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# April 2019 Legal Current Affairs for Law Entrance Exam

## APRIL LEGAL CA QUIZ 22

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answer the questions given below.

**1. What was India's rank in the World Press Freedom Index 2019?**

- A. 136<sup>th</sup>
- B. 138<sup>th</sup>
- C. 140<sup>th</sup>
- D. 142<sup>nd</sup>

**2. Who among the following has recently become the 1st Indian woman scientist to be selected in the fellow of Royal Society in 358 years?**

- A. Gagandeep Kang
- B. Karanbeer Kaur
- C. Jaspreet Dhillon
- D. Preeti Sahai

**3. The Supreme Court has recently determined \_\_\_\_\_ as a ground to spare death row convicts from the gallows.**

- A. Mental illness
- B. Alzheimer's
- C. HIV/AIDS
- D. Cancer

**4. Which of the following countries has successfully launched its 1st satellite into space under Japan's Birds project?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Italy
- C. Nepal
- D. Bangladesh

**5. Who among the following astronauts is soon going to set a new record for longest single spaceflight by a woman?**

- A. Christina Koch
- B. Anne McClain
- C. Sunita Williams
- D. Serena Auñón-Chancellor

**6. Jaideep Sarkar has recently been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- A. Germany
- B. South Africa
- C. Canada
- D. Australia

**7. Which of the following companies has recently announced its plans to shut down operations in China?**

- A. eBay
- B. Walmart
- C. Amazon
- D. Shein

**8. Indian Ships are going to participate in the International Fleet Review 2019 in which of the following countries?**

- A. USA
- B. Singapore
- C. Australia
- D. China

**9. The exercise "IN VPN BILATERAL EX" was recently held between India and \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- A. Oman
- B. Ukraine
- C. Vietnam
- D. Russia

**10. Who among the following is going to lead the team of NASA mission CubeSat to detect cosmic rays?**

- A. Vaibhav Chaturvedi
- B. R Khan
- C. Sanjay Manohar
- D. Keshav Raghavan

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**Correct answers:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	A	A	C	A	B	C	D	C	D

**Explanations:**

1.

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**For the complete information kindly visit given link:**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-drops-down-on-world-press-freedom-index/articleshow/68940683.cms>

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<https://www.indiatoday.in/science/story/gangandeep-kang-first-indian-woman-scientist-to-be-elected-royal-society-fellow-1505160-2019-04-18>

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<http://www.newsonair.com/Main-News-Details.aspx?id=362394>

**5.**

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**Hints to Remember**

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**What:** head towards China

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<https://www.financialexpress.com/defence/indian-navys-ins-kolkata-and-ins-shakti-to-participate-in-china-pla-navys-70th-anniversary/1553250/>

9.

### Hints to Remember

**Who:** Second Edition Of Indian Navy-Vietnam Peoples' Navy Bilateral Exercise (IN – VPN BILAT EX)

**What:** concluded

**When:** published on 17th April 2019

In the backdrop of the growing maritime engagement between India and Vietnam, the Indian Navy undertook the second edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy at/off Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam from 13 to 16 Apr 19. The maiden edition was conducted from 21 to 26 May 18 at Da Nang, Vietnam. The exercise was undertaken as a part of the ongoing Overseas Deployment of Eastern Fleet ships to South East Asian countries. IN Ships Kolkata under the command of Capt Aditya Hara and Shakti under the command of Capt Sriram Amur participated in the exercise, comprising a harbour and a sea phase.

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**When:** published on 15th April 2019

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## **Top 10 news of the day : 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

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