

A Lancet study evaluated that India had the highest mortality rate among children under five years of age in 2015

Researchers at the **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, US (United States)** evaluated India's state-level information on the causes of casualty among children under 5 years of age for the years **2000-2015**, to find that **India had progressed** from reducing the annual mortality among children under 5 years from 2.5 million in 2000 to 1.2 million in 2015 which, still was the highest in the world.

The study also found great differences on child mortality rates between richer and poorer states, **the highest mortality rate being in Assam which was more than 7 times that in Goa.**

Uttar Pradesh recorded **the highest number of preterm birth** complications in 2015 with 84,362 children under 5 years of age, Bihar recorded 36,289 children, Madhya Pradesh recorded 35,503 and Rajasthan recorded casualty of 30,402 children.

For the first time India will host the 5th Army International Scout Masters Competition as part of the International Army Games

For promoting geniality among the participating nations, **India, for the first time** will host a part of an international military sports event named 'Army Scout Masters **Competition** ' in **Jaisalmer**, Rajasthan's for 9 days in August (August 6 to August 14, 2019).

The International Army Games, organised by the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, is taking place since 2015. The **32 disciplines** of the International Army Games in 2019, will be hosted by 10 nations, namely, **Russia, India, China, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Iran, Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.**

India joins global initiative termed 'Christchurch call to action' to fight against extremism online



India joined France, New Zealand, Canada and several other nations in launching a key initiative, termed '**Christchurch call to action**' in **Paris** to fight against online terrorism and extremism and make the internet secure.

RBI has published ‘Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 – 2021’ to promote innovation, cyber-security, financial inclusion

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its statement on ‘**Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019–2021**’, which notifies the steps that RBI will take to promote innovation, cyber-security, financial inclusion, customer protection, and competition through which the vision looks forward to achieve a ‘**highly digital**’ and ‘**cash-lite**’ society.

Council of European Chambers of Commerce(CEUCC) to honour Anil Kapoor for promoting Children’s Rights

As a part of Europe Day celebrations, the Council of European Chambers of Commerce(CEUCC) in India and European Union(EU) delegation will felicitate Indian actor Anil Kapoor for promoting Children’s Rights and his effort to protect the rights of girls in collaboration with Plan India and the European Union.



Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President of South Africa

Cyril Ramaphosa’s party, African National Congress (ANC) won South African elections with majority and secured 57.51 percent votes and Cyril Ramaphosa elected as South African President. Last year in February 2018, Cyril Ramaphosa elected as South African President after President Jacob Zuma

resigned from the post due to charges of corruption.



Doordarshan launched online Souvenir Store on Amazon India

Public service broadcaster, Doordarshan has partnered with online retail giant Amazon India to launch a Souvenir Store. The store will offer whole range of merchandise which includes T-shirts, coffee mugs ad sippers with the tagline “**I am in your DNA, I am your**

Doordarshan”.

China to host 2023 Asian Cup Football Tournament

China has become the sole contender to host Asian Cup Football tournament in 2023 after South Korea has announced to withdraw its bid to host the game. **The Korea Football Association (KFA) announced that it had pulled out to strategically focus on a joint bid with North Korea to host the Women’s World Cup in the same year**