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Banking

- **Walmart India** ties-up with **HDFC** to launch co-branded credit card for Best price stores.
- World Bank arm IFC to invest **$ 200 million in Mahindra finance** to create a 'pool' specifically for financing **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** in low income states.
- **ADB** approves **$ 490 million** loans to upgrade **roads in Madhya Pradesh.**
- In a bid to support agricultural, residential and institutional consumers, **Asian Development Bank,** and the Government of India have inked a **$250 million** loan to **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** to expand energy efficiency.
- RBI releases annual report of ombudsman Schemes for the year 2018-19; **complaints to BO up 20% in FY19.**
- **New Development Bank,** formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, has agreed to provide **$100 million** to India's **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF)** Fund of Funds.
- **Axis Bank** and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (**IOCL**) has entered into a partnership to launch **co-branded credit cards**.
- **SBI inks $277 million** pact with **Germany based KfW** for energy-efficient housing programme in India.
- **Vakrangee Finserve Limited**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vakrangee Limited (VL) has partnered with **Union Bank of India (UBI),** for **20,000 Banking Business Correspondent (BC) points**
- **BlackBuck** joins hands with **IDFC &Yes Bank** to provide free **FASTags to truckers.**
- **HDFC ERGO general insurance** launches **'my:health woman suraksha policy'**
- **78%** account holders withdraw all their money from **PMC Bank**: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- **ADB** approves **$206 million loans** to develop water supply, sewerage infrastructure in 5 cities of **Tamil Nadu.**
- **ICICI** becomes the **country's first bank** to deploy **'Robotic Arms'** for counting currency at its chests.
- India increases contribution to **Global Fund, $ 22 mn** for 6th cycle.
- Cabinet approves **Rs 9,300 crore** package capital infusion for **IDBI Bank**.
- A 6-member taskforce on s**econdary market for corporate loans**, headed by Canara Bank Chairman **TN Manoharan** has submitted its report to RBI.
- The insurance regulator **IRDAI** has set up a 9-member panel headed by New India Assurance Company Ltd (NIACL) Chief Managing Director(CMD) **Atul Sahai**, in order to review its three-year old guidelines on trade credit insurance due to the changing market requirements.
- The **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** has signed a MoU with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** for the **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) facility** to all the insured beneficiaries of ESIC.
- The **Standard Chartered Bank,** a British multinational banking and financial services company has launched its **"DigiSmart" credit card** primarily focused on the ever-growing segment of millennials.
- **ECL Finance Ltd and State Bank of India** entered into an agreement to co-lend to MSMEs
- RBI selected **Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd** to develop a mobile phone-based application for **visually impaired people** to identify currency notes.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved **$ 200 million** loan to upgrade about 2,100 kilometers of rural roads to all-weather standards in **Maharashtra's** 34 districts for better connecting rural areas with markets and services.
- Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice Shri **Ravi Shankar Prasad** announced that **India Post Payments Bank** (IPPB) has launched **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System** (AePS) Services at the first anniversary of its business operations.
- **Karnataka Bank MD & CEO MS Mahabaleshwara** inducted into **IBA's Managing Committee.**
- The **International Finance Corporation** (IFC), part of the World Bank Group and the **Finance Industry Development Council** (FIDC), a representative body of asset and loan Financing of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), signed a MoU to train the **NBFCs** in India on **"Commercial Credit Reporting".**

- **RBI** has cut the **risk weight of consumer credit**, including personal loans from 125 % to **100 %.** Now banks will be able to give more loans to customers for purchasing consumer products such as mobile phones, home appliances, two-wheelers, and three-wheelers.
- **RBI** increases loan exposure limit of banks to a single **NBFC (excluding gold loan companies) from 15% to 20%.**
- **NPCI** reduced merchant discount rate on **RuPay Debit Card to 0.60 %** on transactions above Rs 2,000.
- Finance Minister of India **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** notified that **2% Tax Deducted at Source** (TDS) on cash payments above **Rs 1 crore** made through Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs).

- ECGC introduces '**NIRVIK' (Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana) scheme** to **provide 90% insurance cover** on the loan amount of exporters.
- **ZestMoney** join hands with **PayU** for **cardless EMI payment.**
- **Visa** in partnership with **BillDesk** to launch interface for recurring payments , "**standing instructions (SI) Hub".**
- **Airtel Payments Bank** launched **'Bharosa'** savings account.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** stated that in order to overcome the slowdown in the economy and increase business activities, the government asked banks **not to declare stressed loans of MSMEs as Non Performing Assets** until **March 31, 2020**.
- RBI revises guidelines on **concurrent audit system** as per the recommendations of an expert committee headed by **Y.H. Malegam.**
- RBI increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters to **Rs 40 crore per borrower from Rs 25 crore.**
- **Max Bupa and Indian Bank signed** bancassurance corporate agency agreement.
- **BoB** launches agri digital platform called **"Baroda Kisan"**
- **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)** has tightened the rules for mutual funds, in which it make it mandatory for **liquid schemes** to hold at least **20 %** in liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents like treasury bills and repo on government securities.
- **Bharti Airtel & Bharti AXA Life Insurance** tie up to offer pre-paid plan with insurance protection cover.
- **Federal Bank and Pine Labs** join hands to provide **monthly EMIs for offline debit card transactions.**
- **Punjab National Bank(PNB)** has introduced 1st of its kind **Preventive Vigilance (PV) portal** to facilitate all staff members to contribute towards arresting procedural lapses and unhealthy practices.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has joined hands with India's leading private sector general insurance company, **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** to offer unique **Mosquito Diseases Protection Policy (MDPP)** to protect against mosquito-borne diseases.
- **Hyundai motor** signs agreement with **BoB for vehicle finance**.
- **Bank of International Settlements** (BIS) has launched a **dollar** green bond fund enabling central banks around the world to invest in **"green bonds".**
- **Nepal Central Bank** issued **3 coins bearing Sikh emblem** to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- **Axis Bank**,the third-largest of the private-sector banks in India has launched digital **fixed-deposit (FD)** product named **'Express FD',**which can be opened in three minutes through the digital route without

opening a savings account by investing a minimum Rs 5,000 up to Rs 90,000, for a tenure of 6 to 12 months .

- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)**, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Army** with the aim to provide new and better banking experience for both serving & retired personnel of Indian Army.
- To overcome the sluggishness of the real estate sector & boost housing demand, the government has reduced the interest rate on **House Building Advance (HBA)** from 8.5% to **7.9%** for one year.
- **UCO Bank**'s managing director (MD) and CEO, A K Goel has launched three new digital products called , **UCash, Digilocker and an app** in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- **ICICI Bank** has tied up with **Common Service Centre e-Governance Services India Limited**, a Special Purpose Vehicle(CSC SPV) to expand its reach to villages and remote towns.
- **Himachal Pradesh** (HP) Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur flagged off a one-month program **'Pragati Rath' of HDFC** bank in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (HP) to make people aware of financial and digital literacy.
- **IRDAI** has constituted a 12-member working group (WG) chaired by **T.L. Alamelu** to review the **product structure of title insurance**, which covers any loss caused due to a defect in the 'title' of the property arising out of third-party challenges.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched the **"Debit Card EMI facility"** for its existing customers. Under this service, the consumer can opt for an EMI period ranging from 6 months to 18 months.
- The largest Japanese life insurance company, **Nippon Life Insurance** has renamed **Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM)** as **Nippon India Mutual Fund** (NIMF) after acquiring 75 % stake in RNAM from Reliance Capital for around Rs 6,000 crore.
- **Shubh Loans**, a Bengaluru-based fintech sector start-up, has received a **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license** from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** through its subsidiary 'Ekagrata 'of its parent company Datasigns Technologies.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given its final approval of Kerala government's long-pending proposal of setting up its own **'Kerala Bank',** by **amalgamating 13 district co-operative banks (DCBs)** with Kerala State Co-operative Bank.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has denied the proposed merger of **Indiabulls Housing Finance** and **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB),** the flagship private sector bank.
- **Union Bank of India (UBI)**, one of the largest government-owned banks of India has signed a **MoU** with **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** to provide cashless, paperless and transparent payment system to small traders.
- **RBI** came up with a new reporting system for all **co-operative banks** called **Central Information System for Banking Infrastructure** (CISBI) in which they will submit information related to opening/ closing/ conversion of branches, offices, non-administratively independent offices and customer service points in a single proforma online.
- **Asian Development Bank** and the Government of India (GoI) have signed the Tranche 2 loan agreement worth **$190 million** to upgrade 754 kilometers of **Rajasthan** state highways and major district roads to two-lane or intermediate-lane standards.
- **Life Insurance Council** has decided to launch the Indian life insurance industry's first joint mass media campaign with the slogan **'Sabse Pehle Life Insurance'** within a month whose total cost will be around **Rs 100 crore**.
- **ICICI Bank** launches new **FD scheme called "FD health"** which provides investors a complimentary critical illness cover on 33 critical illnesses for the customers who are in the age bracket of 18-50 years.
- **Home Credit India (HCIN),** a leading consumer durable loan provider, for the first time joined hands with one of the oldest banks in India, **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)** for offering **joint lending.**
- **Ministry of Finance** notified that banks will not levy charges or merchant discount rate (MDR) on digital payments to the customers or merchants of the businesses with an annual turnover of more than **Rs 50 crore** from **1 November 2019**.

- **Bajaj Allianz Life launches** first of its kind **video calling service** in the insurance industry called **'i-SERV'.**
- **PayPal & Synchrony tied** up to launch **co-branded Venmo's first credit card**
- **SBI cards** launched first contactless mobile payment facility ' for credit card holders using **Host Card Emulation (HCE)** technology.
- **Pine Labs**,an Indian merchant platform company has joined hands with Indian multinational, public sector bank, **SBI** to offer **EMIs** for debit card transactions.
- **Aditya Birla Finance & Indian Dental Association (IDA)** join hands to provide monthly EMI for dental patients.
- The **World Bank** has signed a tripartite **$ 165 million loan** agreement with Government of India (GoI), Government of **Odisha**, with the aim to Support Climate Resilient Agriculture for 125,000 Smallholder Farmers from 15 districts in Odisha.
- New Development Bank has approved two projects namely, **Fundo Clima Brazil National Climate Fund Project ($ 500 million)& Renewable Energy Sector Development Project ($ 300 million)** with the loans totaling **$ 800 million**.
- IRDAI, has formed an **8-member panel** headed by the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B) Director **S Sadagopan** to evaluate applications filed under the **Regulatory Sandbox (RS)**.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** in association with **Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Ltd** has launched **co-branded health care plus insurance policy** with a sum insured from **Rs 50,000 – Rs 15 lakh** through online platform for IOB customers on real time basis.
- **Srei Equipment Finance Ltd & United Bank of India** partnered to provide loans to MSME and retail sector customers .
- **Tripura Gramin Bank** associated with Stock holdings corporation launches **e-stamp counter in Agartala.**
- **ADB approves $451mn loan** for **Chennai-Kanyakumari industrial corridor** power links in **Tamil Nadu.**
- An Indian state-owned e-commerce company,**MSTC Limited (formerly known as Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited)** has signed an agreement with **Allahabad Bank**, a nationalised bank for the process of developing an **e-Auction platform** aimed at selling non-performing assets (NPAs).
- Finance service company, **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank(SFB)** has launched an **instant digital savings account (SA**) along with **Fixed Deposit (FD)** and **Privilege Savings Account** to offer distinctive banking and digital services to its customers.
- **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** Launches **'Farmitra'** – a mobile app for farmers.
- **Exim Bank** grants **$30 million** line of credit to **Ghana** for potable water project.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the **household income eligibility** limit for eligible borrowers from **NBFC –MFIs (Non-Banking Financial Companies- Micro finance Institutions**) to **Rs 1.25 lakh** from the existing Rs 1 lakh in **rural areas** and from Rs 1.6 lakh to **Rs 2 lakh in urban /semi-urban areas**.
- As per the report titled **"Furthering Digital Payments"** released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI),** Banks will not be able to charge any fee for online **National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) transactions** done by the savings bank account customers from **January 2020.**
- **Karnataka Bank Ltd**, has launched a nationwide account mobilization campaign called **"CASA (current account savings account) campaign** of FY 2019-2020".
- **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**, has approved **$75-million** loan to Mumbai based **Tata Cleantech Capital Limited** (TLLC) to help mobilize private capital into renewable energy, power transmission and water infrastructure.
- The **Government of India (GoI)** & the **Asian Development Bank (ADB**) has signed a **$ 91 million** loan agreement under Karnataka Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management Investment Program (IWRM) to renovate the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems in **Karnataka**.

- **ICICI Lombard & Fino payments bank** tie up to offer **sachet based insurance** products.
- **SEBI** has approved strict provision criteria for listed companies on debt default. As per new rules, the listed company will have to inform SEBI within **24 hours** after the completion of the 30-day period for any **loan default**. This rule will come into effect from **January 1, 2020**.
- **U GRO Capital** signed loan co-origination partnership with **SBI**
- **IndiaFirst life insurance** join hands with **Spice money for 'Insurance Khata'** product.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, has approved **2nd tranche** of policy based programme loan **$150 million** for **West Bengal** to boost capital investment and infrastructure in the state.
- According to a notification issued by the finance ministry, Government of India, **3 Uttar Pradesh** regional rural banks– **Baroda Uttar Pradesh Grameen Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank** will be amalgamated into a single regional rural bank on April 1, 2020 which will be called as "Baroda UP Bank" **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** will **sponsor** new Baroda UP Bank, which will have the headquarters in **Gorakhpur**.

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded **Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank** from the second schedule of the **RBI Act, 1934** with effect from April 1, 2019, as they have ceased to carry on banking business.
- **Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL)** becomes the first financial services firm to be taken to **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)**.
- **Railway Ministry** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for evaluating the **green initiatives** and rate the performance of its industrial units pursuing environmentally sustainable practices.
- Max Bupa and Indian Bank signed bancassurance tie-up for health insurance solutions
- **Paisalo Digital** has signed its co-origination loan agreement with the **Bank of Maharashtra.**
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Army** under which the bank would offer customised services along with a host of facilities to account holders.
- **MSTC Ltd** has signed an agreement with **Allahabad Bank** for the development of a dedicated e-Auction platform.
- NewQuest-backed **U GRO Capital** inked an SME loan co-origination agreement with **State Bank of India** to facilitate broader credit outreach and faster disbursal.

Business, Economy and Agreement

- **India will overtake China** as the largest importer of coking coal by **2025**.
- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(MeitY)** has signed a statement of intent with **Google** for rolling out **'Build for Digital India'** programme, which will provide engineering students with a platform to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that deals with key social challenges.
- French carmaker "**Peugeot SA**" and US-Italian "**Fiat Chrysler**" have signed an agreement to create the **world's fourth largest automaker**.

- **Edelweiss Asset Management Company** has launched the India's 1st Corporate Bond ETF (exchange trade fund) called the **Bharat Bond ETF.**
- **Mongla and Chattogram declared as Ports of Call under the "Coastal Shipping Agreement'.**
- **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited** has signed a term loan agreement for **Rs. 5,000 crore with State Bank of India.**
- **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** inks MoU with **Suadi ARAMCO** for development in oil & gas sectors.
- **Mastercard** joins hands with **Thailand Tourism Authority (TAT)** to tap more tourists from India.
- **Sabka Vishwas – Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme** operationalised from 1st September 2019. The two main components of the scheme are **Dispute resolution and Amnesty** (pardoning of cancelling offence).
- **IIT-Kharagpur and Amazon Web Services collaborates** to develop **National Artificial Intelligence Resource Portal** (NAIRP) to develop and promote Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning.
- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has received **8 US-made 'Apache AH-64E'** fighter helicopters from US (United States)aerospace major **Boeing** at Airforce Station, Pathankot, **Punjab**.
- **Bangladesh** has signed a power project agreement to buy **718 megawatts(MW)** of electricity from India's Anil Ambani led **Reliance Power** over the next 22 years.
- Asia's only **5th Generation VR based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre** launched at **Chennai.**
- **Ashok Leyland** becomes the first OEM to meet **BS-VI emission norms**.
- India's **FDI grew by 28%** to $16.33 bn in Q1 FY 2019-20; **Singapore emerged** as the **largest source.**
- MoU was signed between **Multi Commodity Exchange of India** (MCX) and **Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange** (ZCE), a commodity exchanges in China, for co-operation and the exchange of information.
- Union government unveiled a **linked back-series** of India's growth numbers from 1950-51 to 2003-04, with **2011-12** as the base year with an aim to arrange the GDP (Gross Domestic Products) figures from past years with the new internationally accepted methodology that facilitates comparisons.
- **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** has joined hands **Microsoft** to incorporate cloud-based technology in high school teachers' **capacity building programs** and teaching.
- Niti Aayog selected **McKinsey & Company** to set up **India's first Digital Capability Centre** in New Delhi.
- **Gujarat** again tops the second edition of perception based 2019 Logistics Ease Across Different States (**LEADS**) index in New Delhi.
- **International Energy Agency** (IEA) notified that the **United States** (US) became the top oil exporter in the world by overtaking **Saudi Arabia** and **Russia**.
- Commerce Minister PiyushGoyal launched digital platforms for **origin certificate issuance and steel import monitoring system (SIMS)** for obtaining steel import information by the govt and other stakeholders for efficient policy intervention.
- RBI notified that the **United Arab Emirates** (UAE) emerged as a top nation in making non-resident investments in Indian mutual funds (MFs).
- 32 FMCG companies launched **"Karo Sambhav"-**packaging waste management venture aims to **mobilise Rs.1000 cr.**
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** (SEBI) eased its norms to allow smart cities raise funds through '**Muni Bonds**'.
- **WTO** cuts global trade growth forecast to **1.2% for 2019 from 2.6%.**
- **ICICI** inks pact with CSC e-Governance services India a Special Purpose Vehicle(CSC SPV) to expand its reach to villages and remote towns.
- In order to promote the micro, small and medium industries (MSME) and startups, **BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange)** has organized a discussion session in collaboration with **FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)** in New Delhi.

- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, and **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** have joined hands to formulate an electricity distribution plan to install smart electricity meters in all households.
- **Credit Information Bureau of India Limited** (CIBIL), a credit information company, launched a new feature called **CIBIL Alert** through which customers can get real-time notifications about key changes in their CIBIL Score and Report.
- **Mastercard** in collaboration with **MS Dhoni** launched an initiative **titled "Team Cashless India".**
- **RIL** becomes the first Indian company to have a market cap of over **Rs 9 lakh crore.**
- Government granted '**Maharatna**' status to **Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL)** and **Power Grid Corp (PGCIL).**
- Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh approved for the issuance of **2** Open General Export Licences (**OGELs**) that allows export of certain defence equipment and technologies to select countries
- **Bangalore & Kolkata** will also be named in the list of **World Bank's ease of doing business** survey from 2020.
- Three Indian-origin CEOs, **Shantanu Narayen** (Adobe Inc), **Ajaypal Singh Banga** (Mastercard) and **Satya Narayana Nadella** (Microsoft) are among the world's top 10 best-performing chief executives, featured in a list of '**The Best-Performing CEOs in the World, 2019**′ prepared by **Harvard Business Review** (HBR).
- **BSE-Ebix Insurance Broking Pvt Ltd** gets in-principle approval from **IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)** for insurance broking business.
- Singapore-based **AirCarbon Pte** launches the **worlds' 1st blockchain-based carbon trading exchange.**
- Budget carrier **IndiGo** became a member of **International Air Transport Association** (IATA).
- German multinational conglomerate company **Siemens** signed MoU with power producer **NTPC** and The Energy and Resources Institute(**TERI**) for decarbonisation.
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF),** Guyana's GDP is expected to grow at **86% in 2020** after expanding 4.4% in 2019.
- **Moody's** revises India's economic outlook to **"negative" from "Stable".**
- Documentation Identification Number (**DIN**) system of **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** (CBIC) came into existence. This system was created to bring transparency and accountability in indirect tax administration with the use of Information and Technology(IT). .
- The Ministry of Environment has granted clearance to the **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** to set up a ₹ 766-crore **2G ethanol plant** in **Haryana's Panipat** district.
- **Reliance Industries** becomes **6th largest oil company in the world**, Exxon Mobil topped.
- Telangana government initiative for startups, **T-Hub** has announced the launch of the 1st edition of the **Fintech Accelerator program** in partnership with **DST** (Department of Science and Technology) and **NPCI** (National Payments Corporation of India). Txnnxt hub, an innovation lab by NPCI at the premises of T-Hub was also launched.
- **Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL)-**1st company to list commercial papers (CPS) on exchanges.
- **Infosys** has been selected as the **main supplier** to deliver **Volvo Cars'** **digital transformation services** for its enterprise digital commercial operations applications and products.
- **Reliance Mutual Fund** has been renamed as "**Nippon India Mutual Fund**". The organization was renamed following the **purchase of 75% stake** in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management by Nippon Life Insurance.
- Muthoot Finance to acquire IDBI Mutual Fund for Rs 215 crore.
- **Department of Financial Services** has approved the **Rs 12,000 crore** capital infusion plan in the **3 state-run general insurance companies**. The 3 state-run general insurance companies list includes **National Insurance, Oriental Insurance** and **United India Insurance.**
- **Goods and Services Tax Network** has decided to make **Aadhaar authentication** or **physical verification mandatory** for new dealers from **January 2020**.

- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** unveiled two new IT Initiatives – **ICEDASH and ATITHI** for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.
- **Country's foreign exchange reserves** crossed the **$450-billion mark** for the first time ever on the back of strong inflows which enabled the central bank to buy dollars from the market.
- **Employees' State Insurance Corporation(ESIC)** signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with **State Bank of India** for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders.
- **Wipro Limited** has bagged a strategic contract valued at **$300 million** from the **ICICI Bank.** Under the contract, Wipro will offer a comprehensive suite of services to ICICI Bank for the next seven years.
- **Gujarat Government** and the **Delaware State of America** signed **Memorandum of Understanding(MoU)** for sister state.
- **Gurugram traffic police** have tied up with **Google maps** for real time **traffic updates.**
- **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**, part of the World Bank Group, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC)** to collaborate on the training of NBFCs in the country.
- **Kerala** signs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Maldives** to strengthen cancer care in the island nation.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** joined hands with **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** for the development of human-centric systems for the Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.
- **Skill development and entrepreneurship ministry**, has signed an agreement with IT major **IBM** to carry out a nationwide **Train-the-Trainer programme in basic artificial intelligence.**
- Ola drivers to get healthcare benefits under Ayushman Bharat.
- **Nasscom's Data Security Council of India (DSCI)** collaborated with the **electronics and IT ministry (MeitY)** and **Google India** to launch a nationwide awareness campaign **'Digital Payment Abhiyan'**.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has joined hands with India's leading private sector general insurance company, **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** to offer unique **Mosquito Diseases Protection Policy (MDPP)** to protect against mosquito-borne diseases.
- Facebook bags digital content rights for ICC matches in South Asia.
- **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**, **Ministry of Defence** and **Central University of Jammu (CUJ)** have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of **Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST)** at the university.
- **National Health Authority** signed a Statement of Intent **(SoI)** with **Google** to collaborate and strengthen the implementation of **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (PMJAY).
- **IIT Madras** will collaborate with **ExxonMobil** on Research in Energy and Biofuels.
- IT services firm **Tech Mahindra Ltd (Tech M)** has acquired **BORN Group,** a New York-based digital content and production agency, for **$95 million.**

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the merger of the **BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund** and the **Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund.**

- The **Centre and Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed an agreement **to extend 91 million US dollar loan** to modernize the **Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems** and prepare river basin management plans in the **Krishna river basin.**
- **Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL)** has entered into a two year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **ICICI Bank** to offer customised financial solutions to customers across India with a focus on semiurban and rural geographies.
- **Competition Commission of India** (CCI) approved acquisition of shareholding (equity stake) by the **Hyundai Motor Company** (HMC) and **Kia Motors Corporation** (KMC) in **ANI Technologies Private Limited** (ANI), the parent company of ride-hailing firm Ola, and its electric vehicle arm **Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited**

National Current Affairs

- **India** becomes the **1st country in the world to make Haj 2020 process completely digital.**
- Vice president Venkaiah Naidu launched **"Poshan Anthem"** in New Delhi. The lyricist of the POSHAN anthem was Shri **Prasoon Joshi** and its composer was singer Shri **Shankar Mahadevan**.
- **AMRUT** mission flagship on urban renewal **extended by 2 yrs to 2022** from 2020.
- The **Union government** has launched **National Broadband Mission** to provide Broadband access to all villages by **2022**.
- In collaboration with the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**, **Jigneh Patel**, a fellow at the Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) at **IIT Hyderabad**, has launched India's 1st 'Vaccination On Wheels'(VOW) Clinic in **Pune, Maharashtra**.
- Government **approves Rs.436 crore for Future Skills PRIME** to skill IT professionals.
- **Afghanistan** becomes the **1st nation to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia**.
- **Greater Chennai Corporation,** Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) launched the country's first waste exchange platform namely **"Madras Waste Exchange"** to buy and sell municipal solid waste online.
- **Mission Antyodaya scheme: TN tops** 2019 panchayat ranking**; Gujarat** has most top **10 entries.**
- **Ministry of Coal** has decided to create **Sustainable Development Cell (SDC)** with the aim to promote coal mining in an environmentally sustainable manner in India.
- Haryana police have introduced a software named **"Trakea-barcoding system of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)"** to enable foolproof security of the samples collected in Forensic reports. Haryana became the first state in the country to introduce this unique barcoding system.
- **GoI launched National Clean Air Programme.** The government is targeting to achieve 20 per cent to 30 per cent reduction in **Particulate Matter PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations** by **2024** keeping **2017 as the base year.**
- Union Minister for Jal Shakti **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** and Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurated the **14 MLD sewage treatment plant (STP)** in Sarai village near **Haridwar.**
- The **Union Minister for food processing** inaugurated **Avantee mega Food Park** in **Dewas, Madhya Pradesh.**
- 1st Pashu Kisan Credit Cards of India, distributed in Bhiwani, Haryana.
- ASI recognizes 138 monuments as 'Must-see monuments': Ministry of Culture.
- Ministry of **Women and Child Development** has joined hands with **UNICEF** to launch **"YuWaah"** with the aim to transform the countries involved into hubs of education, skilling and employment.
- India's **top 10 Police Stations** for 2019 announced: **Andaman's Aberdeen tops the list**
- **RBI increases aggregate lending limits** imposed on peer-to-peer (P2P) lenders to **Rs 50 lakh from 10 lakh.**
- **India's 1st Ganga Centralised aqualab** to be set up in **Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**
- **Mumbai Central railway station**-1st to receive **FSSAI's 'Eat Right Station' certification**.
- India's **1st National maritime heritage museum** to be built in **Lothal, Gujarat** with the help of Portugal.

- Ministry of Railways**(MoR)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for International Development (**DFID**), United Kingdom**(UK)** for **collaboration on energy and sustainability.**
- **Operation** "**Clean Art**" which is the 1st pan India operation to crack down the illegal trade for **mongoose hair** was launched by the govt.
- 3 Lakh houses sanctioned under PMAY(U) in the 46th **Central Approval and Monitoring Committee** for 2019.
- Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the **longest electrified railway tunnel (6.7km)** between **Cherlopalli and Rapuru** costing Rs 437 crores, and the electrified railway line (112km) between Venkatachalam (Krishnapatnam) and Obulavaripalli costing Rs 1,993 crores in **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the **"Garvi Gujarat Bhavan"** at Akbar Road in **New Delhi**.
- Minister of State for Culture and Tourism **Prahalad Singh Patel** inaugurated first-ever **architectural LED illumination** at the **Qutub Minar.**
- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** has launched '**Terracotta grinder**' at Sewapuri, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. It is manufactured under KVIC's project **REPLAN** (REducingPLAstic in Nature) and grinds waste and broken pottery items for reuse in pottery making.
- **Indian Institute of Technology** (IIT) **Delhi** and **IIT Kharagpur** have been selected by the **Department of Science and Technology** (DST) to establish a shared science and technology infrastructure facility named **Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute** (SATHI).
- Union Health Minister Shri **Harsh Vardhan** launched mass media campaign **POSHAN Maah** (nutrition campaign) 2019 to promote the "eat right India movement" to improve public health and combat negative nutritional trends.
- An upcoming movie '**Coolie No.1**' is the first Bollywood film which is set to go **plastic-free.**
- **First 'Make in India' Metro Coach In Mumbai** inaugurated by PM Modi in Mumbai.
- Women and Child Development and Textiles Minister **Smriti Irani** notified that the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) incresed by **13 points** nationally since the implementation of the **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao** (BBBP) programme from 918 in 2014-15 to **931** in 2018-19.
- Indian railways **first Fun zone** has been set up at **the Visakhapatnam Railway Station**.
- **India** announces **$1 mn disaster relief aid for Bahamas** as it is affected by Hurricane Dorian.
- **Shri Narendra Modi** and PM of Nepal **K.P. Sharma Oli** jointly inaugurated South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline of **69-km** from **Motihari** in Bihar, India to **Amlekhgunj** in Nepal through video conference.
- **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport** gets India's tallest ATC tower to enhance the safety and boost the efficiency of air transport management services.
- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism, flagged off the first-ever **Mobile Science Exhibition buses** for the entire Ladakh Region in Leh. The Minister simultaneously launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition buses for Aspirational Districts of India.
- The **Government of India** has announced a contribution of **22 million US Dollars** to the **Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM).**
- **Shri Narendra Modi** launched **National Animal Disease Control Programme** (NADCP) in **Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.**
- The Department of Promotion and Industry and Internal Trade(**DPITT**) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched **'Swachhta hi Sewa 2019′** campaign as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to action against plastic waste from industrial estates, parks and other areas by all states and Union Territories(UT). The theme of the campaign is **Plastic Waste Management**.
- Prime Minister of India Shri **Narendra Modi** launched nationwide campaign "**Swachhta Hi Seva 2019**"(SHS) in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh(**UP**). The theme for 2019 is '**plastic waste awareness and management**'.

- The Country's first of its kind survey named **"India Iodine Survey 2018-19"** to measure iodized salt coverage conducted by **Nutrition International** has reported that Jammu and Kashmir (**J&K**) has **topped** the list of best performers in iodised salt coverage.
- Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science & Technology, in New Delhi, has announced that **India**has joined as the new and **16th** member of the Global Antimicrobial Resistance (**AMR**) Research and Development (**R & D**) hub.
- Nelco, a security service provider company of the TATA group, announced the launch of **maritime communication services**. By this launch, Nelco became the first Indian company to provide broadband services in maritime sector.
- the union minister for environment, forest and climate change Shri **Prakash Javadekar** flagged off a bus named "**Jaldoot**" in Pune, Maharashtra which showcases the importance of water conservation.
- India will conduct a two-week **special training programme (STP)** for 32-member delegation of **Maldivian Civil Servants** at the **Mussoorie (Uttarakhand) and New Delhi.**
- Union Minister of Science & Technology, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan,** inaugurated the **National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development** (NCCCR&D) at **Indian Institute of Science** (IISc)- **Bengaluru**, Karnataka.
- External Affairs Minister of India **Dr S Jaishankar** and Minister of Human Resource Development **Mr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** launched the **PhD fellowship programme**, initially launched by the Ministry of External Affairs, in **Indian Institutes of Technology** (IITs) for the students from **Association of Southeast Asian Nations** (ASEAN).
- Indian Railways undertakes **"Massive Shramdan" drive** with main focus on collection of plastic waste.
- India's first **National Antimicrobial Resistance Hub inaugurated in Kolkata**, West Bengal.
- Agreement between Skill India and IBM for nationwide Train-the-Trainer program in AI.
- The central government is giving special attention to those **250 Districts** of India where the malnutrition level is higher than the national average during the celebration of **"Rashtriya Poshan Maah"** (National Nutrition Month), the entire month of **September, 2019** with the theme of '**Complementary Feeding'.**
- The National Association of Software and Services Company's (NASSCOM) **Data Security Council of India** (DSCI), **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** (MeitY) and **Google India** had collaborated together to launch a nationwide awareness campaign '**Digital Payment Abhiyan**'.
- HRD ministry announces **National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Scheme** for Higher Education learning outcomes.
- Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (**AB-PMJAY**) scheme signed a Memorandum of Understanding(**MoU**) with mobility platform **Ola** whereby the scheme would provide health insurance to 2 million driver partners of Ola.
- **Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE),** laid the foundation stone for **Indian Institute of Skills (IIS)** at Mumbai. The objective of the institute is to provide skill training in highly-specialised areas to students who want to pursue technical education after completing Class X and XII.
- **Google** has announced that it will open an **artificial intelligence (AI)** based research lab "**Google Research India**". The lab will be opened in **Bengaluru**.
- Telecom body approves **Rs 8500 crore** for mobile towers & optical fibres
- **NTPC ltd** (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) announced to set up a **5GW** solar national park in **Gujarat** and is also expected to be the biggest in the country.
- Union minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences,Health and Family Welfare Dr. **Harsh Vardhan** launched '**UMMID**'(Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders) initiative designed on the concept of "prevention is better than cure" to make efforts to tackle genetic diseases inherited by new born babies in New Delhi.
- Govt hikes family pension for Central govt. employee dying within 7 years of service from 30 to 50 %.
- Union minister for Health and Family Welfare (HFW) **Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched '**TB Harega Desh Jeetega**' campaign & **National TB Prevalence Survey 2019** in **New Delhi.**
- **DRDO** ink pact with **Central University of Jammu to set up Kalam centre** for science and technology.

- Ministry of Railways and Department of Science & Technology in partnership with **Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Kanpur** launched a pilot project for implementation of ,**'Industry 4.0'** which is a subset of the 4th industrial revolution, at Modern Coach Factory (MCF) at Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- **Gujarat** has launched India's 1st trading program called **"Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)"** in **Surat, Gujarat** to combat particulate air pollution.
- **NITI Aayog** releases School Education Quality Index (SEQI) 2019, **kerala tops.**
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the sixth **"India Water Week-2019"** being organised with the theme of **"Water cooperation-coping with 21st-century challenge'.**
- **International Astronomical Union** (IAU) has named an **asteroid** after Indian classical singer **Pandit Jasraj**. The asteroid formally known as a **minor planet**, is located between **Mars and Jupiter**.
- President of India **Ramnath Kovind** unveiled the **first Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System.** This system is developed by **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** in partnership with Indian industries under India's flagship program named **"New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI)"**.
- Ten-day **Mysuru Dasara festival** inaugurated in **Karnataka.**
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare **Dr Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated a 2-day national workshop **'Arogya Manthan'** in **New Delhi** to mark the first anniversary of Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
- A 2- day **"Regional Conference on Developing a Comprehensive Approach: Combating Illicit Trafficking of Afghan Opiates and Drug Situation in the Northeast (NE)"** held in **Imphal , Manipur.**
- Three railway stations of Rajasthan, **Jaipur, Jodhpur,** and **Durgapura** have topped the **Railway Cleanliness Survey 2019**, conducted at 720 railway stations by the Ministry of Railways.
- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes** (CBDT) launched a computer-generated Unique **Document Identification Number** (DIN) to ensure greater transparency and accountability in tax administration for taxpayers.
- President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented 2019 **Swachchta Ambassador award to Sachin Tendulkar** in New Delhi at the 5th India Today Safaigiri Summit.
- **Peddapalli** district of **Telangana** became first in the **2019 rural Swachhta survey** to become the cleanest district in India.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Government launches **India's first Village secretariat system.**
- Dr Harsh Vardhan launched FSSAI's 'Trans-Fat Free' logo in New Delhi. The logo was launched to boost the 'Eat Right Movement' of FSSAI.

- Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) India of United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) launched a youth lab programme, **Youth Co:Lab** to empower innovation and social entrepreneurship to the youths of India.
- National Health Authority(**NHA**) and the Amercian multinational company, **Google** partnered together for strengthening the implementation of the national health protection scheme, **Ayushman Bharat**– Pratan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).
- Defence Minister Shri **Rajnath Singh** gave approval in increasing the monetary assistance to Next of Kin of all categories of Battle Casualty from **Rs 2 lakhs to Rs 4 lakhs.**
- **India's first e-waste** clinic to be set up in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

- India's 1st plant to produce **diesel from plastic** waste opened in **Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Union minister of Jal Shakthi shri **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** launched **'Ganga Aamantran'** abhiyan, a month long open-water rafting and kayaking expedition in New Delhi.
- External Affairs Minister(EAM) Shri **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** inaugurated **e-Vidyabharti** and e-**ArogyaBharti** projects for all the 54 African countries in New Delhi on the 55th anniversary of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation(ITEC) which is India's flagship capacity building programme.
- First government-operated **daycare recreation centre** for senior citizens inaugurated in **Leh.**
- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** in partnership with the **Indian Institute of Management- Bangalore** (IIMB) will launch a new 2-year program called **'Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship'** (MGNF).
- Harsh Vardhan **launches 'Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan' (SUMAN)** initiative for Zero Preventable Maternal and Newborn Deaths at 13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family in New Delhi.
- Human Resource Minister launches **Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – DHRUV** in Bengaluru, Karnataka to allow talented students to realize their full potential and contribute to society.
- Railways launched **Sahyatri mobile app** and a new website for online complaint registration.
- Chhattisgarh health minister T S Singhdeo inaugurated India' s **1st Garbage Cafe situated in Ambikapur.**
- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** the target date for achieving the cumulative **175 GW (gigawatt)** renewable power installed capacity is **December 31, 2022**, with 100 GW of solar, 60 GW of wind, 10 GW of bio-power and 5 GW of small hydropower.
- Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated conference on **'One Nation One Tag – FASTag'** in New Delhi. **FASTag** is an electronic toll collection system in India as toll collection will be mandatorily done through FASTags effective from **December 31, 2019** onwards.
- **Karnataka tops** as the most innovative state in NITI Aayogs' **India Innovation Index 2019.**
- Government announces postal **ballot voting for voters with disabilities** and people above 80 years.
- India to adopt **Brazil model of human milk bank** to achieve BM reach to 70% infants by 2025.
- Govt. has made an announcement that Overseas Citizens of India are now eligible to apply for National Pension System at par with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), as permitted by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). According to PFRDA, any Indian citizen can join the NPS till the age of 65 years.
- **All India Institute of Ayurveda** under Ministry of AYUSH has signed an MoU with **Frankfurter Innovationszentrum Biotechnologie GmbH (FiZ), Germany** in New Delhi to research in the field of genomics & develop norms supported with new-age technologies like Artificial Intelligence and machine learning.
- Smriti Irani Inaugurates India's Largest **'Charkha' Made of Waste Plastic** in Noida.
- Palestine has released a commemorative **postage stamp** on **Mahatma Gandhi,** honouring his legacy and values, to mark the **150 birth anniversary.**
- The nationwide **Paryatan Parv, 2019** kicked off to promote tourism in the country. The aim is to propagate the message of **Dekho Apna Desh.**
- **Tourism Ministry** has launched the Audio Guide facility **"Audio Odigos"** for 12 sites of India (including Iconic Sites) on the occasion of **"Paryatan Parv 2019"**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Mauritius PM **Pravind Jugnauth** jointly inaugurated 2 landmark projects in Mauritius via video conference. The 2 projects includes the phase-1 of the **Metro Express** and a new **ENT Hospital**.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes has launched **"Faceless e-Assessment scheme"** that eliminates physical interface between an assessing officer and an assessee.
- **All India Institute of Medical Sciences** in collaboration with the **Union Health Ministry** launched the 1st-ever website and mobile application on oral health awareness "**eDantSeva**".

- **Central government** has increased the **Dearness Allowance** (DA) of **Central government employees and pensioners**. The government has **hiked DA** by **5%**, which means the dearness allowance has been **increased from 12% to 17%**.
- India to extend over $60 mn line of credit to Comoros for **Energy and Maritime Defence Cooperation**.
- 10th edition of the **Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav-National Cultural Festival** under the **'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'** campaign in Madhya Pradesh.
- **Air India** became the first airline in the world to use a **Taxibot** on a **A320 aircraft** with passengers on board.
- **Indian Railways (IR)** has announced that it will become a **net-zero carbon emitter by 2030.**
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **Harsh Vardhan** launched **Food Safety Mitra Scheme, Eat Right Jacket and Eat Right Jhola.**
- **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)** has launched a cinema advertisement campaign **'Feed Our Future'** to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India.
- **'Maharatna'** status has been granted by the Government to state-owned **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited** and **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited**.
- The Centre's first-ever common foundation course **"Aarambh"** (Beginning) for 2019 batch probationer civil servants has begun at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat.
- Minister of coal & mines, and parliamentary affairs Shri Prahlad Singh Joshi announced the target of producing 750 million tonnes of coal in the financial year 2020-21 and also of producing **1 billion tonnes** of coal in the financial year 2023-**2024** by Coal India Ltd (CIL).
- **IFFCO** introduced India's 1st nanotechnology-based environment-friendly plant nutrition products by introducing **nano- nitrogen**, **nano-zinc** and **nano-Copper** for on-field trials at an event at Gujarat's Kalol unit of IFFCO.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs(MoHA) Shri **Amit Shah** inaugurated 4-days long Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue (**SCOJtEx**)- 2019 in New Delhi.
- Union minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt **Nirmala Sitharaman** launched two new IT initiatives in **New Delhi**. They were "**ICEDASH**" and "**ATITHI**" for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of goods that are imported and to facilitate the arriving international passengers by e-filing of customs baggage and currency declarations.
- **Skill development ministry & IBM** India jointly launches SkillsBuild platform.
- According to '**India Justice Report 2019', Maharashtra** is the top state among the 18 large-medium states that leads in the overall ranking of Indian States on justice delivery, **UP rank bottom.**
- **Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB)** has approved the proposal of world's first CNG (Compressed natural gas) port terminal, that is going to be built in **Bhavnagar port**, a seaport in Saurashtra region of Gujarat.
- **India to host SCO's** 19th Heads of government council meet in 2020.
- **India's First Elephant Memorial** namely "**Wildlife SOS Elephant Memorial**" opens on **Agra-Mathura Highway in Mathura**, Uttar Pradesh.
- **$43 million** project sanctioned to India by Green Climate Fund to boost climate resilience.
- The Supreme Court(SC) announced that the **office of the Chief Justice of India** (CJI) as a public authority under the transparency law, the Right to Information (**RTI**) Act 2005.
- **Indian Railways** & French multinational company **Alstom** have entered into procurement cum maintenance agreement with Bihar based **Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt. Ltd. (MELPL).**
- The United Nations (UN), has announced **India**'s pledge to contribute **$13.5 million** for **UN development activities 2020** for various operational activities of the UN.
- Health ministry launched **SAANS campaign in Gujarat**, to curb pneumonia deaths in kids.
- Govt announced Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) for better nutritional outcomes in New Delhi. **MoWCD** has collaborated with **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for this project.
- India-South Korea celebrated **4th International cherry blossom festival 2019 in Shillong,** Meghalaya.

- **Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 awards: Tamil Nadu** tops State list, Peddapalli of Telangana tops in District list.
- **India** has been selected to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(**SCO**) **forum of Young Scientists and Innovators** for the year **2020**.
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released a short documentary film on Water Conservation named 'SHIKHAR SE PUKAR' in New Delhi. The film has been made to promote 'Jalshakti Abhiyan' and create awareness about water conservation "Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan".
- **Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management** (IRIFM) by the Indian Railways (IR) has been set up in **Hyderabad**, Telangana. The institute will provide professional training in railway finances management.
- Union Minister of State for AYUSH inaugurated **National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD)** upgraded from **Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM)** at Erragadda, Hyderabad.
- **39th India International Trade Fair 2019** begins in **New Delhi.** The theme for the 39th edition of the fair is '**Ease of Doing Business**'. '**The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan' and 'The Republic of Korea'** will be the 'Focus Country'. **Bihar and Jharkhand** will be the focus states in this edition of the fair.
- **Home Ministry** in collaboration with the **UN Women** flagged off an awareness campaign **To End Violence Against Women** from Sultanpur metro station in Delhi. The initiative is part of the **#OrangeTheWorld global campaign.**
- Census 2021 to be conducted in 16 languages.

International Current Affairs

- **Saudi Arabia** became the first country in the Arab world to head G20 after it took over from Japan. The **G20 summit for 2020** will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia under the **theme** of **"Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for All".**
- **Bougainville: World's newest nation** after voted for independence from **Papua New Guinea.**
- **Maldives government** has signed a contract with a joint venture of Indian companies. The contract aims to prepare project report and the **development of Addu**, which is the second biggest city in the island nation.
- **Poland** leaves **European Union's 2050** climate neutrality agreement.
- The **US Congress** has approved to designate India's Indigenously developed satellite navigation system, NAVIC as **"allied" navigational satellite system** along with the Galileo of the European Union and QZSS of Japan.
- **World's First commercial electric plane takes flight in Canada.**
- India and **Vietnam** signed a Memorandum of Understanding(**MoU**) for cooperation in the field of **education and scientific research**.
- **WHO** to eliminate measles & rubella by **South-East Asia region** sets targets 2023.
- **SL's new luxury train Pulathisi Express** by Indian railways 'make in india' product flagged off.
- **Vietnam** has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm called '**Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex'**.
- Sri Lankan president Maithripala Sirisena unveiled Lotus tower- the tallest tower of South Asia, funded by China in Colombo.
- United Nations Climate Action Summit 2019 held at UN Headquarters in New York, United States. Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** was conferred with the prestigious '**Vaccine Hero' award 2019. 50-kilowatt Gandhi Solar Park** and **Gandhi Peace Garden** was inaugurated at the UN Headquarters, New York.

- The greatest and longest hindu festival of **Nepal** named as **Bada Dashain** formally began.
- **Ecuador** will quit **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries** (OPEC) from January 1, 2020 due to fiscal problems.
- PM Modi and **Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth** Jointly inaugurated Metro Express and ENT hospital in Mauritius.
- The health ministry of **Singapore** notified that it will ban ads for **unhealthy sugary drinks** to combat rising diabetes rates. Thus, it will become the **first nation** in the world to do so.
- **India** became a member of **Group of 20** (G20) **Global Smart Cities Alliance** on Technology Governance which works towards advancing the responsible and ethical use of smart city technologies.
- A 3-day long **Indo-Bangla Baul music festival 2019 held in Dhaka**, Bangladesh.
- UAE announced the establishment of **Mohamed Bin Zayed University**, the '**world's first AI university' in Abu Dhabi.**
- The Island Nation **Sri Lanka** was removed from the "**grey list**" of international terror financing watchdog FATF (Financial Action Task Force).
- **United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP)** launches its 2nd global cinema campaign **"Feed Our Future" in Mumbai,** Maharashtra.
- As per the **Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro (64),** Indian tourists and businessmen would **not need a visa** to come to Brazil.
- Pakistan becomes the first country in the world to launch the World Health Organization (WHO) approved the new Typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV).

- **World Energy Outlook 2019** released by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)**, the installed capacity of solar energy to increase from 495 GW to **3142 GW by the year 2040.**
- **Saudi Arabia** was elected to **UNESCO's** World Heritage Committee for the first time during the 22nd General Assembly of the State Parties after winning the membership in the UNESCO Executive Board for 2019-2023.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report titled "**Emissions Gap 2019**" warns the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **7.6%** each year between 2020 and 2030 to achieve the **1.5°C** temperature goal of the Paris Agreement by 2030.
- **Indonesia's** president announced that the country's capital will move from Jakarta to a site in sparsely populated **East Kalimantan** province on **Borneo island.**
- **Typhoon Faxai** has hit Tokyo, Japan. There were winds of up to **210km/h (130mph)**. Faxai is one of the strongest typhoons to hit the Japanese capital in a decade.
- Japan launched an unmanned **H-2B rocket** towards the International Space Station. The **H-2B rocket** lifted off with cargo vessel **Kounotori8,** Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
- **China** unveiled the **Dongfeng-41 (DF-41)** intercontinental-range ballistic missile, touted to be the most powerful missile on the planet at the National Day parade.
- The Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay**,** has named Mexican actress **Yalitza Aparicio** as a **UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples.**
- **Typhoon Hagibis** strikes **Tokyo**, capital of **Japan** after fierce rain and wind paralysed the capital.

Appointments

Person	Post
Sundar Pichai	CEO of Alphabet
Devesh Srivastava	Chairman and MD at GIC Re
Sunil chhetri	PUMA brand ambassador for 3 years
R.N Ravi	Additional charge as Governor of Meghalaya
Sridhar Patra	Chairman cum Managing Director of NALCO
Lt General Manoj Mukund	28th Chief of Army Staff
Abdelmadjid Tebboune	President of Algeria
Rohit Sharma	First Indian Brand Ambassador of La Liga
Salman Khan	Brand ambassador of Pepsi
Suniel Shetty	Brand Ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)
Sanna Marin	Finland PM
Arnab Goswami	President of governing board News Broadcasters Federation
Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	National Stock Exchange
Prithiviraj Roopan	President of Mauritius
Hage Geingob	President of Namibia
Soma Roy Burman	24th Controller General of Accounts
Hari Mohan	chairman of Ordnance Factory Board
Masatsugu Asakawa	10th President of Asian Development Bank
Anshula Kant	MD and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of World Bank Group.
Vivek Kumar Johri	Director-General of BSF
Oleksiy Honcharuk	prime minister of Ukraine
Manoj Mukund Naravane	Vice chief of Army staff
Pravin Jadhav	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm
Vinai Kumar Saxena	Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) chairman
Vijay Kumar Chopra	Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)
Daniel Zhang	Alibaba Group's chairman
Pramod Kumar Mishra	Principal secretary to Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi
P K Sinha	principal advisor to the PM
Actor Ranveer Singh	JBL's new global brand ambassador
Hima Das	Brand ambassador for Gatorade by PepsiCo India
Abhijit Guha	To lead UN mission in the port city of Hodeida, Yemen.
Wing Commander Anjali Singh	India's first female military diplomat to join Indian Mission in Russia
Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria	26th Chief of Air Staff
Madhukar Kamath	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)
Shyam Srinivasan	MD & CEO of Federal Bank
Nilesh Shah	Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
PV Sindhu	brand ambassador of Visa for 2 years
Sebastian Coe	Re-elected as the chief of the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF)
Gen Bipin Rawat	New **Chairman** of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (**COSC**) by succeeding Indian Air Force (IAF) chief, Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa
Suresh Chitturi	First Asian to be appointed as chairman of the International Egg Commission

Jai Bhagwan Bhoria	New administrator of the **Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative** (PMC) **Bank Ltd**
PK Gupta	**Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **NBCC (National Buildings Construction Corporation)**
S. Mallikarjuna Rao	**MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank,** Currently serving as chief executive of the Allahabad Bank, Rao will replace Sunil Mehta of PNB
Surjit S Bhalla	Executive Director (ED) for India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**)
Abhishek Singh	**chief executive officer of MyGov India**
Amur S Lakshminarayanan	**Tata Communications** as **Managing Director (MD)** and Group **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**.
Sushil chandra mishra	**Chairman-cum-managing director of Oil India Limited (OIL)**
Mexican actress Yalitza Aparicio	**UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as its goodwill ambassador for indigenous people.
Antonio costa	**Prime Minister of Portugal**
Jasprit Bumrah	**Brand ambassador of Cultsport**
Kais Saied	**President of Tunisia**
Mr Jitendra Pal Singh Chawla	**New Controller General of Accounts**
Sudhaker Shukla	Appointed as the whole-time member of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (**IBBI**)
Christine lagarde	**1st women head of European Central Bank**
SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar	New chairman of **the Indian Banks' Association**(IBA)
Pankaj Kumar	New **CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**.
Deepika Padukone, PV Sindhu	Brand ambassadors of '**Bharat Ki Laxmi**' movement.
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and **Union Ministry of Women and Child Development** (MWCD) appointed Bollywood actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** to raise awareness and speak up against sexual abuse of children.	
Sourav Ganguly	**39th president of BCCI**
Arvind Singh	**Chairman of Airports Authority of India(AAI)**
Sukhbir Singh Sandhu	**Chief of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).**
Mokgweetsi Eric keabetswe Masisi	**President of the Republic of Botswana for a 5-year term**
Joko Widodo	**President of Indonesia**
Vijayendra	**Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD)**of **National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)**
Pramod Kumar	**Director General (DG)** of **Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)**.
Alberto Angel Fernandez	Won **Argentina's presidential election**
Filipe Nyusi	**President of Mozambique**
Sophie Wilmes	**First woman caretaker Prime minister of Belgium**
Sharad Arvind Bobde	**47th Chief Justice of India**
Rafael Mariano Grossi	**Director-General** of the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**
Suman Kathpalia	**IndusInd Bank Managing Director (MD)** and **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**
Aditya Mishra	**Chairman** of **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI).**
Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan	**4th President of UAE** (United Arab Emirates)
Dr. Vinaya Shetty	**First Indian** and Asian to be elected as the General Vice President(GVP) of the International Organisation Development Association (**IODA**).

Sanjay Gupta	**new Country Manager by Google India**
Evo Morales	
Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, **Shri Prakash Keshav Javadekar (constituency- Maharashtra)** has been given an additional charge of the **Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises** after Shiv Sena MP Arvind Ganpat Sawant stepped down from the post	
Ganji Kamala Vardhana Rao	India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Chairman and Managing Director(MD)
Nils Andersen	**new Chairman of Unilever**
Nita Ambani	**1ˢᵗ Indian trustee of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art**
Karabi Gogoi	**1st woman Navy officer designated as defence attache to Russia**
Gotabaya Rajapaksa	**7th executive President of Sri Lanka**
Mahinda Rajapaksa	**23rd Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**
Lieutenant Shivangi	**first Indian women pilot of Indian Navy**
P.S Rajan General manager of Union Bank of India appointed as the CEO of Kerala Bank	
Suman Billa	**director of United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)**
Harun Rashid Khan	**1ˢᵗ chairman of micro-finance panel**
Sunil Arora	Chairman of **Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB).**
Robert O'Brien	Appointed as the **National Security Adviser** of **United States of America**.
Kristalina Georgieva	New **Managing Director** of the International Monetary Fund. She will succeed **Christine Lagarde**.
KS Dhatwalia	**Principal Director General** of **Press Information Bureau**.
Anoop Kumar Mendiratta	Law Secretary (Secretary, Legal Affairs) in the Union Law Ministry.
Suman Kathpalia	**M** anaging Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd bank
Arsene Wenger	**FIFA's Chief of global football development.**

Awards

Awards	Person	Recognition
Global Goalkeeper Award	**Prime Minister Narendra Modi**	For his leadership and commitment to the Swachch Bharat Abhiyaan.
Best Swachh Iconic place	**Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine**	
Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis	**Muhammad Yunus**	
IT Excellence Award, 2019	**Odisha State Disaster Management Authority**	
Oscars of science	**Event Horizon Telescope Team**	
Sarala Puraskar	**Pradeep Dash**	For his poetry work **Charu Chibar O Charjya**
Honorary fellow of the Royal Society	**Dr Yusuf Hamied**	Service to the cause of science.
2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame	**Pawan Munjal**	He will be inducted for his support to "Golf" in India and around the world

"Knighthoods"	Geoffrey Boycott and Andrew Strauss	Honours list
First Class Order of Zayed II	Navdeep Singh Suri	
Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019	Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina	
11th International Hrant Dink Award	Agnes Kharshiing	Meghalaya-based rights activist Agnes Kharshiing, who survived an assault by the coal mafia almost a year ago.
Gauri Lankesh National Award	Ravish Kumar	For Journalism
SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019	Adam Harper	
Changemaker Award 2019	Payal Jangid	
India's Most Powerful Women in Media	Kallie Puri	
Nobel Prize For Physiology or Medicine	William G. Kaelin Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe Gregg L. Semenza	For their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability
Nobel Prize For Physics	James Peebles	For theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology
Nobel Prize For Physics	Michel Mayor Didier Queloz	For the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star
Nobel Prize For Chemistry	John B. Goodenough M. Stanley Whittingham Akira Yoshino	For the development of lithium-ion batteries
Nobel Prize Literature (2018)	Olga Tokarczuk	For a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life
Nobel Prize Literature (2019)	Peter Handke	For an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience
Nobel Prize Peace	Abiy Ahmed Ali	For his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation
Nobel Prize Economics	Abhijit Banerjee Esther Duflo Michael Kremer	For their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty
Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019		To eminent senior citizens and institutions in recognition of their services towards the cause of the elderly persons.
Swachchta Ambassador award	Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar	
UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 2019 prestigious Nansen Award	Azizbek Ashurov	
The Order of Courage	NASA astronaut Nick Hague	For his "courage and high professionalism" shown during life-threatening conditions.
2019 Booker Prize	Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo	

Golden Dragon Award	**Nawazuddin Siddiqui**	For his works in Hindi cinema at the Cardiff International Film Festival (CIFF) 2019 held in Wales, United Kingdom
Golden Sand Art Award 2019	**Sudarsan Pattnaik**	
Early Career Researcher of the Year award	**Neeraj Sharma**	
5th Edition of 'Miss Asia Global Title 2019'	**Sara Damnjanovic**	
Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award, presented by the Press Council of India	**Gulab Kothari**	For his outstanding contribution towards journalism.
ABLF Global Asian Award	**Kumar Mangalam Birla**	For "powerful individual whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention"
George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science	**K. Ullas Karanth**	For his contribution to the field of conservation.
BRICS-Young Innovator Prize	**Ravi Prakash**	For inventing an affordable indigenous milk chilling unit for smaller and marginal rural dairy farmers.
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019'	**Virat Kohli**	For his animal advocacy efforts.
Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 awards	**The top-ranked state: Tamil Nadu,** and the top-ranked district: Peddapalli (Telangana), along with the state with the maximum citizen participation**: Uttar Pradesh.**	
World Athlete of the Year awards	**Eliud Kipchoge**	The first man to run a marathon in less than two hours, and 400 meters hurdles world champion
28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018	**Manisha Kulshreshtha**	For her novel 'Swapnapash'.
2019 International Press Freedom Awards	**Neha Dixit**	This award is awarded by **Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ),** a non-profit organization whose aim is to enable journalists to work without the fear of reprisal.
27th Ekalabya Award for 2019	**Jhilli Dalabehera**	She has brought laurels for both the State and the country in several national and international events.
12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize'	**Tony Joseph**	Awarded for his 2018 **book,** "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"
Economic Times (ET) Lifetime Achievement Award	**Arun Jaitley** former Finance Minister of India	The award was received by Arun Jaitley's spouse Sangeeta Jaitley.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) 'Person of the Year' Award 2019	**Joaquin Rafael Phoenix**	
2019 Nobel Peace Prize	**Abiy Ahmed**	For his efforts to achieve international peace and co-operation
Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association	**Gulu Mirchandani**	He has been awarded for his **extensive contribution to the consumer electronics industry.**
World Habitat Award	**Odisha**	for **Jaga Mission** also called **Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM)**
Copernicus Masters Award also called **Space Oscars**	For Gurugram-based startup blue Sky Analytics has created an application called **'Zuri**	The award was given by the Earth observation program managed by the **European Commission (EU)** in partnership with the **European Space Agency (ESA).**
Sports Person of the Year awards at the **FICCI India Sports Awards 2019**	Indian women's hockey team captain **Rani Rampal** and ace pistol shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary**	The FICCI India Sports Awards are an attempt by FICCI to acknowledge and recognise the contribution of sportspersons and various stakeholders who deliver excellent results throughout the year.
Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2019	**Greta Thunberg**	Greta Thunberg is the Swedish schoolgirl who inspired a global movement to fight climate change and became popular with the "#**FridaysForFuture**". She is the youngest person to be chosen by the magazine in a tradition that started in 1927.
Miss World 2019	**Tony-Ann Singh**	
United Nations Medal	**Indian peacekeepers**	
BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2019	England cricketer **Ben Stokes**	
President's colours	The state **police of Gujarat**	
Bharat Award for bravery	**Aditya K**	
Unicef-2019 Award	**Kamareddy** district of **Telangana**	The district has won the award for effective implementation of **Swachh Bharat Mission** in water sanitation and hygiene sectors.
American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) highest award **Life Achievement honour**	**Dr Santosh G Honavar**	

Summits |Events |Festivals

Events summits and festivals	Venue	Theme
4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies	**Bengaluru**	

Event	Location	Theme
5th edition of the aquaculture event, Aqua Aquaria India	Hyderabad	'Taking Blue Revolution to India's Hinterland'.
Japan– India Defence Ministerial Meeting	Tokyo, Japan.	
International Snacks Festival 2019	Hyderabad, Telangan	
14th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification	Greater Noida	
Japan–India Defence Ministerial Meeting	Tokyo, Japan	
72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee	New Delhi	
Joint India- New Development Bank workshop	New Delhi	
5th Eastern Economic Forum	Vladivostok, Russia	
The 68th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council	Guwahati, Assam	
The 1st conference on military medicine for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation	New Delhi	
India's firstever helicopter summit	Dehradun	
6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue	New Delhi	
24th World Energy Congress	Abu Dhabi	
International conference 'ANGAN'	New Delhi	
22nd Session of UN Committee on CRPD	Geneva	
7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019	Mumbai, Maharashtra	
31st International Conference on Sindh	London	
9th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting	Thailand	
India-China 2nd Informal Summit	Tamil Nadu	
1st National Hindi Science writers conference	Lucknow	
'One Nation One Tag – FASTag'	New Delhi	
D41st DRDO Directors Conference	New Delhi	
11th Edition of Nuclear Energy Conclave 2019	New Delhi	
The 18th NAM Summit to be held in Baku,	Azerbaijan	
1st India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' meet	Guwahati	
"Global Bio-India 2019" Summit	New Delhi	
35th ASEAN Summit	Bangkok	

Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan	**New Delhi**	
"National Capital Region -2041"	**New Delhi**	Planning for Tomorrow's Greatest Capital Region
27th Conference of COCSSO	**Kolkata, West Bengal**	"Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
India-ASEAN Business Summit 2019	**New Delhi**	"Today, Tomorrow, Together"
Regional Conference	**Jammu**	**Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh**
NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019	**Gurugram, Haryana**	
DEFCOM INDIA 2019	**New Delhi**	**Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness**
8th WATEC (Water Technology and Environment Control) Conference 2019	**Israel**	**Water Stewardship and Innovation– driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water**
1st International Conference on "Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience"	**New Delhi**	
Armed Forces Flag Day-CSR Conclave	**New Delhi**	
3rd edition of National Public Procurement Conclave	**New Delhi**	
NATO Summit 2019	**Watford, United Kingdom**	
International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming Systems	**New Delhi**	
6th parliamentary summit of G20 countries	**Tokyo, Japan**	
2nd 'No Money for Terror' 2019	**Melbourne, Australia**	
15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme 2019 (SACEP)	**Dhaka, Bangladesh**	
10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine	New Delhi	
58th Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine Annual Conference		'Changing Paradigms in Aerospace Healthcare'.
38th India Carpet Expo	**Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**	

India-Iran 19th Joint Commission meeting	Iran	
49th Border Coordination Conference	**New Delhi**	

Committees in News

Headed By	Purpose
PK Sinha	Government constituted a committee under the Central Electricity Authority to **explore prepaid payments by state electricity distribution companies** to power plants
T. L. Alamelu	To make recommendations for **loss prevention & minimization** in the general insurance industry.
Abraham koshy	**Investor Protection & Education Fund**
N K Singh	**15th Finance Commission**
Jairam Ramesh	**study issues related to online pornographic content**
Anoop Satpathy	**Determining the Methodology for Fixation of the National Minimum Wage**
Nandan Nilekani	**To strengthen digital payments** as well as to **boost financial inclusion** through Financial Technology
Nirmala Sitharaman	To study the proposal of Ministry of Health, Government of India(GoI) **to ban** the production and import of **e-cigarettes**, through an ordinance.
TN Manoharan	6-member taskforce on s**econdary market for corporate loans**
NIACL CMD Atul Sahai	To review its three-year old guidelines (set up in 2016) on **trade credit insurance** due to the changing market requirements.
Kris Gopalakrishnan (Infosys co-founder)	Committee of Experts to **focus on non-personal data** Formed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Injeti Srinivas (secretary of the corporate affairs ministry)	**Company Law Committee (to improve ease of doing business)** Formed by Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Ishaat Hussain	**Working group on Social Stock Exchanges** (SSE) Formed by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Harsh Vardhan	**To review the existing state of mortgage securitisation in India and Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market**, formed by RBI
Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra	**To oversee the implementation of bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories**
Tapan Ray	RBI's **to review the regulatory and supervisory framework for Core Investment Companies**
NGT **Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel**	NGT constitutes committee to **cease illegal groundwater extraction**

Ajay Bhushan Pandey (Revenue Secretary)	**for better coordination among various departments and law enforcement** agencies to prevent money laundering activities
Akhilesh Ranjan	**To replace the Income Tax Act with a new Direct Tax Code(DTC).** 12. MSCI added HDFC Life Insurance to its
T.L. Alamelu	**To review the product structure of title insurance,** which covers any loss caused due to a defect in the 'title' of the property arising out of third-party challenges.
Mihir Shah	Union Water Resources Ministry has set up a Committee **to draft a new National Water Policy (NWP).**

States Current Affairs

- Y.S Jaganmohan Reddy, Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP) launches the **YSR Aasaraa Scheme**. The YSR Aasaraa scheme provides postoperative sustenance allowance of **Rs.225 medical allocation for each person for a day or Rs 5000 per month.**
- **UP govt** announced **25% subsidy & 100%** stamp duty waiver to set up defence industry.
- J&K administration signs MoU with UNDP India to implement **Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network.**
- **Naveen Patnaik**, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha launched the "**Jalsathi**" program in Bhubaneswar, to engage women from the self-help group (SHG) mission Shakti in water distribution and consumer management.
- In order to provide motivation and to become the helping hand for differently-abled persons, the state **Government of Kerala** has launched 2 social welfare schemes – **'Vijayamritham'** and **'Sahachari'**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** (MP) police have launched an application named **'MP e-cop'** to ensure the safety of women.
- **Indigenous Faith Day celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh.**
- **Madhya Pradesh** to host "**Namaste Orchha" festival** 2020 in Orchha.

- CM Khattar inaugurated Integrated Command and Control Centre **(ICCC) in Gurugram, Haryana.**
- Exim Bank sanctioned **$500 million LoC to Bangladesh** for defence procurement.
- **Amarinder Singh,** Punjab Chief Minister launched **Enable Startup Track Acceleration** (ESTAC) program in the **Progressive Punjab Investors Summit-2019** held in Mohali, Punjab.
- **Punjab** state government has partnered with the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** to design a public-private pilot project on shared, clean and **electric mobility.**
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(UNESCO)**, a specialized agency of the United Nations based in Paris, France has joined hands with **Rajasthan** state government to further enhance music, art and craft forms, and other intangible cultural heritage of the state.

- In consonance with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), **Kerala** will set up India's first **International Women's Trade Centre** (iWTC) in **Kozhikode** to boost women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity.
- **Madhya Pradesh** (MP) govt. announced to launch online service for cow adoption and shed provisions under the MP govt's initiative "**Project Gaushala**"at Gaushalas.
- Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot launched India's first 'Jan Soochna Portal' RAJIV campaign. It is a first of its kind in India to provide access to information about govt.
- **Kerala govt and RCC** jointly signs MoU with Maldives on **cancer care.**
- **Rajasthan** becomes first Indian state to launch **policy on Pneumoconiosis.** Pneumoconiosis is a disease of the lungs due to inhalation of dust, characterized by inflammation, coughing, and fibrosis.
- India handed over the second pair of **Mi-24V helicopters** to war-torn **Afghanistan,** boosting the capability of the **Afghan Air forces.**
- **Italy** approved a new tax on digital companies. The levy, due to be introduced from next year, will oblige companies such as **Facebook, Google and Amazon,** to pay a 3% levy on internet transactions, according to a text of the draft budget.
- 38th edition of the **Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2019** was inaugurated by Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi. T**he Republic of Mexico** has been declared as the Guest of Honour at the 38th edition of SIBF. The theme of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2019 is **'Open Books Open Minds',**
- **Sri Lanka** has become the **first South Asian nation** to bring match-fixing cases to the category of crime as its parliament passed a bill related to **'Prevention of Offences Related to Sports'.**
- **Nuakhai- harvesting festiva**l celebrated in **Odisha.** The name is derived from 'nua' which means new and 'khai' means food, thus denoting the newly harvested food by the farmers.
- Odisha rolls out **"One nation one ration card"** scheme on September 1, 2019.
- World Bank(WB) announced its partnership to fund the Uttar Pradesh(UP) government's '**pro-poor tourism**' (PPT) development projects with funding worth more than $57 million.
- Uttar Pradesh(**UP)** police have launched a new app name "**C-app**" in its new police headquarters at Lucknow, UP to aid community policing throughout the state whereby the police would be involved in tracking anti-social elements in time.
- Union Minister of food processing industries **Harsimrat Kaur Badal,** inaugurated the first Mega Food Park of **Telangana** that is promoted by Smart Agro Food Park at Lakkampally village, Nizamabad, Telangana.
- Hyderabad-Karnataka Regional Development Board renamed as **Kalyana –Karnataka Regional Development Board** by Karnataka government.
- Indian multinational oil and gas company, **ONGC** has signed an MoU with the **Assam** state government to invest more than **Rs. 13,000 crore** in the next 5 years to excavate over 220 oil and gas wells in Assam.
- Chief Minister of Haryana **Manohar Lal Khattar** launched 2 insurance schemes named "**Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana**" and "**Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana**'" for traders registere. Premium of Rs 38 crore for both the schemes will be paid by the Haryana state government.
- Chief Minister(CM) of Uttarakhand shri **Trivendra Singh Rawat** has launched **"MukhyaMantri Dal PoshitYojana"** scheme in which ration card holders will be provided 2kg of pulses at subsidised price every month in the state.
- Government of **Haryana** raised the income limit to **Rs 1.8 lakh** per annum (p.a) in order to claim the benefits under **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana** (PMJAY) scheme.
- Veteran music director **Usha Khanna** to be honoured with Maharashtra government's **"Lata Mangeshkar Award"** for the year 2019-20.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu has inaugurated the 24 kW(Kilowatt) Dikshi Hydroelectric Project on the **Phudungto river** at Dikshi village in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh.

- **HP CM** Jai Ram Thakur launched the **Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp** Helpline '1100' for redressal of public grievances.
- A 3-day long traditional **Neermahal Jal Utsav concluded in Agartala, Tripura.**
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal launched a new mobile app named **"Tatpar"** for accessing over 50 citizen-centric services.
- **Telangana** declares 2020 as **Artificial Intelligence(AI) year.**
- Maharashtra govt. to set up **"Swachh Bharat World University"** at Sevagram in **wardha** district of Maharashtra.
- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched '**champions campaign' against dengue.**
- Home Affairs minister Amit Shah launched **'ERSS – Dial 112', 'E-Beat Book' System and the 'E-Saathi App'** at the 29th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council in Chandigarh.
- **Actor Govinda appointed** as the brand ambassador of **Madhya Pradesh to** promote the state's traditions and tourist places.
- Centre introduced a new scheme named **'Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing'** for the fishermen **in Tamil Nadu.**
- Assam launches of 3 public welfare schemes called '**Aponar Apon Ghar', 'Abhinandan' & 'Free Drugs Scheme for 651 Tea Garden Hospitals'.**
- Actress Madhuri Dixit appointed as a goodwill ambassador for Maharashtra Assembly polls.
- Delhi **Arvind Kejriwal** notified the launch of **Mukhyamantri Kirayedar Bijli Meter Yojana** under which tenants residing in Delhi will be able to avail power subsidy.
- The government of **Madhya Pradesh** launched a month-long "**Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan**" against the single-use plastic which will be observed till October 25, 2019..
- **Odisha** unveils mascot "**Tikki Mausi**" to combat malnutrition among women and children.
- **Bhopal metro** of Madhya Pradesh will be named after **Raja Bhoj**.
- Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri **G Kishan Reddy**, flagged off "**Prakhar**" street crime patrol vans in New Delhi in order to control crimes in the city and also launched single emergency helpline number **112** for immediate assistance.
- **Chhattisgarh** government, under the leadership of Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** launched 5 new schemes namely **Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyaan, Mukhyamantri Haat Bazaar Clinic Yojana, Mukhyamantri Shahariya Slum Swasthya Yojana, Universal PDS Scheme and Mukhyamantri Ward Karyalaya** .
- **Uttarakhand** CM launches awareness campaign called **'Urjagiri'** to stop power theft.
- **Odisha** CM launched "**Mo Sarkar**" initiative for transparency in governance.
- **Inter-state ration portability** launched between the states of **Rajasthan & Haryana.**
- Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh state government **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched **'YSR Vahana Mitra scheme'** in Eluru ,Andhra Pradesh (AP), under which the government will provide a financial assistance of **Rs 10,000 per annum** to **owner-driver of an auto-rickshaw, or taxicab** with the aim to meet their insurance premium, licence fee and other recurring expenses.
- **Telangana police** becomes the first in country to **integrate police patrol systems with passenger cabs**. This is being done using police's '**Hawk-Eye' app** that is connected to every **taxi aggregator apps** that provides a cab service facility.
- Uttar Pradesh CM **Yogi Adityanath** introduced the **Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana** which aims to empower the girl child. If a girl child is born, that family will receive Rs 15,000.
- **CM of Tripura** state Government **Biplab Kumar Deb** has inaugurated 3 month-long **"Angikaar"- 'A campaign for change management'** program by **Urban Development Department** at **Agartala** town hall, Tripura.
- CM of Andhra Pradesh **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched **YSR Kanti Velugu Scheme 2019** at Government Junior College for Boys in Anantapur district on the occasion of World Sight Day. It is a part of **Fit India Movement**.

- CM of Delhi **Arvind Kejriwal** officially launched an initiative called **'Farishte Dilli Ke'** under which citizens who take accident victims to the hospital are felicitated.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government's scheme **'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah/Nikah Yojna'**, brides from economically backward sections of the state are eligible to receive **Rs 51,000** if they prove that the groom's house has a toilet before the wedding.
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched **YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Yojana** in Kakturu village of Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh to reduce the debts of the farmers by providing a sum of **Rs 13,500** per annum.
- Director and producer **Priyadarshan** awarded MP government's **National Kishore Kumar Samman** for 2018-19.
- **Uttar Pradesh & Thai govt** to organise India's first training & performance programme of **KHON Ramlila.**
- 3rd edition of **Manipur's shirui lily festival** 2019 kick started in Ukhrul .
- **WWF India and UP govt**. conducted **Annual Ganges river dolphin census 2019 in Uttar Pradesh** along the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) and Narora Ramsar site of UP.
- Odisha govt has launched a Strategic Action Plan(**SAP**) at a conference in the state organized on prevention of child marriage in **Bhubaneswar**, Odisha. SAP, which is to be implemented between **2019-2024**, will function with the support of UNICEF & UNFPA to end child marriage in the state by 2030.
- Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik launched "**Odisha Mo Parivar**" programme. It is a social service initiative with the aim of encouraging environment protection, blood donation and the welfare of Odias in distress.
- **Gandhinagar** becomes **1st kerosene-free district** of Gujarat.
- A Letter of Understanding (LoU) was signed between the **Odisha government** and the **United Nations Children's Fund** (UNICEF) for **"drink from tap mission"**. The main objective of the mission is to provide piped quality drinking water supply to each household on a 24-hour basis.
- **Andhra Pradesh** (AP) became the first state in India to launch an online platform **SMARTPORT a**s part of implementing the Ease of Doing Business (EDB) Reforms related to trade and export promotion in all ports in the state.
- A 3-day **7th edition of Tawang Festival 2019** has commenced in **Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.**
- **Tamil Nadu** becomes the first state in India **to enact law on contract farming**.
- **Nagaland govt** launches Ex-gratia scheme for students studying outside Nagaland.
- Bollywood actress **Yami Gautam** will be the brand ambassador of the **Rising Himachal global investors' meet 2019** in Dharamshala, HP.
- **Odisha govt**. partnered with **Abhijit Banerjee's Jameel Poverty Action Lab** to minimise poverty.
- Punjab CM Amarinder singh launches **e-office for electronic file movement** of govt files.
- Writer Anand from Kerala bags **27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2019**.
- Tamil Nadu celebrates its **1st state formation day on November 1, 2019**.
- Chhattisgarh govt unveils new Industrial Policy for 2019-2024, titled '**Gadhbo Nava Chhattisgarh' in Raipur.**
- Vice-president Venkaiah Naidu releases **Red atlas map & CFLOWS app** for effective flood control in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Punjab** becomes the first state in the country to launch **'job helpline' for unemployed youth.**
- **National Highways Authority of India**, an autonomous agency of the Government of India has approved the Rs 573-crore proposal to construct a flyover between the railway track and the Nagpur metro. With this , the city **Nagpur** in Maharashtra is set to be the **1ˢᵗ in India to get a 4-level transit intersection.**
- Jammu and Kashmir Government **set up panel to declare Dal Lake-Eco-Sensitive Zone**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** (AP) govt has approved to celebrate '**Sand Week**' from November 14-19, 2019 in the state.
- **UP CM** Yogi Adityanath launched **web portal & e-Ganna app** for sugarcane farmers.
- **Assam govt** launched **Sishu Suraksha app** for child right protection.

- **AP CM** launches '**Nadu-Nedu' scheme** to develop the Government Education sector.
- **Delhi govt launched 'Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana'** to eradicate manual scavenging. As per this scheme, citizens will be enabled to get their septic tanks cleaned for free using assistive technologies.
- Odisha: **'Bali Yatra'** Festival celebrated in **Cuttack.**
- **Telangana govt** launches mobile app "**Rythu Mitra"** to serve the needs of farmers of Siddipet.
- **Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC)**, a tourism arm of Indian Railways, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC)** to market and operate the **Golden Chariot Train.**
- **Assam govt** approved 1 tola gold to brides free of cost under **Arundhati gold scheme.**
- AP CM Launches **"YSR Matsyakara Bharosa"** welfare scheme for fishermen on World Fisheries Day 2019.
- **Sangai festival 2019** commenced in **Imphal, Manipur.**
- UDAN regional connectivity scheme launched in **Haryana from Hisar.**
- **Kerala** will set up **India's first international women's trade centre (iWTC)**, in consonance with the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Kozhikode.
- **Rajasthan** has launched "**Jan Soochna Portal-2019**" a public information portal to provide information about government authorities and departments to the public in the true spirit of the Right To Information Act.
- **Jammu and Kashmi**r has become the first state in the country to issue the highest number of **golden cards** under **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).**
- **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** launched a project that will connect 500 secondary schools t**o virtual classrooms and schools** in the state facing a shortage of teachers **will benefit from the new technology.**
- In **Jammu, the Directorate of School Education (DSEJ)** has launched a special enrollment drive under the banner **'Aao School Chalein'** for increasing the enrollment in government schools.
- **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** has installed first of its kind high-end **reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)** machines in India for quick detection of diseases like **dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu.** These machines are to serve as a **'third umpire'** in situations when medical reports and blood tests reveal contradictory results.
- **Etawah Lion Safari,** formally known as **Etawah Safari Park** was thrown open for public in **Uttar Pradesh** without the lion segment.

- Uttar Pradesh government is launching a massive immunisation campaign against the **filariasis or Filaria.** The central government has set the **year 2021** as the deadline for complete eradication of filaria in the country.
- **Chhattisgarh government** has decided to declare **Guru Ghasidas National Park** in the state's Korea district as a **tiger reserve.**
- In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the **Uttar Pradesh** government will set up the **state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre** in farenda area of **Maharajganj district.**

List/Indexes Released Recently

- Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIUs) Global Liveability Index for 2019, released with both Delhi and Mumbai sliding down ranks. New Delhi dropped 6 places to 118, from 112 last year and Mumbai also fell in this year's index, by two places to 119, from 117 last year.
- "Global Happiness Survey" by Ipsos, India has been ranked 9th on the happiness index.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) report, India has jumped 6 places to claim 34th spot on world Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019.
- World Economic Forum has released the Global Competitiveness Index report, India has moved down 10 places to rank 68th.
- According to the World Gold Council, India has surpassed the Netherlands to move into the list of top10 countries in terms of total gold reserves. In individual country list India ranked 9th and in overall list India ranked 10th.
- India ranked 102 in Global Hunger Index 2019.
- National Crime Records Bureau has released the annual "Crime in India Report 2017".
- IMD World Talent Ranking (WTR) report for the year 2019 was released. In the released report, India was ranked at 59th position, a slip by 6 places on a global annual list of 63 countries.
- India has been ranked 129th among 189 countries in the Human Development Index 2019 released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Indian Institute of Technology Ropar and Indian Institute of Science Bangalore were ranked number 1 among the 56 Indian institutes on the list of the best universities of the world in the World University Rankings 2020.
- India was ranked 44th in the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019.
- World Bank has released Ease of Doing business Rankings which includes 190 countries. As per the rankings, India has jumped 14 places and has been ranked at 63rd among 190 countries.
- Bureau of Police Research and Development's releases "Data on Police Organizations (DoPO 2018)".
- Kerala has topped the "School Education Quality Index" launched by NITI Aayog.
- The Reserve Bank of India has released the results of the September 2019 round of its Consumer Confidence Survey. The survey was conducted in 13 major cities.
- India has ranked 82 spots among the 128 countries surveyed in the World Giving Index (WGI).
- Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates overtook Jeff Bezos to become the world's richest person.
- Maharashtra is the top state in delivering justice to its citizens according to 'India Justice Report 2019'.
- India has slipped four places to rank 112th globally as per the Global Gender Gap Report 2020. The report was released by World Economic Forum (WEF).
- HDFC Bank crosses $100 billion market capitalization.
- India world's 3rd largest producer of Scientific Articles.
- Tamil Nadu tops 'Good Governance Index' launched by GoI.

Important Days

Important Dates and Days	Theme
September 01-07 National Nutrition Week (NNW) (Poshan Maah)	
September 05 National Teacher's Day	
September 08	Literacy and Multilingualism

International Literacy Day	
September 10 **World Suicide Prevention Day**	Working Together To Prevent Suicide
September 12 **International Day for South-South cooperation**	From Commitment to Action — Follow up to Buenos Aires Plan of Action+40
September 15 **National Engineer's Day**	
September 15 **International Day of democracy**	Participation
September 16 **International Day for the preservation of Ozone Layer (World Ozone Day)**	32 Years and Healing
September 21 **World Alzheimer's Day**	
September 21 **International Day of Peace**	Climate Action for Peace
September 22 **World Rhino Day**	
September 23 **International Day for Sign Languages**	Sign Language Rights for All!
September 26 **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**	
September 27 **World Maritime Day**	Empowering Women in the Maritime Community
September 28 **International Day for Universal Access to Information**	Leaving No One Behind!
October 02 – 08 **Wildlife Week India**	Life Below Water: For people and planet
October 13 **International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR)**	Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services
October 17 **International Poverty Eradication Day**	Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty
October 20 **World Statistics Day**	Better Data, Better Lives
24th October **United Nations Day**	
27th October **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage**	"Engage the Past Through Sound and Images"
28th October to 2nd November **Vigilance Awareness Week**	"Integrity- a way of life"
31st October **World Cities Day**	"Changing the world: innovations and better life for future generations"
31st October **National Unity Day**	

1st November **State's Formation Day**	Formation day for five States - Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka
5th November **World Tsunami Awareness Day**	
11th November **National Education Day**	
12th November **Public Service Broadcasting Day**	
12th November **World Pneumonia Day**	"Healthy lungs for all"
12th November **550th birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev**	
14th November **World Diabetes Day (WDD)**	"Family and Diabetes"
17th November **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims**	Road Safety- Safer Vehicles
19th November **World Toilet Day**	To tackle the global sanitation crisis.
20th November **Africa Industrialization Day**	"Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market"
25th November **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**	"Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape"
26th November **National Milk Day**	--
29 November **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**	--
1st December **World AIDS Day**	"Communities Make the Difference"
2 December **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**	--
3 December **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**	"Promoting the Participation of Persons with Disabilities and their leadership: Taking Action on the 2030 Development Agenda"
4 December **Indian Navy Day**	"Indian Navy - Silent, Strong and Swift"
5 December **International Volunteer Day**	--
5 December **World Soil Day**	--
7 December **International Civil Aviation Day**	--
7 December **Armed Forces Flag Day**	--
9 December	--

International Anti-Corruption Day	
10 December **Human Rights Day**	"Youth Standing up for Human Rights"
11 December **International Mountain Day**	--
12 December **International Day of Neutrality**	--
12th December **International Universal Health Coverage Day**	--
16st December **Vijay Diwas**	--
18th December **International Migrants Day**	--
22nd December **National Mathematics Day**	--
23rd December **National Farmers Day**	--
25th December **Good Governance Day**	--
24th December **National Consumer Day**	Alternate Consumer Grievance/Dispute Redressal

Books & Authors

Books	Author
A Short History of Indian Railways	**Rajendra B Aklekar**
India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan	**Raghvendra Singh**
Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India To Glory', book on India's spin quartet	**Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj**
Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924	**Vikram Sampath**
Being Gandhi	**Paro Anand**
Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy	**Subramanian Swamy**
India and the Netherlands – Past, Present and Future	**Venu Rajamony**
The Tech Whisperer	**Jaspreet Bindra**
150 Years of Celebrating the Mahatma the South African Legacy	**Fakir Hassen**
How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need	**Bill Gates**
India in a Warming World: Integrating Climate Change and Development	**Edited by Navroz K Dubash**
Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life	**Viswanathan Anand**
Bridgital Nation	**N Chandrasekaran**
Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics	**Kashi Nath Pandit**
Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present'	**Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi**
Hemant Karkare -A Daughter's Memoir	**Jui Karkare Navare**

Braille version of the book "Exam Warriors"	**Prime Minister Narendra Modi**
Turbulence and Triumph: The Modi Years	**Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan**
Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games	**Boria Majumdar** with **Nalin Mehta**
Politics of Opportunism: Regional Parties, Coalitions, Centre-State Relations In India	**R P N Singh**

Defence Current Affairs

Exercise	Countries	Venue
TSENTR 2019		Russia
Yudh Abhyas – 2019	India and United States	Washington
Shaheen VIII (Eagle VIII)	Pakistan and China	Chinese city of Holton
SLINEX 2019	India and Sri Lanka	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
MAITREE-2019	India and Thailand	Umroi (Meghalaya)
SITMEX	Republic of Singapore Navy, Royal Thailand Navy and Indian Navy	Port Blair
Malabar 2019	India, Japan and the United States(US)	Sasebo, Japan
KAZIND-2019	India and Kazakhstan	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
Nomadic Elephant-XIV	Indo – Mongolia	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)	India and Bangladesh	Northern Bay of Bengal
Tiger Triumph	India and the United States	Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
Dharma Guardian-2019	India and Japan	Mizoram
Vajra Prahar 2019	India and the US	US
Shinyuu Maitri	Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defence Force	West Bengal
EX EASTERN BRIDGE-V'	Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force Oman	Oman
IMNEX-2019	India-Myanmar Naval Exercise	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Sindhu Sudarshan	Indian Army	Rajasthan
Exercise SHAKTI	India and France	Rajasthan
Dustlik-2019	India-Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan
CARAT- 2019	US- Bangladesh Navy exercise	Bangladesh
ReSAREX- 19	Indian Coast Guard	Off the Goa coast
Za'ir-Al-Bahr	India and Qatar	Qatar
MINEX	Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force	Kochi, Kerala
MITRA SHAKTI	India-Sri Lanka	Pune
HAND-IN-HAND 2019	India-China	Meghalaya
INDRA 2019	India and Russia	Babina (near Jhansi), Pune, and Goa
Iron Union 12	UAE and the United States	
SURYA KIRAN-XIV	India and Nepal	Nepal

- Ponung Doming becomes Arunachal's first woman Lieutenant Colonel
- ICGS 'Varaha' commissioned by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh
- Sudarshan Chakra Vahini War exercise begins in Jaisalmer
- Shripad Naik inaugurates DRDO's Igniter Complex at HEMRL, Pune
- Lt Col Jyoti Sharma appointed as Army's first female JAG officer
- The NIA will host the first-ever counter-terrorism (CT) exercise
- India to host naval drill Milan 2020
- Anti-hijacking exercise conducted in Kochi port.
- Indian Coast Guard conducts 'Swachchh Samundra NW-2019'

Sports Current Affairs

- **Ballon d'Or award 2019**: **Messi** wins 6th Ballon d'Or, **Rapinoe** wins in women's category.
- 21st **Asian Archery Championship** for the year 2019 was held in **Bangkok**, Thailand.
- International cricket council has extended its partnership with UNICEF for **ICC Women's T20 World cup 2020** to be held in **Australia.**
- India's **Koneru humpy** finished 2nd in women's **FIDE Grand prix 2019** held in Monaco; **Alexandra Kosteniuk** (Russia) won.
- Overview of 2nd edition **of BWF World tour finals 2019** held in Guangzhou, China

Men's Singles – Kento Momota(Japan)

Women's Singles - Chen Yufei (China)

- **Lewis Hamilton** wins Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.
- 13th South Asian Games Kicked Off in **Nepal**
- 2019 WTA Player Award winners announced: Australia's **Ashleigh Barty** named Player of the year.
- FICCI India selects **Hockey player Rani rampal** & shooter **Saurabh chaudhary** as '**Sportsperson of the year 2019'.**
- **Ripu Daman Bevli**, also known as, **'Plogman of India'** was appointed as Plogging Ambassador of India by **Kiren Rijiju.**
- Swiss player **Roger Federer** becomes the 1st living Swiss to have his image engraved in the **Swiss coin**.
- **G S Lakshmi (51)** becomes first woman Referee in Men's ODI match.
- Sports ministry launched logo, jersey & mascots of 3rd **Khelo India Youth Games 2020** in **Guwahati, Assam.**
- India defeated Pakistan in **Davis Cup tie for 2020** held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- For the 1st time, Arunachal Pradesh will host 25th Senior **Women's National Football Championship 2019.**
- **Charles Leclerc** wins maiden 2019 F1 Belgian Grand Prix.
- **ISSF World Cup Rifle / Pistol** held in Rio de Janeiro, **Brazi**l. **India** finished the tournament at the **top spot** with 5 Gold, 2 Silver & 2 Bronze medals, with 9 medals altogether.
- The host city for **2022 FIFA World Cup**, **Qatar** unveiled the logo for the same displaying it in public spaces in Doha and cities around the world.
- Anupama Swain clinched bronze in **World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019**.
- **World Wrestling Championships 2019** to be held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan from September 14- 22, 2019.
- **US Open winners**:

Men's Single - Rafael Nadal (Spain)

Women's Single - Bianca Andreescu (Canada)

- **Charles Leclerc** wins second successive F1 win through 2019 Italian Grand Prix.
- India Red wins 2019 **Duleep Trophy** at Chinnaswamy stadium, Bengaluru.
- **Brigid Kosgei** of Kenya ran fastest half marathon ever by a woman in 2019 **Great North Run in UK.**

- **India** Under-15 team has defeated Nepal with 7-0 score in the final of the **SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship 2019** held in **Kalyani Stadium, West Bengal.**
- Hero MotoCorp Chairman, MD and CEO **Pawan Munjal** to be inducted in 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame.
- Australian cricketer **Megan Schutt** becomes 1st woman to claim 2 white-ball hat-tricks against WI in Antigua.
- India to host 2020 **FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup** from Nov 2-21, 2020.
- Pankaj Advani wins **IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019** title, becomes world champion for 22nd time.
- Spain wins 18th Men's **World Basketball Championship 2019** held in Beijing after 13 years.
- **Mayank Vaid** becomes 1st Indian to complete Enduroman triathlon in 2019, breaks world record for shortest completion time held between London and Paris.
- **Kenya**'s **Geoffrey Kamworor**, aged 26, finished the **Copenhagen Half Marathon 2019** in men's category at 58min 01sec, 17 seconds.
- **YONEX Belgian** International 2019:

Men's Single - **Sourabh Verma (India)**

Women's Single - **Zhang Yi Man (China)**

- The smiling panda, named **Bing Dwen Dwen** was revealed as the official mascot for **Beijing Winter Olympics 2022**. A walking Chinese lantern **Shuey Rhon Rhon** was declared as the official mascot for Winter Paralympics 2022.
- Dutch footballer **Virgil van Dijk** wins UEFA Men's Player of the Year 2018/2019,and England's **Lucy Bronze** wins in the Women's category.
- **Vinesh Phogat** wins bronze medal in **World Wrestling Championships 2019** in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- Ekaterinburg AIBA 2019 **World Boxing Championships** held in Ekaterinburg Expo, Yekaterinburg, Russia.
- **Sebastian Vettel** wins Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix 2019.
- Indian chess grandmaster, **Koneru Hampi (32)** of Gudivada (Andhra Pradesh) has cliched **Fide World Grand Prix 2019** title in **Skolkovo, Russia.**
- **Manipur** wins 25th Senior **Women's National Football Championship 2019** in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Indian duo of **Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta** clinched IBSF World Snooker Team Championship 2019.
- **2019 International Weightlifting Federation** (IWF) **World Weightlifting Championships** was held at **Eastern National Sports Training Center** in **Pattaya**, **Thailand.**
- **Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton** won 2019 Russia F1 Grand Prix, surpasses Schumacher's GP win counts.
- India's first **floating basketball court** opens in Arabian Sea in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **17th IAAF World Athletics Championships for 2019** held in Khalifa International Stadium, Doha, Qatar. The event mascot was "Falah".
- **Novak Djokovic** wins men's singles title of 46th edition of 2019 Rakuten Japan Open Tennis Championship in Tokyo.
- **China Open 2019**:

Men's Single - **Sourabh Verma (India)**

Women's Single - **Zhang Yi Man (China)**

- **XLIX World Artistic Gymnastics Championships for 2019** held in Stuttgart, Germany.
- 11th AIBA **Women's World Boxing Championships 2019** in Ulan-Ude, Russia.
- Mercedes's **Valtteri Bottas** won 2019 Japanese Grand Prix, Mercedes clinched its record constructors' title.
- **International Cricket Council** (ICC) readmitted **Zimbabwe** and **Nepal** as its members in a meeting held in Dubai.
- Barcelona's **Lionel Messi** won the **European Golden Shoe 2018/19**; 3rd consecutive win.

- Great Britain wins 9th Edition of **Sultan of Johor Cup hockey** tournament 2019 by defeating India held at **Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, Johor Bahru, Malaysia.**

- **Bengal Warriors beats Dabang Delhi** to clinch their first title in Vivo Pro Kabaddi season 7 for the year 2019 at the **EKA Arena by TransStadia, Ahmedabad, Gujarat**
- FIFA granted **China** to host the inaugural edition of expanded **24-team Club World Cup in 2021.**
- 15th edition of the **World Wushu Championships 2019** held at Minhang Gymnasium in Shanghai, China.
- 13th Edition of ICC **U19 Cricket World Cup 2020** to be held in South Africa.
- **Harika** won Best Women's Player prize in **FIDE Chess.com** Grand Swiss tournament 2019.
- **Karnataka** clinched the 18th season of **Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019-20** also known as the Ranji One-Day Trophy.
- Yonex French Open 2019:

Men's Single - Chen Long (China)

Women's Single - An Se-young (South Korea)

- Britain's **Lewis Hamilton** wins Mexican Grand Prix 2019.
- IOC selects Indian olympic boxer **Mary Kom as 2020 Tokyo olympics** athlete ambassadors group member.
- South Africa clinches its **3rd Rugby world cup title 2019** by defeating England held at International Stadium, **Yokohama, Japan.**
- **Lewis Hamilton** won 6th F1 World Championship title at US Grand Prix 2019.
- **FIH Hockey Men's World Cup** is hosted by India in 2023.
- AIFF announced Thomas Dennerby as Indian Head Coach of **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020.**
- India set to host **World Kabaddi cup 2019** in Punjab.
- **Arsene Wenger** appointed as new global football development chief by FIFA.
- **Luka Modric** becomes the first Croatian to win prestigious 'Golden Foot' award 2019.
- Indian boxer **Sarita Devi** elected as a member of AIBA's 1st ever athletes commission.
- International Association of Athletics Federations (**IAAF**) has officially changed its name to "**World Athletics**".
- Brazil defeated Mexico to win 18th **FIFA U-17 World Cup trophy 2019** in Brazil.
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** won **F1 Brazilian Grand Prix** held at Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- **Eliud Kipchoge** of **Kenya** has been awarded Male Athlete of the year 2019 and **Dalihah Muhammad** of **America** has been awarded Female Athelete of the year 2019 by **World Athletics Award 2019** in **Monaco, Europe.**
- Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal (33 years) led Spain to clinch its **sixth Davis Cup title 2019** by defeating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in men's singles.

Science & Technology

- Chief Minister of **Odisha** Shri Naveen Patnaik launched an e-learning mobile phone app named "**MadhuApp**" for students by providing video lectures and exercise in Odia language prepared by highly qualified educationists and teachers.
- **Israeli student's made satellite "Duchifat-3" to be launched from Sriharikota.**
- **Amazon's** audiobook company **Audible** has launched a new app **"Audible Suno"** in **India**.
- **"Amazon.com Inc", "Apple Inc"** and Alphabet Inc's **"Google"** have announced a **partnership** to lay the **groundwork for better compatibility** among their **smart home products**, project, titled '**Connected Home over IP'**.
- Union Ministry of Home Affairs(MoHA) sent an alert to all States warning about a bug in Android operating system(OS) called '**StrandHogg**'.
- Japan launches **world's 1st liquid hydrogen transport ship**, 'Suiso frontier'.
- **Saturn overtakes Jupiter** as planet with most moons. A team of astronomers has discovered a haul of 20 new moons orbiting the ringed planet, Saturn.
- **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras,** in collaboration with Phoenix Medical Systems, launched the country's first **indigenously-designed standing wheelchair.**
- **NVIDIA a**nnounces world's largest GPU-accelerated cloud-based supercomputer.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has renamed a distant space rock Ultima Thule, to Arrokoth or **"sky".**
- Microsoft rolled out its K12 Education Transformation Framework more widely to schools across India at the second edition of the **Microsoft Education Days in Gurgaon.**
- Union Minister of Science & Technology and Minister of Earth Science has inaugurated **India's 1-ever multivenue Mega science exhibition, 'Vigyan Samagam 2019', in Kolkata, West Bengal.**
- The 5th edition of **India International Science Festival (IISF)** will be held in Kolkata from November 5-8. The theme for this year's festival is '**RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation'.**
- ISRO has transferred its indigenous technology to produce **space-grade Li-Ion cells** to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).
- ISRO launched **RISAT-2BR1** with nine commercial satellites
- NASA will launch rover "**Mars 2020**" in 2020
- The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** announced the names of the newly discovered stars and planets, where the name "**Sharjah**" was chosen for a star with **"Barjeel"** being the name of one of its planets.

Obituaries

Person	Profession
Viju Khote (best known as Kalia from Sholay)	Actor
KPS Menon (Junior)	Former Foreign Secretary
J. Michael Mendel	American television producer & a four-time Emmy Award winner
Jacques Chirac	Former French President
Ram Jethmalani	One of India's finest lawyers and a former union minister
Robert Mugabe	Former Zimbabwe President
Dilip Parikh	Former Gujarat Chief Minister
Justice N.V. Balasubramanian	Retired Judge of Madras High Court
Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan	Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)

Kshiti Goswami	Former West Bengal Minister
Kailash Joshi	Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister
Brad Gobright	World-renowned Rock Climber, US National
K.K. Modi	Former President of FICCI & Industrialist
N. Venkatachala	Former Karnataka Lokayukta
Nanammal	Padma Shri awardee & India's oldest Yoga teacher
K.B. Siddaiah	Writer and philosopher
Mark Hurd	Oracle co-CEO
Sara Danius	First female head of Nobel's Literature Award Body
Diahann Carroll	American actress, singer, and model,
Kadri Gopalnath	Legendary saxophonist
HL Trivedi	Padma Shri awardee
Jessye Norman	Grammy-winning opera star'
Kshiti Goswami	Former WB minister
Bob Willis	Former England cricket captain
George Laurer	inventor of the barcode
Paul Volcker	Former US Federal Reserve chief
Peter Snell	New Zealand three-times Olympic champion
Gita Siddharth Kak	Bollywood actress
Thomas Chandy	Former Kerala Minister
Ganga Prasad	Renowned Hindi author
Vishwesha Tirtha Swami	Pejawar Mutt

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- **Russia** will train **four Indian astronauts** for India's ambitious manned mission to space, **Gaganyaan**. Indian astronauts will be trained at Russian facilities.
- Indian Cricket team vice-captain **Rohit Sharma** is launching **Rohit4Rhinos campaign,** in partnership with **WWF India** and **Animal Planet.**

- **India's Pavilion inaugurated at International Book Fair in Mexico.**
- **VP Naidu launches new Rotavirus vaccine: ROTAVAC-5D.**
- Asia's first 5th Generation – **Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre** was launched at the **Automobile Association of Southern India Centre** (AASI), Chennai.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Nepal's Prime Minister **K.P.Sharma Oli** will jointly inaugurate **Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross border petroleum products pipeline.**
- **Dr Yusuf Hamied**, chairman of Cipla, a pharmaceutical company has been inducted as **honorary fellow** of the **Royal Society**.
- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched 2 mobile apps named **CHC Farm Machinery** and **KrishiKisan App** for geotagging purposes in for easy access of technical agricultural equipment at farmers' doorstep.
- **Cryodrakon boreas** is the largest flying animal of all time.
- **Moti Bagh,** a documentary film based on the struggle of a farmer in a remote Uttarakhand village, has been nominated for the Oscars.
- The **Telangana government** has decided to declare **2020** as **Artificial Intelligence year** by organising various activities related to the emerging technology.
- **Shondol dance,** which is known as the royal dance of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the **largest Ladakhi dance.**
- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)** and Doordarshan, country's public service broadcaster have joined hands to telecast TV bilingual programme **'Mahatma Lives' or 'Bapu Zinda Hain'.**
- Power Minister RK Singh and Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi have jointly launched **PRAKASH – Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony- portal** in New Delhi.
- Indian nun **Mariam Thresia** from Kerala and four other nuns were declared **Saints** by **Pope Francis** at a grand ceremony at the Vatican City.
- **IIT Kharagpur** graduate Debayan Saha has invented a device called **"PM 2.5"** which he claimed when fitted near the silencer pipe in vehicles will curb air pollution.
- CBSE & NCERT launches **'Tamanna'** test for Class 9 & 10 students to help students to make a better choice of subjects.
- **Nirmal Purja** climbs world's 14 highest peaks in record-breaking 189 days.
- Researchers from the **Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad (IIIT-H),** Telangana have created the **first-ever 'Indian brain atlas'(IBA).**
- Air India paints 'Ek Onkar' symbol on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft's.
- **India** has taken inspiration from **Brazil's** success in the field of human milk bank decided to adopt a similar model in creating a wide network of **human milk banks.**
- **UNESCO** has designated **Mumbai** as a member of **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)** in the field of **FILM** and **Hyderabad** in the field of **GASTRONOMY**.
- **Nita Ambani** has been named an honorary trustee of **"The Metropolitan Museum of Art".**
- Brazilian President **Jair Bolsonaro** will be the **chief guest** at **Republic Day 2020** celebrations.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** will inaugurate the National Tribal Festival **"Aadi Mahotsav"** in **New Delhi**. The theme of the 15-day Mahotsav is celebration of the **Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce**.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the 4-day **Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima,** world's biggest Islamic Congregation began in **Bhopal.**
- Lieutenant Shivangi is the first-ever **woman pilot for Navy.**
- **Oxford Dictionaries** has named **"climate emergency"** as its **2019 Word of the Year.**
- Lokpal Chairman Justice (retired) **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** launched the new logo and motto for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman. A new motto, **"Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam** (Do not be greedy for anyone's wealth)", was also adopted.

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