

GENERAL AWARENESS

A K Patnaik Panel

Supreme Court on 25th April 2019, constituted a one-man panel of former apex court judge Justice A K Patnaik to hold an inquiry into the allegations of a larger conspiracy to frame Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and fixing of benches in the top court.

IBF - 2019

India has been nominated as the "Guest of Honour" country at the 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) began on 24th April 2019. Books on the life and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi displayed as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

Indian Ambassador to the UAE is Navdeep Singh Suri.

Swacchta Pakhwada Awards-2019

All India Radio, Publication Division and Children's Film Society of India were given Swacchta Pakhwada Awards-2019 in New Delhi on 23rd April 2019.

Secretary in the Information and Broadcasting Ministry Amit Khare gave away the awards. Director General of All India Radio F. Sheheryar and Director General (News) Ira Joshi received the Award for All India Radio.

World Intellectual Property Day

World Intellectual Property Day is being observed on 26th April 2019 across the globe. Intellectual property refers to creations of the mind, inventions, literary and artistic works, and symbols, names and images used in commercial activities.

The day is observed across the world to spread awareness about the role that intellectual property rights like patents, trademarks, industrial designs and copyright play in encouraging innovation and creativity.

The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2019 is "Reach for Gold: IP and Sports"

'Imphal' at Mazagon Dock

The Indian Navy launched guided missile destroyer 'Imphal' at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders in Mumbai on 20th April 2019, as part of its Project 15B, which is aimed at adding state-of-the-art warships to the naval fleet.

The Navy had launched INS Vishakhapatnam, the first Project 15B ship, in April 2015, while the second ship, INS Mormugao, was launched in September 2016.

Imphal is the third ship launched under a project in which ships are built to carry and operate two multiple role helicopters.

RBI stake

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) exited the National Housing Bank (NHB) and the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD), by selling its entire stakes to government for Rs.1,450 crore and Rs.20 crore, respectively, making them fully government-owned now.

Asian Boxing Championships

India finished the Asian Championships with 13 medals in total which included two gold, four silver and seven bronze. Boxers Pooja Rani and Amit Panghal gave India two gold medals.

Pooja Rani defeated reigning World Champion Wang Lina in the final to claim top honours in the 81-kg weight category.

Amit Panghal clinched gold in the 52-kg category after defeating Korea's Kim Inkyu.

World Book Capital 'Sharjah'

Sharjah was named this year's World Book Capital by the UNESCO. The annual programme was kicked on 23rd April 2019, the day observed as World Book Day.

The city of Sharjah was selected because of the very innovative, comprehensive and inclusive nature of the application, with a community-focused activity programme containing creative proposals to engage the very large migrant population.

With the slogan "Read - you are in Sharjah", the programme focuses on six themes: inclusivity, reading, heritage, outreach, publishing and children.

GTC index

India moved up one position to rank 80th on the global talent competitive (GTC) index. Switzerland continues to top the list released at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting here by INSEAD business school in partnership with Tata Communications and Adecco Group.

The survey measures how countries and cities grow attract and retain talent, ranking 125 countries and 114 cities across all groups of income and levels of development.

Bold Kurukshetra

12th edition of four days joint military exercise between India and Singapore, 'Bold Kurukshetra 2019', concluded on 11th April 2019 after an impressive closing ceremony held at Babina Military Station.

The troops learnt about each other's organisations and best practices being followed in combat.

MODEL QUESTIONS

- Which nation released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of its diplomatic ties with India?
1) Malaysia 2) Denmark 3) Indonesia 4) Fiji
5) Sweden
- The Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un hold first talks in?
1) Hanoi, Vietnam 2) Seoul, South Korea
3) Pyongyang, North Korea 4) Tokyo, Japan
5) Vladivostok, Russia
- Asian Snooker Tour title clinched by.....
1) Pankaj Advani 2) Aditya Mehta 3) Geet Sethi 4) Yasin Merchant
5) Manan Chandra
- Who was honoured with the National Intellectual Property Award for 2019 in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization?
1) Rujuta Diwekar 2) Ryan Fernando 3) Benny Antony 4) Pooja Makhija
5) Ishi Khosla
- Who won the Gold Medal in women's 1500m race in the Asian Athletics Championships at the Khalifa Stadium in Doha, Qatar?
1) Dipa Karmakar 2) Dutee Chand 3) P U Chitra 4) Hima Das
5) Swapna Barman

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

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