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World Day For Safety And Health At Work: 28 April

Every year the International Labour Organization (ILO) celebrates the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on 28 April to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally, and raise awareness to ensure health and safety at workplace.

The theme for 2020 is **Stop the pandemic: Safety and health at work can save lives.**

Workers' Memorial Day: 28 April

The Workers' Memorial Day, also known as International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers occurs every year on 28 April.

The day has been organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996. Theme 2020: **'Stop the Pandemic in the Workplace.'**


Australia cancels premier multilateral air combat training exercise Pitch Black 2020: COVID-19

The premier multilateral air combat training **Exercise Pitch Black 2020** scheduled from July 27 to August 14 is cancelled by **Australia** due to the current and anticipated impacts of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19. The next edition is scheduled in **2022**. In its last edition in **2018, IAF for the 1st time participated** with its contingent consisting of 145 personnel, four Su-30MKI fighters, one C-130 and one C-17 transport aircraft which went to Australia via Indonesia and during the transit had constructive engagements with Indonesian and Malaysian Air Forces as well.

Global military expenditure sees largest annual increase in a decade in 2019 ,US tops,India in 3rd position: SIPRI

The total global military expenditure in the year 2019 has been reported to be \$1917 billion, according to new data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), released on 27 April 2020.

As per the report, the total military spending in 2019 represents an **increase of 3.6 percent**, compared to the spending in 2018. This is the largest annual growth in spending since 2010. This spending also represent 2.2 percent of the global gross domestic product (GDP). **United States, China, India, Russia and Saudi**



Arabia are the top five largest spenders in 2019 respectively. Collectively, they accounted for 62 percent of the total expenditure. Also, this is the **first time that two Asian states have featured among the top three military spenders**. India's military spending grew by 6.8 percent to USD 71.1 billion in 2019, to become third largest military spender in the world.

Lucknow's King George Medical University becomes India's First Government Hospital to successfully launch Plasma Therapy Treatment for COVID-19

The King George Medical University in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh has become the first government hospital in the country to successfully launch the plasma therapy treatment for the COVID-19 patients. Convalescent Plasma Therapy is an experimental procedure for COVID-19 patients.

Ind-Ra cuts India's GDP growth forecast for FY21 to 1.9%

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has predicted India's GDP growth rate for 2020-21 (FY21) at 1.9%. Earlier this was 3.6%.

According to Ind-Ra, India's GDP growth rate has been in contraction (means negative) for 5 times. These 5 years are-> in 1957-58 was negative 0.4%, in 1965-66 it was negative 2.6%, in 1966-67 it was negative 0.1%, in 1972-73 it was negative 0.6%, and in 1979-80 it was negative 5.2%.

Life insurance companies register 11.4% growth in premium income in FY20

Life insurance companies in India have registered a growth of 11.4% in premium income in FY20 with respect to the previous year. The collective premium income of all Life insurance companies in India was Rs 48.26 lakh crore during the fiscal ended March 2020. While the same was Rs 43.33 lakh crore during the fiscal year 2018-19.

Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar issues guidelines regarding the SVAMITVA scheme

Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has issued the guidelines for the SVAMITVA scheme, which is a new initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. SVAMITVA scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India, engaging the latest Drone Surveying technology, for demarcating the inhabitant (Aabadi) land in rural areas. The program is currently being implemented in **six states – Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand**.