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Indian-Origin Student Won UK Twitter prize

Indian-origin Gopal Rao on 27 March won UK Twitter prize the prize was to meet the British Foreign Secretary William Hague and to discuss the preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI). PSVI was launched on 29 May 2012 by William Hague. Gopal Rao, an MBA student at the University of Cambridge, won the accolades from British Foreign Secretary William Hague after winning a Twitter competition which asked a question regarding UK's foreign policy

India Successfully Test-fired Nuclear-Capable prithvi II Missile

India on 28 March successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable prithvi II missile, with a range of 350 km, from a test range near Balasore as part of a user trial by the Army. The missile trajectory was tracked by DRDO radars, electro-optical tracking systems and telemetry stations located along the coast of Odisha. Prithvi-II is the first missile to be developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under the country's prestigious Integrated Guided Missile Development program and is now a proven technology.

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Norway's Stoltenberg Appointed as new NATO chief

Norway's ex-PM Jens Stoltenberg has been appointed NATO's next secretary general, replacing Denmark's Anders Fogh Rasmussen. He will take over as leader of the 28-nation military alliance in October 2014, when Rasmussen steps down after a NATO summit in Wales. Rasmussen has headed NATO the past five years. Stoltenberg was prime minister of Norway at the time of Anders Breivik's bomb and gun attacks in 2011.

Astronomers Discovered First-ever Miniature Planet

Astronomers have discovered a miniature planet named Chalko with two rings of ice and pebbles between Saturn and Uranus in the Kuiper Belt. This is the first ever discovery of a

celestial body with rings like giant planet's Saturn and Jupiter. Rings of the discovered celestial body are not more than few hundred meters thick and are only three and seven kilometers wide. The centers of the two rings are 14 kilometers and the gap between them is 9 kilometers. The smaller celestial body was discovered by a team of researchers from the Niels Bohr Institute. It is two billion kilometers out of the solar system and has been named as Chalko.

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