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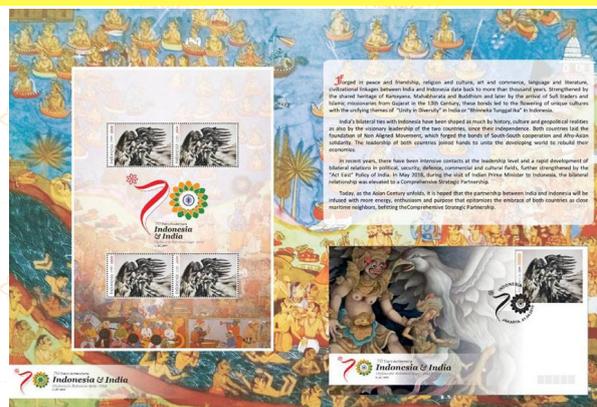


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- Indian peacekeeping Force in South Sudan Awarded UN Medal of Honour.
- The Bharati script unifies nine Indian languages.
- India finishes Asian Wrestling Championships 2019 with 16 medals.
- ICRISAT-led team cracks genetic code to develop climate-resilient chickpea.
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# INDIAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN SOUTH SUDAN AWARDED UN MEDAL OF HONOUR

UNITED NATIONS: A total of 150 Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) have received medals of honour for their dedicated service and sacrifice.

“A glimpse beyond the dedicated Service and Sacrifice of the @UN blue beret - Indian peacekeepers receive medals of honour in Malakal -@India Be Proud,” the UN mission tweeted Monday, along with pictures of the Indian peacekeepers participating in a parade and receiving the medals for their exemplary service.

The medals were given to the 150 Indian peacekeepers serving in UNMISS in Malakal during a ceremony filled with parades and performances by a piped band.

Colonel Amit Gupta, deployed with UNMISS in Malakal, was among the recipients of the medal of honour. A UNMISS news article said Gupta commands a battalion of 850 soldiers in the Upper Nile region of South Sudan. Under his command, his men have conducted highly sought-after veterinary camps and run a veterinary hospital in Malakal, with a second expected to be completed in Kodok – a major town along the west bank of the Nile – in a few weeks' time.

“I want to be remembered as having left positive memories for the people in South Sudan,” Gupta is quoted as saying in the UNMISS article. “I also want to leave them in a better place, where they are able to generate income for themselves and build their country.”

Source- The Economic Times.

## THE BHARATI SCRIPT UNIFIES NINE INDIAN LANGUAGES

Taking a cue from European languages, several of which have the same (Roman letter-based) script, Srinivasa Chakravathy's team at IIT Madras has, over the last decade, developed a unified script for nine Indian languages, named the Bharati script. The team has now gone a step further since developing the script: it has developed a method for reading documents in Bharati script using a multi-lingual optical character recognition (OCR) scheme. The team has also created a finger-spelling method that can be used to generate a sign language for hearing-impaired persons. In collaboration with TCS Mumbai, the researchers have found a way for persons with hearing disability to generate signatures using this finger-spelling technique.

The scripts that have been integrated include Devnagari, Bengali, Gurmukhi, Gujarati, Oriya, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil. English and Urdu have not been integrated so far. Dr Chakravathy says, “Urdu and English alphabet systems have a very different phonetic organisation. But that does not mean a mapping is not possible. It is quite possible and can be done.”

In general, optical character recognition schemes involve first separating (or segmenting) the document into text and non-text. The text is then segmented into paragraphs, sentences words and letters. Each letter has to be recognised as a character in some recognisable format such as ASCII or Unicode. The letter has various components such as the basic consonant, consonant modifiers, vowels etc.

Source : The Hindu



# INDIA FINISHES ASIAN WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 WITH 16 MEDALS

India wrapped up their campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships on a resounding note with 16 medals after Greco-Roman grapplers added a silver and a bronze on the concluding day in Xi'an. Preet Singh settled for a silver in 82kg while Gyanender won a bronze in 60kg on the final day of competitions.

India's overall tally of 16 medals included eight – one gold, three silver and four bronze – won by men's freestyle wrestlers, four bronze by women and three silver and one bronze by Greco-Roman wrestlers.

Harpreet put up an impressive performance to storm into the gold medal round, having thrashed Haitao Qian of China 10-1 in the semifinals after handing a 5-1 defeat to Burgo Beishaliev of Kyrgyzstan in his last-eight stage bout.

Harpreet though failed to clinch the top spot as he went down in the title clash to Iran's Saeid Morad Abdvali 0-8.

Earlier, Gyanender did well to defeat Jui Chi Huang of Taipei and bag the third position.

For Gyanender, a quarterfinal round win over Ali Abed Alnaser Ali Abuseif of Jordan 9-1 was followed by a 0-9 defeat against Islomjon Bakhramov of Uzbekistan in the semifinal.

In contrast, Yogesh lost out on a podium finish in 72kg category after being beaten by Ruslan Tsarev of Kyrgyzstan in the third-fourth place bout.

Yogesh had entered the bronze medal round despite losing his qualifying match to Hujun Zhang of China 0-9 as his Chinese opponent made the gold medal round.

However, two other Indians in the fray – Ravinder and Hardeep – crashed out early. While Ravinder bowed out in 67kg after losing his qualification bout, Hardeep suffered defeat in 97kg quarterfinal bout.

Source- The Hindu

## ICRISAT-LED TEAM CRACKS GENETIC CODE TO DEVELOP CLIMATE-RESILIENT CHICKPEA

In a breakthrough, scientists have successfully completed sequencing of 429 chickpea lines from 45 countries to identify genes that are tolerant to drought and heat.

For instance, India, the biggest consumer of pulses in the world, faces increasing production gap. This new research could take India closer towards attaining self-sufficiency in pulse production. The study also confirms that chickpea came to India from Fertile Crescent of Mediterranean via Afghanistan and may have been introduced back to the primary centres of origin after 200 years.

"This is the largest-ever exercise of whole-genome re-sequencing of chickpea... What this means to the agricultural community is potential development of newer varieties of chickpea with higher yields, which are disease-and-pest-resistant, and better able to withstand the vagaries of weather," the ICRISAT said in a statement.

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad said it led a team in close collaboration with the BGI-Shenzhen, China, involving 39 scientists from 21 leading research institutes world over.

"The genome-wide association studies identified several candidate genes for 13 agronomic traits. For example, we could identify genes which can help the crop tolerate temperatures up to 38 degree celsius and provide higher productivity," said Rajeev Varshney, project leader and

research programme director (genetic gains), ICRISAT.

More than 90 per cent of chickpea cultivation area is in South Asia. Drought and increasing temperatures are said to cause more than 70 per cent yield loss in chickpea globally. Chickpea being a cool season crop is likely to suffer further reduction in productivity due to rising temperatures. This new-found knowledge will enable breeders to enhance the use of diverse germplasm and candidate genes in developing improved (climate-change ready) varieties that will contribute significantly to the increased productivity and sustainability of agricultural development in developing countries.

The study established a foundation for large-scale characterisation of germplasm, population genetics and crop breeding. It also helped understand domestication and post-domestication divergence of chickpea.

Source : Business Standard

## **APURVI CHANDELA BECOMES WORLD NUMBER ONE IN 10M AIR RIFLE**

Indian shooting ace Apurvi Chandela attained the world number one position in the women's 10m air rifle event while compatriot Anjum Moudgil rose to number two after consistent performances in recent years.

The rifle ace from Jaipur is among the five Indian shooters to have already secured 2020 Olympics quotas for the country.

Chandela shot a world record score of 252.9 to clinch gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in February. She is a gold medallist at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Game and a bronze winner in the next edition at Gold Coast.

In the 2018 Asian Games, Chandela had won a bronze medal in the 10m mixed rifle event. The shooter took to twitter to share her joy on achieving the feat.

"World Number 1 Touched a milestone in my shooting career today," Chandela wrote on her twitter handle.

While the 26-year-old Chandela has already booked a Tokyo Olympics berth, she narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing fourth with a total score of 207.8, at the recently-concluded ISSF World Cup in Beijing.

Meanwhile, Moudgil attained the world number two rank in 10m Air Rifle after her mixed team gold at the ISSF World Cup in Beijing.

Manu Bhaker is the world number 10 in 25m pistol women category.

Among men, Divyansh Singh Panwar's World Cup exploits in Beijing helped him reach world number four spot in 10m air rifle category. Divyansh won two gold medals at Beijing -- 10m air rifle and 10m air rifle mixed team - and also secured his quota at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Source- Hindustan Times



# EX-ISRO CHAIRMAN AS KIRAN KUMAR GETS FRANCE'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD

Former ISRO chairman AS Kiran Kumar was conferred with France's highest civilian award - Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur - for his contribution to Indo-France space cooperation.

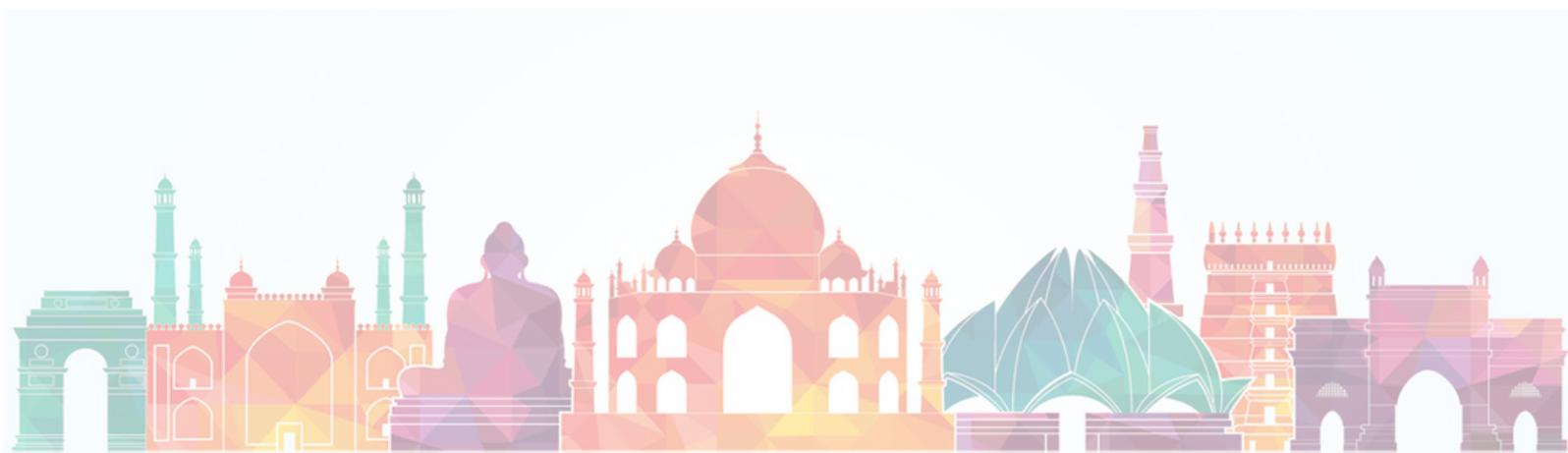
On behalf of the President of France, Ambassador of France to India, Alexandre Ziegler conferred Kumar with the highest civilian honour of France.

Jean-Yves Le Gall, Chairman of CNES, the French space agency, was present at the special investiture ceremony held at the Residence of France.

France's highest civilian honour comes in recognition of A S Kiran Kumar's invaluable contribution to the development of India-France space cooperation.

Throughout his career at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), including as its chairman from 2015 to 2018, Kumar fostered the historic and ambitious space cooperation between India and France.

Source- Indiatimes





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***Indonesia  
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# MISSION ACTIVITIES

**Forged** in peace and friendship, religion and culture, art and commerce, language and literature, civilizational linkages between India and Indonesia date back to more than thousand years. Strengthened by the shared heritage of Ramayana, Mahabharata and Buddhism and later by the arrival of Sufi traders and Islamic missionaries from Gujarat in the 13th Century, these bonds led to the flowering of unique cultures with the unifying themes of "Unity in Diversity" in India or "Bhinneka Tunggal Ika" in Indonesia.

India's bilateral ties with Indonesia have been shaped as much by history, culture and geopolitical realities as also by the visionary leadership of the two countries, since their independence. Both countries laid the foundation of Non Aligned Movement, which forged the bonds of South-South cooperation and Afro-Asian solidarity. The leadership of both countries joined hands to unite the developing world to rebuild their economies.

In recent years, there have been intensive contacts at the leadership level and a rapid development of bilateral relations in political, security, defence, commercial and cultural fields, further strengthened by the "Act East" Policy of India. In May 2018, during the visit of Indian Prime Minister to Indonesia, the bilateral relationship was elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Today, as the Asian Century unfolds, it is hoped that the partnership between India and Indonesia will be infused with more energy, enthusiasm and purpose that epitomizes the embrace of both countries as close maritime neighbors, befitting the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

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## FLAVOR'S OF INDIA MALABAR FISH CURRY RECIPE

**RECIPE SERVINGS: 2**  
**PREP TIME: 15 MINS**  
**COOK TIME: 40 MINS**  
**TOTAL COOK TIME: 55 MINS**  
**DIFFICULTY LEVEL: MEDIUM**

### INGREDIENTS OF MALABAR FISH CURRY RECIPE :

40 GRAM WHOLE CORIANDER  
SEEDS  
60 GRAM WHOLE RED CHILLI  
10 ML COCONUT OIL  
1 GRAM MUSTARD SEEDS  
10 GRAM ONION, CHOPPED  
3-4 NOS CURRY LEAF  
20 ML COCONUT MILK  
5 ML TAMARIND PULP  
5 GRAM CORIANDER,  
CHOPPED  
120 GRAM SEABASS FISH  
CURRY CUTS

### HOW TO MAKE MALABAR FISH CURRY RECIPE :

1. SOAK WHOLE CORIANDER SEEDS AND WHOLE BEGDI CHILLI TOGETHER FOR 3 TO 4 HRS AT LEAST.
2. BOIL SOAKED INGREDIENTS, AFTER BOILING MAKE A PASTE, AND STRAIN IT.
3. TAKE A PAN, ADD COCONUT OIL, MUSTARD SEEDS, CURRY LEAVES AND CHOPPED ONIONS, COOK IT TILL TRANSLUCENT.
4. PUT THE STRAINED PASTE, COOK IT WELL AND ADD FISH CURRY CUTS IN THE GRAVY.
5. FINISH WITH COCONUT MILK AND TAMARIND PULP.
6. GARNISH WITH CHOPPED CORIANDER AND FRIED CURRY LEAVES.

A DELICIOUS, CREAMY FISH CURRY WITH GOODNESS OF COCONUT MILK AND FULL OF CHILLIES, CORIANDER AND MUSTARD SEEDS. FISH IS A GREAT DINNER OPTION SINCE IT IS LOADED WITH NUTRIENTS LIKE OMEGA - 3 FATTY ACIDS, PROTEINS AND SEVERAL VITAMINS. APART FROM BEING HEALTHY, THIS FISH CURRY IS FULL OF DELIGHTFUL FLAVOURS IN LUSCIOUS GRAVY. A PERFECT MEAL FOR THE NEXT DINNER PARTY!

**SOURCE : FOOD.NDTV**



# BEST OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR YOUR TRIP IN INDIA



Bidding farewell to winters in a way is to look forward to exploring the best places to visit in India with the onset of summers. As it is a known fact that summers in India have the ability to prick one to the core, here's a list of best tourist places to visit in India where one can relax and enjoy.

## Charming Cherrapunji



Located about 1490 meters above sea level, Cherrapunjee is a perfect abode wherein clouds romance the skies all the time. Much famed for receiving the highest annual rainfall, Cherrapunjee is also known for majestic waterfalls and subtropical forests.





## Charismatic Coorg



Being one of the most sought places to visit in South India, Coorg is a popular tourist destination located in the Southern Karnataka. Also known as Kodagu, Coorg offers scenic views of its deep valleys and an alluring climate amidst the dense forests.

## Enchanting Ooty



Much famed as the “Queen of the Hills”, Ooty is the most famous hill stations of South India. Set amidst the Blue Mountains of the Nilgiri ranges, Ooty attracts travelers from all around the world with its charm and its lush greenery complements the colonial architecture perfectly.

