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World Soil Day: 05 December

World Soil Day is observed on 5 December every year to raise awareness about the importance of soil on Earth.

As per the UN, every 5 seconds, the equivalent of one soccer field of soil is eroded.
Theme: 'Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future'

ISRO set up a research Lab at Tiruchirappalli

ISRO has set-up a Space Technology Incubation Centre (S-TIC) at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirappalli.

The centre will work with ISRO on the technical problems at hand related to the future Space programmes and shall provide solutions.

This S-TIC will cater to the southern region of India, including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Telangana, the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

Mumbai Central gets first 'Eat Right Station' certification from FSSAI

The Mumbai Central station of Railways was conferred with the 'Eat Right Station' certification with four stars rating by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

With this, Mumbai Central Railway Station is the country's first "Eat Right Station."

FSSAI, along with Western Railways (WR) and Indian Railways Catering Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), has trained food handlers, both in canteens and base kitchens.

They inspected catering establishments at the station and certified and rated the standard of food.

'Joker' fame Joaquin Phoenix named PETA's Person of the Year

'Joker' Star Joaquin Phoenix has been named 2019 Person of the Year by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Phoenix is vegan since the age of three and has been a longtime supporter of the animal rights organisation.

He recently appeared in PETA's "We Are All Animals" billboards in Times Square and on Sunset Billboard as he promoted legislation to ban travelling wild-animal circuses.

Previous PETA Person of the Year winners includes Pope Francis, Oprah Winfrey, Anjelica Huston, Olivia Munn, Eva Mendes and Alicia Silverstone.

Former FM Arun Jaitley conferred with ET Lifetime Achievement Award

Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was conferred posthumously with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service at the Economic Times Award 2019.

His wife Sangeeta Jaitley and daughter Sonali received the special award on behalf of late Arun Jaitley from Amit Shah.

Arun Jaitley served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019.

Virat Kohli regains no.1 spot in ICC Test rankings

India captain Virat Kohli regained the top spot in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Test rankings in batting.

Australian Steve Smith slipped a rung in the latest list issued in Dubai.

Kohli, who had struck a fine 136 in the day-night Kolkata Test against Bangladesh last week, reached 928 points.



Union Minister Prahlad Patel attends Hornbill festival in Kohima

Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge), Prahlad Singh Patel attended the ongoing Hornbill Festival at Kisama, near Kohima. Addressing the gathering at a cultural function, Mr Patel said, festivals are a reflection of one's cultural identity and heritage. While acknowledging the rich and unique cultures of Nagas, the Union Minister said that Centre will extend all possible help to preserve and promote the rich cultural, tradition and heritage of the Nagas.

India tops medals tally with 34 Gold in South Asian Games

At the 13th South Asian Games in Nepal, India topped the medals tally on the fourth day with 70 medals comprising 34 gold, 23 silver and 13 bronze. Indian athletes dominated in most of the competitions. On the fourth day of games, India clinched 28 medals including 17 gold. Athletics grabbed maximum 10 medals including 5 Gold. In Tennis, Table Tennis, Kho-Kho, Indian men's and women's teams won gold each. In Taekwondo India clinched six medals, including 3 Gold.