

Daily Current Affairs – April 30, 2019**Science & Technology:****Genes of climate-resistant chickpea varieties identified**

- An international team led by the Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has identified in chickpea four important genes for heat tolerance and three important genes for drought tolerance.

Economic Affairs:**Passenger traffic at Indian airports grows 11.6% to 34.4 crore**

- Airports in the country witnessed a total 34.4 crore passengers during financial year 2018-2019, registering a growth of 11.6% as compared to the previous fiscal, according to data from the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Conference & Seminar:**Seminar on ‘Use of Technical Textiles in Water Resources Works’**

- One day Technical Seminar was organized by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on “Use of Technical Textiles in Water Resources Works” in New Delhi. The seminar was chaired by Shri Masood Hussain, Chairman, CWC.

Awards:**PFA Player of the Year awards**

- Dutch duo Virgil van Dijk and Vivianne Miedema have won the Professional Footballers' Association Player of the Year awards for 2018-19. Manchester City forward Sterling won the men's Young Player of the Year.

Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat nominated for Khel Ratna

- The Wrestling Federation of India recommended recently-crowned Asian Champion Bajrang Punia and last year's Asian Games gold-medallist Vinesh Phogat for the country's highest sporting honour the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna.

Defense Affairs:**India set to have Defence Cyber Agency in May**

- India is all set to have Defence Cyber Agency (DCA) by next month, headquartered in the capital. Senior Navy officer Rear Admiral Mohit Gupta will be the first head of the DCA.

Cyber Exercise on Scenario Building & Response

- Directorate of Indian Defence University is organising a two day Cyber Exercise on Scenario Building & Response on 29-30 Apr 19 at Purple Bay, Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, New Delhi. The Exercise is represented by Services, NSCS, NTRO, CERT-in, DRDO, NIC, CSRC, Academia and Industry.

Army invokes emergency powers for missile deal

- The Army is in the process of procuring Spike-LR Anti-Tank Missiles from Israel and Igla-S Very Short Range Air Defence Systems (VSHORAD) from Russia through a set of new financial powers for emergency procurements sanctioned by the Defence Ministry.

International Affairs:**Indonesia planning to move capital city away from Jakarta**

- Indonesia has announced plans to build a new capital city, as its current capital, Jakarta, struggles with pollution, traffic gridlock and the fact that the city is sinking.

India-China team on pharma to meet

- India will be sending a high-level delegation to the first meeting of the working group on pharmaceuticals, with China, scheduled in Beijing next month.

Aung San Suu Kyi in Cambodia

- Myanmar civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi makes first official visit to Cambodia. She is on a three-day visit to Cambodia.

Sports Affairs:**India to bid for 2024 World TT**

- Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) has decided to bid for the 2024 edition of the biennial World Team Championships. The last time India hosted a World Championships was way back in 1987.



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