

Daily Current Affairs – April 02, 2019**National Affairs:****Arunachal Pradesh****AFSPA withdrawn partially from Arunachal Pradesh**

- After 32 years, the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) was partially removed from three of nine districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Tamil Nadu**Airport terminals to display Metro timings**

- The Chennai airport's domestic and international terminals will soon display Metro timings to encourage air passengers to take the transit system.

International**US suspends participation of Turkey in F-35 fighter jet program**

- The US has suspend the participation of its ally Turkey in the F-35 stealth fighter jet programme after Ankara decided to buy Russian S-400 air defence system.

US, South Korea defence chiefs meet on de-nuclearization

- US Acting Secretary of Defence Patrick Shanahan met South Korean Minister of National Defence Jeong Kyeong-doo at the Pentagon in Washington over the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

App/ Web Portal**WhatsApp introduced 'tipline'**

- Whatsapp launched a 'tipline' in India using which citizens can submit possible rumours and misinformation for verification, ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Business & Economy**Index of Eight Core Industries 2019**

- The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 125.8 in February, 2019, which was 2.1per cent higher as compared to the index of February, 2018. Its cumulative growth during April to February, 2018-19 was 4.3per cent.

GST Revenue collection for March, 2019 recorded Highest Collections in the FY 2018-19

- Total Gross GST revenue collected in the month of March, 2019 is **Rs. 1,06,577 crore** of which CGST is **Rs. 20,353 crore**, SGST is **Rs.27,520 crore**. The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of February up to 31st March, 2019 is **75.95 lakh**.
- The collection during March, 2019 has been the highest since introduction of GST. The **revenue during March, 2019 is a growth of 15.6%** over the revenue in the same month last year.

NMDC surpasses 30 million tonnes production

- National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), the largest producer of iron ore in the country, has once again surpassed the 30 million tonnes figure of production and sales for the year 2018-19 for the 3rd year consecutively.

MOIL registers the highest ever turnover in FY 2018-19

- MOIL Limited, the largest producer of manganese ore in the country and a Mini Ratna Schedule-A CPSE under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, has achieved the highest-ever turnover of Rs. 1440 crores during financial year 2018-19, registering a growth of 9% over the previous year.
- Core production jumped 15% during the year. Total production crossed 13 lakh MT in FY'19, which is the highest achievement in last ten years. The company has also achieved highest-ever production of non-fines manganese ore.

Summits & Conference**4th Meeting of India-Ukraine IU-WGTEC**

- The 4th Meeting of India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) was held on April 02, 2019 in New Delhi.
- Indian delegation was led by Bidyut Behari Swain, Additional Secretary, Foreign Trade (CIS) and Ukrainian Side was led by Mr. Oleksiy Rozhkov.
- A protocol was signed at the end of the meeting. The protocol deals with review of trade, cooperation in the field of small and medium entrepreneurship, agriculture etc.

Appointments & Resignation**Rajan Anandan quits Google**

- Google's India and South East Asia President Rajan Anandan has put in his papers after an eight-year stint.
- Vikas Agnihotri will take on the interim responsibility. He is currently serving as Google's Country Director for Sales.

Defence Affairs**Visit of Chief of the Army Staff to USA**

- General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff is scheduled to visit United States of America from 02 April to 05 April 2019 on an official visit.
- General Bipin Rawat is also an alumnus of Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth. The visit to US aims to give impetus to the military ties and enhance strategic engagements.

3rd Edition of AUSINDEX-19 set to begin

- Third Edition of Bilateral Maritime Exercise between Royal Australian and Indian Navies – AUSINDEX-19 set to begin with a Durand-class multi-product replenishment oiler at Visakhapatnam on 02 April 19.

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