

## CURRENT AFFAIRS= 25-04-2019

### **UAE based Etihad Airways becomes first major airline to operate plastic-free flight**

Recently, Etihad Airways, UAE based flag carrier, has become the first major airline in the gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board. The objective is to raise awareness about pollution on Earth Day. The flight named EY484, first flight without use of plastics landed in Brisbane, Australia on April 22, Earth Day.

### **State Bank of India (SBI) launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles**

On World Earth Day- April 22, 2019 the State Bank of India (SBI) has launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles. The new scheme 'Green Car Loan' will offer loan at 20 basis points lower than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes.

### **Dawn Journalist Cyril Almeida named IPI's 71st World Press Freedom Hero in 2019**



Dawn editor and Columnist Cyril Almeida from Pakistan has won the IPI's (International Press Institute) World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019 for his "critical" and "tenacious coverage" of the civil-military relations in Pakistan. And also MadaMasr, an Egyptian news site, has won Free Media Pioneer Award 2019 of the IPI and International Media Support (IMS). Both awards will be presented in IPI's annual World Congress and General Assembly function to be held in Geneva,

Switzerland on 5th June, World Intellectual Property Day 2019.

#### **About International Press Institute :**

- ◆ Industry: Journalism, human rights, social justice
- ◆ Founded: October 1950; 68 years ago
- ◆ Headquarters: Vienna, Austria
- ◆ Chair of the IPI Executive Board: MARKUS SPILLMANN

### **Bhandarkar, Helen get Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019**

On 24th April 2019, The prestigious Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019 was awarded to National Award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar, popular scriptwriter Salim Khan and dancing diva Helen. The Award which is organized by Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishtan charitable trust, Pune, aims to encourage legends from the fields of music, drama, art and social work. The awards were given away by Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat and Directorate General of CRPF Vijay Kumar presided over the function.

### **Dr. Benny Antony, conferred with the National (IP) Intellectual Property Award, 2019**

Dr. Benny Antony, Joint Managing Director and co-founder of the Kochi-based Arjuna Natural Ltd, has been honoured with the National Intellectual Property Award, 2019 in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization.

### **Former army chief Gen.(Retd.) Dalbir Suhag appointed as high commissioner of India in Seychelles**

General (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Suhag has appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the

Republic of Seychelles. He will soon be taking over the new position.

i. General Suhag was the 26th Army Chief of the Indian Army from July 2014 to December 2016.

ii. The general participated in the Indian Peace Keeping Force operation named Operation Pawan in Sri Lanka in 1987 and served as a Company commander in it.

### Russia successfully tests World's First Floating Nuclear Power Plant named 'Akademik Lomonosov'



The 70 MW 'Akademik Lomonosov', world's first floating nuclear power plant successfully tested by Rosenergoatom, operator subsidiary of Rosatom, state owned atomic energy cooperation of Russia. The ship was named after famous academician Mikhail Lomonosov.

### Asian Athletics Championship 2019-

**The 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship** was held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the **Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar**. India won 17 medals which include 3 gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze, finished fourth in the tournament.

There are **total 43 nations** competing at Asian Athletics Championship 2019 and 43 events are conducted. This Asian Athletics Championship event is organized by the Asian Athletics Association (AAA). The previous Asian Athletics Championship took place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, India from 6 to 9 July, 2017.

#### Top 5 Countries:

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Bahrain (BHR)	11	7	4	22
2	China (CHN)	9	13	7	29
3	Japan (JPN)	5	4	9	18
4	India (IND)	3	7	7	17
5	Uzbekistan (UZB)	3	0	2	5

#### Medal's Won by Indian Athlete's

GOLD		
S. No	Event	Athlete Name
1.	Men's shot put	Tejinder Pal Singh Toor
2.	Women's 800metres	Gomathi Marimuthu- PB (2:02.70s)
3.	Women's 1500m race	PU Chitra