

## CURRENT AFFAIRS= 06-12-2019

### **Sri Lanka, Maldives agree to strengthen bilateral cooperation**

This was agreed to during meeting of visiting Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid with Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Both the leaders agreed that the Indian Ocean must remain free and open for all nations for their economic upliftment. President Rajapaksa said, it was Sri Lanka that proposed the Indian Ocean be declared as a zone of peace in early 70s. Maldivian Minister highlighted the importance of improving people to people relations between the two countries.

### **Nation pays homage to Dr BR Ambedkar on his 64th Mahaparinirvan Diwas**

President Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in paying tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar on his 64th Mahaparinirvan Diwas. He paid floral tributes at his Statue in Parliament House. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in a series of tweets, said, humble tributes and respects to the architect of the Constitution.

### **Avantee mega Food Park inaugurated in MP's Dewas**

In Madhya Pradesh, Union Minister for food processing Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated Avantee mega Food Park in Dewas. This first food park of central India is spread over 51 acres and has been constructed at a cost of about 150 crore rupees. About 5 thousand local people will get employment from this Mega Food Park. Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameshwar Teli was also present on the inaugural ceremony.

### **TAMILNADU**

### **Neutrino Observatory in Tamil Nadu**

The India based Neutrino Observatory is being planned in the Theni district in Tamil Nadu. There has been opposition from some sections of the local populace. INO has been conducting outreach programmes in & around Madurai and Theni for students in schools & colleges, for faculty as well as journalists and media professionals. A large outreach program took place during May-August 2018 covering other towns in Tamil Nadu and a few in Kerala.

### **HARIDWAR**

### **Sweden king, Queen attend inauguration of sewage treatment plant in Haridwar**

Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated a Sewage Treatment Plant in Haridwar district of Uttarakhand in the presence of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia. The Swedish King said that Ganga is an important river in India. He said that the Central Government is doing good work in the direction of clean rivers.

### **SPACE SCIENCE**

### **Setting Up Dedicated Cells in IITs in Collaboration with ISRO**

ISRO has set up 5 Space Technology Cells (STCs) at premier institutions like Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs) – Bombay, Kanpur, Kharagpur & Madras; Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Joint Research Programme with Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU, Pune) to carry out research activities in the areas of space technology and applications. ISRO desires development of high end technology in collaboration with IITs in the areas of Space Science, Space Technology and Space Applications.

## **DEFENCE**

### **Exercise INDRA 2019**

Exercise INDRA 2019 a joint, tri services exercise between India and Russia will be conducted in India from 10 — 19 December 2019 simultaneously at Babina (near Jhansi), Pune, and Goa. The INDRA series of exercise began in 2003 and the First joint Tri Services Exercise was conducted in 2017, It will be a historic occasion for two of the world's greatest Armed Forces to join hands and successfully conduct an exercise of this magnitude with professionalism, to imbibe the best practices from each other, jointly evolve and drills to defeat the scourge of terror under the United Nation mandate.

## **SPORTS**

### **India to take on West Indies in first T20**

India will take on West Indies in the first T20 international at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. India are scheduled to play three T20Is and as many ODIs against West Indies in a month-long tour for the visitors.