

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 18, 2024

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **60th Munich Security Conference**
- ✓ Dr. S Jaishankar attended the 60th Munich Security Conference in Germany.
- ✓ As part of the conference, Dr Jaishankar addressed a panel discussion on 'Growing the Pie: Seizing Shared Opportunities.'



- ✓ On the sidelines of the Conference, he discussed issues related to bilateral cooperation with leaders including US Secretary of State Blinken and his British counterpart David Cameron.
- ✓ The High Representative for Foreign Affairs of the European Union, Josep Borrell, and the External Affairs Minister Dr Jaishankar discussed the state of the world today.
- ✓ The three-day conference provided a chance for high-level discussions on the most important security issues facing the globe today.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **World's First Wooden Satellite**

- ✓ NASA and Japan set to launch the world's first wooden satellite.
- ✓ To combat space debris, Japan and the United States will launch the world's first wooden satellite, the LingoSat probe, into space.



- ✓ It has been created from magnolia wood, which is known for its stability and resistance to cracks.
- ✓ Researchers from Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry have collaborated to construct this timber satellite.
- ✓ Their ingenious solution will replace traditional metal components with biodegradable materials.

SPORTS

- **Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024**
- ✓ Led by PV Sindhu and youngster Anmol Kharb, Indian women won the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024.



Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024: India women win title

- ✓ On February 18, Indian women won a historic gold medal at the Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia by defeating Thailand 3-2 in the final.
- ✓ The Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024 was held in Shah Alam, Malaysia from February 13 to 18.
- ✓ In this Championship, this was India's first gold medal.

