

Daily Current Affairs – April 28 & 29, 2019

Important Days:

April 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. It is held on 28 April and has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003.

April 29 – International Dance Day

- International Dance Day was created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI), the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO. The event takes place every year on 29th April, the anniversary of the birth of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810), the creator of modern ballet.
- **2019 theme - Dance and Spirituality.**

National Affairs:

Andhra Pradesh:

Vijayawada airport clocks 500% hike in passenger traffic in 5 years

- According to the traffic reports by the Airports Authority of India, between April 2018 and March 2019 the city airport in Gannavaram handled 11.84 lakh international and domestic passengers registering a growth of 58.7 %. The passenger traffic has increased by five times since 2014, the year in which the State was bifurcated.

Science & Technology:**Jamia team develops ultrasensitive quantum thermometer**

- Researchers at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, have developed an ultrasensitive quantum thermometer using graphene quantum dots. The thermometer can precisely measure a wide range of temperature: 27 degree C to –196 degree C.

IIT Madras team develops easy OCR system for nine Indian languages

- Srinivasa Chakravathy's team at IIT Madras has, developed a unified script for nine Indian languages, named the Bharati script. It has developed a method for reading documents in Bharati script using a multi-lingual optical character recognition (OCR) scheme.
- The team has also created a finger-spelling method that can be used to generate a sign language for hearing-impaired persons. The scripts that have been integrated include Devnagari, Bengali, Gurmukhi, Gujarati, Oriya, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil.

International Affairs:**Xi Jinping meets Imran Khan, calls for improvement of Indo-Pak relations**

- Chinese President Xi Jinping met Prime Minister Imran Khan and expressed hope that Pakistan and India can meet each other halfway to improve their strained relations following the Pulwama terror attack by a JeM suicide bomber.

Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor

- India's decision to skip the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) may have led to the exclusion of the Bangladesh- China- India- Myanmar (BCIM) Economic corridor from the list of projects covered by the China-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) umbrella.

Sports Affairs:**Azerbaijan Grand Prix:**

- Valtteri Bottas resisted an attacking final charge by his Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton to win Azerbaijan Grand Prix and regain the lead in the 2019 drivers title race. It was the second win of the season for Bottas and fifth of his career.

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