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GRéVD: SIPRI launches Global Registry of Violent Deaths

Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI) has launched a new initiative named Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GRéVD) to establish the annual number of violent deaths worldwide. GRéVD will count deaths caused by all forms of violence and display these in an open-source database and enable monitoring of progress on the world's commitment to 'significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' by 2030 as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—Goal 16.

About Stockholm International Peace Research Institute:

- ◆ **Headquarters:** Solna Municipality, Sweden
- ◆ **Founder:** Government of Sweden
- ◆ **Founded:** 6 May 1966

India-Australia Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism

The 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held at Canberra, Australia on May 2, 2019. Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary (Counter-Terrorism) led Indian delegation while Paul Foley, Australia's Ambassador for Counter Terrorism led Australian delegation for the meeting.

Additional Information

The 10th meeting of Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism between India and Australia was held at New Delhi on June 18, 2018

According to ADB's report, Asia-Pacific is estimated to grow 5.7% in 2019

According to Takehiko Nakao, President and Chairperson of Asian Development Bank, the Asia-Pacific region is supposed to grow at 5.7% in 2019 but the rising trade tensions might hinder its growth.

Key points:

- i. ADB's Asian Development Outlook 2019 report released in April states that developing Asia comprising of 45 countries is estimated to grow by 5.7% in 2019 (which is pointed out by Nakao). However, the growth outlook for developing Asia is approximated to come down to 5.6% in 2020

London tops cities like Dubai, Singapore for Indian investments with an all-time high record of 52 investment projects in 2018

London & Partners (L&P), the Mayor of London's promotional agency, in the new report analysis, based on FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) Markets and FDI Intelligence data stated that in 2018, the UK became the top-most nation to attract Indian FDI with 52 projects. US attracted Indian FDI with 51 projects while the UAE with 32 .

Facts:

- i. Indian companies investing and expanding in London reached an all-time high in 2018, with 32 investment projects, which is a huge leap from 2017.
- ii. Taxi hailing firm, **Ola** and Indian hospitality firm, **OYO (On Your Own)** have also notified investments in the British capital in 2018.

iii. Between 2017 to 2018 FDI from India into London hiked by 255%, and that to UK increased by over 100% as compared to 2017.

Article on Coalgate won Asian College of Journalism's Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018

The article titled '**Coalgate 2.0**' written by Nileena M S has won the Asian College of Journalism's Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. The article was published in "The Caravan Magazine" in March 2018.

The Award comprised of a trophy, a citation and Rs. 2 lakh cash prize. The award was presented by John Micklethwait, Editor-in-Chief of Bloomberg News, who was also the chief guest at the journalism school's annual convocation ceremony.

Ministry of Defence approved Indian Navy's Rs 3,600 crore deal for 10 'Kamov Ka-31' Helicopters



Ministry of Defence gave approval to Indian Navy to acquire 10 '**Kamov Ka-31**' Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter for a deal worth of Rs 3,600 crore from Russia.

Coal Miners Day observed on May 4

On 4th May 2019, Coal Miners Day was observed to highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines. Several communities raise awareness and funds on this day for other organizations in the coal mining area and workers.

International Firefighters' Day is observed on May 4

On 4th May 2019, International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed to recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. About International Association of Fire Fighters:

- ◆ **Founded: 1918**
- ◆ **Key person:** Harold A. Schaitberger
- ◆ **Office location:** Washington, D.C., United State

Myntra appoints Virat Kohli, Anushka Sharma as first brand ambassadors

Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform Myntra announced that it had appointed celebrity couple **Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma** as its first brand ambassadors. Myntra has launched an integrated campaign called '**Go Myntra-la-la**' which will be promoted across television, print, digital and outdoor.

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PC Chandra Purashkaar 2019 conferred to Padma Bhushan Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty

India's most reputed cardiac surgeon and humanitarian, Dr Devi Prasad Shetty was awarded 27th P.C. Chandra Puraskaar, the annual national award from the P.C. Chandra Group at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre. He is also known as 'The Man with Divine Hands'.



Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic to be designated as new head coach for Indian Men's Volleyball team

Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball team by the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI). While Pryemyslaw Gaszyoski and Valadimir Radosevich have been named as the team's physio trainer and physiotherapist respectively.

Japan's first privately developed rocket "Momo-3" reached outer space

A Japanese aerospace start-up Interstellar Technology Inc. has successfully launched a first privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into space. The unmanned rocket launched from its test site in Taiki on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido and it reached about 110 km in altitude before falling into the Pacific Ocean after 10 minutes of flight time.

XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019

The XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held at Centre of Sport and Recreation in Warsaw, Poland from April 28 to May 5, 2019. The event was organised by the Polish Boxing Association. In this tournament, India won a total 6 medals which includes 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medal.

Highlights

Gaurav Solanki won a gold medal in Fly (52-kg)

- i. The 22-year-old Gaurav Solanki defeated England's William Cawley by 5-0 in Fly (52-kg) category.
- ii. Last year, Solanki won a gold medal in Commonwealth Games and the Chemistry Cup.

Manish Kaushik won a gold medal in Light (60-kg)

- i. The 23-year-old Manish Kaushik defeated Morocco's Mohamed Hamout by 4-1 in Light (60-kg) category.
- ii. Last year, Kaushik won gold medal in India Open and silver medal in the Commonwealth Games.

Shahid Afridi co-authored his autobiography titled, 'Game Changer' with journalist Wajahat S Khan

Shahid Afridi, former captain of the 'Pakistan national cricket team' has written his autobiography titled, 'Game Changer' which will unveil answers to the much-contemplated questions about him. Afridi is popularly known as 'Boom Boom' and holds the world record for the fastest ODI (One Day International) century in 37 deliveries.

May 5, 2019 observed as a World Laughter Day

World Laughter day is observed on first Sunday of May every year and this year first Sunday of May coincide with May 5. The day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998 in Mumbai and arranged by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga Movement.