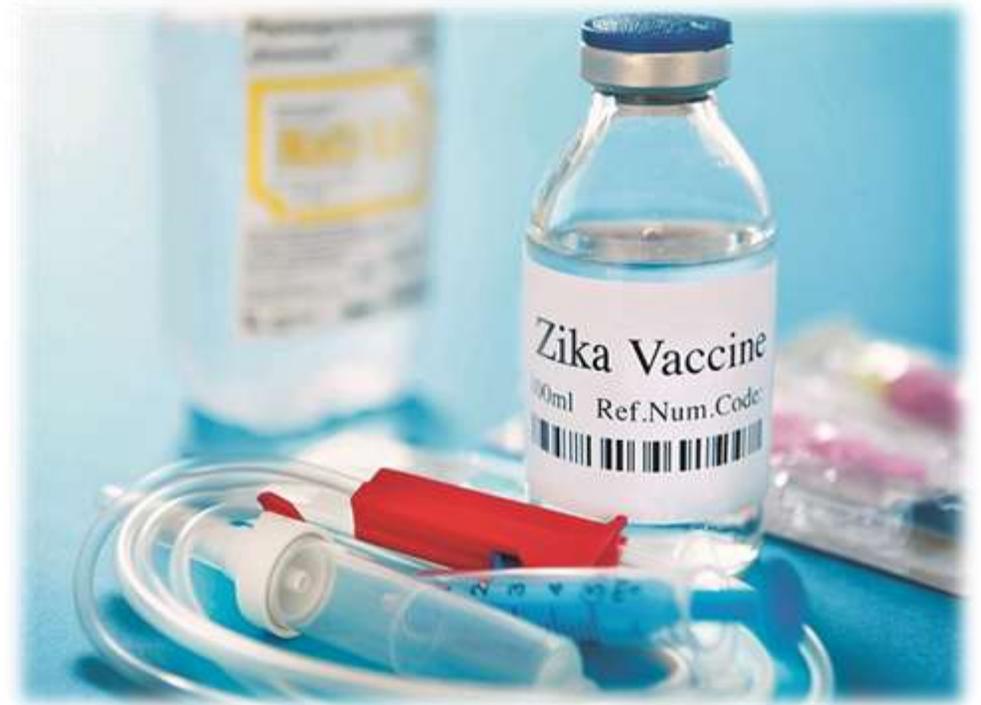
## *Ekatma Yatra for social harmony by Madhya Pradesh government*

- ✓ Ekatma Yatra, organised by the Madhya Pradesh government to spread the message of social harmony, flagged off on 19/12/2018.
- ✓ During the yatra that will conclude at Omkareshwar on January 22, soil from every panchayat and ward of the cities will be collected in metal pots



## *Permission given to conduct Phase-I clinical trials for Zika vaccine*

- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India has granted permission to an Indian firm to conduct Phase-I clinical trials for a Zika vaccine.
- ✓ Zika is an infection spread by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.
- ✓ The ministry has a three-pronged action plan on combating the disease and there are 27 laboratories in the government sector that can test the Zika virus.



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