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### **AUSINDEX 19: Largest Australian defence joint task force to visit India for military exercise**

The Third iteration of India-Australia bilateral exercise, **AUSINDEX 19** will be held from **2<sup>nd</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at **Vishakhapatnam**. The bilateral exercise will deepen defence and strategic relationship between the two countries.

#### **Key Points**

- i. The Focus of the exercise will be on anti-Submarine warfare.
- ii. More than 1000 Australian defence personnel from Navy, Army and Air Force will visit India making this the largest defence force deployment of Australia in India.
- iii. Australian Navy ships HMAS Success and HMAS Parramatta arrived in Chennai on 28th March and these ships will participate in military exercise with Indian Navy in Vishakhapatnam.

#### **About Australia**

Capital: Canberra  
Prime Minister: Scott Morrison  
Currency: Australian Dollar

### **Japanese unveils name of its New Imperial Era 'Reiwa'**

On 2nd April, 2019, **Japanese** printers have issued the name for its new imperial era which will be set in motion on 1st May 2019 as the public tried to make sense of the meaning of "**Reiwa**" a day after its unveiling gripped the nation.

#### **Key Points**

- i. The name '**Reiwa**' which consists two Chinese characters, the first meaning 'good' or 'beautiful' as well as 'order' or 'command' and the second meaning 'peace' or 'harmony'.
- ii. The new era begins on May 1 when Crown Prince Naruhito ascends the Chrysanthemum Throne a day after his father Emperor Akihito abdicates.

#### **About Japan**

- ◆ Capital- Tokyo
- ◆ Currency- Japanese Yen
- ◆ PM- Shinzo Abe

### **Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric) gets Geographical Indications (GI) tag**

Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), Odisha's locally grown turmeric in its **Kandhamal district** has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India. It is organically grown by tribals.



- i. In 2018, Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing (KASAM) in Phulbani, had applied for registration of the Kandhamal turmeric. It was accepted under sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

#### **Related Points:**

Intellectual Property India is an organization functioning under the aegis of the Union ministry of commerce & industry.

### **From 25th March to 2nd April 2019, 12th Asian Airgun Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol took place at the National Sports Training Center, Gongxi Shooting Range in Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei.**

**India topped** the medal tally by winning **25 medals** viz, **16 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals**. Republic of Korea followed the India by winning 16 medals while Chinese Taipei won 11 medals and attained 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

#### **Highlights:**

- **Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary** Smash qualification world record in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Match.

- **Shreya Agarwal** won gold medal and breaks **Junior World Record** and **Asian Record** in **10m Air Rifle Women Junior** event by scoring 252.5 points surpassing China's Rooseux Zhao who set record last year by scoring 252.4.
- In 10m Air Rifle Women Junior team event **Shreya Agarwal, Mehuli Ghosh and Kavi Rakshna** won gold and created a world junior record and Asian Record by scoring a total of 1882.2, by surpassing previous world junior record of 1880.7.



#### List of Winners:

Event	Gold Medal Winners
10m Air Rifle Men Individual	Divyansh Singh Panwar
10m Air Rifle Men Team	Divyansh Singh Panwar, Ravi Kumar, Deepak Kumar
10m Air Pistol Men Team	Saurabh Chaudhary, Ravinder Singh & Abhishek Verma
10m Air Rifle Women Individual	Elavenil Valarivan
10m Air Rifle Women Team	Elavenil Valarivan, Apurvi Chandela, Meghana Sajjanar
10m Air Pistol Women Individual	Manu Bhaker
10m Air Pistol Mixed Team	Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary
10m Air Rifle Men Junior Team	Yash Vardhan, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Keval Jashvantbhai Prajapati
10m Air Rifle Men Junior Individual	Yash Vardhan
10m Air Pistol Men Junior Individual	Sarabjot Singh
10m Air Pistol Men Junior Team	Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema, Vijayveer Sidhu
10m Air Rifle Women Junior Individual	Shreya Agrawal
10m Air Rifle Women Junior Team	C Kavi Rakshna, Shreya Agrawal, Mehuli Ghosh
10m Air Pistol Women Junior Individual	Esha Singh
10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Junior	Esha Singh, Vijayveer Sidhu
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior	Shreya Agrawal, Yash Vardhan

#### About International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF):

- President-Vladimir Lisin
- Secretary General-Alexander Ratner
- Headquarters-Munich, Germany
- **India wins ICC Test Championship Mace for 3rd straight year**  
India has retained **ICC Test Championship mace** for the third year in a row after finishing at the top of ICC Test team rankings on the cut-off date of April 1. It has also won the purse of **USD 1 million**
- **Key Points**
  - The runner up, **New Zealand** has won \$500,000 prize money after finishing with 108 points.
  - South Africa finished 3rd with 105 points to clinch the award money of \$200,000.
  - 9 nations will compete across 27 series and 71 Test matches to reach the ICC World Test Championship Final in 2021.

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