

### IMF cuts global growth forecast to 3.3% for 2019

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowered its global growth forecast for 2019 to 3.3 per cent from the previous level of 3.5 per cent in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO).

#### Extra info:

**IMF Headquarters:** Washington D.C. **CEO:** Christine Lagarde **Membership:** 189 countries

### Google launches its 1st drone delivery service in Australia

**Google parent Alphabet** has beat Amazon to launch one of the first commercial drone delivery businesses. Alphabet **made its first delivery in Canberra** after getting approval from the country's civil aviation authority.

**Wing**, the company's drone delivery arm, was testing drone delivery in Australia since 2014 and delivered medicines, chocolate to 3,000 homes in the last 18 months.

### Indian Oil bags AIMA Managing India Award for outstanding PSU

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has bagged the prestigious 'AIMA Managing India Award 2019 for outstanding PSU of the year.' The award was presented by former President Pranab Mukherjee to Sanjiv Singh, Chairman, Indian Oil.

### World Homoeopathy Day

The World Homoeopathy Day is observed on 10th April, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, **Dr Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann**.

### India's population grew at 1.2 % average annual rate between 2010 and 2019: UN report

India's population grew at an average annual rate of 1.2 per cent between 2010 and 2019 to 1.36 billion, more than double the annual growth rate of China, according to a report by the United Nations Population Fund. India's population in 2019 stood at 1.36 billion, growing from 942.2 million in 1994 and 541.5 million in 1969.

### Kohli is 'leading cricketer in the world' for third consecutive year

Indian skipper **Virat Kohli** has been named as the 'leading cricketer of the year' for the third year in a row by the **Wisden Cricketers' Almanack** for his performance in the 2018 English summer.

**Indian Women** team batter **Smriti Mandhana** was named as the 'leading women cricketer in the world'.

**Afghanistan** spinner **Rashid Khan** was named as the 'leading T20 cricketer of the year' for the second consecutive year.

### Indonesian Nuraeni named best athletic coach in Asia

Indonesian Eni Nuraeni was named by **Asian Athletic Association (AAA)** as the best athletic coach in Asia for short-haul run category this year.

## Shot putter Manpreet Kaur banned for 4 years after failing dope test

Asian champion shot putter Manpreet Kaur has been banned for four years by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** for flunking four dope tests in 2017



## Israeli PM Netanyahu set for record 5th term

Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** was poised to secure a record fifth term in office despite running neck and neck with **his rival Benny Gantz** in the general election.

Ninety seven per cent of the votes had been counted showing Netanyahu's **right-wing Likud party** tied with ex-military chief Gantz's centrist Blue and White alliance with 35 seats each.

**Extra info.:**

**Israel Capital:** Jerusalem

**Currency:** Israeli new shekel

## Jean Michel Lapin announced as Haiti's new Prime Minister

Haiti's President Jovenel Moise confirmed Jean-Michel Lapin as the country's new prime minister, just weeks after the Chamber of Deputies censured his predecessor's six-month-old government.

**Extra info.:**

**Haiti Capital:** Port-au-Prince

**Currency:** Haitian gourde

## Telugu poet K Siva Reddy selected for prestigious Saraswati Samman 2018

Telugu poet **K Siva Reddy** has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled **Pakkaki Ottigilite**. The award carries a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees, a citation and a plaque. The award, instituted by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991, is given annually for an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language and published during the last 10 years.