

## GENERAL AWARENESS

### 100 years

The nation paid homage to the martyrs of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre on the centenary of the incident.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 1919, hundreds of people were killed by troops under British Brigadier General Reginald Dyer, during a peaceful meeting at the park.

Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu visited Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar and paid tributes to martyrs.

He also released a commemorative coin and a postage stamp to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

### Wi-Fi

RailWire Wi-Fi by RailTel is now live at 1600 railway stations across the country. Santacruz railway station in Mumbai becoming the 1600<sup>th</sup> station to become a RailWire Wi-Fi zone.

RailTel has provided high speed Wi-Fi at 985 stations with own/other funding and at 415 A, A1 and C category stations, associating Google as the technology partner for radio access, while using the RailTel backbone for broadband connectivity.

RailTel has also completed work of providing Wi-Fi to 200 stations with support of Universal Service Obligatory Fund of Government of India

### Shaurya Diwas

President Ramnath Kovind paid homage to the martyrs at National Police Memorial in New Delhi on the occasion of 54<sup>th</sup> Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

A remembrance service was held when the President paid respects to the slain security personnel, including the 40 CRPF men killed in Pulwama terror attack, and laid a wreath at the memorial.

On 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1965 a small contingent of second Battalion of CRPF, successfully fought and repulsed an attack by a Pakistani Brigade at Sardar Post in the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat.

In that remembrance, 9<sup>th</sup> April observed as Valour Day of CRPF.

### Order of St Andrew

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Russia announced to confer the Order of St Andrew the Apostle - the highest state decoration of the country on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The decoration is being given to Mr Modi for his exceptional services in promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between the Russian Federation and India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian people.

The 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' is awarded to prominent statesmen, public figures and those working in the fields of science, culture and arts in recognition of their exceptional services in promoting prosperity and glory of Russia.

### Dhanush

Dhanush, the first indigenous long-range artillery gun was inducted into the Indian Army.

The 155mm calibre artillery gun was manufactured by the Jabalpur-based Gun Carriage Factory.

After the induction of M-777 ultra-light howitzers, it's time for country's first indigenously designed and developed Dhanush gun was handed over to Indian army.

Dhanush Gun system can be employed in all types of terrain. Its mechanical upgrade results in extending firing range up to 38km.

### World health day

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare along with World Health Organization (WHO) formed a Solidarity Human Chain as part of the World Health Day celebrations to reaffirm their commitment to bridging gaps and working collaboratively towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

April 7<sup>th</sup> of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day. The theme of World Health Day 2019 is “Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere”

World Health Organization Representative to India Dr. Henk Bekedam said, “A well-equipped primary health care delivery system is the key to achieving universal health coverage”

In the Sustainable Development Goals, all countries have committed to achieving universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030.

### Mitra Shakti VI

6<sup>th</sup> edition of the joint military training exercise between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, Exercise Mitra Shakti concluded in Sri Lanka.

Both the contingents jointly planned and executed a series of tactical operations based on scenarios that are likely to be encountered in the rural & urban environment.

By this, two army contingents also shared the best practices of each other to further enhance their learning experiences.

### ESPN sports Awards

Olympic silver medallist P.V. Sindhu and star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra were named as female and male sportsperson of the year in the ESPN India Multi-Sport Awards for their achievements in 2018.

Saina Nehwal won the award for the ‘Comeback of the Year’ after bagging the bronze at the 2018 Asian Games.

Jaspal Rana, coach of the Indian shooting team, claimed the ‘Coach of the Year’ award after India picked up 16 medals in shooting at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The Indian women’s table tennis team took home the award for ‘Team of the Year’ and The ‘Moment of the Year’ award was decided through public poll and has been awarded to the Indian women’s 4 × 400 m relay team for winning the gold at the Asian Games.

### ESPN sports Awards Winners

Sportsperson of the Year (Male)	-	Neeraj Chopra (athletics)
Sportsperson of the Year (Female)	-	P V Sindhu (badminton)
Comeback of the Year	-	Saina Nehwal (badminton)
Coach of the Year	-	Jaspal Rana (shooting)
Emerging Sportsperson of the Year	-	Saurabh Chaudhary (shooting)
Team of the Year	-	Women’s team (table tennis)
Match of the Year	-	Amit Panghal vs Hasanboy Dusmatov (boxing)
Differently - abled athlete of the Year	-	Ekta Bhyan (para-athletics)
Moment of the Year	-	Women’s 4 × 400 m relay

## HRD rankings

President Ramnath Kovind declared the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF India Rankings 2019) on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at New Delhi.

Indian Institute of Technology Madras topped the rankings while the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore bagged the second rank followed by IIT Delhi in overall category

AIIMS has been ranked first among medical sciences institutes and National Law School, Bangalore has topped law colleges.

### NIRF Rank No 1 holds by.....:

Category	Winner
Overall	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
University	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
College	Miranda House, Delhi
Management	Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
Pharmacy	Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
Law	National Law School of India University, Bangalore
Architecture	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
Medical	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

## MODEL QUESTIONS

- Who is the Digital Sukoon founder, honoured with the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council received the award in the Best Digital Agency category?  
1) Narayan Murthy      2) Nandan Nilekani      3) Sudhanshu Kumar      4) Sunder Pichai  
5) Satya Nadella
- Which Telugu poet selected for prestigious Saraswati Samman 2018 for his collection of poetry titled "Pakkaki Ottigilite"?  
1) Kundurti Anjaneyulu      2) Ravuri Bharadvaja      3) K Siva Reddy      4) C.Narayana Reddy  
5) Bhargavi Rao
- International Day of Human Space Flight observed on.....  
1) 15<sup>th</sup> August      2) 8<sup>th</sup> December      3) 1<sup>st</sup> March      4) 12<sup>th</sup> April  
5) 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Who is the Rio Paralympics silver medalist, was honoured with the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019?  
1) Mariyappan Thangavelu      2) Devendra Jhajharia  
3) Deepa Malik      4) Varun Singh Bhati  
5) Pooja Khanna
- Which city became the first in the world to implement a special Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) that would charge an entry fee for older vehicles if they do not meet the emission standards?  
1) Rome      2) Beijing      3) London      4) Tokyo  
5) Delhi

ANSWERS: 1-3; 2-3; 3-4; 4-3; 5-3.

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