

Daily Current Affairs – May 14, 2019**National Affairs:****I&B Secretary Amit Khare leads Indian Delegation to Cannes Film Festival**

- India Pavilion is set to be inaugurated at Cannes Film Festival, which will be held from 14th to 25th May 2019. The Indian Delegation this year will be led by Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Central government extends ban on LTTE for five years

- The Central Government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for another five years under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) with immediate effect.

CTBTO invites India to be an observer at meetings

- The executive secretary of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), Lassina Zerbo, has invited India to be an observer in the CTBT. Being an observer would give India access to data from the International Monitoring System a network which when complete will consist of 337 facilities

DNA database coming up for Indian rhino

- The Union Environment Ministry has embarked on a project to create DNA profiles of all rhinos in the country. By 2021, the project's deadline, the Indian rhino could be the first wild animal species in India to have all its members DNA-sequenced.
- There are about 2,600 rhinos in India, with more than 90% of the population concentrated in Assam's Kaziranga National Park.

Mumbai:**Oscar Academy chief to be part of Marathi film awards event**

- John Bailey, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science, will be the special invitee for this year's Maharashtra State Marathi Film Awards ceremony. It is for the first time that the president of the academy will be part of an awards ceremony in India.

Defence Affairs:**DRDO Successfully Conducts Flight Test of ABHYAS**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted successful flight test of ABHYAS - High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha.

Chief of Naval Operations United States Navy visit to India

- Admiral John Michael Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations, US Navy, is on an official tour to India from 12 to 14 May 2019. Indian Navy and US Navy interact regularly at bilateral and multilateral forums and participate in maritime exercises such as MALABAR and RIMPAC.

International Affairs:**Pompeo to meet Putin in Sochi**

- Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to visit a top military flight test centre and inspect new weaponry. Mr. Pompeo will visit Mr. Putin in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi for the highest-level talks between Moscow and Washington in nearly a year.

Chinese navy launches two new guided missile destroyers

- China, which is developing its navy at a feverish pace, has commissioned two more guided missile destroyers taking the total of such warships to 20 with more in the pipeline.
- The Chinese navy for the first time in its history has logistic bases in Djibouti in the Indian Ocean and is developing Pakistan's Gwadar port in the Arabian Sea.

Sports Affairs:**Madrid Open: Djokovic claims his 33rd Masters**

- Novak Djokovic joined Rafael Nadal as a 33-time Masters champion when he win over Stefanos Tsitsipas to claim a third Madrid Open title.

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