

National Current Affairs

Last date to link PAN with Aadhaar extended till Sep 30

- The government has extended the last date to link Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar number by six month till 30th of September.

EC clears revised MGNREGA wage rates from April 1

- Election Commission has approved a request of the Rural Development Ministry to revise the wages under the MGNREGA scheme from April 1. The wages paid under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are linked with the Consumer Price Index for agricultural labourers (CPI-AL) and new wage rates are notified on April 1, the beginning of the new financial year.

Over 1.2 million early deaths in India in 2017 due to air pollution

- According to a new global study, State of Global Air 2019 (SOGA2019) published by Health Effects Institute (HEI), outdoor and indoor air pollution contributed to over 1.2 million deaths in India in 2017. In India air pollution is the 3rd highest cause of death among all health risks.

Russian Delegation visits I&B Ministry

- A Russian Delegation led by the Russian Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media, H.E Mr. Alexey Volin, and other delegates met Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of I&B.
- It was mutually agreed during the meeting that an Annual Indo-Russian Forum for Media Cooperation

Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-2018

- Draft employment report data Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-2018 shows that 12% of qualified people are without jobs in India, and it reveals that the unemployment rate. It was the highest for all demographics in the past three decades.

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.

NITI Aayog & RMI Release Technical Analysis of FAME II Scheme

- The NITI Aayog and the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) released a report on opportunities for the automobile sector and government under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (FAME II) scheme. The name of the report is titled as 'India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities'.

Sahibabad has become 1500th Free Wi-fi Station in our country

- Sahibabad Station under North Railways has become the 1500th station in the country to get free wi-fi facility provided by RaiTel. Recently, Indian Railways set a record by covering 500 stations with free Wi fi in seven days.

Platinum Jubilee Commemoration of Battle of Kangla Tongb

- The Platinum Jubilee of the Battle of Kangla Tongbi War was commemorated on 07 Apr 2019 by Army Ordnance Corps at Kangla Tongbi War Memorial near Imphal honouring the valiant brave hearts of Ordnance Personnel of 221 Advance Ordnance Depot who made their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during the battle of World War-II on the night of 6/ 7 April 1944.

First Motorcycle Expedition to Karakoram Pass Flagged Off

- 14 days, 11 bikes and 1 dream expedition, the Himalayan Heights winter bike expedition from Leh to Karakoram Pass will cover over 1,000 km and is likely to qualify for inclusion in the record books and it was flagged off by Maj Gen Sanjiv Rai, SM, VSM from Karu Military Station.
- In this 20th Anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas, such adventure activities undertaken by brave Army personnel including women officers serve to renew and rekindle the spirit of fortitude, courage and adventure synonymous with the Indian Army.

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.

ECI invokes powers under Article 324

- The Election Commission of India issued an order Article 324 to prohibiting display in electronic media including cinematograph of any biopic or publicity material in the nature of biography/hagiography sub-serving the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it

Election Commission bans Narendra Modi biopic during poll period

- The Election Commission has banned the screening of the biopic on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during poll period. Actor Vivek Oberoi is casted as Shri. Narendra Modi in the film PM Narendra Modi.

India's population grew at 1.2 % average annual rate between 2010 and 2019: UN report

- India's population grew at an average annual rate of 1.2 per cent between 2010 and 2019 to 1.36 billion, more than double the annual growth rate of China, according to a report by the United Nations Population Fund.
- India's population in 2019 stood at 1.36 billion, growing from 942.2 million in 1994 and 541.5 million in 1969.

Saraswati Samman 2018

- Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled Pakkaki Ottigilite.

Narendra Modi in conversation with actor Akshay Kumar

- Famous Bollywood Star Akshay Kumar has interviewed Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, The interview covered several topics including the PM's personal life, his interests and more.

Photo Exhibition to commemorate Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh incident in Amritsar by Regional Outreach Bureau

- As a part of the commemoration of the Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh massacre, Regional Outreach Bureau, Chandigarh, of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has put up a three-day Photo Exhibition at Jallianwala Bagh from April 11-13, 2019. It has been titled Photo Exhibition on Freedom Struggle.

Railway Board Celebrates 64th Railway Week Function at Rail Bhawan

- The 64th Railway Week Function of Railway Board was organized on 12th April, 2019 in Rail Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri V.K. Yadav presented the “Best Maintained Branch” Running Efficiency Shield to Stationery and O&M Branches (jointly) of Railway Board. Merit Certificates and Cash Awards were presented to Project and ERB-V Branches of Railway Board.

Home Expo India 2019 Begins

- The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 from April 16- 18, 2019 opened at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida. The three-day exhibition has been organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH).

Konkani translation of Indian Constitution released

- A Konkani translation of the Indian Constitution was released by the Mangaluru Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha at the Rosario Cathedral in Mangaluru. The translation has been done by Professor Stephen Quadros Permude.

Foreign Secretary to have ‘bilateral consultations’ in Beijing

- Vijay Gokhale, Foreign Secretary of India arrived to Beijing for “bilateral consultations”, amid signs that China may review its position on lifting its “technical hold” on listing the founder of terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Masood Azhar, as an international terrorist.

Khasi ‘kingdoms’ to revisit 1947 agreements

- A federation of 25 Himas or Khasi kingdoms that have a cosmetic existence today, plan to revisit the 1948 agreements that made present-day Meghalaya a part of India. Pynshngaiñ N

Syiem, chairman of the Advisory Legal Committee and also the chairman of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council.

- The 25 Khasi states had signed the Instrument of Accession and Annexed Agreement with the Dominion of India between December 15, 1947, and March 19, 1948. The conditional treaty with these states was signed by Governor General Chakravarty Rajagopalachari on August 17, 1948.

Aizawl records 34.2° Celsius, highest in 20 years

- The capital city of Mizoram on April 15th, experienced its hottest day in 20 years as the temperature soared to 34.2 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature was 17.8 degrees Celsius.

Vinod Zutshi appointed as special observer for Tripura

- Former deputy Election Commissioner Vinod Zutshi has been appointed as special observer for Tripura where the Lok Sabha polls to one of the seats were postponed in view of the law and order situation.

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