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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Popular scriptwriter Salim Khan, national award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar and actress Helen were honoured with the prestigious Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award at a ceremony in Mumbai.
- ❖ A six-year-old boy Mizoram Derek C Lalchhanhima, who saved life of a chicken he accidentally ran over, has been awarded the ‘Compassionate Kid’ award 2019 by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India.
- ❖ Sharath Kamal, Ace table tennis player was titled Sportsperson of the Year Award 2019 at the annual awards and scholarships function organised by the Tamil Nadu Sports Journalists’ Association and the India Cements in Chennai.

NATIONAL

QS EMBA Rankings 2019

- ❖ Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore’s (IIM-B) post-graduate programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) has secured the 12th rank in APAC (Asia Pacific) listing.
- ❖ Also, it came 61st rank globally in the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019.
- ❖ With this, it became the only Indian B-school to secure a place among the top 100 B-Schools across the world.
- ❖ IIM-B also ranked first under the Management category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework Rankings 2019.

ECONOMY

India’s first ‘Green Car Loan’

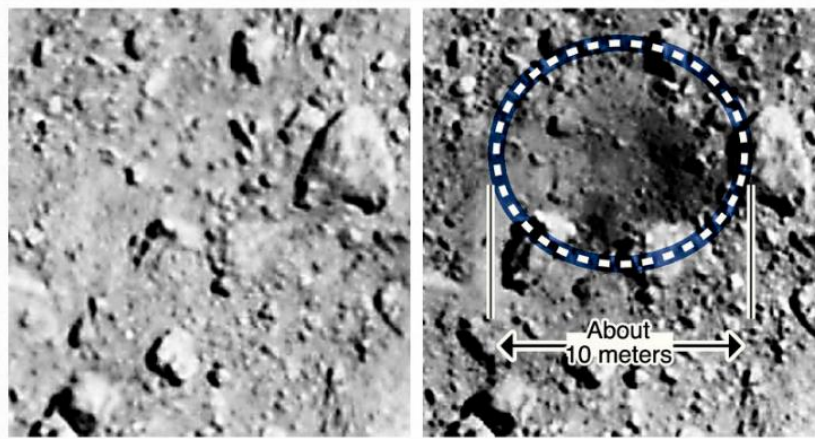
- ❖ On the occasion of World Earth Day- April 22, 2019 the State Bank of India has launched India’s first ‘Green Car Loan’ (Electric Vehicle).
- ❖ It aims to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles.
- ❖ The new scheme ‘Green Car Loan’ will offer loan at 20 basis points lower than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1st artificial crater on asteroid

- ❖ Japanese scientists have successfully created the first-ever artificial crater on an asteroid.
- ❖ It would give some clue on how the solar system evolved.
- ❖ The baseball-sized explosive released by the Hayabusa 2 spacecraft managed to knock a considerable hole in the asteroid.
- ❖ Hayabusa 2 space probe shot a projectile at the Ryugu asteroid around 340 million kilometres from Earth.
- ❖ It aims to explore the origin of life and the evolution of the solar system.
- ❖ The mission was launched in December 2014 and is scheduled to return to Earth with its samples in 2020.



ENVIRONMENT

95 million-year-old crab species

- ❖ Alberta University palaeontologists have discovered 95 million-year-old coin-sized 'cartoon-eyed' crab species called *Callichimaeraperplexa*.
- ❖ It is believed that the crab is from mid-cretaceous period & it must have hailed from what is now Colombia, Northern Africa & Wyoming.
- ❖ It is a small pocket-size crab had a tiny lobster-esque shell; legs flattened like oars & huge, & Pound Puppies' eyes that projected from its head.



First plastic-free flight

- ❖ The UAE's Etihad Airways has become the first airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.
- ❖ It is in a bid to raise awareness about pollution on Earth Day.
- ❖ This is the part of Etihad's pledge to reduce single-use plastic usage by 80 per cent not just in-flight, but across the entire organisation by the end of 2022.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

National Intellectual Property Award- 2019

- ❖ Dr. Benny Antony, Joint Managing Director and co-founder of the Kochi-based Arjuna Natural Ltd, has been honoured with the National Intellectual Property Award, 2019.

- ❖ He was awarded in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization.
- ❖ He is the inventor of BCM-95, the world's leading patented turmeric extract formulation.
- ❖ Also, he has over 80 international patents to his credit.
- ❖ Along with this Award, the Intellectual Property Office India and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) have jointly honoured Antony with the 'WIPO Medal for Inventors'.



71st World Press Freedom Hero

- ❖ Dawn editor and Columnist Cyril Almeida from Pakistan has won the IPI's (International Press Institute) World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019.



- ❖ This award given for his “critical” and “tenacious coverage” of the civil-military relations in Pakistan.
- ❖ These awards will be presented in IPI’s annual World Congress and General Assembly function to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on 5th June, World Intellectual Property Day 2019.

SPORTS

ISSF World Cup 2019- Beijing

- ❖ The pair of Indian shooters Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker clinched the 10m Air Pistol Mixed gold in the final at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2019 in Beijing, China.
- ❖ Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar bagged a gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event by defeating China in the same tournament.
- ❖ Prior to this, Chaudhary and Bhaker pair had already won a gold in the same category in the New Delhi edition of the shooting World Cup in February 2019.

MEDAL STANDINGS				
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1  IND	3	1		4
2  CHN	2	2	1	5
3  RUS	1	3	3	7
4  KOR	1	2	2	5
5  BUL	1			1

Asian Boxing Championship 2019

- ❖ The Asian Boxing Championship 2019 was held in Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ This was the first-time women and men boxing championship held together.
- ❖ This event was organized by International Boxing Association.
- ❖ India finished with 13 medals that include 2 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 7 bronze medals.

- ❖ Amit Panghal from Haryana won the gold in 52-kg category and this was her first gold medal in the event.
- ❖ Pooja Rani defeated world champion Wang Lina from China in the 81-kg category and won the gold medal.
- ❖ This was also India's first ever gold medal in the 81-kg category from this elite Asian Boxing Championship tournament.

INDIA PACK A PUNCH AT ASIAN BOXING MEET

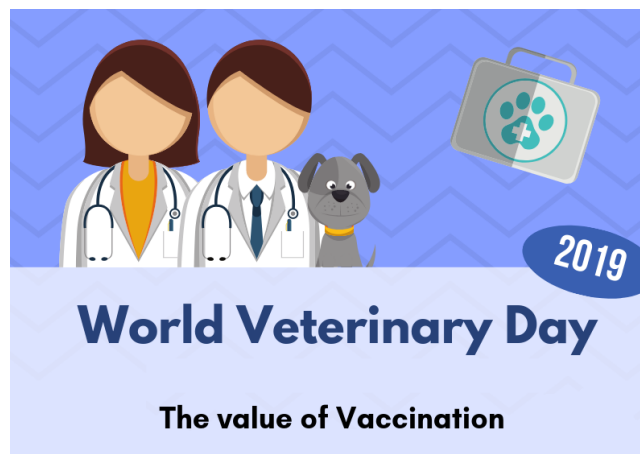
Indian pugilists win 2 gold, 4 silver and 7 bronze medals. It's the country's best showing ever at Asian Boxing Championships

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Pooja Rani (81kg), Amit Panghal (52kg)	Simranjit Kaur (64kg), Kavinder Singh Bisht (56kg), Deepak Singh (49kg), Ashish Chaudhary (75kg)	Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Manisha Moun (54kg), Sonia Chahal (57kg), Sarita Devi (60kg), Shiva Thapa (60kg), Ashish (69kg), Satish Kumar (+91kg)

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Veterinary Day - April 27

- ❖ World Veterinary Day observed every year April 27 globally.
- ❖ It highlights and promotes the lifesaving work performed by veterinarians around the globe.
- ❖ World Veterinarian Day was created in 2000 by the World Veterinary Association.
- ❖ The theme of World Veterinary Day 2019 is the Value of Vaccination.



World Day for Safety and Health at Work - April 28

- ❖ April 23, every year is celebrated as World Day for Safety and Health at Work.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the wellness and preventions of accidents at the workplace that can impact the lives of workers.
- ❖ It was declared by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "safety and health at the heart of the future of work."
- ❖ It has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS

World Allergy Week 2019

- ❖ World Allergy Week is an annual global initiative of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO) from 2011.
 - ❖ It was observed worldwide between 7th to 13th of April, 2019.
 - ❖ The theme for this year is "The Global Problem of Food Allergy".
 - ❖ WAO first hosted "World Allergy Day" in July 2005 in association with the biennial World Allergy Congress. It is celebrated annually on 8 July.
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