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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.

#### **Kev 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 Asso ciation 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.

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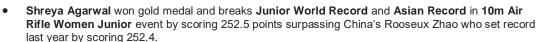
Intellectual Property India is an organization functioning under the aegis of the Union ministry of commerce & industry.

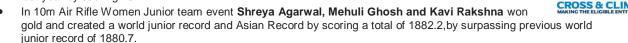
From 25th March to 2nd April 2019,12th Asian Airgun Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol took place at the National Sports Training Center, Gongxi Shooting Range in Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei.

**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.





# **List of Winners:**

# **Gold Medal**

**Event** 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

i. The runner up, New Zealand has won \$500,000 prize money after finishing with 108 points.ii. South Africa finished 3rd with 105 points to clinch the award money of \$200,000.

iii. 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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