

**According to ‘Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019’ report:** Kanpur ranked 1 as the most polluted city

The quality of air in Varanasi, Prime Minister Modi’s 2014 Lok Sabha constituency, is positioned 3rd on the WHO’s (World Health Organisation) list of 15 most polluted cities in the world, by the ‘Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019’ report, released by Climate Trends. Kanpur (in Uttar Pradesh) is the most polluted city in the world and is positioned 1 on the list.

**As per pollution control authorities, An AQI between**

0 and 50 is considered “good”

51 and 100 “satisfactory”

101 and 200 “moderate”

201 and 300 “poor”

301 and 400 “very poor”

401 and 500 “severe”

**Election Commission invokes Article 324 to defer PM Modi biopic**

India’s Electoral Commission has issued an order to ban display of any biopic or publicity material during Manual Code of Conduct, which could sub serve the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it.

**Key points**

- i. The ban was concerned with the biopic film on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ii. Election Commission has invoked powers under Article 324 to defer the display of any publicity until after the country’s parliamentary elections.

**HDFC Bank ranked No. 1 in India by the survey of Forbes**

On 12th April 2019, as per the first Forbes World’s Best Bank survey, HDFC Bank has been recognized as number 1 bank by customers in India. The research was done with the help of market research firm ‘Statista’. Forbes partnered with this firm to measure the best banks in 23 countries.

**Hong Kong surpasses Japan to be world’s 3rd biggest Stock Market**

Stock market of Hong Kong has surpassed Japan to become the world’s third most valuable. Now Hong Kong’s stock market remains behind the US and China.

**The Chief of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), Alice G. Vaidyan, honoured with the Freedom of the City of London**

The Chairman and Managing Director of the General Insurance Corporation of India

(GIC), Alice G. Vaidyan has been honoured with the Freedom of the City of London for the recognition of her work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK.



### About General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC)

◆ **Headquarters:** Mumbai      ◆ **Founded:** 22nd November 1972

### PM Narendra Modi conferred with Russia's highest State Honour

On 11th April, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the 'Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle', by Russia for exceptional services in promoting bilateral ties.



### First Ever Image of a Black Hole captured by the Astronomers

On 10th April 2019, Astronomers Captured the First Image of a Black Hole which was a halo of dust and gas, tracing the outline of a colossal black hole at the center of the galaxy M87 with the help of **The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT)** observations.

### Static GK Quiz

**The Vaigai Dam is located in which of the given Indian states?**

- A) Haryana
- B) Gujarat
- C) Assam
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Tamil Nadu**

**What is the capital of Suriname?**

- A) Lome
- B) Khartoum
- C) Mbabane
- D) Paramaribo**
- E) Mogadishu

**Bedara Vesha is a popular folk dance of which state?**

- A) West Bengal
- B) Karnataka**
- C) Assam
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Jammu & Kashmir