

Daily Current Affairs – April 5, 2019**Important Days:****April 5 - National Maritime Day**

- Hundred years ago, on this day in 1919, navigation history was created when SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd travelled to the United Kingdom.
- The theme of the 56th edition of the National Maritime Day is “Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity”. The day was first celebrated on April 5, 1964. The National Maritime Day Award is called Varuna Award

Summit and Conference:**India – Nepal Franchise Investment Summit to be held in May**

- Federation of Nepalese chambers of commerce and Industry (FNCCI) is informed that India – Nepal Franchise Investment Summit will be held in Kathmandu in the month of May.

India – Italy planed to establish regular consular dialogue

- India and Italy have agreed to establish a regular consular dialogue. A decision to this effect was taken during 7th foreign office consultations (FOC).

Rankings:

- **FIFA Rankings**
- **India- 101th Place, 1st Place – Belgium, 2nd Place – France, 3rd Place - Brazil**

National Affairs:**Health Ministry forms a Solidarity Human Chain**

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare along with World Health Organization (WHO) formed a Solidarity Human Chain as part of the World Health Day (April 7) celebrations. The theme of World Health Day 2019 is Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere.

Tamil Nadu**Adichanallur site belongs to a period between 905 and 696 BC**

- Carbon dating of samples excavated from the Adichanallur site in Thoothukudi district has revealed that they belonged to the period between 905 BC and 696 BC. Carbon dating report of samples that were sent to Beta Analytic Testing Laboratory, USA.

Science & Technology:**Micromax Introduced AI-based electric motorcycle**

- Rahul Sharma, one of the co-founders of Micromax, has introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based electric motorcycle that will hit the roads in June this year.

Defence Affairs:**Qatar Navy Major General Visits India**

- Staff Major General (Navy) Abdulla Hassan M A Al-Sulaiti, Commander, Qatar Emiri Naval Forces (QENF) visited India from 02 to 05 April.

Economic Affairs:**15th Finance Commission holds high level discussions**

- The 15th Finance Commission held a high level roundtable on 'Fiscal Relations across levels of government'. It was moderated by Shri N. K. Singh, Chairman of the Commission. The roundtable is being organized in partnership with the World Bank, OECD and ADB.

MoU / Agreements:**BSE, India INX become sign Mou with Moscow Exchange**


- BSE and India International Exchange (INX) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Moscow Exchange (MOEX) to connect investor community and companies. BSE, India INX become the first Indian exchanges to sign Mou with Moscow Exchange.

Schemes:**Vedica Scholars & ORF launch GPWL 2019**

- The Vedica Scholars Programme for women and Observer Research Foundation (ORF) are announced the first ever edition of the Global Programme for Women's Leadership (GPWL) 2019.

Sports:**ITF changes 2020 Olympic Tennis Event**

- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has announced the changes in match formats for 2020 Olympic Tennis Events. The Men's Single Gold Medal Match will now be played as best of three tiebreak sets instead of five tiebreak sets.

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