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Indian Postal Department released Postage Stamp to commemorate 750th Birth Anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desika

In order to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan, Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu unveiled a postage stamp in New Delhi on May 2, 2019.

About Sri Vedanta Desika:

- i. Born in 1268 CE, he was Sri Vaishnava philosopher and one of the most brilliant stalwarts of Sri Vaishnavism in the post-Ramanuja period.
- ii. He was an awardee of Vedanta Desika (supreme teacher of the conclusion of all knowledge).

Govt has mandated Green Number plates on all electric vehicles in India

The Central government has instructed all state transport departments to mandate green number plates on all types of electric, whether brand new or used. The reason behind this move is to distinguish green vehicles for preferential treatment in parking, free entry in congested zones, and concessional toll.

The 14th edition of Sino-Indian border trade opens at Nathu La in Sikkim

Sino-Indian border trade's annual 14th edition opened at Nathu La, which is the frontier post at Sino-Indian border in Sikkim. Officials and traders of India and China made their presence at the border to symbolise the beginning of the border trade.

- i. **Every year, between 1st May to 30th November**, the bilateral border trade between 2 nations is held for 4 days a week for 6 months.
- ii. **After a long interval of 44 years**, cross border trade commenced on July 6, 2006 to promote the benefits of trade, increase tourism in Sikkim, thus offering employment for people of the region.

The 16th Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue held in Doha, Qatar with the theme 'Partners in Progress'

Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was held in Doha, Qatar.. The Indian delegation was led by Gen. (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd), Minister of State for External Affairs. By putting more stress on the **theme "Partners in Progress"**, the minister brought into limelight India's desire to work collaboratively with all ACD Member States, in agreement with the Indian Government's approach of **"Collective Efforts, Inclusive Growth"**.

SEBI has banned NSE from securities market for 6 months owing to the Co-Location Case


SEBI, the Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India has banned NSE, National Stock Exchange from gaining access to the securities market for a period of 6 months. SEBI also fined NSE a sum of Rs.1,000 crore, that is, Rs. 89 crore and an additional 12% interest, from 1st April 2014 for NSE's failure to exercise effective due diligence during co-location facility.

What is Co-Location Case?

It is a system in trade execution, where a broker's server is kept in the exchange premises to decrease latency or delay in computational terms.

Netherlands emerges as the 3rd largest source of FDI in India

The Netherlands, a country in north-western Europe, became the third largest source of Foreign



Direct Investment (FDI) in India during 2017-18, with an investment of United States Dollar (USD) 2.67 billion across all sectors. **Mauritius and Singapore are the top two countries for FDI in India** during 2017-18 with an investment of USD 13.41 billion and USD 9.27 billion respectively.

Former ISRO chief A.S. Kiran Kumar conferred ‘Knight of the Legion of Honour’ Award
Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been conferred France’s highest civilian award “Knight of the Legion of Honour”. This award is for his invaluable contribution to the development of the India-France space cooperation

US Air Force General Tod D. Wolters declared as the top military officer of the 29-nation NATO military alliance

Tod D. Wolters, the former pilot, who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, has been declared as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe at a ceremony at NATO’s (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) military headquarters. This is one of the most challenging and extremely important military positions in the world.

Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019

The 8th edition Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019 will be held in Jaipur from August 21 to 30. This is the first time Jaipur will host this prestigious tournament. Earlier in 2015, Delhi hosted the event and finished at seventh place. This event will be organised by Asian Handball Federation (AHF).

Bajrang Punia won gold at Ali Aliev Tournament 2019

A 25-year old, Bajrang Punia won gold medal at Ali Aliev Tournament in Dagestan, Russia. He defeated Russian wrestler Viktor Rassadin in 65-kg category by 13-8. This was his second gold medal in last 10 days.

Barcelona and Spain legend footballer Xavi Hernandez announced retirement

Barcelona Midfielder has announced retirement from football by the end of the season 2018-19 season. He currently plays for Al-Sadd in Qatar. He retired from national team play in 2014.

World Press Freedom Day observed on May 3

World Press Freedom Day is observed annually on May 3 to raise awareness among the international community that freedom of the press and freedom of expression are fundamental human rights. This day also pay tribute to media professionals who risked or lost their lives in the line of duty.

This year marked **the 26th celebration of World Press Freedom Day** which was observed with a theme “**Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation**”.

May 3 observed as a National Space Day 2019

National Space Day is observed first Friday of May every year. This year first Friday of May coincide with May 3, so science community celebrate this day to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education in young people and to inspire them to pursue a carrier in space-related jobs.