

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 29, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras - is collaborating with Madras Dyslexia Association (MDA) to launch 'e-Shikshanam', a free online teacher training programme to provide remedial support to 'dyslexic' children**



- ✓ The modules include coping strategies for children with difficulties in reading, spelling, writing and mathematics
- ✓ The course is open to primary school teachers (up to Class V) across the country
- ✓ National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is the facilitator for the course
- ✓ The course is hosted on NPTEL website with all the recordings and editing

INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ **Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena - announced a ban on covering of the face with burqa, veil or in any manner that obstructs identification of the person.**
- ✓ The President's office said that the move is intended to ensure national security
- ✓ Sirisena took the decision under the Emergency Regulations.
- ✓ The country is a victim of coordinated blasts on Easter day, with the suicide bombers targeting three churches and three luxury hotels in the nation, killing over 250 people and injuring more than 500 others
- ✓ The order comes into effect from April 29

◆ **In a first, UAE - gives birth certificate to a girl born to a Hindu father and Muslim mother**

- ✓ After nine-months of her birth, Anamta Aceline Kiran, got a legal birth certificate from the UAE government, keeping its marriage rules for expatriates aside
- ✓ Anamta was born to Sharjah-based expat Kiran Babu and Sanam Saboo Siddique
- ✓ UAE is observing 2019 as the Year of Tolerance to highlight itself as an exemplary example of a tolerant nation, bridging the communication gap between different cultures and religions
- ✓ As per the marriage rules for expatriates in UAE, a Muslim man can marry a non-Muslim woman but a Muslim woman cannot marry a non-Muslim man.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

◆ **The Japan-India Institute for Manufacturing (JIM), a residential skill training centre – was inaugurated at Andhra Pradesh**



- ✓ JIM is part of a Manufacturing Skill Transfer Promotion Programme initiated by the Government of Japan in India
- ✓ It was envisaged as per the MoU signed by the two countries in 2016 to impart training to 30,000 Indian youth in manufacturing soft skills.
- ✓ Several Japanese companies are collaborating in this initiative to create a pool of skilled manpower for manufacturing units in India

DEFENCE

◆ **The Indian armed forces - will conduct a major cyber exercise or 'Cyberex' this week, in conjunction with other agencies**

- ✓ The exercise will focus on cyber attacks on critical Indian infrastructure like strategic networks and power grids.
- ✓ The aim of the exercise is to assess the situation, seek responses, damage control and the requisite actions required for a coordinated response
- ✓ Cyberex is the first major joint exercise of the Army, IAF and Navy, under the aegis of the integrated defence staff, with participation from several other organizations
- ✓ The others involved in the two-day exercise range from the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), National Technical Research Organization (NTRO) and Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) to the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Computer Security Resource Centre (CSRC).
- ✓ Cyber warfare is the fifth dimension of warfare after the first four "real" battlefields of land, air, sea and space

- ✓ The malicious Stuxnet software worm, developed by the US and Israel, crippled Iran's nuclear programme almost a decade ago

SPORTS

◆ **India - finished top of medal tally at ISSF World Cup Rifle/ Pistol 2019 edition held in Beijing, China**

- ✓ In last edition of Shooting World Cup held in New Delhi, India jointly topped standings with Hungary
- ✓ India has secured 3 gold and 1 silver medal, ahead of China's five medals (2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze) tally
- ✓ This is the third time India has topped the medal tally in two years
- ✓ India has also secured five 2020 Tokyo olympic quota places in the event
- ✓ Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker won gold in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Pistol event
- ✓ Anjum Moudgil and young Divyansh Singh Panwar won gold in 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team competition
- ✓ India's third gold was won by Abhishek Verma in men's 10m Air Pistol event
- ✓ Divyansh Singh Panwar won India's first individual medal by winning silver in men's 10m Air Rifle

◆ **India - finishes with 16 medals (one gold, six silver and nine bronze) at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Xi'an, China**

- ✓ On the final day, India's Harpreet Singh secured his first silver medal after three consecutive bronze in 82kg while Gyanender won a bronze in 60kg
- ✓ India's overall tally of 16 medals included eight — one gold, three silver and four bronze — won by men's freestyle wrestlers, four bronze by women and three silver and a bronze by Greco-Roman wrestlers.
- ✓ India's Greco-Roman wrestlers have improved on their tally of two bronze medals at the last edition and is the country's best ever performance in this discipline at the Asian Championships

◆ **Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge - won his fourth London Marathon 2019 crown at London, UK**



- ✓ Kipchoge ran ahead of other runners to win the race with the second fastest-ever time of 2:02:37.
- ✓ He had set the world record time of 2:01.39s at Berlin in 2018.
- ✓ In the women's section, Brigid Kosgei won the title.
- ✓ She finished the course in 2:18:20.

◆ **Valtteri Bottas (Finland - Mercedes) – wins the Azerbaijan Formula 1 Grand Prix and regained the lead in the 2019 drivers' title race**



- ✓ Great Britain's current Formula 1 champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) finished second
- ✓ With the one-two finish, Mercedes swept to a fourth successive season-opening one-two finish, the first team to do so since Ferrari in 1952.
- ✓ It was Bottas' second win this year
- ✓ Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari finished third while Max Verstappen was fourth for Red Bull
- ✓ With the win, Bottas has 87 points, Hamilton 86 and Vettel 52 in the overall driver's rankings

◆ **The Wrestling Federation of India - recommended the names of Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2019**



- ✓ World No. 1, Punia was the only gold medal winner for India in the just concluded Asian Wrestling Championships 2019 in Xi'an, China
- ✓ He had won the gold medal in the 65 kg freestyle wrestling event at the 2018 Asian Games held in Jakarta
- ✓ He also managed to win gold in the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and Silver in the World Championships in 2018.
- ✓ On the other hand, Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold in both Commonwealth and Asian Games 2018
- ✓ The Wrestling Federation had recommended Rahul Aware, Harpreet Singh, Divya Kakran and Pooja Dhanda for the Arjuna Award
- ✓ Virender Kumar, Sujeet Maan, Narendra Kumar and Vikram Kumar have been recommended for Dronacharya Award
- ✓ Bheem Singh and Jai Prakash have been recommended for the Dhyan Chand Award.
- ✓ The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna is the highest sporting honour of India

◆ **All India Football Federation (AIFF) - recommended names of National team footballers Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and Jeje Lalpekhlua for the prestigious Arjuna award 2019**



- ✓ AIFF has been naming both these players since 2017 but Arjuna Award committee didn't approve their names in past two years
- ✓ Sandhu is only second footballer (after Sunil Chhetri) in India to play Asian Cup final rounds twice in 2011 and 2019
- ✓ Sunil Chhetri has already received both Arjuna award and Padma Shri
- ✓ He had set a unique record in 2016, by becoming first Indian footballer to play competitive match in European top division league, Stabaek of Norway
- ✓ Jeje, from Mizoram, currently plays for Chennaiyin FC in ISL (Indian Super League)
- ✓ Arjuna awards are the country's second highest sporting award after Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- ✓ They are first instituted in 1961 to honour sportspersons for outstanding performances for four years in National sports

INTERNATIONAL DAY

◆ **International Dance Day – April 29**



- ✓ The day is celebrated worldwide to encourage participation and education in dance through events and festivals
- ✓ The aim of the day is to celebrate dance, revel in the universality of this art form, cross all political, cultural and ethnic barriers, and bring people together with a common language - dance
- ✓ It was instituted by the dance committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI)—the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO.
- ✓ In 1982 the Dance Committee of ITI founded International Dance Day on April 29, the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810), creator of modern ballet

