

Daily Current Affairs – April 9, 2019**Rankings:****IIT-Madras tops NIRF higher education rankings**

- President Ram Nath Kovind Announcing NIRF higher education rankings, in which The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-Madras) has topped the Centre's ranking of higher education institutions, followed by the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, and IIT-Delhi.

Appointment:**Graham Reid named chief coach of India's men's hockey team**

- Hockey India, confirmed the appointment of Graham Reid as chief coach of the India men's hockey team. He is a former Australian field hockey player, having coaching experience of the Australian and the Netherlands national teams.

Science Discoveries:**Researchers discover new organism which produce chlorophyll without engage in photosynthesis**

- For the first time researchers in a recent study, have discovered a organism named “**corallicolid**” , because it is found 70% of corals, which produce chlorophyll but does not engage in photosynthesis.

Summits & Conference:**Data Users' Conference Deliberates on strategy and questionnaire for Census 2021**

- For the first time in the 140 year long Census exercise in India, data is proposed to be collected through a mobile app, officials of Registrar General of India stated at the conference of data users to finalize the strategy and questionnaire for the Census 2021.

Economic Affairs:**India highest recipient of remittances at \$79 billion in 2018 by World Bank report**

- World Bank report stated as India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances with its diaspora sending a whopping \$79 billion back home in 2018. Remittances grew by more than 14% in India, where a flooding disaster in Kerala likely boosted the financial help that migrants sent to families.

OYO Wizard reaches 1 million memberships within nine months of launch

- OYO Hotels and Homes, South Asia's Largest and world fastest growing chain of leased and franchised hotels, homes and living spaces announced that OYO wizard, India's largest hospitality loyalty program, has reached the milestone of 1 million wizard memberships within nine months of its launch.

Defence Affairs:**Army gets first batch of Dhanush, home-made Bofors artillery guns, from OFB**

- The Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) handed over the first batch of six Dhanush artillery guns to the Army. Dhanush is the indigenously upgraded gun of the Swedish Bofors gun procured in the 1980s.
- By the end of 2019, the indigenization level of the gun will go up to 91% (from 81%).

International Affairs:**Istanbul opens one of the largest airports in the world**

- The new Istanbul Airport, which cost around \$8 billion to open, is said to be able to handle 90 million passengers a year.

London becomes first city to implement 24x7 pollution charge zone

- London became the first city in the world to implement a special Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) that would charge an entry fee for older vehicles if they do not meet the emission standards.

Sports Affairs:**Indian football team to play in King's Cup in June**

- The Indian football team will be playing in the invitational King's Cup in Thailand in June.

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