

GENERAL AWARENESS

Stamp on Sri Vedanta Desikan

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released a postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan in New Delhi on 2nd May 2019.

Sri Vedanta Desikan was a Sri Vaishnava guru/Philosopher and one of the most brilliant stalwarts of Sri Vaishnavism in the post-Ramanuja period.

Gadchiroli Attack

15 security personnel were martyred and a driver of a private vehicle killed in a high-intensity land-mine blast at Jambhulkheda, in Kurkheda taluka of Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district on 1st May 2019.

Israel's new PM Benjamin

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn into Israel's new parliament on 1st May 2019, following his victory in April 9th elections.

Netanyahu was among the 120 members of the Knesset or parliament, sworn in during an official ceremony.

He called upon the new members to fight for their common home where secular, religious, ultra-orthodox, Jews and Arabs can find themselves equal.

Japan's new Emperor.. Naruhito

Naruhito formally step into as the Japan Emperor on 1st May 2019.

He said that he would always stand with the people of the country, as he prayed for world peace in his first address to the nation after ascending the Chrysanthemum Throne, marking the start of the new era known as Reiwa (Beautiful Harmony) in Japan's traditional calendar system.

Ex-Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko stepped down after three decades in their roles a day before in a brief and simple ceremony. It was first time a Japanese emperor has stepped down in 200 years.

Masood Azhar as global terrorist

In a huge diplomatic win for India, the United Nations designated Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar as a "global terrorist" after China lifted its hold on a proposal to blacklist him.

A global terrorist designation will subject Azhar to an assets freeze, travel ban and an arms embargo.

Julian Assange sentenced

Wikileaks co-founder Julian Assange sentenced to 50 weeks in a British prison for breaching his bail by entering the Ecuadorian embassy in London.

He was arrested last month after spending seven years in the Ecuadoran embassy and was found guilty of breaching the UK's Bail Act.

Assange, who took refuge in the embassy in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden on rape accusations, was arrested after Ecuador terminated his asylum on 11th April 2019.

Tagore Literary Prize - 2019

The second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was awarded to author Rana Dasgupta for his 2010 novel "Solo", a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence.

An amount of \$ 10,000, a Tagore statue and a certificate for contribution to literature was given to the recipient Dasgupta.

Indo - French naval exercise

The first part of the Indo-French joint naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 conducted off the Goa coast from 1st to 10th May 2019.

The exercise will be conducted in two phases. The harbour phase at Goa would include cross-visits, professional interactions and discussions and sports events. The sea phase would comprise various exercises across the spectrum of maritime operations.

The second part Varuna 19.2 is scheduled to be held at the end of May in Djibouti.

The exercise underscores the shared interests and commitment of both nations in promoting maritime security.

National Conference on IBC

On 4th May 2019, a National Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was held in New Delhi.

The participants suggested that creditors should provide all relevant information and share their vision for companies under the insolvency process.

They also expressed the view that it will be dangerous to let viable firms to close down.

World Press Freedom Day 2019

On 3rd May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.

The main event will take place in Addis Ababa, on 1st – 3rd May at the African Union Headquarters.

This year's theme "Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation" discusses current challenges faced by media in elections, along with the media's potential in supporting peace and reconciliation processes.

ISSF World Cup

India topped the chart for the second consecutive International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup, third time in two years, by bagging three gold and a silver at the Beijing edition of the Rifle/Pistol event.

For India, while Anjum Moudgil and young Divyansh Singh Panwar started the medal hunt with a gold in the 10 m Air Rifle Mixed Team competition.

The teenaged pair of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary backed them up with another yellow metal in the 10 m Air Pistol Mixed Team Pistol event.

Divyansh then won India's first individual medal by clinching a silver in the men's 10 m Air Rifle.

Abhishek Verma won India's third gold in men's 10 m Air Pistol event.

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Who took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 1st May 2019?
 - 1) Devraj Anbu
 - 2) Anil Khosla
 - 3) Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
 - 4) Sunil Lamba
 - 5) Bipin Rawat
2. Who attained the world number one position in the women's 10 m air rifle event?
 - 1) Heena Sidhu
 - 2) Tejaswini Sawant
 - 3) Apurvi Chandela
 - 4) Deepali Deshpande
 - 5) Anjali Bhagwat

3. On which day, Gujarat celebrates its foundation day?
1) 4th May 2) 2nd May 3) 8th May 4) 3rd May
5) 1st May
4. In the ICC Test rankings, which nation retained its top position while England remained the number one ODI formats?
1) Australia 2) West Indies 3) South Africa 4) India
5) Sri Lanka
5. Parliament of which nation declared "an environment and climate emergency," recently?
1) UK 2) Sweden 3) India 4) USA
5) Switzerland
6. Who got Goldman Environmental Prize? (He stopped the destruction of over half a million acres of the country's tropical forests)
1) Alberto Curamil 2) Alfred Brownell
3) Ana Colovic Lesoska 4) Dr Vandana Shiva
5) Sunita Narain
7. Who is the chairman of IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India)?
1) R.S.Sharma 2) Ajay Tyagi
3) M.S. Sahoo 4) Ashok Kumar Guptha
5) Shakthikantha Das
8. An Indian wrestler regained the world number one spot in the men's 65 kilogram freestyle category rankings. He is...
1) Bajrang Punia 2) Pawan Kumar
3) Yogeshwar Dutt 4) Saurav Gurjar
5) Ravinder Singh
9. Which IT services company modernizes 1.5 lakh post offices under multi-year deal with India Post?
1) Infosys 2) Tech Mahindra 3) TCS 4) Microsoft
5) Genpact
10. A mini-marathon titled 'run to vote' was held in Leh district of ... which is going to polls in the last phase of the Lok Sabha elections on 6th May 2019.
1) Jammu and Kashmir 2) Manipur
3) Meghalaya 4) Mizoram
5) Uttarakhand

KEY

1-3; 2-3; 3-5; 4-4; 5-1; 6-2; 7-3; 8-1; 9-3; 10-1.

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