

Daily Current Affairs – April 10, 2019**National Affairs:****ECI invokes powers under Article 324**

- The Election Commission of India issued an order Article 324 to prohibiting display in electronic media including cinematograph of any biopic or publicity material in the nature of biography/hagiography sub-serving the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it

Election Commission bans Narendra Modi biopic during poll period

- The Election Commission has banned the screening of the biopic on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during poll period. Actor Vivek Oberoi is casted as Shri. Narendra Modi in the film PM Narendra Modi.

First Phase of General Elections-2019 on 11 April

- 91 Lok Sabha Constituencies go to polls Over 14 crore 20 lakh and 54 thousand voters to decide fate of 1279 candidates. First Phase is third biggest in terms of number of Lok Sabha seats

Andhra Pradesh:**Tirupati Railway station gets gold rating for green initiative**

- The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) has awarded gold rating to the Tirupati railway station for stood ahead in terms of passenger amenities
- The IGBC-CII, in association with the Environment Directorate of the Indian Railways, has developed the green railway stations rating system to encourage adoption of green concepts to reduce its carbon footprint and enhance user experience.

Science and Technology:**India becomes YouTube's largest and fastest growing market**

- With substantial growth in India's internet coverage and data growth, the country has become YouTube's largest and fastest growing market with 265 million Indians watching the video-sharing website every month. In the last one year, the video-sharing website's consumption on mobile phones has increased to 85%.

Economic Affairs:**IMF cuts global growth forecast to 3.3% for 2019**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowered its global growth forecast for 2019 to 3.3 per cent from the previous level of 3.5 per cent in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO). This is the third time in the last six months that the IMF has cut its global outlook forecast. It has also projected a decline in growth for 70 per cent of the world economy this year.

Tata arm completes acquisition of Usha Martin's steel business

- Tata Sponge Iron Ltd. (TSIL), a Tata Steel subsidiary, has announced the completion of its acquisition of the steel business of Usha Martin Ltd. UML's steel business has a rich mix of carbon steel and alloy steel, catering to the automotive sector as well as high end wire-rod makers.

Awards:**VIT named most innovative private institution**

- Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has secured the top spot among private institutions in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA 2019) awarded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).
- ARIIA is an initiative to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development" amongst students and faculties.

HFPA Announces Key Dates For 2020 Golden Globes

- The Hollywood Foreign Press Association has announced the list of key dates for the 2020 Golden Globes. Presentation of the 77th Annual Golden Globe Awards will be held Jan. 5, 2020. Since 1993 the award ceremony has aired on NBC.

Defence Affairs:**1TS Ships visit to Port Victoria, Seychelles**

- Ships of the First Training Squadron (1TS) INS Tarangini, INS Sujata, INS Shardul and ICGS Sarathi entered Port Victoria, Seychelles. The First Training Squadron is currently on the last leg of its Overseas Deployment, known as Sambandh 05/18-19.

International Affairs:**Netanyahu secures victory in national election for fifth term**

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has won the Israeli national election, securing a record fifth term. In power since 2009, and having led the country for a total 13 years including his first term in the 1990s .

Japan extends North Korea sanctions for 2 years

- Japan has decided to extend its trade ban and other sanctions on North Korea for a further two years.
- The measures are part of Japan's unilateral sanctions imposed since 2006, in response to North Korea's nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches. The Japanese government plans to continue enforcing sanctions in cooperation with the United States and South Korea.

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