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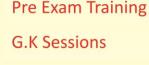


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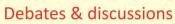








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National News

1. Arvind Kejriwal's free Delhi Metro, DTC Bus rides for women defies Gender 'Equality'

- → Just months before the Delhi Assembly elections, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's announcement of making DTC bus and the Metro rides free for women in the national capital has raised quite a storm on Twitter among the Twitterati's.
- 4 Some of them think it's a good initiative for women and senior citizens, while others are saying that the Delhi government's decision is completely unjustified and defies Gender 'Equality'.
- ♣ Kejriwal said that the Delhi government would bear the expense, around Rs 1,600 crore for the year. He added that the decision has been taken keeping the safety of women in mind. It would take about three months for the rollout of the scheme.

Foot Notes

About Delhi

- > Chief minister: Arvind Kejriwal
- ➤ Governor: Anil Baijal
- He took over office on 31 December 2016 after the sudden resignation of Najeeb Jung.

2. 'Death Penalty For Repeat Rape Offenders': Bombay HC Upholds Constitutional Validity Of Section 376-E IPC

- ♣ The Bombay High Court, on Monday, upheld the Constitutional validity of Section 376-E of IPC which provides that repeat offenders in rape cases can be awarded life imprisonment or death penalty.
- ♣ The Division bench of Justice B P Dharmadhikari and Justice Revati Mohite Dere dismissed petitions filed by three convicts in the Shakti Mill gang rape case.
- → Death penalty was awarded to Vijay Jadhav, Mohammad Qasim Shaikh and Mohammad Salim Ansari by the Trial Court for the gang-rape of an 18-year-old call centre employee in July 2013 and 22-year-old photojournalist in August 2013.

Foot Notes

About The Bombay High Court

- Established: 14 August 1862
- > Seat: Mumbai
- Chief justice: Naresh Harishchandra Patil
- Jurisdiction: Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.



3. IMD issues red-code warning for Delhi after temperature rises to highest in 5 years

- ♣ IMD's red-code warning denotes extreme weather situations. Heat wave conditions continued unabated in Delhi even as the MeT department issued a "red-colour" warning for the national capital.
- ♣ The IMD has four colour-coded messages -- green, yellow, amber and red. Green indicates normal conditions while red denotes extreme weather situations.
- ♣ The MeT department recorded a high of 46.8 degree Celsius, the highest in five years.

Foot Notes

About India Meteorological Department

➤ Headquarters: New Delhi

Director General: Dr. K. J. Ramesh

> Founder: Government of India

➤ Founded: 1875

> Parent organization: Ministry of Earth Sciences

4. MP Cabinet passes resolution to increase reservation for OBCs to 27%

- The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet on passed a resolution to increase reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from existing 14 per cent to 27 per cent.
- ♣ The matter will now be taken up in the monsoon session of the state Assembly.
- ♣ The Cabinet has also increased by three per cent the dearness allowance for employees and pensioners. It will cost the state exchequer Rs 1,647 crore and will benefit around seven lakh employees.

Foot Notes:

About Madhya Pradesh

- > Chief minister: Kamal Nath
- > Governor: Anandiben Patel
- > National Parks: Kanha National Park, Panna National Park, Satpura National Park, Van Vihar National Park
- Wild life Sanctuary: Bagdara Sanctuary, Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary, Veerangna Durgawati Sanctuary

5. Tripura to host 10th National Science Film Festival of India in 2020

♣ The film festival would include films produced by UNICEF, UNESCO and filmmakers from different countries. It will also include entries from Tripura and other states.



- 4 In an effort to raise awareness about science and environment through films, the 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be organised in Tripura on January and February 2020, Director of Vigyan Prasar Nakul Parashar said today.
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Foot Notes:

About Tripura

Capital: Agartala

Chief minister: Biplab Kumar DebGovernor: Kaptan Singh Solanki

6. 'Swachh Survekshan League 2020' launched

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 'Swachh Survekshan League 2020' (SS 2020), saying parameters pertaining to wastewater treatment, reuse and fecal sludge management have been given special focus in the survey.
- ♣ He said there will be a quarterly cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India.
- 4 This will be integrated with Swachh Survekshan 2020, the 5th edition of the annual cleanliness survey of urban India to be conducted from January February 2020 by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban (SBM-U).

7. Dr Harsh Vardhan reviewed the status of Nipah virus disease in Kerala

- → Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare(MoHWF), reviewed the status of Nipah Virus Disease (NVD) in Kerala along with Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW) and the Ministry officials. As of now, 15 people are under observation in the state. Since June 4, 2019, Strategic Health Operation Centre (SHOC) at National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has been activated and it is coordinating activities for Nipah containment.
- ♣ On June 7, 2019, the Health Minister of Kerala, Smt. K K Shailaja met the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan to discuss the status and preparedness of the State for containment and management of Nipah Virus Disease.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has permitted the Kerala Government to establish a regional Biosafety Level-3 (BSL-3) laboratory in Kozhikode district. The estimated cost for the project is Rs. 8 crores. Nipah virus is transmitted from animals to humans and then spreads through people to people contact, causing respiratory illness. Its symptoms include fever, muscle pain, headache, fever, dizziness, and nausea



Foot Notes

About Kerala

- > Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
- > Chief Minister:Pinarayi Vijayan
- ➤ Governor:Palanisamy Sathasivam

8. Culture Minister to inaugurate exhibition-'Unknown masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art'

- ♣ Culture Minister Prahalad Singh Patel will inaugurate the exhibition titled Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art at National Museum in New Delhi.
- ♣ The Exhibition is being jointly organised by the National Museum and Home of Folk Art, Gurugram in which more than 240 artefacts will be on display.
- ♣ The aim of the exhibition is to highlight the Folk art tradition of Himachal Pradesh. It will remain open for public till 31st of next month.

Foot Notes

About Himachal Pradesh

- Capital: Shimla
- Chief minister: Jai Ram Thakur

9. UP CM Yogi Adityanath unveils Lord Ram statue at Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan

- ↓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled a 7-foot tall statue of Lord Rama at the Shodh Sansthan museum in Ayodhya. Adityanath will also inaugurate the event to celebrate Mahant Nritya Gopal Das.
- ♣ The statue is made out of a single rosewood block statue which was from Karnataka for Rs.35 lakh from Karnataka. The statue will depict Kodamb Ram, one of the five avatars of Lord Ram.
- ♣ Kodamb Ram is worshipped in the south. The statue depicts the stage of Ram's life when Sita was kidnapped by Ravan, the demon king. The statue shows Ram alone, without Sita and Laxman.

Foot Notes:

About Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan

- ➤ The Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan museum was established in 1986.
- ➤ The museum is a government-funded museum.
- > It hosts works related to the Hindu epic Ramayana.

About Uttar Pradesh

Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath



Population: 20.42Capital: LucknowGovernor: Ram Naik

10. Google Maps launches features for real-time updates on public transports in India

- ♣ Next time you aboard a bus or plan for a train journey, check Google Maps. This might just make your journey efficient and seamless.
- ♣ The tech behemoth has launched three new features- bus travel times from live traffic in 10 of the largest cities in India, live train status for Indian Railways trains, and mixed-mode commute suggestions that now combine auto-rickshaw and public transport, to let Indian users optimise travel plans by predicting transit time while traveling.
- ♣ On buses, Google map, via live traffic data and public bus schedules, will enable users to know how long a bus trip will take when factoring in live traffic conditions, as per Google. This feature is being launched in 10 cities including Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Lucknow, Chennai, Mysore, Coimbatore, and Surat.

Foot Notes:

About Google

- Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin
- Founded: 4 September 1998, Menlo Park, California, United States
- > CEO: Sundar Pichai

11. Bancha, the first solar kitchen only village in India

- ♣ Bancha in Betul district is the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders with all its 75 houses relying on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs.
- ♣ The project of installing solar power plates, batteries and stoves in all the 74 houses was started in September 2017 and got completed by December 2018.

International News & Foreign Affairs

- 1. British Airways resumes flights to Pakistan more than 10 years after suspending its service
 - → Britain's flagship carrier stopped flying to Pakistan after the Marriott hotel in the capital, Islamabad, was bombed in 2008, killing more than 50 people.
 - ♣ The airline is now scheduled to fly three times a week, with Boeing 787 Dreamliners, to the Pakistani capital from London Heathrow.



↓ It is the only western airline to resume its service to Islamabad. Pakistan's flag carrier, the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) was the only airline to run direct flights between Islamabad and London.

Foot Notes

About British Airways

- > British Airways is the flag carrier airline of the United Kingdom.
- > It is the second largest airline in the United Kingdom.
- ➤ Headquarters: Harmondsworth, United Kingdom

2. WHO award for Rajasthan Health Department.

- ♣ The World Health Organization has selected the Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department for its award this year in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.
- ♣ The department's Additional Chief Secretary, Rohit Kumar Singh, will receive the award at a function to mark World No Tobacco Day in New Delhi.
- ♣ The Health Department of the State is the only government body in the country which will be awarded for its tobacco-free initiatives.

Foot Notes

About World Health Organization

- The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health.
- ➤ Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Founded: 7 April 1948
- > Founders: India, United States, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela.

About Rajasthan

- Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot
- Capital: Jaipur
- Governor: Kalyan Singh

3. ICA issues first UAE Permanent Residency 'Golden Card' in Abu Dhabi

- UAE's Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) has issued the first Golden Residence Permit in Abu Dhabi, as part of the Investors Permanent Residence System aimed to attract investors, entrepreneurs and qualified individuals who meet its criteria.
- ♣ Brigadier Saeed Salem Al Shamsi, Executive Director of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs in Abu Dhabi, awarded the first permit to investor Yousuf Ali, Board Member of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI) and Chairman of the Lulu International Group.



Foot Notes:

About UAE

- > PM: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- Capital: Abu Dhabi
- Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham

4. Russia launches first Arctic train service

- ♣ The first tourist train traveling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway set off from Saint Petersburg station Wednesday with 91 passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey.
- → The train, named "Zarengold" ("The Tsar's gold" in German) complete with two restaurant cars will travel from Saint Petersburg through Petrozavodsk, the historic town of Kem and Murmansk.
- ♣ The whole trip will take 11 days and allow passengers to discover areas difficult to access by other means, according to the organizers.

Foot Notes:

About Russia

- Capital: Moscow
- > Currency: Russian ruble
- President: Vladimir Putin



5. Facebook brings interactive game show 'Confetti' to India, will allow viewers to win Rs 3 lakh per day

- Social media network Facebook is set to launch 'Confetti', its interactive game show, in India.
- ♣ To be launched on June 12, the show will be aired live five days a week from Wednesday to Sunday on Facebook's dedicated video platform, Facebook Watch. It will challenge participants to answer pop culture trivia questions for a chance to win a cash prize of up to Rs 3 lakh everyday.
- "Confetti is a new social video interactive initiative from Facebook for our Indian users," said Manish Chopra, director and Head of Partnerships, Facebook India. "This is first of its kind live interactive show that is aimed at building community together. It has seen success in various South Asian countries already."

Foot Notes:

About Facebook

- Founded: February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States
- CEO: Mark Zuckerberg
- > Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States



- > CFO: David Wehner
- ➤ Founders: Mark Zuckerberg, Andrew McCollum, Eduardo Saverin, Dustin Moskovitz, Chris Hughes

6. Agreement between India and Marshall Islands for Exchange of Information notified

- → The Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the Marshall Islands for the Exchange of Information with respect to taxes was signed on 18th March, 2016 at Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Indian-Marshall Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) was notified to the gazette of India.
- ♣ The agreement provides framework for exchange of Information in tax matters which helps in tax evasion and tax avoidance.
- ♣ It provides information like banking and ownership between two countries for tax purposes.

Foot Notes:

About Marshall Islands

- Capital Majuro
- Currency United States Dollar
- > President Hilda Cathy Heine
- Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

7. India Ranks 95 Among 129 Countries in Global Gender Equality Index

- ♣ India ranked 95th out of 129 countries in a new index that measures global gender equality looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace.
- The Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index has been developed by UK-based Equal Measures 2030, a joint effort of regional and global Organisations including African Women's Development and Communication Network, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and International Women's Health Coalition

Foot Notes

About African Women's Development and Communication Network

> Founded: 2001

> Location: Accra, Ghana

> Founders: Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi, Hilda Tadria, Joana Foster

➤ Key people: Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi, Theo Sowa



Banking

1. L&T Finance launches 'Sabse Khaas Loan' for two-wheeler customers

- ♣ L&T Finance, a subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, launched 'Sabse Khaas Loan' for two-wheeler customers.
- → The scheme not only provides hassle-free and low-cost finance for two-wheelers but also eliminates the need for hypothecation of vehicle to the financier over the tenure of the loan, the company said in a statement.
- ♣ The borrowers can choose from 3 different EMI tenures 6, 12 and 18 months with interest rates between 7.99 per cent and 8.99 per cent.

Foot Notes

About L&T Finance L&T Finance Holdings Company

CEO: Dinanath DubhashiHeadquarters: IndiaFounded: 2008

2. ICICI Bank launches center in Bengaluru exclusive for MSME

- ICICI bank launched a center in Bengaluru to provide hazel free services to small business owners and startups. Sandeep Batra, Executive Director, ICICI Bank along with Mr. Viral Rupani, Retail Business Head South, ICICI Bank inaugurated the center.
- ♣ The center provides various services which include working capital loans of up to Rs. 20 crore, business loans (based on GST returns) of up to Rs. 1 crore, instant overdraft facility of up to Rs. 15 lakh, extensive trade solutions and cash management services and others.
- ♣ The center also provide legal and valuation desk to help customers in resolving challenges related to collateral for various loans.

Foot Notes

About ICICI

- Head quarters Mumbai
- > Tag line Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka
- CEO Sandeep Bakhshi

3. ICICI Bank launches centre for MSMEs in Bengaluru

♣ ICICI Bank launched a centre in Bengaluru to provide business solutions exclusively to start-ups and MSME sector.ICICI Bank along with Viral Rupani, Retail Business Head South, ICICI Bank inaugurated the centre.



- ♣ The services offered include working capital loans upto 20 crore, business loans (based on GST returns) upto 1 crore, instant overdraft facility of 15 lakh, extensive trade solutions and cash management services, among others.
- ♣ The centre has a legal and valuation desk to assist customers in resolving challenges pertaining to collaterals offered for various loans.

Foot Notes:

About ICICI Bank

CEO: Sandeep BakhshiHeadquarters: Mumbai

> Founder: Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India

Founded: June 1994, Vadodara

New Appointments & Person in News

1. Mohana Singh becomes first woman fighter pilot to fly Hawk jet

- Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly by day a Hawk advanced jet aircraft, a defence release has said. She achieved the feat at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal.
- ↓ "Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became the first woman fighter pilot to become fully operational by day on Hawk advanced jet aircraft as she landed after a gruelling 4 aircraft combat sortie at Air Force station Kalaikunda, West Bengal, which was the last syllabus sortie, of being fully operational on the Hawk Jets.
- 4 She has a total of over 500 hours of incident-free flying, of which 380 hours are on the Hawk Mk 132 jet. She had, along with two other women pilots, Bhawana Kanth and Avani Chaturvadi, joined the fighter stream in June 2016.

2. Ajit Doval reappointed National Security Advisor with Cabinet rank

- ♣ The government reappointed retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Ajit Doval as National Security Adviser, according him a Cabinet rank.
- ♣ He becomes the first NSA to get Cabinet status in the table of precedence.
- ♣ In his previous stint as an NSA, he had the stature of a Minister of State (MoS).
- 4 According to one official, the decision was taken since Mr. Doval leads strategic dialogues with many countries and a Cabinet rank will facilitate his interactions with the most senior officials. "A case in point is China, where there has been a mismatch between him and the Special Representative for boundary talks, who is normally a State councillor of Cabinet rank. China had raised discomfort about the mismatch," the official said.



Foot Notes:

About National Security Council of India

Founded: 19 November 1998
Headquarters: New Delhi
Agency executives: Ajit Doval

3. Lt Gen PJS Pannu designated as Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence staff (operation)

- ♣ On June 5,2019, The Defence Ministry, Government of India appointed Lt Gen PJS Pannu as Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence staff (Doctrine organisation and training) after Air Marshal Rajeev Sachdeva with effect from June 1.
- He is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy and was commissioned into 22nd Battalion, The Maratha Light Infantry (MLI) on December, 1980 and commanded the battalion from may 1999 to February during operation 'VIJAY'.
- 4 He also held prestigious appointments in army force such as General staff officer grade1, Director in Military operation directorate, colonel military secretary and Deputy military assistant to chief of army staff. He is also served in UN mission in Mozambique and sudan. He was awarded the Param Vishist Seva medal in 2018 and Arti Vishist seva medal in 2014.

Foot Notes

About Integrated Defence Staff

- Formed on: November 2001
- Motto:Victory Through Jointness
- ➤ Minister responsible: Defence Minister

4. 'Cyclone Man' Mrutyunjay Mohapatra appointed as chief of Indian Meteorological Department

- Renowned scientist and cyclone warning specialist Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
- ♣ Mohapatra and his team at the Cyclone Warning Division of the IMD have earned praise for their accurate forecasts on cyclones, its wind-speed and likely impact on life and property including during the recent cyclone 'Fani', when their timely warnings enabled the authorities to ensure early evacuation of millions of people.
- ♣ The 54-year-old Scientist 'G' and Additional Director General in the IMD has been appointed as Director General of Meteorology, IMD, for a period of five years, the order said.He will assume charge in August.

Foot Notes:

About IMD



➤ Headquarters: New Delhi

> Founder: Government of India

Founded: 1875Jurisdiction: India

Chief: Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

5. P Jayadevan Appointed as IOCL Executive Director for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

- ♣ P Jayadevan has been appointed as the executive director of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry succeeding R Sitharthan.
- ♣ He will be coordinating oil company. He was previously heading Chairman's Secretariat at the corporate office, New Delhi.
- ♣ Prime Minister's Aadhaar Excellence Award was awarded to him for his contribution.

Foot Notes:

About IOCL

Head quarters: New DelhiChairman: Sanjiv singh

6. PM Modi reconstitutes NITI Aayog; Shah appointed ex-officio member

- → Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday approved reconstitution of government think-tank Niti Aayog, dropping Bibek Debroy while retaining other full time members and including Home Minister Amit Shah as an ex-officio member.
- ♣ Rajiv Kumar will continue as vice-chairman of the body, along with other full-time members V K Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and V K Paul, an official statement said.
- ♣ Debroy was appointed full-time member when the Aayog was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on January 1, 2015. Besides Shah, other three ex-officio members are Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

Foot Notes

About NITI Aayog

- > The National Institution for Transforming India
- Chairperson: Narendra Modi
- Formed: 1 January 2015Headquarters: New Delhi
- Headquarters: New Delhi

7. Wipro Founder Azim Premji to Retire as Executive Chairman by End of July, Son Rishad to Take over Reins



- → IIT czar Azim Premji will retire as executive chairman of Wipro Limited, a company that he founded and helmed for 53 years, with his son Rishad set to take over his position, the city-based firm said Thursday.
- ♣ Azim Premji would retire as executive chairman upon the completion of his current term on July 30, 2019 but he would continue to serve on the board as non-executive director and founder chairman, the company said.
- ♣ The company said Rishad Premji, chief strategy officer and a board member, will take over as the executive chairman following his father's retirement.

Foot Notes

About Wipro

> Founder: M.H. Hasham Premji

Owner: Azim Premji

➤ Headquarters: Bengaluru

> Subsidiaries: Appirio, Topcoder, Designit, Yardley of London.

8. India to enhance its commitment to Sri Lanka

- 4 India's foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale said that India will enhance its commitment to Sri Lanka in the wake of the recent bomb attacks on churches and hotels that killed more than 250.
- The announcement is made ahead of the visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Sri Lanka on June 8.
- The PM will be visiting the Maldives also. This will be his first foreign trip since winning a second term in power.

Foot Notes:

About Sri Lanka

> President: Maithripala Sirisena

> Prime Minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Official languages: Sinhala, Tamil

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee (LKR)

Science Tech & Defence

1. A new way of using MRI scanners to look for evidence of multiple sclerosis in the brain.

♣ A new way of using MRI scanners to look for evidence of multiple sclerosis in the brain has been successfully tested by researchers at The University of Nottingham and Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.



- ♣ Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition which affects around 100,000 people in the UK. It is notoriously difficult to diagnose as it has many symptoms but not all sufferers experience all of them and the disease can progress at different rates.
- ♣ MRI scans have been used as a diagnostic tool to detect white matter lesions in the brain but these are not always an indicator of the disease.

Foot Notes

About Multiple sclerosis

- Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a potentially disabling disease of the brain and spinal cord (central nervous system).
- ➤ In MS, the immune system attacks the protective sheath (myelin) that covers nerve fibers and causes communication problems between your brain and the rest of your body. Eventually, the disease can cause permanent damage or deterioration of the nerves.

2. IAF aircraft with 13 people on board goes missing

- ♣ The disappearance of an Indian Air Force AN-32 transport aircraft with 13 people onboard in Arunachal Pradesh's West Siang district bears an uncanny resemblance to the 2009 crash of another AN-32 carrying an equal number of passengers in the same region.
- IAF AN-32 had crashed over Rinchi Hill near Heyo Village (also located near Tato) in West Siang district, killing 13 personnel. The plane's wreckage was found about 30 km away from the Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground (ALG). It had taken off from the ALG and was headed towards Mohanbari Air Force Station in Assam, but disappeared within minutes of becoming airborne.

3. Indian Army commissioned air quality monitor at Fort William as a part of 'Go Green' initiative

- ♣ Go Green' initiative,a "Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS)" at Fort William Military Station.
- Lt Gen M M Naravane, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, commissioned the system, which monitors air pollution on a real time basis.
- ♣ The CAAQMS at the Eastern Command headquarters will measure air pollution including particulate matter throughout the year.
- **↓** It also displays wind speed, direction, ambient temperature, relative humidity, solar radiation, barometric pressure and rain gauge.
- ♣ The data can be remotely monitored on internet and collated into various desired formats.

Foot Notes:

About Indian Army:



- Founded: 1 April 1895, India
- > Headquarters: New Delhi
- > Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind

4. Kharga Prahar exercise concluded in Punjab

- ♣ A week long exercise between Indian army and Indian Air Force (IAF) Kharga Prahar concluded in Punjab.
- ♣ The exercise was under taken by various units and formation of kharga corps. The key aspects of this exercise is to validate operational aspects and brought out many lessons to the corps.
- ♣ The exercise was successful in validating latest operational concepts which are designed to deliver a swift punitive blow to India's adversary.

Foot Notes

About Kharga Corps

- ➤ The Indian Army's II Corps, based in Ambala is known as Kharga Corps.
- > It has been stationed at Ambala since 1985.
- In 1971, Bangladesh Liberation War Khara Corps was positioned in West Bengal and helped in division of Pakistan.

About Punjab

- Capital Chandigarh
- Chief Minister Amarinder Singh
- ➤ Governor V P Singh

5. Indian Navy successfully conducted 'live mating' of submarine rescue system DSRV

- ♣ On June 2, 2019, The Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) based at Visakhapatnam, successfully conducted the live mating exercise. It involved the transfer of personnel from the bottomed submarine, INS Sindhudhvaj. It was inducted into the Navy by the former Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba in December.
- ♣ The live mating exercise is a historic achievement towards DSRV integration into the Indian Navy. It paved way for the Indian Navy to emerge as a Submarine Rescue Provider in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- ♣ The DSRV is equipped with sophisticated radar and a remotely operated vehicle (ROV).
- ♣ It is operated by a crew of three and can rescue 14 personnel from a disabled submarine at one time.

Foot Notes:

About Indian Navy



- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh
- ➤ Navy Day: 4th December
- Motto: Sham No Varunah (May the Lord of the water be auspicious unto us)

<u>Important days</u>

1. Yoga Mahotsava was organized in New Delhi

- ♣ A Two-day Yoga Mahotsava, a Curtain Raiser for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 was organized in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by the Vice-Chairman, NITI AYOG Rajeev Kumar.
- → The Yoga Mahotsav-2019 was organized by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH). This is to sensitize the masses for the celebration of IDY 2019.
- ♣ On this occasion Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha announced two Applications related to International Day of Yoga 2019.
- (a) Yoga Locator which is specially designed for IDY to record and show Yoga events across the world
- (b) Bhuvan App which provides geo time location and documentation during IDY 2019. Bhuvan App has been designed in collaboration with ISRO.

Foot Notes:

About Ministry of AYUSH

- > AYUSH Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy
- ➤ It is a governmental body in India
- > It is purposed with developing, education and research
- Founded on: 9 November 2014
- > Headquarters: New Delhi
- Minister responsible: Shripad Naik (MOS independent charge)

2. World Environment Day: 5th June

- ♣ Since its inception in 1974, World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5th in more than 100 countries.
- The theme for World Environment Day 2019 is 'Beat Air Pollution'

Foot Notes

About Ministry of Environment



> Founded: 1985

> Headquarters: New Delhi

> Officeholders: Dr.Harsh Vardhan.

3. Celebration of World Food Safety Day

- → The first-ever World Food Safety Day, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018, was celebrated on 7 June 2019 under the theme "Food Safety, everyone's business". WHO, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is pleased to facilitate Member States effort to celebrate the World Food Safety Day this year and in coming years. Access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food is key to sustaining life and promoting good health.
- Foodborne diseases impede socioeconomic development by straining health care systems and harming national economies, tourism and trade. With an estimated 600 million cases of foodborne diseases annually almost 1 in 10 people in the world fall ill after eating contaminated food safety is an increasing threat to human health. Children under 5 years of age carry 40% of the foodborne disease burden with 125 000 deaths every year.
- Food safety is key to achieving several UN Sustainable Development Goals and is a shared responsibility between governments, producers and consumers. Everybody has a role to play from farm to table to ensure the food we consume is safe and will not cause damages to our health. Through the World Food Safety Day, WHO pursues its efforts to mainstream food safety in the public agenda and reduce the burden of food borne diseases globally.

Foot Notes

About United Nations General Assembly

President: María Fernanda Espinosa

➤ Headquarters: New York, New York, United States

> Founder: United Nations

Founded: 1945, New York, New York, United States

4. World Oceans Day is celebrated on 8th June

- ◆ World Oceans Day is celebrated on 8th June every year. The day was declared in 2008. June 8 was marked as it marks the day when it was first proposed in 1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) and the Ocean Institute of Canada (OIC) at the Earth Summit, UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ♣ The Conference supported the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
- ♣ The theme for the year 2019 is Gender and Oceans. The theme is to build greater ocean and gender literacy and to discover possible ways to promote gender equality in ocean-related activities such as marine scientific research,



fisheries, labour at sea, migration by sea and human trafficking, as well as policy-making and management.

Sports

1. ICC World Cup 2019 | ICC Ask Dhoni to Remove Army Insignia from Keeping Gloves

- ♣ India's opening game in the ongoing World Cup saw former skipper M.S. Dhoni once again profess his love for the security forces after he was spotted with regimental dagger insignia of the Indian Para Special Forces on his wicket-keeping gloves. But the International Cricket Council (ICC) has asked the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to get the symbol removed from Dhoni's gloves.
- ♣ Speaking to IANS, Claire Furlong, ICC General Manager, Strategic Communications, said that the BCCI has been asked to get the symbol removed from Dhoni's gloves. "We have requested the BCCI to get it removed," she said.
- ↓ The "Balidaan Badge" or the Army insignia was spotted on Dhoni's gloves as television replays showed him stumping Phehlukwayo in the 40th over of the innings bowled by Yuzvendra Chahal.

Foot Notes

About ICC

- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar Trending
- Designated CEO: Manu Sawhney (Jul 2019)
- CEO: Dave Richardson (28 Jun 2012–Jul 2019)
- ➤ Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Awards

1. Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq President Adena Friedman to get 2019 Global Leadership Award

- 4 Google's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq President Adena Friedman have been picked for the coveted Global Leadership Awards 2019 by business advocacy group USIBC.
- ♣ The duo has been recognised for their companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.



♣ The Washington-based US-India Business Council (USIBC) gives this award for achievements in over 30 categories to leaders who took extra efforts in nation building while nurturing the global economy to grow. The award will be conferred upon Indian-American Pichai, 46, and Friedman, 50, during the next week's 'India Ideas Summit'.

Foot Notes

About Google

> CEO: Sundar Pichai

> Founded: 4 September 1998

> Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin

About US-India Business Council

➤ Founded: 1975

➤ Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

> Chairman: Nisha Desai Biswal

> Type of business: Non-profit organization

2. Malayalam Actor Sheela J.C. Honoured With J.C. Daniel Award

- ♣ Malayalam Actor Sheela J.C. has won the J.C. Daniel Award, the highest honour in Malayalam cinema.
- ♣ She is only the second woman to get it, after Aranmula Ponnamma in 2005.
- 4 She won the State and National Awards for the Second Best Female Actor for Akale.

Foot Notes

About Daniel Award

- > The J. C. Daniel Award is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema.
- > Established: 1992
- First winner: T. E. Vasudevan
- Presented by: Kerala State Chalachitra Academy
- > Total awarded: 25

<u>Obituaries</u>

1. Veteran industrialist BM Khaitan passes away at 92

- ♣ Also known as the "evergreen tea man of India" globally, he had made the tea industry "Indian-owned" in the twilight era of independence.
- ♣ Veteran industrialist and patriarch of the Williamson Magor Group, Brij Mohan Khaitan, passed away at his residence in Kolkata on Saturday . He was 92.



Best known for his bold acquisitions, Khaitan had built the Williamson Magor Group from scratch. He was till recently the Chairman of Eveready Industries – one of the Group's flagships and the country's largest dry cell battery maker. He had recently stepped down from the post and was re-appointed as Chairman Emeritus.

2. Actor and Padma Shri awardee Dinyar Contractor passed away aged 79 in Mumbai, Maharashtra

- ♣ Actor and Padma Shri awardee(2019) Dinyar Contractor passed away aged 79 in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to age-related illnesses. He was best known for his comic roles.
- → He had appeared in the films like Baadshah, Khiladi, Chori Chori Chupke Chupke, Daraar and 36 China Town. He had been a part of shows like Khichdi, Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah, Hum Sab Ek Hain, Do Aur Do Paanch, Dil Vil and Karishma. The theatre artist had begun his professional career in 1966.
- ♣ He had played in Gujarati as well as Hindi plays. He started working on television programs when Mumbai Doordarshan launched their DD-2 channel in Mumbai with a Gujarati show titled "Aao Marvao Meri Saathe" and other shows like "Adi Marzban".

Foot Notes

About Maharashtra

- > Chief minister:Devendra Fadnavis
- Governor: C. Vidyasagar Rao
- > Capital: Mumbai

3. Dr. Patricia Bath inventor of Cataract treatment passes away at age of 76

- ♣ Dr. Patricia Bath, a pioneering ophthalmologist who became the first African American female doctor to receive a medical patent after she invented a more precise treatment of cataracts, has died. She was 76.
- ♣ Bath died on from complications of cancer at a University of California San Francisco medical center, her daughter, Dr. Eraka Bath, said.

