

India-Singapore Joint Military Exercise ‘Bold Kurukshetra–2019’ starts

Military forces of India and Singapore got together to participate in a joint exercise in **Babina Cantonment in Jhansi**. The three-day exercise, ‘**Bold Kurukshetra–2019**’, is being conducted to develop military technology, boost maritime security and bolster the nations’ fight against terrorism. The Singapore military would undergo training and participate in firing exercise with their Indian counterpart. This will be the **12th** in the series.

India’s first indigenously built Dhanush howitzer inducted in Army



In a major boost to India’s firepower, **country’s first indigenously designed and developed Dhanush artillery gun** was inducted in the **Indian Army**. The Dhanush gun system is based on the designs of the Bofors howitzer which was inducted in the Army in the 1980s and would be the third type of artillery gun to be inducted into the force after the K-9 Vajra and the M-777 ultra-light howitzers.

IIT-Madras tops HRD’s national ranking of higher institutes

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, topped the national ranking of higher institutes released by the ministry of **Human Resources Development (HRD)**. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, and IIT-Delhi were ranked second and third in the list respectively. Of the top 10 institutes, seven are IITs. **The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** and the **Banaras Hindu University (BHU)** were ranked **seventh and 10th** respectively. The Delhi University’s Miranda House was ranked the best among colleges across the country, while the varsity’s St Stephen’s College was ranked fourth.

Guwahati Railway Station 1st To Get ISO Certification In India

The Guwahati Railway Station has become the **first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT)** for “providing passenger amenities in a clean and green environment.”

ISO stands for “**International Organisation for Standardisation**”

London becomes first city to implement 24×7 pollution charge zone



seven days a week.

London became the **first city in the world to implement a special Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)** that would charge entry fee for older vehicles if they do not meet the emission standards. In an attempt to reduce air pollution and protect public health, the ULEZ will be operational for 24 hours and

India retained top spot in remittances in 2018: WB

India has retained its spot as the world's top remittance recipient with its diaspora sending **\$79 billion** back home in **2018**, the **World Bank** has said in a report. India was followed by China (\$67 billion), Mexico (\$36 billion), the Philippines (\$34 billion) and Egypt (\$29 billion), according to the latest edition of **the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief**.



Graham Reid appointed Indian men's hockey coach

Hockey India has named **Graham Reid as the new chief coach of the Indian men's hockey team**. The 54-year-old will join the team in Bengaluru shortly for the ongoing national camp at **the Sports Authority of India**.

Vikramjit Sing Sahney, SUN Group Chairman, elected as the President of ICC India

Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Chairman of SUN Group, elected as the President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – India.

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- ◆ **Nickname** : The world Business Organization ◆ **Headquarters**: Paris
- ◆ **Motto** : We make business work for everyone, everyday, everywhere.
- ◆ **Formation**: 1919 ◆ **Founded at** : Atlantic City

Spain's Garbine Muguruza claimed Monterrey Open title

The 2019 Monterrey Open aka 2019 Abierto GNP Seguros was the 11th edition of Monterrey Open, held at Monterrey in Mexico. It was a women's tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts. The prize money of the tournament was \$250,000.