

May-4 INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY

- The **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has chalked out plans to set up an **indoor liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant** in **Amaravati** next year.
- **Hiranandani Group's energy arm H-Energy Gateway Private Ltd.** launched **India's first floating storage and re-gasification unit (FSRU)-based LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal** at **Jaigarh port** in the Maharashtra.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the **centenary celebrations of the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore** May 4, 2018.
- The 4th Regional Conference on 'Futuristic, Resilient and Digital Infrastructure' organized by the **Ministry of Finance, Government of India in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** concluded in Bengaluru 04.05.2018.
- Out of 62 entries **for beautification of Station premises**, Balharshah and Chandrapur (Central Railway) bag First prize; Madhubani (East Central Railway) and Madurai (Southern Railway) adjudged second; Gandhidham (Western Railway) Kota (West Central Railway) share Third Prize with Secunderabad (South Central Railway) .
- The **first ever Ladies Special train in the world** ran between **Churchgate and Borivali on 5th May, 1992 Mumbai.**

- **Talk-back System is a new security measure** introduced by **Western Railway** last year, on the occasion of **International Women's Day**.
- **HRD Ministry** notifies 75 National Resource Centres (NRCs) for **online refresher programmes for Higher Education faculty** through **SWAYAM**.
- Minister of State for Human Resource Development awards **distinguished writers of Hindi Books on Technical Subjects** for their outstanding contribution in New Delhi.
- Dr. Satya Pal Singh also **launches Hindi website of AICTE**.
- **NITI Aayog** and **IBM** signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) today to develop a **crop yield prediction model** using **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** to provide real time advisory to farmers in Aspirational Districts.
- **National Conference of 244 selected Districts** under **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)** held in **New Delhi**.
- **National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC)** has recently been created by **Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation** at New Delhi.
- **National Mission for Clean Ganga** has brought on board **Survey of India, the oldest scientific department** in the country set up in 1767, to **facilitate the Ganga rejuvenation** task by using **Geographic Information System (GIS) technology**.
- An **18-year-old Chennai-born girl Vijayakumar Ragavi** has won this year's **A*Star Talent Search award** in Singapore for her study of genetic heart disease "**hypertrophic cardiomyopathy**".
- **Indian-American Deepa Ambekar** has been appointed as **interim judge** to the **civil court of New York City**, becoming the **second Indian-American woman judge** in the city.

- **27th GST council meeting** discusses change in GST rate for digital transactions and **imposition of Sugar Cess** over and above **5% GST** and **reduction in GST rate on ethanol**.
- **New snake found in Western Ghats** is currently observed only in the forests of the **Anaikatty hills in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore district**, has been named *Uropeltis bhupathyi*, after the late herpetologist S. Bhupathy, for his contributions to the field.