

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 27, 2019

TAMIL NADU

◆ **Anna University - for the first time has introduced postdoctoral fellowships, starting this academic year**



- ✓ The selected fellows would receive a monthly stipend of ₹45,000 and house rental allowance of ₹10,000 which is on a par with central institutions such as IIT Madras
- ✓ The university is likely to start with an offer of 20 post-doctoral fellowships in the first year and may gradually increase the numbers
- ✓ The varsity will also provide post-doctoral fellows a travel grant of ₹1 lakh and 20 days leave in a year.
- ✓ In its notification, the university said initially the fellowship will be last a period of 2 years, renewable to another year based on the performance of the fellow
- ✓ Candidates must have secured first class in their UG and PG courses and should apply for the fellowship within three years of completing their PhD.
- ✓ Candidates who are less than 32 years of age are preferred

NATIONAL

◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will take oath of office for his second term along with his new council of ministers on May 30**

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind will administer the oath of office and secrecy to the Prime Minister and other members of Union council of ministers on May 30 at 7 pm at Rashtrapati Bhavan
- ✓ Modi is the first BJP leader to be elected for a second term after completion of his five-year tenure, a feat achieved only by two Congress leaders, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi

✓ From the BJP, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was elected PM for two consecutive terms but his first stint had lasted only for one year and seven months

◆ **Ten high-performing state universities across India - are set to receive ₹ 100 crore grant each this academic year as they are forming campus companies — special purpose vehicles — to receive grants directly from the Centre**



- ✓ Besides, they will be mentored by seven US universities, including Cornell, UPenn and UC Berkeley, in various disciplines
- ✓ The 10 universities with NAAC ratings of over 3.51 were selected for the ₹ 100 crore grant under the Centre's Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyaan (RUSA) to promote excellence, with the condition that the money is spent by March 2020.
- ✓ RUSA is a collaborative effort between the Centre and the state with the Centre shouldering almost 70% of the funding
- ✓ These campus companies will be headed by V-Cs and having eminent faculty and independent domain experts
- ✓ They will be asked to make presentations and proposals, submit daily updates, weekly progress charts and they will undergo monthly reviews like companies
- ✓ With the universities forming campus corporations under the Companies Act, the MHRD will send the funds directly to the institution's SPV.
- ✓ Savitribai Phule University, Karaikudi's Alagappa University and Hyderabad's Osmania University have already formed their companies

◆ **The Orchha town of Madhya Pradesh - has been included in tentative list of the World Heritage Sites of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**



- ✓ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) sent a proposal in this regard to the UNESCO on April 15, 2019.
- ✓ Orchha is located in Niwari district of Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh on the banks of river Betwa

- ✓ It is famous for its rich and ancient architecture of Chaturbhuj Temple, Orchha Fort Complex, and Raja Mahal among others
- ✓ It is famous for its two elevated minarets - Saavan and Bhadon; and four palaces - Jahangir Palace, Rai Praveen Mahal, Raja Mahal, and Sheesh Mahal.
- ✓ It is the only place in India where Lord Ram is worshipped as a King, not as a deity, with this dedicated temple in his name.
- ✓ The city was built by Bundela dynasty's King Rudra Pratap Singh in the 16th century

◆ **Lt. Governor of Delhi Anil Bajjal - inaugurated the Sahara Naval Hostel for the 'Veer Naris' at Vasant Kunj in New Delhi**



- ✓ It is a unique Hostel project for the rehabilitation of Naval Widows or Veer Naris after the unfortunate demise of their husbands serving the Indian Navy
- ✓ The project is steered by Indian Navy and has been built in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnership with National Buildings Construction Corporation
- ✓ Only the widows who have completed required period in Government accommodation after the demise of their husbands are eligible to apply for staying in hostel for a period of one year

SPORTS

◆ **Apurvi Chandela – bagged gold in women's 10m air rifle at the ISSF World Cup in Munich on May 27**



- ✓ Earlier, Apurvi won her first World Cup gold in New Delhi in February making it two this year so far
- ✓ It was the same venue last year where she had finished fourth after being in gold contention
- ✓ Apurvi's score of 251 was only 0.2 point more than of China's Luyao Wang (250.8), while another Chinese Hong Xu finished third with a score of 229.4.

◆ **Telangana's Samiya Imad Farooqui - won the girls' singles event after defeating Aashi Rawat in the final of the All-India Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament at Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai**



- ✓ The Hyderabad girl is a product of the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy
- ✓ In the boys' singles event, Manipur's Maisnam Meiraba defeated Aakash yadav for the title

◆ **Lewis Hamilton (Great Britain) - won the Monaco Grand Prix for Mercedes on May 27**

HOW THEY FINISHED

<p>1. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 1hr 43min 28.437sec, 2. Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) + 2.602, 3. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) + 3.162, 4. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) + 5.537, 5. Pierre Gasly (Red Bull) + 9.946, 6. Carlos Sainz Jr (McLaren) + 53.454, 7. Daniil Kvyat (Toro Rosso), + 54.574, 8. Alexander Albon (Toro Rosso) + 55.200, 9. Daniel Ricciardo (Renault) + 1:00.894, 10. Romain Grosjean (Haas) + 1:01.034, 11. Lando Norris (McLaren) + 1:06.801, 12. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) + 1 lap, 13. Sergio Perez (Racing Point) + 1 lap, 14. Nico Hulkenberg (Renault) + 1 lap, 15. George Russell (Williams) + 1 lap, 16. Lance Stroll (Racing Point) + 1 lap, 17.</p>	<p>Kimi Raikkonen (Alfa Romeo Racing) + 1 lap, 18. Robert Kubica (Williams) + 1 lap DRIVERS' STANDINGS: 1. L Hamilton 137 points, 2. V Bottas 120, 3. S Vettel 82, 4. Max Verstappen 78, 5. Charles Leclerc 57, 6. Pierre Gasly 32, 7. C Sainz Jr 18, 8. Kevin Magnussen 14, 9. S Perez 13, 10. Kimi Raikkonen 13, 11. L Norris 12, 12. Daniil Kvyat 9, 13. D Ricciardo 8, 14. A Albon 7, 15. N Hulkenberg 6, 16. Lance Stroll 4, 17. Romain Grosjean 2 CONSTRUCTORS' STANDINGS: 1. Mercedes 257, 2. Ferrari 139, 3. Red Bull 110, 4. McLaren 30, 5. Racing Point 17, 6. Haas 16, 7. Toro Rosso 16, 8. Renault 12, 9. Alfa Romeo Racing 13.</p>
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- ✓ Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel was runner-up, ending Mercedes' run of five successive one-two finishes, with Hamilton's teammate Valtteri Bottas third
- ✓ The five-time world champion, Hamilton, now leads Bottas by 17 points for the top spot

◆ **India - to wear a new jersey with orange being the dominant colour for their 'away matches' against England and Afghanistan during the ICC World Cup 2019**

- ✓ The move is a result of ICC's new rule, according to which all participating teams will be required to provide for two different coloured kits for televised ICC events, except for the host country which will have preference in the choice of colour



- ✓ Four teams in the upcoming ICC World Cup 2019- England, India, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan- have blue as their preferred colour.
- ✓ England being the overall hosts of the tournament will be given the choice of jersey in all its games

- ✓ The other three nations will have to change their jersey colours while playing against them
- ✓ India may have to wear a different jersey for matches against both England and Afghanistan, as both the teams will be the home teams for their matches against India.
- ✓ India has been named the home side for the match against Sri Lanka and hence, it will get to decide which jersey it will sport in the match and it is likely to choose its traditional blue jersey.
- ✓ Team India will be sporting the new jersey for its away matches against Afghanistan on June 22 and hosts England on June 30.
- ✓ Among other nations, three teams including Pakistan, South Africa and Bangladesh have green as their jersey colour
- ✓ Pakistan may get to continue with their traditional green jersey throughout the tournament, as the team has been designated as the home team, while the other teams have to choose different coloured jersey for their 'away' matches
- ✓ On the other hand, as Australia, West Indies, and New Zealand have unique jerseys, the teams will not be required to choose a new coloured jersey for their away matches
- ✓ The ICC World Cup 2019 will open with hosts England taking on South Africa at the Oval in London on May 30.

