

Daily Current Affairs – May 9, 2019**National Affairs:****United Nations funding to make Mysuru a ‘sustainable city’**

- The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has identified Mysuru as one of the pilot cities as part of a project titled ‘Sustainable Cities’ Integrated Approach’.
- Mysuru is the only city identified in the State while the four other cities selected in the country are Vijayawada, Guntur, Bhopal and Jaipur.

L&TMRH bags gold for boosting metro rail image

- L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited has been conferred a ‘gold medal’ for enhancing the image of Metro Rail in India and globally by Institute of Economic Studies (IES) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Kerala:**Mariyumma is new head of Arakkal royal family**

- Octogenarian Adiraja Mariyumma, alias Cheriya Bikkunhu Beevi, is the new head of the Arakkal family, the royal house that once ruled old parts of Kannur and controlled some islands which form part of Lakshadweep.

KSCDC opens new outlet

- The Kerala State Cashew Development Corporation (KSCDC) has opened a new outlet attached to its factory at Pullor in Irinjalakuda. The KSCDC has launched around 18 value-added products.
- The corporation has also bagged the award for launching highest number of value added products in the market for the second consecutive year at KAJU India 2019, a conference of All India Cashew Producers and Traders.

Science:**India's newest pit viper found in Arunachal Pradesh**

- India has a fifth brown pit viper but with a reddish tinge. A team of herpetologists led by Ashok Captain have described a new species of reddish-brown pit viper, a venomous snake with a unique heat-sensing system, from a forest in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Science Technology:**IIT-B researchers develop 'Made in India' microprocessor**

- Engineers from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) have developed a microprocessor called AJIT, the first to be conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured in India. The innovation, which has brought industry, academia and the government together, could reduce the country's dependence on imports.

Google's New Privacy Tools

- Google announced new privacy tools intended to give people more control, The company also announced updates for its artificially intelligent voice assistant as well as a cheaper Pixel phone and a rebranding of his smart-home products.

Economic Affairs:**HDFC to auction Jet's office space**

- Mortgage lender Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) has decided to put office space of grounded airline Jet Airways in Bandra Kurla Complex on the block after the company defaulted on loan repayment.

TAFE inks pact with PCRA on energy use

- TAFE (Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd.) has signed a pact with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) to aid efficient utilisation of energy in agriculture.

Ratan Tata invests in Ola Electric Mobility

- Tata Group chairman emeritus Ratan Tata has invested an unspecified amount in Ola Electric Mobility to support its ambitions to scale EV deployment in India. Mr. Tata is also an early investor in ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd, Ola's parent company.

Sports Affairs:**International Shooting Competition**

- India's Esha Singh and Akull Kumar topped qualification but were beaten by 5.4 points for the gold in junior mixed air pistol event by the German pair of Jan Luca Karstedt and Vanessa Seeger in the International Shooting Competition.

First in Indian cricket: Women State captains to have voice at BCCI Conclave

- During the May 17 conclave in Mumbai, the captains and coaches of the women's State teams will be joining their male counterparts in giving an assessment of the just-concluded domestic season. In a first, the BCCI will be inviting all the State captains of the women's teams at its 'Annual Domestic Captains and Coaches Conclave'.

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