

India hosted a 2-day ministerial meeting of WTO in New Delhi to discuss issues facing the multi-lateral trading system

India hosted a 2-day (May 13-14, 2019) ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in New Delhi in which ministers from 16 developing nations and 6 least developed nations had participated to discuss major problems and challenges facing the multi-lateral trading system. Roberto Azevedo, the Director General of WTO, was also present. The meeting laid emphasis on ways to constructively and collaboratively engage on issues (both institutional and negotiating) in the WTO, before the 12th Ministerial Conference of the WTO which would be held in Kazakhstan in June 2020.

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ISRO launched a maiden 2-week long (13th May 2019 to 26th May 2019) summer vacation residential programme termed 'India Young Scientist Programme' (Yuvika-2019) or 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' in line with the central government's vision of 'Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan'.

The selected students from 29 states and 7 Union Territories across India would be able to avail this novel programme.

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Under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for an additional 5 years with immediate effect

About LTTE:

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (founded in May 1976 by Velupillai Prabhakaran) was a Tamil militant and political organization that was based in north-eastern Sri Lanka.

Paytm collaborated with Citibank to launch its 1st credit card called 'Paytm First Card'. The digital payments company, Paytm has collaborated with Citibank and launched its 1st credit card called 'Paytm First Card'. The new credit card is claimed to be internationally accepted and would offer 1% 'unlimited cash back universally' to the customers. In this policy, Paytm notified that its unlimited 1% cash back would be automatically credited each month bereft of any restrictions.

CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019: Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana won International Cricketers of Year Award

Key Points:

- i.** The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Mohinder Amarnath who is the former Indian all-rounder and he was the member of the winning team of World Cup 1983.
- ii.** Indian Pacer, Jasprit Bumrah was honoured with the International Bowler of the Year Award.

Following is the list of Award Winners:

International Test Cricketer of the Year: Cheteshwar Pujara (India)
International ODI Cricketer of the Year: Rohit Sharma (India)
International T20 Player of the Year: Aaron Finch (Australia)
Outstanding Performance of the Year: Kuldeep Yadav (India)
International T20 Bowler of the Year: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
Domestic Player of the Year: Ashutosh Aman (India)
Junior Cricketer of the Year: Yashasvi Jaiswal (India)
Cricket Journalists of the Year: Sriram Veera and Snehal Pradhan (India)
Special Tribute: Late Ajit Wadekar (India)

India's GS Lakshmi became the first woman female ICC match referee

A 51-year old former Indian cricketer GS Lakshmi became the first ever female match referee to be included into the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s International Panel of Match Referees.

BharatPe Ropes In Salman Khan As Brand Ambassador

Bollywood actor Salman Khan signed as the brand ambassador of Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe. The new Campaign will be directed towards instructing merchants and users about UPI payments along with driving adoption of BharatPe app for all their business needs.

Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS in Odisha

On May 13, 2019, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS. ABHYAS is a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) drone and it is used for autonomous flying with the help of an autopilot. The flight test was conducted from an Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.

NASA to dub its 2024 Mission to Moon as 'Artemis'



On May 13, 2019, the US Space Agency announced that National Aeronautics and Space Organization (NASA) is set for its Mission to Moon "Artemis" which is set to be achieved by 2024. Earlier, its goal to achieve this feat was by 2028. The Mission is named 'Artemis' after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo.

Sana Mir became highest wicket-taking women spinner in ODI

A 33-year old, Pakistan's off-spinner Sana Mir became the highest wicket-taking women spinner in One Day International (ODI) cricket. She had taken her 147th wicket against South Africa in the ongoing International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Championship held in South Africa.