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# **TNPSC BITS**

- The Indian women's boxing contingent ended the World Boxing Championships campaign held at Russia with a record four medals including Manju Rani's silver medal in the 48 kg category.
- Kenya Eliud Kipchoge, became the first person to run a marathon in under 2 hours by finishing the INEOS 1:59 Challenge in 1 hour 59:40 minutes in Vienna, Austria.
- Belarusian tennis player Aryna Sabalenka won women's singles title in the 6th edition of 2019 WTA Wuhan Open held at China.
  - By this win, Aryna became the first player to claim back-to-back titles in Wuhan.

# NATIONAL

## SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2019



The Sale of Articles of Rural Artisan Society (SARAS) Aajeevika Mela 2019 is underway at India Gate Lawns in New Delhi.





- The mela is an initiative by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- It aims to bring the rural women Self Help Groups formed with the support of DAY-NRLM, under one platform which will help to show-case their skills, sell products and help them build linkages with bulk buyers.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> India - Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Indian Navy Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) 2019 has been held in Northern Bay of Bengal.
- This 2-day CORPAT will be followed by the maiden edition of bilateral exercise between the navies at Visakhapatnam.
- The IN-BN CORPAT which commenced in 2018, is aimed toward upgrading to a bilateral train with the navies taking part in seamanship evolutions, flying workouts with integral helicopters and maritime patrol plane at sea.

#### India Sports Summit – Fitness: \$10 Billion Opportunity

- The 'India Sports Summit- Fitness: \$10 Billion Opportunity' was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs Mr Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi.
- It was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
- ✤ The first India Sports Summit 2019 was also inaugurated at this event.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Dharma Guardian 2019

- The 2nd joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian 2019' to promote military cooperation between India and Japan will be held in Mizoram.
- ✤ This joint military exercise will improve mutual relations between the two countries and will help in fighting against terrorism.
- Dharma Guardian exercise is an annual training event, which is being held in India since 2018.

#### Vajra Prahar 2019 – 10<sup>th</sup> Edition

The joint military exercise 'Vajra Prahar' between India and the US begins at Washington.





- ✤ In 2018, the practice took place in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Earlier on September 2019, soldiers from both countries underwent joint military training exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2019' at US.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> edition of C40 World Mayors Summit 2019

- 7<sup>th</sup> edition of C40 World Mayors Summit 2019 was held at Copenhagen, Denmark.
- ◆ It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience.
- C40- is the group of major international cities that have banded together around making sustainable changes in transportation, energy use, and consumption.
- Kolkata has received the prestigious "6<sup>th</sup> C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards 2019" for the city's green mobility.



### **STATES**

#### **YSR Kanti Velugu Scheme 2019**

- Andhra Pradesh Government launched YSR Kanti Velugu Scheme 2019 at on the occasion of World Sight Day.
- Under this scheme, the natives of Andhra Pradesh can screen their eyes free of cost and spectacles will also be provided.
- ✤ It is a part of the Fit India Movement.





✤ A task force headed by the Collector would monitor the programme in each district.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### 13<sup>th</sup> Edition Of PII-ICRC Awards

- The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Press Institute of India (PII) International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) annual awards 2019 for best article and best photograph on a humanitarian subject were declared.
- The award ceremony was jointly organized by the PII and ICRC New Delhi Regional Delegation in New Delhi.
- ✤ The awards were given under the theme "Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Issues".

Award	Name	Article/ Photo
Best Article	Urvashi Sarkar	'Our houses are vanishing. Nobody cares' Appeared on the PARI (People's Archive of Rural India) website
Best Photograph	G. Sivaprasad (The Mathrubhumi) & Rijo Joseph (Malayala Manorama)	'Close to the heart' 'Running for life'

#### First human to walk in space passes away



 Russian astronaut Alexei Leonov, who walked for the first time in 1965, died in Moscow, Russia.





- In March 1965, Leonov and his other partner Pavel Belyayev flew to space under the Voskhod 2 mission.
- During this mission, on 18 March 1965, Leonov exited the spacecraft and walked for 12 minutes and nine seconds.

## **SPORTS**

### World Youth Chess Championship 2019

- World Youth Chess Championship 2019 was held in Mumbai.
- ✤ The Championship was organized by the International Chess Federation.
- India bagged seven medals (highest medals than any other country) in the Championship.
- ✤ It includes 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals.
- Russia won 5 medals in the Championship and followed by India.

Name	Event	Medal
Praggnanandhaa R	Open U18	Gold
Agrawal Vantika	Girls U18	Silver
Srihari L R	Open U14	Silver
Deshmukh Divya	Girls U14	Silver
Ghosh Aronyak	Open U16	Bronze
Sreeshwan Maralakshikari	Open U14	Bronze
Ravi Rakshitta	Girls U14	Bronze

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### World arthritis day - October 12

- ♦ World Arthritis Day was observed all over the world on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- It aims to create global awareness on issues affecting people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs).
- ✤ The theme of this day for 2019 is "Time2Work".
- Arthritis is an inflammatory condition causing pain and stiffness in joints.
- The day is Observed since 1996, the day was started by the Arthritis and Rheumatism International.







## World Migratory Bird Day - October 12

- World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)was observed all over the world on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- It aims to create awareness on the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
- ✤ The Theme for 2019 is "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution".



### **International Day of Disaster Reduction - October 13**

- International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) has been observed on October 13.
- ✤ It aims to promote global culture towards risk awareness and disaster reduction.
- The theme for the year 2019: "Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services".
- In 1989, the International Day for Disaster Reduction was started by the United Nations General Assembly.
- The 2019 edition continues as part of the "Sendai Seven" campaign, which was launched in 2016 by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction which is centered on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework (2015 – 2030).







## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Brand Finance Nation Brands 2019**

- ✤ An annual report on the most valuable and strongest nation brands named Brand Finance Nation Brands 2019 was released by Brand Finance.
- ♦ India was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> from 9<sup>th</sup> rank of 2018 with 18.7% growth in brand value.
- ✤ The list was topped by the United States of America (USA) with 7.2% growth in brand value.
- Singapore emerged as the World's strongest nation brand.



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