Awards

The Omani writer and academic who has been chosen for the Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her book Celestial Bodies – **Jokha al-Harthi**

The country which has conferred its highest civilian honour named Zayed Medal upon the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **UAE**

The former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation who has been conferred France’s highest civilian award Chevalier of the Order of the Legion of Honour – **Dr. AS Kiran Kumar**

Defence

The new Chief of Staffs Committee who has taken over from Admiral Sunil Lamba, Chief of Naval Staff – **Air Chief Marshall BS Dhanoa**

The new Chief of Naval Staff to replace Admiral Sunil Lamba who retired on 31 May 2019 – **Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC**

The Russian made aircraft of the Indian Air Force which was formally fleet certified to fly on blended aviation fuel containing up to 10% of indigenous bio-jet fuel by CEMILAC (Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification) – **AN-32**

The Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise held from 16 to 22 May 2019 at Singapore – **SIMBEX 2019**

The tri-services joint military exercise conducted by the armed forces of India in Teressa Island in the Andamans was named – **Bull Strike**

The High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) drone which was successfully tested from Interim Test Range (ITR) in Odisha’s Chandipur – **Abhyas**

The type of helicopter, the first of which was handed over to the Indian Air Force at Boeing’s production facility in Mesa, Arizona, USA – **Apache Guardian AH-64E(I)**

The Indian Army General known for his role in Pakistan's surrender who has been honoured by Israel with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem – **Lt Gen JFR Jacob**

The Rajput class destroyer of the Indian Navy which was decommissioned at a grand ceremony in Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam – **INS Ranjit**

The country from which India is procuring Kamov-31 Airborne Early Warning and Control helicopters for the Indian Navy – **Russia**

The first part of Indo-French bilateral naval exercise conducted from 01 to 10 May off the coast of Goa was named (2nd part is scheduled at the end of May in Djibouti) – **Varuna 19.1**
Persons
The stunt and action choreographer of bollywood who passed away on 27 May 2019 – Veeru Devgan

The retired Judge of Supreme Court of India who has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji as a judge of its non-resident panel – Justice Madan B. Lokur

The Nepali climber who has beaten his own record of conquering Mt. Everest by doing it for the 23rd time and again by doing it for the 24th time in May 2019 – Kami Rita Sherpa

Places
The venue of 2-day meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation held from May 21 to 22 and attended by India’s external affairs minister Ms. Sushma Swaraj – Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

The Asian country which has become the first in the continent to legalise same-sex marriage – Taiwan

The state which has for the first time inducted women commandos named Danteshwari Ladake in its frontline anti-Maoist force – Chhattisgarh

Sports
The team which has won the 2019 Sudirman Cup badminton tournament defeating Japan in the finals in Nanning, China – China

The well-known American golfer who has been awarded America’s highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom by the US President Donald Trump – Tiger Woods

The All India Football Federation president who has become the first Indian to be elected as the member of FIFA Executive Council for a period of 4 years – Praful Patel

The Sri Lankan cricketer who has become the first non-British person to be appointed the President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) for a period of 1 year from 01 Oct 2019 – Kumar Sangakkara

Themes
The theme of United Nations Global Road Safety Week observed from 06 to 12 May 2019 – Leadership for Road Safety

The theme of the International Labour Day observed on 01 May 2019 – Sustainable Pension for All: The Role of Social Partners

Miscellaneous
The institute which has developed a microprocessor named AJIT, conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured in India. – IIT, Mumbai

The international software company which has unveiled the World’s 1st Election Software named ElectionGuard that lets the voter track his vote till the end – Microsoft
The country which has become the first in the world to declare an environment and climate emergency in its Parliament – United Kingdom

The new imperial era announced by Japan with Emperor Naruhito taking over the throne from his father Emperor Akihito with effect from 01 May 2019 – Reiwa

**Launch of RISAT-2B**

Launch date: 22 May 2019

Launch station: SHAR, Sriharikota

Launch vehicle: PSLV-C46

RISAT-2B is a radar imaging earth observation satellite weighing about 615 kg. The satellite is intended to provide services in the field of Agriculture, Forestry and Disaster Management.

**Important Days of May**

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International Day of Vesak: 17 May 2019 (Full Moon day of May every year)
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 2000

International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May 2019
Designated by: UN General Assembly
Theme: Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health
First Observed in: 2001

International Day for UN Peacekeepers: 29 May 2019
Designated by: United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 2003
Theme: Protecting Civilians Protecting Peace

World No Tobacco Day: 31 May 2019
Designated by: World Health Organisation
First Observed in: 1987
Theme: Tobacco and Lung Health

Indian Premier League 2019

Held from: 23 March to 12 May 2019

Winners: Mumbai Indians

Runners-up: Chennai Super Kings

Player of the series (Most Valuable Player): Andre Russel (KKR)

Leading run scorer (Orange Cap): David Warner (SRH)

Leading wicket taker (Purple Cap): Imran Tahir (CSK)

Emerging Player of the tournament: Shubman Gill (KKR)

IPL Fairplay Award: Sunrisers Hyderabad

Final match played at: Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad

Number of times Mumbai Indians has won the trophy: 4 times (2013, 2013, 2017 and 2019)

CEAT Cricket Awards 2019

CEAT International Cricketer of the Year: Virat Kohli

CEAT International Batsman of the Year: Virat Kohli

CEAT International Bowler of the Year: Jasprit Bumrah

CEAT International Test Cricketer of the Year: Cheteshwar Pujara

CEAT International ODI Cricketer of the Year: Rohit Sharma
CEAT International T20 Player of the Year: Aaron Finch
CEAT Outstanding Performance of the Year: Kuldeep Yadav
CEAT T20 Bowler of the Year: Rashid Khan
CEAT Domestic Player of The Year: Ashutosh Aman
International Woman Cricketer of the Year: Smriti Mandhana
Junior Cricketer of the Year: Yashasvi Jaiswal
CEAT Lifetime Achievement Award: Mohinder Amarnath

New Chief Ministers
Sikkim: Prem Singh Golay
Andhra Pradesh: Jagan Mohan Reddy
Odisha: Naveen Patnaik (5th consecutive term)
Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu

2019 Cannes Film Festival
Held from: 14 to 25 May 2019

Awards
Palme d'Or: Parasite by Bong Joon-ho (South Korea)
Best Director: Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne for Young Ahmed
Best Actress: Emily Beecham for Little Joe
Best Actor: Antonio Banderas for Pain and Glory

Books in News
Game Changer - Shahid Afridi

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