

### **A two-day meeting of 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting held in New Delhi**

On 11th April 2019, the 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) was held at New Delhi to improve the connectivity and strengthen the cooperation in the maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries.

This partnership was implemented through the 'Plan of Action (2016-20) to execute the **ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity**'.

#### **About Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**

- ◆ Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia
- ◆ Founded: 8th August 1967
- ◆ Member Countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

### **G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting during 2019 annual Spring Meeting**

G-20 conducted the joint World Bank-IMF Development Committee and the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee meeting during the 2019 Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, DC.



#### **Image of a crying toddler at US border won the World Press Photo award 2019**

An image of a little girl crying, as she and her mother have been taken into custody by US border officials in Texas won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year. Veteran Getty photographer John Moore took the picture in the Rio Grande Valley

### **Dr A K Singh Receives Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 For Contributions In Life Sciences, Aerospace and Aeronautics.**

On 11th April 2019, Dr A K Singh, director at Life Sciences, DRDO has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, To detect the infectious lesion, he discovered a "Diagnobact" Kit. And also introduced Pharmacosyntigraphy, i.e. application of nuclear medicine imaging in drug research.



#### **Professor Najma Akhtar named as the first woman vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI)**

On 11th April 2019, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration Professor Najma Akhtar has been appointed as the first women

vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI) for a period of five years by the President of India. She will succeed Talat Ahmad.



**Key Points:**

i. Jamia Millia Islamia was founded in 1920 in Aligarh and this appointment took place under the Statutes of Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988.

**Inzamam-ul-Haq and Mark Boucher: inducted by MCC as honorary life members for outstanding achievements in cricket**

MCC (the Marylebone Cricket Club) has bestowed the honour of ‘Honorary Life Members’ to Pakistan’s Inzamam-ul-Haq and South Africa’s Mark Boucher for their exemplary achievements in the field of cricket.

**Renowned Hindi poet Pradeep Choubey passed away aged 70**

On 12th April 2019, Hindi poet Pradeep Choubey passed away at the age of 70 in his home due to a cardiac arrest.

**Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre observed on 13th April 2019**

On 13th April 2019, the 100th anniversary Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre also known as the Amritsar massacre was observed.



**Key Points:**

- i. On **13th April 1919** a huge number of people gathered at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar to celebrate the harvest festival of Baisakhi and to protest against the Rowlatt Act.
- ii. On that event, troops of the British Indian Army under the command of Colonel Dyer opened fire at the people.
- iii. Dominic Asquith, the British High Commissioner to India, laid a wreath at the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial to mark the centenary of the massacre.
- iv. Also, British Prime Minister Theresa May described the Jallianwala Bagh massacre as a “shameful scar” on British Indian history.