

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS= 19to21-10-2019**



### **Odisha's biggest trade fair to begin on Nov 12**

Baliyatra, one of the biggest trade fairs of Odisha, is scheduled to begin on November 12. The trade fair will continue for eight days. This year's Baliyatra will be jointly organized by the Cuttack District Administration, District Cultural Council, and the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC).

### **Interpol to hold general assembly in India in 2022**

India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal received the overwhelming support of member countries at this year's congregation at Santinago in Chile. The International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) had hosted the general assembly, where representatives of all member countries converge, in India in 1997.

### **Indo Mongolian Exercise Nomadic Elephant XIV**

In the series of joint bilateral exercises between India & Mongolia, both nations have once again come together to enhance bilateral friendship to the next level. The fourteenth edition of joint military training exercise between Indian Army and Mongolian Army named EX NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2019 which commenced on 05 Oct 19 concluded at Foreign Training Node (FTN), Bakloh on 18 Oct 19.

### **World's first female spacewalking team makes history**

The world's first female spacewalking team made history high above Earth, floating out of the International Space Station to fix a broken part of the power network. As NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir completed the job with wrenches, screwdrivers and power-grip tools, it marked the first time in a half-century of spacewalking that men weren't part of the action.

### **Army Commanders Conference**

#### **The October iteration of the Army Commander's conference was conducted in Delhi from 14-18 Oct 19.**

All important and relevant issues including operational readiness of the field formation, training to meet present and futuristic operational needs, issues relating higher defence management including aspects of organizational restructuring & reforms, aspects around the most important resource of the Army "the Man" were among the various aspects that were debated among the top leadership of the Army.

### **Anup Kumar Singh appointed as Director-General of NSG**

Senior IPS officer of Gujarat cadre Anup Kumar Singh has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG). The appointment of Mr Singh, who is a 1985-batch IPS officer, was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

### **CJI Ranjan Gogoi names Justice Bobde as successor**

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has recommended Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde as his successor and the 47th Chief Justice of India in keeping with convention and the seniority norm.

Justice Bobde, who will be sworn in as CJJ on November 18, will have a tenure of about 18 months.

### **Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands exercise 2019 (Danx-19)**

Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) has conducted the second edition of Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2019 (DANX-19), a large scale joint services exercise from 14 Oct to 18 Oct 19.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Indian boxers clinch bumper tally of 21 medals**

Indian boxers at the Asian Junior Championships, clinched a bumper tally of 21 medals, including six golds and nine silvers, to end with the best medal haul among 26 competing countries in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates.

The gold-medallists among men were Vishvanath Suresh (46kg) and Bishwamitra Chongtham (48kg). The top women finishers for the country were reigning national champion Kalpana (46kg), Preeti Dahiya (60kg), Tanshbir Kaur Sandhu (80kg) and Alfiya Tarannum Pathan (80kg).

#### **Raunak set to become country's 65th GM**

Raunak Sadhwani is set to become country's 65th Grandmaster after continuing his spectacular unbeaten run in the FIDE Chess.com Grand Prix following a sixth successive draw.

### **October 20 – World Statistics Day**

The UN General Assembly decided with resolution 69/282 to celebrate the day every five years. The first World Statistics Day was celebrated in 2010. Last this day was celebrated in 2015. The next World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20 October 2020.

### **Theme of the year 2015: Better Data, Better Lives**

#### **Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu in Ladakh**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the inaugural ceremony of Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu which has been constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region. This bridge has been built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

It is named in honor of Colonel Chewang Rinchan who was one of the highly decorated officer in the Indian Army from Ladakh and he was awarded the Maha Vir Chakara twice.

#### **Sri Lanka removed from FATF's Grey List**

Sri Lanka has been removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) list of countries at risk for money laundering.

Paris informed the removal of Sri Lanka's name from the blacklist commending the new measures taken by the country on financial security. Sri Lanka was first included in the blacklist



in 2011. By 2012, Sri Lanka was listed in the list as a dangerous country with no commitment to the financial security plan

### **Chile President declares state emergency in Santiago**



Chile's President Sebastian Pinera has declared a state of emergency in Santiago and gave the military responsibility for security after a day of violent protests over an increase in the price of metro tickets.

The President has appointed Major General Javier Iturriaga del Campo as the head of national defence. In a statement, he said the objective of the state of emergency is to ensure public order and peace for the inhabitants of Santiago.

### **Book "Bridgital Nation"**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled the book "Bridgital Nation" and presented its first copy to Shri Ratan Tata in an event organized at New Delhi. The book has been written by Shri N Chandrasekaran and Ms. Roopa Purushottam.

The book presents a powerful vision of the future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem.

### **'Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award'**

The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu presented 'Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award' to legal luminary, scholar and former Attorney General of India, Shri K. Parasaran at a function at the India International Centre in New Delhi.

Shri Parasaran was honored with the Award on the occasion of the Elder's Day celebration of Age Care India, an organization working for the welfare of the elderly.

### **Sultan of Johor Cup**

Indian junior hockey men's team lost a second consecutive final to Great Britain in the Sultan of Johor Cup as it succumbed to a 1-2 loss at Johor Bahru, Malaysia.