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National

- **Trade apprentices to get minimum monthly stipend based on qualification ranging from Rs 5000 to 9000**

During the State Ministers' Conference on Skill Development in New Delhi, the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) Mahendra Nath Pandey announced the Govt's notification that minimum stipend payable to **trade apprentices** according to the Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules, 2019 will be ranging from **Rs 5000-9000** per month based on qualification.

- **Ten-day Mysuru Dasara festival inaugurated in Karnataka**

Kannada novelist Dr. S L Bhyrappa inaugurated the ten-day **MysuruDasara** festival in presence of Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and other dignitaries. This festival will comprise of cultural programmes, sports events inaugurated by Indian Badminton player PV Sindhu, wrestling competitions and would culminate(conclude) with a grand elephant procession on Vijayadashmi.

- **A 2-day national workshop 'Arogya Manthan' held in New Delhi**

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare **Dr Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated a 2-day national workshop '**Arogya Manthan**' in **New Delhi** which was held on September 30-October 1, 2019. It was organised by the **National Health Authority** (NHA) to mark the first anniversary of Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), which was launched on September 23, 2018 at Ranchi, Jharkhand by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- **India achieves one-crore LED street light mark installed under the Street Light National Programme**

India has achieved **one-crore LED** (Light Emitting Diode) street light mark with the 1 croreth LED street light switched on by Union Power Minister **Raj Kumar Singh** by a

remote switch. The lightings are installed under Street Light National Programme (SLNP) implemented by state-owned Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) and are to achieve 1.34 crore LED street lights installation by March 2020. Earlier the target was set for March 2019.

- **3 railway stations in Rajasthan emerged as top clean stations: Railway cleanliness survey 2019**

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.

- **Rajasthan becomes the third state to ban certain categories of pan masala**

Rajasthan became the third state in India to ban certain categories of pan masala containing magnesium carbonate, nicotine, tobacco, mineral oil and flavoured ‘supari’ under the **Food Safety Act** after **Maharashtra** and **Bihar**. Even the production, storage, distribution and sale of these products is banned.

- **President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented 2019 Swachhta Ambassador award to Sachin Tendulkar in New Delhi at the 5th India Today Safaigiri Summit**

on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented 2019 **Swachhta Ambassador** award to former Indian cricketer Shri **Sachin Tendulkar** during the 5th edition of India Today Safaigiri Summit held in New Delhi.

- **In a first of its kind, IRCTC will pay compensation to passengers on delay**

For the 1st time in India, **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** will compensate for passengers of the **Tejas Express** (India’s first private train running on the **Lucknow-New Delhi route**) if the train is late.

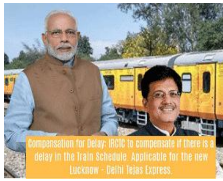
Keypoints:

i. Compensation: If Tejas Express runs **one hour later** than its scheduled time, passengers will be paid **Rs 100** and if this train was delayed **more than two hours, Rs 250** will be given to the passengers.

ii. Insurance Cover: Apart from compensation, an insurance cover of Rs 25 lakh will also be provided free of cost to passengers, including insurance of Rs 1 lakh for theft or robbery during the journey.

TejasExpress:

It is the India's first semi-high speed fully air-conditioned train introduced by Indian Railways. The Express will be flagged off on October 4, 2019 by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. This train will run six days a week.



- **4th edition of KAZIND-2019, a joint military exercise between India & Kazakhstan begins at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.**

It aims to carry out counter- terrorism operations in hilly areas.s

- **Telangana Peddapalli district tops in 2019 rural Swachhta survey**

Peddapalli district of **Telangana** became first in the **2019 rural Swachhta survey** (sanitation survey) to become the cleanest district in India. The most improved district in the list was Haryana's Faridabad, which moved to second place in 2019 from its previous rank of 71 in 2018. Haryana's Rewari district ranks 3rd in the list.

- **Amit Shah flagged off second Vande Bharat Express Train between Delhi and Katra.**



- **Rajasthan becomes first Indian state to launch policy on Pneumoconiosis**

Chief Minister of Rajasthan **Mr Ashok Gehlot** launched '**Policy on Pneumoconiosis Detection, Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation**'. With this, Rajasthan became the first state in India to launch such a policy and in January 2015, it had become the first Indian state to notify Pneumoconiosis as an epidemic. Pneumoconiosis is a disease of the lungs due to inhalation of dust, characterized by inflammation, coughing, and fibrosis.

- **NHSRC re-designated as the WHO Collaborating Centre for Priority Medical Devices and Health Technology Policy**

- **Railways renamed the Lohian Khas-New Delhi Intercity Express as 'Sarbat da Bhala Express'**

It was previously called **Lohian Khas-New Delhi Intercity Express or New Delhi-Ludhiana Intercity Express** and was renamed as a tribute to Guru Nanak Dev on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary celebrations (November 12, 2019).

- **Andhra Pradesh Government launches India's first Village secretariat system**

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** of Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) launched the first of its kind **Village Secretariat system** at Karapa village near Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. It has set up village and ward secretariats which act as a bridge between the government and the people by rendering over 500 types of services at their doorstep.

- **NHA and Google partners together to strengthen Ayushman Bharat scheme**

The National Health Authority(**NHA**) and the American multinational company, **Google** partnered together for strengthening the implementation of the national health protection scheme, **Ayushman Bharat**– Pratan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY). They have signed the Statement of Intent (SoI) in this regard.

- **14th Indo – Mongolian joint military training exercise, the 2019 Nomadic Elephant-XIV begun in Himachal Pradesh**

The aim of the exercise is to train both the armies in counter terrorism and counter insurgency (counter revolt) operations thus enhancing defence cooperation.



- **Defence minister Rajnath Singh hiked monetary assistance for battle casualties from Rs2 to Rs 4 lakhs**
- **NITI Aayog's AIM and UNDP India jointly launched Youth Co:Lab for youth entrepreneurship & innovation**

The Atal Innovation Mission(**AIM**) of NITI Aayog (National Institute for Transforming India) and United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) India of United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) launched a youth lab programme, **Youth Co:Lab** by signing a Letter of Intent(LoI) in-order to empower innovation and social entrepreneurship to the youths of India in New Delhi. By this initiative entrepreneurs and innovators will connect with govt, mentors, incubators and other investors to gain entrepreneurial skills.

- **PMJAY in first year funded 90,000 cancer claims; Tamil Nadu tops the list**

The Union Health Ministry's data showed that in its first year of the launch of the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (PMJAY), the treatment of 90,000 cancer patients was funded through 1.8 lakh hospital admissions. **Tamil Nadu** emerged as the top state where the most cancer patients availed treatment under PMJAY with 40,056 cases.

About-PMJAY:

Ayushman Bharat (AB) Yojana or Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) or National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) is a centrally sponsored scheme launched on 23 September 2018, under the Ayushman Bharat Mission of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in India. The scheme aims at making interventions in primary, secondary

and tertiary care systems, covering both preventive and promotive health, to address healthcare holistically.

- **5th World Parliament of science, religion and philosophy 2019 held in Pune, Maharashtra**

A 3-day event of **5th World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy 2019** with the theme of '**Role of Science, Religion and Philosophy for World Peace and well-being of Mankind**' organised by MIT (Maharashtra Institute of Technology).

- **Global Summit on 'Spirituality for Unity, Peace and Prosperity' held in Mount Abu, Rajasthan**

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the Global Conference-cum- expo on '**Spirituality for Unity, Peace and Prosperity**' organized by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at the Shantivan Campus in **Mount Abu, Rajasthan**. It was held from September 28 to October 1, 2019.

- **India's first e-waste clinic to be set up in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

The first e-waste clinic of India will be set up in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have tied up to set up the clinic.

- **India's 1st plant to produce diesel from plastic waste opened in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**

India's 1st plant to produce **diesel from plastic waste in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh** has been soft-launched by Mathura MP (Member of Parliament) Hema Malini with the aim to fulfill Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi's dream of a Swachh Bharat Mission.

About Swachh Bharat Mission:

It was launched on 2nd October 2014 by Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put the focus on sanitation. It consists of two

sub-missions Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)-(SBM-G) and Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).

- **50th IFFI for 2019 to be held in Goa**

Information and Broadcasting Minister **Mr. Prakash Javadekar** notified that the **50th**, the Golden Jubilee edition of the **International Film Festival of India** (IFFI) 2019 will be held in **Goa** from November 20-28, 2019 with **Russia** as the partner country. For the first time, films with audio deion will be screened for the visually impaired.

- **Overview of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India**

Bangladesh's Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** paid a four-day official visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is the first visit of Bangladesh PM since the completion of elections in both Bangladesh and India. A total of 3 bilateral projects were inaugurated through video link. They were

- Import of Bulk LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) from Bangladesh.
- Vocational training and
- Social training facilities.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was invited as the Chief Guest at the 33rd edition of the India Economic Summit organized by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from 03-04 October 2019. The theme for the 2019 summit was '**Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World**'.

- **39th WCP for 2019 held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

Chief minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the **39th World Congress of Poets (WCP)** for 2019 at the **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. It was held from October 2-6, 2019 under the theme '**Compassion through Poetry**'. It was held for the third time in India.

- **India to shift to BS VI vehicular emission norms from BS IV by April 2020**
- India will shift to **Bharat Stage Six** (BS-VI) vehicular emission norms from **BS IV** by **April 2020 in order** to curb vehicular pollution. This announcement was made by the Environment and Forest Minister Mr Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi.
- BS6-compliant vehicles will be available in Delhi in April 2020 and BS6 petrol/diesel is already available in Delhi/NCR. A green logo and Quick Response (QR) coding system have been developed in order to differentiate green crackers from the conventional crackers.
- **10th edition of Indo Maldives joint military exercise Ekuverin 2019 begin at Aundh Mil Stn, Pune**

This 14 day joint exercise between Indian Army (IA) and Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF) will be conducted till October 20, 2019.



- **Indian Army's first mountain combat exercise 'Him Vijay' 2019 begun in Arunachal Pradesh**
- **Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched 'Ganga Aamantran' Abhiyan in New Delhi.**

It is the first of its kind effort by **National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG)** to raft across the entire stretch of the river. It is also the longest ever social campaign undertaken through an adventure sporting activity in spreading the message of river rejuvenation and water conservation on a massive scale.

- **Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey inaugurated National e-Assessment Scheme of Income Tax department & New Delhi:**

Revenue Secretary **Shri Ajay Bhushan Pandey** who is also the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) inaugurated **National e-**

Assessment Scheme (NeAS) in New Delhi. This e-Assessment scheme along with the National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC), would benefit the Income Tax(IT) department in imparting efficiency, transparency, accountability in the assessment process and would have no physical interface between taxpayers and tax officers. Section 143(3A) & (3B) of the IT Act empowered notification of E-assessment scheme.

- On October 7, 2019 the External Affairs Minister(EAM) Shri **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** inaugurated **e-Vidyabharti** (tele-education) and **e-ArogyaBharti**(Tele-Medicine) 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. These are e-learning platforms to ease the delivery of online education. It will serve as a digital bridge between India and Africa. These will be delivered by Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd (TCIL).



- Supreme Court judge, Justice S. Abdul Nazeer inaugurated the first Government-sponsored and operated **day-care cum recreation centre** for senior citizens in **Leh**, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) in presence of Chief Justice J&K, Gita Mittal. It is co-sponsored by Government and the District Legal Service Authority of J&K. It is a one-stop-shop for entertainment, medical services and legal aid for the aged people of the region.
- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** (MSDE) in partnership with the **Indian Institute of Management- Bangalore** (IIMB) will launch a new 2-year program called '**Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship**' (MGNF). It will be delivered by IIMB's Centre of Public Policy (CPP).

Key Points:

- Objective:** To identify and train a group of young, committed and dynamic individuals.
- Coverage:** It will be launched on a pilot basis in 6 states namely Gujarat, Karnataka,

Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

iii. Eligibility: Graduates from a recognized university and Indian citizens in the age group of 21-30 years will be eligible to apply.

iv. The MSDE for their skill components would support a total of 75 districts.

- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated the **13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHWF)** for 2019 in New Delhi.
- **Objective:** To build a consensus on National health priorities.
- **SUMAN:** A new initiative – ‘**Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN)**’ for Zero Preventable Maternal and Newborn Deaths, its website and the grievance redressal portal was launched on the occasion.
- **Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi** has released a commemorative stamp of **Marshal of the Indian Air Force (IAF) late Arjan Singh** in honor of his exemplary service to our nation. The stamp was issued at an event of the ‘at home’ program of the IAF to mark its 87th raising day in New Delhi.



- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW) **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** launched ‘**The WHO India Country Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023: A Time of Transition**’ in New Delhi. This Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) paves the way for World Health Organisation (WHO) to work with the Indian govt. in achieving the goals of health sector.
- Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’** has launched 14-day long ambitious **Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Program- ‘DHRUV’** from Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) headquarters at **Bengaluru, Karnataka** in presence of Dr K Sivan, Chairman, ISRO, Wing Cdr. Rakesh Sharma, AC (Retd.) among others.

- **National Blindness and Visually Impaired Survey 2019** released by Health minister Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi. Visual impairment in India has been reduced by about 52%. Prevalence of blindness in India came down by around 47% since the last survey which was conducted in 2006-2007.
- **Railways launched Sahyatri mobile app** and a new website for online complaint registration. The **Indian Railways** launched a **Sahyatri mobile app and a website www.railways.delhipolice.gov.in** through which the passengers can register their complaints online. It was launched by Union Minister of State (MoS) in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) **Mr Nityanand Rai** at the NDMC (New Delhi Municipal Council) Convention Centre on Sansad Marg, New Delhi.
- **Health Minister Harsh Vardhan** released the first **National Diabetes and Diabetic Retinopathy Survey report** in New Delhi. The survey has revealed that Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) in India is 16.9% The prevalence of Known Diabetes (KD) is 8.0% while diabetes prevalence in the surveyed population is recorded at 11.8%.
- The 2nd edition of **Indian Navy(IN) –Bangladesh Navy(BN) Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) 2019** has been held in **Northern Bay of Bengal** from October 10-11, 2019 with the participation of INS (Indian Naval Ship) Ranvijay, a guided-missile destroyer and INS Kuthar, an indigenously built missile as well as BNS (Bangladesh Naval Ship) Ali Haider, a Type 053 frigate and BNS Shadinota, a Type 056 stealth guided missile corvette.



- The **‘India Sports Summit- Fitness: \$10 Billion Opportunity’** was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs **Mr Kiren Rijju** in **New Delhi**. It was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Sportscom, and Sportskeeda. India is striving to get Kabaddi a place in the Olympics in 2024.

- **Chhattisgarh** state **Health Minister T S Singhdeo** has inaugurated **India's 1st 'Garbage Cafe'** situated in **Ambikapur of Surguja district** .The concept of this cafe is that ragpickers and the homeless will collect plastic waste, and in return, the municipal corporation will offer them food. Ambikapur has clinched the title of the 2nd cleanest city in India after Indore, Madhya Pradesh. It will provide boost to 'plastic-free' India goal set by the central Government.



- **2nd edition of Indo-Japan joint military exercise "Dharma Guardian 2019" to be held in Vairengte, Mizoram.**

The **2nd joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian-2019'** to promote military cooperation between **India and Japan** will be held in **Mizoram**. The event is being held from 19, October- 2, November 2019 at Counter Insurgency Warfare School located in Vairengte, Mizoram.

- **10th edition of Indo-US joint military exercise 'Vajra Prahar 2019 ' begins in Seattle, US:**

The joint military exercise '**Vajra Prahar**' between **India and the US** (United States) begins at **Seattle's** (in Washington ,US) Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) . This is the 10th edition of the joint exercise, which will run until 28 October, 2019. It is held alternately in India and America. In 2018,the practice took place in Jaipur, Rajasthan.



- **SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2019 begins in New Delhi:**

The **Sale of Articles of Rural Artisan Society (SARAS) Aajeevika Mela 2019** is underway at India Gate Lawns in **New Delhi**. It had begun on October 10 and will conclude on October 23, 2019. The mela is an initiative by the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)**, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and was inaugurated by Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.



- **PM Modi chaired meeting on „Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat“ programme in New Delhi**

- Prime Minister(PM) of India Shri **Narendra Modi** chaired the meeting on „**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**“ programme in New Delhi. The programme aims at enhancing interaction between people of different cultures from all the states and Union Territories(UT). It is a personal initiative of PM Modi, highlighting India’s cultural diversity in unity and also aims to develop perspective on important issues and help in celebrating the nation’s regional culture.

- **Health minister Harsh Vardhan launches SUMAN scheme for pregnant women at 13th CCCHFW in New Delhi**

- The union health and family welfare minister Shri **Harsh Vardhan** launched **Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan(SUMAN)** scheme during the 13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare(CCCHFW) in New Delhi, to provide free maternity healthcare benefits. Website for SUMAN and grievance redressal portal was also launched during the event.
- i.The aim of this scheme is to bring down mortality in infants and maternal mortality in the country.

- **ii.Eligible beneficiaries:** The beneficiaries eligible for the scheme are pregnant women, mothers upto 6 months after delivery, and all sick newborns.
- **1st ever 2-day long national hindi science writers conference 2019 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**
- First ever 2-day long **National Hindi Science writers conference** was held at Dr. Shakuntala Mishra National rehabilitation university in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)** from October 11-12, 2019. Speaker of the UP assembly Hriday Narayain dixit has inaugurated the conference, which aims to release science writing from the clutches of English and to promote use of Hindi and other Vernacular languages. A website called **“www.vigyanlekhan.com”** has been prepared for this conference.
- **Road Transport & Highways and minister Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated conference on ‘One Nation One Tag – FASTag’ in New Delhi**
- Several states/authorities signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with IHMCL for FASTag intergration in the state, as toll collection will be mandatorily done through FASTags effective from **December 31, 2019** onwards.
- 'Beti Khilao': BJP's Babita Phogat Advocates Sports For Women In Haryana Polls
She aims to rechristen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' programme by incorporating 'Beti Khilao' in it to promote sports among women in villages.



- **CBIC launches programme to strengthen Make in India**



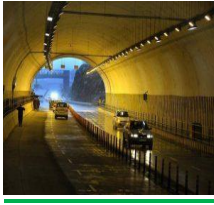
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has launched a **revamped and streamlined programme** to attract investments into India and strengthen Make in India through manufacture and other operations under the bond scheme, of Customs Act, 1962.

- **Govt launches Food Safety Mitra Scheme**



- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **Harsh Vardhan** launched **Food Safety Mitra Scheme, Eat Right Jacket and Eat Right Jhola**. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has introduced the scheme of Food Safety Mitra (FSM) through which it plans to engage motivated individuals with the food safety ecosystem at ground level.
- A Food Safety Mitra Scheme is an individual professional certified by FSSAI who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules & Regulations with three avatars- Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities.
- **Indian Railways to become net zero carbon emitter by 2030**
- **Indian Railways (IR)** has announced that it will become a **net-zero carbon emitter by 2030**. The move will be a part of India's strategy to combat climate change.
- The announcement was made by railways and commerce minister Piyush Goyal at the India Energy Forum by CERAWEEK in New Delhi. India is the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after the US and China, and is among countries most vulnerable to climate change.
- Indian railways is the **world's largest railway network**. It has a rail network of around 1,25,000km under single management. IR is to go green by setting up solar power generation capacities in its large tracts of land along its network.

- **J&K's Chenani-Nashri Tunnel to be renamed after Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**



- **India's longest Tunnel Chenani- Nashri** on **NH 44**, in Jammu and Kashmir will be named after Bhartiya Jansangh Founder **Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **2017** had dedicated to the nation this **9.2 km long tunnel** that reduces the distance between **Jammu and Srinagar by 31 km**.
- **Railways Minister Piyush Goyal flagged off 9 'Sewa Service' trains**
- Railways Minister **Piyush Goyal** flagged off **9 'Sewa Service' trains**. These trains are connecting small towns to major cities and one of those, the **Vadnagar-Mehsana train**, was the railways' gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who sold tea at the Vadnagar station during his younger days.
- The 9 "Sewa Service" trains were launched without any additional investment by the railways and it was an example of how to use existing resources to the maximum.
- **NITI Aayog launches India Innovation Index 2019**
- **NITI Aayog** with Institute for Competitiveness as the knowledge partner released the **India Innovation Index (III) 2019**. **Karnataka** is the most innovative major state in India.
- Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Telangana, Haryana, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh form the remaining top ten major states respectively.
- **Sikkim and Delhi** take the top spots among the northeastern & hill states, and union territories/city-states/small states respectively.
- **Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh** are the most efficient states in translating inputs into output.

- The aim is to create a holistic tool which can be used by policymakers across the country to identify the challenges to be addressed and strengths to build on when designing the economic growth policies for their regions.

- **Commemorative stamp on centenary of NIN released**



- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **Harsh Vardhan** released a **postal stamp** to commemorate the **centenary celebrations** of the city-based **ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)** at a function held at Indian Council of Medical Research in New Delhi.
- The postal stamp has been brought out under the **‘Corporate My Stamp’** scheme of India Posts.
- About 5,000 stamps with a **face value of ₹5** each have been printed and the India Posts would print an additional 1,000 sheets for sale online at the e-post office and for display and sale at national and global philately exhibitions by the Department.

- **NH No. 703AA in Punjab named as Guru Nanak Dev Ji Marg**

- Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced the naming of new **National Highway No. 703AA** as **“Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Marg.”**
- The road starting from **Kapurthala** connecting **Goindwal Sahib** and terminating near **Taran Taran in Punjab**. The naming would be effective from next month.
- The decision has been taken to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev.

- **Ghaziabad ‘s Loni town is India’s most polluted city,CPCB’s AQI figures at 358**

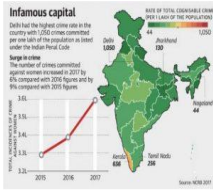
- According to the Central Pollution Control Board of india ,**Loni rural of Ghaziabad ,uttarpradesh** emerged as the most polluted city in india with air quality index figures at 358.

- **2nd India Myanmar Naval Exercise INMEX-2019 commences in Visakapattinam, Andhra Pradesh**

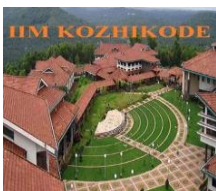


- **Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu inaugurated in Ladakh**
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated **Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu (Bridge)** which has been constructed at an altitude of **14,650 feet** in the forward area of Ladakh region.
- It is named in honour of **Colonel Chewang Rinchen** who was one of the highly decorated officers in Indian Army from Ladakh. He was also a Maha Vir Chakara awardee (1952).
- The Bridge, which is 1400 feet span, is constructed by the **Border Road Organization**.
- According to BRO, micropile technology was used during the foundation of the bridge to overcome the technological challenges in this remote area of Ladakh.
- The construction of the Bridge was completed within 15 working months using 6900 cubic meters of concrete and 1984 metric tons of steel.
- **Siachen base camp to Kumar Post opened for tourism purposes**
- Government of India has decided to open the entire area from Siachen base camp to Kumar Post for tourism purposes. The step has been taken to boost tourism in Ladakh.
- It will also give people a window to appreciate the tough work done by Army jawans and engineers in extreme weather and inhospitable terrains.
- The Siachen Glacier at the height of around 20,000 ft in the Karakoram range is known as the highest militarised zone in the world where the soldiers have to battle frostbite and high winds.
- The Glacier came under the strategic control of India in 1984 following ‘Operation Meghdoot’.

- **NCRB releases Crime in India Report 2017**



- **National Crime Records Bureau** has released the annual “**Crime in India Report 2017**”. The report has been released after a delay of 2 years.
- According to the report, **3.59 lakh cases of crime against women** were reported in the country. **Uttar Pradesh topped the list** with 56,011 cases followed by Maharashtra with 31,979 cases and West Bengal 30,002 in cases of crime against women.
- **Indian Railways install Electronic Interlocking System on Grand Chord route**
- **Indian Railways** has installed the most advanced **Electronic Interlocking System** on the Grand Chord route.
- The measure is expected to help Indian Railways speed up trains and achieve the objective of reducing the travel time between Delhi and Howrah to about 12 hours from the existing 17 to 19 hours.
- Grand Chord is part of the Howrah-Gaya-Delhi line and Howrah-Allahabad-Mumbai line. The new Electronic system has replaced outdated 65-year old mechanical signalling system at Tundla Junction in Uttar Pradesh on the route.
- **IIM Kozhikode & MRPL to support women entrepreneurs**



- **IIM Kozhikode and Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Ltd.** have announced a special drive Labelled as “**La Eve** (meaning The Woman)” to support **women entrepreneurs** in the country.

- The initiative aims to identify innovative, promising women-founded start-ups to provide a comprehensive start-up support programme. The initiative would be steered by the institute's entrepreneurship development centre, Laboratory for Innovation, Venturing and Entrepreneurship or **IIMK LIVE**.
- Under the drive "La Eve" IIMK LIVE would identify women-founded, innovation-led start ups and provide incubation that would provide access to the institutes intellectual, network and infrastructural resources. MRPL would provide seed fund assistance from the start funding initiative under start-up India Program.
- **Chenani-Nashri Tunnel renamed as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Tunnel**



- **J&K's Chenani-Nashri Tunnel**, a 9 km-long tunnel that reduces the distance between Jammu and Srinagar by 31 km has been **renamed as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Tunnel**.
- The 'Chenani-Nashri Highway Tunnel' is not only India's longest highway tunnel but also Asia's longest bi-directional highway tunnel.
- The renaming of the tunnel aims to preserve Mukherjee's heritage and memory as well as a tribute for his sacrifice for the nation.
- **Indian Railway launches One Touch ATVM**
- **Indian Railways** has launched '**one touch ATVM**' at 42 suburban stations of Central Railway over **Mumbai Suburban Network**.
- The machine has been launched to render fast ticketing to millions of commuters. This new machine will reduce the waiting time of the passengers and allow passenger to avoid standing in long queues.

- The new machine is loaded with the user friendly procedure which will greatly ease the load on ticketing system of Mumbai Suburban Network. A total of 92 ATVMs has been installed at 42 suburban stations.
- **Birendar Singh Yadav appointed as Indian ambassador to Iraq.**
- A 1997-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, **Yadav** is expected to take up the assignment shortly , a statement by the MEA.
- Meanwhile, the MEA on 25-10-2019 also announced the appointment of **Muktesh kumar pardeshi as India's next High commissioner to Samoa.**
- **PM Modi meets newly appointed Goa Governor Satya Pal Malik.**
- President Ram Nath Kovind on 25-10-2019 appointed incumbent **Jammu-Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik the Governor of Goa.**
- **Bihar:'Chhath puja patna' Mobile app launched by authorities**
- The patna district administration on 26-10-2019 launched a mobile app 'Chhath puja patna' to share information regarding the occasion. After downloading the app, locals can search for the events organized in the state capital to celebrate the festival in a grand manner.
- **Dushyant Chautala takes oath as Haryana Deputy CM**



- **Dushyant Chautala** on 27-10-2019 takes oath as **Deputy chief minister** of Haryana at the Raj Bhavan.
- **Manohar Lal Khattar** also took oath as **Haryana chief minister** for the **second time** after the recently concluded polls in the state.

- **Government announces postal ballot voting for voters with disabilities and people above 80years**
- On October 26,2019 the govt has announced that **disabled people and people aged above 80 years** can vote through **postal ballot** in-order to increase the voters turn out. The postal ballot voting is made available only to those assigned poll duties and to armed forces.
- **Health Ministry to observe Vigilance Awareness Week**



- The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** will observe the **Vigilance Awareness Week** from 28th October to 2nd November, 2019.
- The week will be observed with the **theme** of **“Integrity- a way of life”**. Vigilance Awareness Week will commence with the administration of **‘Integrity Pledge’** to the officers/staff of the Ministry by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, to fight against corruption and commit to highest standards of honesty and integrity.
- The week will be observed as per directions of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Government of India.
- CVC observes Vigilance Awareness Week every year to **promote probity in public life and to achieve a corruption free society.**
- **Free ride scheme for women in DTC buses launched in Delhi**



- **Women in Delhi** can now travel **free in public buses** including the DTC and all the cluster buses. The free-ride scheme came into effect from October 29, 2019.

- Female passengers to travel free in DTC buses (both AC and non-AC) by issuance of **‘single journey free travel pass’**. However, they will have the option to purchase the ticket for the journey.
- **Under the free ride scheme**, the bus conductors would be distributing **pink tickets** with the value of **Rs 10** each to all female passengers free of cost. The cost of each ticket will then be reimbursed to the transporters by the Delhi Government. The women passengers will, however, have the option of buying regular tickets.
- **Ram Nath Kovind confers first CSR Awards**
- The first **National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards** were recently conferred by the **President Ram Nath Kovind**.
- This award was given to the various companies for their outstanding contribution in the area of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
- The award was initiated in the year of **Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th birth anniversary**. These awards will be conferred on October 2 every year.
- **Nirmal Purja becomes world’s fastest mountain climber**
- **Nirmal Purja, a Nepali mountaineer**, has become the **fastest mountain climber** as he scaled **14 highest peaks in just over six months**.
- The previous record of fastest mountain climbing was 7 years, 11 months and 14 days.
- He completed all 14 mountains, all over 8,000 metres (26,250 feet) in seven months under **‘Project Possible’**.
- **India to sign Strategic Partnership Council Agreement with Saudi Arabia**
- **India** will become the **fourth country** to sign the **Strategic Partnership Council Agreement with Saudi Arabia**. It would strengthen the robust relations of India and Saudi Arabia.
- Experts believe that this agreement will begin a new era of cooperation among various sectors of India and Saudi Arabia.
- Both the countries also agreed to hold a comprehensive security dialogue mechanism and they have also reached the level of entering into agreements on security cooperation, collaboration in defence industries.

- **Air India paints 'Ik Onkar' symbol to celebrate Guru Nanak's 550th Birth Anniversary**
- The symbol of **Sikh religion 'Ik Onkar'** has been made on the tail of an Air India aircraft in order to commemorate the **550th Guru Nanak Jayanti**.
- This aircraft will fly between **Amritsar to Delhi** thrice (Monday, Thursday and Saturday.) in a week.
- This flight service will help Sikh pilgrims to visit India on the occasion of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- **80 immigration counters** set up for speedy clearance at Kartarpur Corridor
- **7th edition of Tawang festival**
- The **7th edition of the Tawang Festival kicked off on October 29, 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh**. US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster had declared the festival opens.
- **'Aarambh', common foundation course for IAS probationers held in Statue of Unity**



- 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.
- There are around 500 newly recruited bureaucrats are undergoing six-day training. The theme this year is '**How to achieve the goal of making India a 5 trillion dollar economy**'.
- **Vice President Venkaiah Naidu introduces 15-point charter for Parliamentary reforms**
- **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** unveiled the **15-point reform charter** for a new political concept to ensure effective functioning in Parliament and State Legislatures. He also discussed the existing shortcomings of parliamentary democracy.
- The Vice President appealed to the political parties to ensure at least fifty percent attendances for the proceedings of the House by adopting a roster arrangement. He was referring to the lack of attendance in the legislatures and the decline in the level of debate. He also called for a thorough review of the anti-defection law in view of its shortcomings.

- **Government sets up panel to reduce stress in telecom sector**
- The Union Government has set up a new panel comprising Secretaries under Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba **to relieve the financial stress of the telecom sector**. The decision comes amidst reports of the telecom sector incurring heavy losses due to growth of private players. The committee will be required to understand the stress of the sector and come up with a strategy to eliminate it.
- **Finance Minister releases Commemorative Coin on Paramahansa Yogananda**



- The Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has released a special **commemorative coin** on **Paramahansa Yogananda**. The coin has been released to mark Paramahansa Yogananda's **125th birth anniversary**.
- Paramahansa Yogananda is known as the **Father of Yoga** in the West. He was the founder of two organisations: Yogoda Satsanga Society of India and Self-Realisation Fellowship, belongs to the line of gurus whose message is universal transcending nations and religions.
- **India now has 28 states and 9 UTs**



- According to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the appointed day for the two Union Territories **J&K and Ladakh** was October 31.
- This is for the first time that a state is converted into two Union Territories. The total number of states in the country will now be 28 while the total Union Territories will go up to nine.

- **35th ASEAN Summit begins in Bangkok**
- The **35th Summit** of **The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** began in Bangkok on October 31 and it will continue till November 4.
- ASEAN is a group of 10 countries that encourages economic, social and political co-operation in the region. PM Modi will attend the summit on November 3rd and 4th.
- **The theme of 35th ASEAN Summit is - Advancing Partnership for sustainability.** Apart from 10 members countries, eight dialogue partner countries are also participating in the summit.

World

- **PM Modi and Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth Jointly inaugurated Metro Express and ENT hospital in Mauritius**

The event was first such occasion bringing both national leaders together through a video link across the Indian Ocean. The Light Rail Transit metro express project will help transform efficient, faster and cleaner mode of transport while the ENT hospital will expand quality healthcare in the nation.

- **Hyderabad tops Indian cities in 1st citizen-centric IMD Smart City Index 2019, Singapore tops globally**

First ever conducted International Institute for Management Development's (IMD's) **Smart City Index 2019, Hyderabad** topped among the Indian cities with the rank of 67. It was followed by New Delhi at rank 68. Mumbai and Bengaluru were ranked at the 78th and 79th positions respectively. The list was topped by **Singapore**.

- The World Economic Forum(WEF) released its report on **2019 Global Competitiveness Index 4.0**. In the index, **India** was ranked **68th** in the list, which is down by 10 places from its previous rank of 58 in 2018. The index was topped by Singapore as the world's most competitive economy by replacing the United States in second place.

Global competitiveness rankings of Asia-Pacific countries/regions in 2019

Ranking within Asia-Pacific	Global ranking		Ranking within Asia-Pacific	Global ranking	
	2018	2019		2018	2019
1	2	1	9	25	28
2	7	3	10	38	40
3	5	4	11	45	50
4	13	12	12	62	56
5	15	13	13	55	44
6	14	16	14	77	67
7	18	19	15	58	68
8	25	27			

Source: World Economic Forum

- Defence minister of India **Mr Rajnath Singh** visited Paris, France from October 7-9, 2019. He was received by a military guard of honour at Hotel de Brienne, the headquarters of the French Armed Forces ministry in Paris. During the visit, he received the first of the 36 Rafale aircrafts. The first squadron of the aircraft will be deployed at **Ambala air force station**, Haryana and the second at Hasimara base in West Bengal.
- 2019 Henley Passport Index ranking** was released. In the report, **India** is currently ranked at **82nd place** in 2019, which is one place down from its previous rank of 81 in 2018. Japan and Singapore both hold the most powerful passport by ranking 1st in the list. The study was conducted by Henley & Partners.
- World Health Organisation (**WHO**) has launched its first report on vision. According to the report, nearly 2.2 billion people live with vision impairment or blindness globally, in which over one billion cases could have been prevented or have yet to be addressed. It aims to address these challenges and galvanize action.



- 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.
- BRICS culture ministers' meeting 2019 held in Curitiba, Brazil**
- Prahlad Singh Patel**, the Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent charge) has participated in **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Culture Ministers' meeting 2019** held in **Curitiba, Brazil**.
- About BRICS:**

- BRICS as an idea was coined in Foreign Ministerial meeting of Brazil, Russia, China and India in Newyork, United States (US) in September,
- 2006. BRIC officially came into existence in 2009 in Yekaterinburg, Russia.
- South Africa became its member is2010.
- **Overview of 5 day visit of Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu to Comoros and Sierra Leone**
- Vice President of India, **Mr M. Venkaiah Naidu** held a 5 day tour to **Comoros** and **Sierra Leone** (African countries) from October 10-14, 2019. It was the first-ever visit by a high-level Indian dignitary to Comoros, an archipelago situated off the Southeast coast of Africa and to Sierra Leone.
- **Mumbai ranks 12th, Delhi 22nd in the New World Wealth's wealthiest city worldwide 2019 list, New York City tops the list**

Wealth intelligence firm New World Wealth(NWW) released its report on wealthiest city worldwide 2019. Among Indian cities, **Mumbai** was the only city to be placed in the top 20 list at **12th** rank followed by Delhi at 22nd rank, Bangalore at 26th Rank, and Hyderabad at 28th rank. The list was topped by America's **New York City** (NYC).



- **UAE announces establishment of world's 1st AI university**



- **UAE** announced the establishment of the **Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence(MBZUAI)** in **Abu Dhabi**.

- This is the first graduate-level, research-based AI university in the world. MBZUAI will enable graduate students, businesses and governments to advance the artificial intelligence field.
- MBZUAI will introduce a new model of academia and research to the field of AI, providing students and faculty access to some of the world's most advanced AI systems to unleash its potential for economic and societal development.
- **India hands over 2nd pair of Mi-24V helicopters to Afghan Air forces**



- India handed over the second pair of **Mi-24V helicopters** to war-torn **Afghanistan**, boosting the capability of the **Afghan Air forces**.
- The helicopters were officially handed over by Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar to Afghanistan's acting Defence Minister Asadullah Khalid at a ceremony held in the military airport, Kabul.
- These helicopters are a replacement for the four attack helicopters previously gifted by India to Afghanistan in 2015 and 2016.
- **United Nation General Assembly Elects 14 Member States to Human Rights Council**



- The **United Nation General Assembly** has elected 14 States to the 47 member body of UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC). The UNHRC is responsible for promoting and protecting all human rights around the globe.
- The Assembly elected **Armenia, Brazil, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Libya, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Namibia, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Sudan and Venezuela**.

- All 14 members will serve three-year terms beginning on 1 January 2020.
- The newly-elected States are replacing the following outgoing members: **China, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Japan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tunisia and the United Kingdom.**
- The 14 new members were elected according to the following pattern: 4 seats for the African States; 4 seats for the Asia-Pacific States; 2 seats for the Eastern European States; 2 seats for Latin American and Caribbean States; and 2 seats for Western European and other States.

- **NASA Astronauts complete All-Woman Spacewalk**



- Nasa astronauts **Christina Koch** and **Jessica Meir** have made history by completing the first-ever all-female spacewalk. They spent **7 hours outside the International Space Station (ISS)** replacing a failed power control unit.
- Ms Koch had already carried out four spacewalks but it was the first such mission for Ms Meir, who became the **15th woman to walk in space.**
- **Sri Lanka has removed from FATF's Grey List**
- Sri Lanka has been removed from the **"Grey List"** of the international terror financing watchdog FATF.
- **The Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, whose five-day plenary concluded in Paris, France stated that Sri Lanka made significant progress in addressing the strategic AML/CFT deficiencies identified earlier.
- In October 2016, the FATF announced that Sri Lanka will be subjected to a review of the **International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG)** of the terror financing watchdog to assess the progress of AML/CFT effectiveness in the country.

- **World Bank President lauds PM Modi for powerful 5 trillion dollar economy vision.**



- **World Bank President David Malpass**, who is currently on an India visit, on 26-10-2019 lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his vision to make the country a five trillion dollar economy and said the **“powerful goal”** will be assisted by innovations in the financial sector.

- **World Military Games**



- Indian tennis player **Sriram Balaji** on 26-10-2019 claimed a **Bronze medal** at the **World Military Games 2019** after defeating his Uzbekistani opponent Fomin Sergey.

- **Peronist Fernandez wins Argentine Presidential election**



- **Fernandez, a 60-year-old law professor**, had 47.36 percent of the votes crossing the threshold for outright victory - after 75 percent of the votes had been counted, with center-right incumbent Mauricio Macri trailing at 41.22 percent.

- **Pakistan has established 80 immigration counters for the pilgrims coming to Kartarpur.**
- Work will be done on these counters to give quick clearance to the process of pilgrims coming to Pakistan.
- **India and Pakistan** signed an agreement on the **Kartarpur Corridor** which would allow Indian pilgrims to travel **visa-free at the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan.**
- **Guru Nanak Dev**, spent the last **17 years, 5 months and 9 days** of his life here. His entire family had settled here.
- **BrahMos missile**
- The **Philippines military** has shown an interest in purchasing the **BrahMos missile jointly designed by India and Russia.** The matter was discussed between Indian and Philippines officials during the visit of Indian Navy warship **INS Sahyadri** to the Philippines.
- **Baghdadi died, he was crying like a coward: US President Donald Trump**
- **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi**, the leader of the terrorist organization Islamic State (IS), has been formally pronounced to be killed during a 2-hour long encounter operation by the **US military forces.** This was confirmed by US President Donald Trump through a press conference. Trump announced that Baghdadi blew himself up when he was cornered in a tunnel by the trained dogs of the American Army.
- **Best Performing CEOs in the World 2019: Satya Nadella, Shantanu Narayen, Ajay Banga are among Top 10**



- The **Harvard Business Review (HBR)** has released a list of the **world's best CEOs for this year.** Three Indians are included among the top 10 CEOs in this list. HBR's list includes

Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayan, MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella.

- The list named '**The Best-Performing CEO in the World, 2019**', created by HBR ranked 100 CEOs based on their performance. The first place in this list has been given to **Jensen Huang**, CEO of US technology company **Nvidia**.
- **Greta Thunberg refuses Nordic Council environmental award**
- **Greta Thunberg**, a **Swedish climate activist**, has refused to accept an **environmental award**. She said in an Instagram post that climate movement needed people in power to start to listen to science and not awards.
- She thanked Nordic Council for the award and criticized Nordic countries for not living up to their great reputation on climate issues.
- She was nominated for her efforts by both Sweden and Norway and won the organisation's annual environment prize.
- **Rafael Grossi becomes new IAEA head**
- **Rafael Grossi** has become new **Director-General of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**. IAEA is also known as the **UN's nuclear watchdog**.
- He will be headed IAEA for a term of **four years**. Rafael Grossi is the **sixth head of IAEA**.
- Earlier, Rafael Grossi was working as a diplomatic and nuclear veteran from Buenos Aires in Argentina.
- **Saad Hariri resigns as Prime Minister of Lebanon**



- **Prime Minister of Lebanon, Saad Hariri** has **resigned** from the portfolio amid anti-government protests.

- He resigned bowing to one of the central demands of anti-government demonstrators shortly after baton-wielding Hezbollah supporters rampaged through the main protest camp in Beirut.
- The protests has paralyzed the country for nearly two weeks. Lebanon is facing a deep-running fiscal crisis as it staggers under one of the highest debt ratios in the world \$86 billion, or more than 150% of the country's gross domestic product.

Appointments

- **PK Gupta appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of NBCC**

As per the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Government of India (GoI), **PK Gupta** has been appointed as the new **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NBCC (National Buildings Construction Corporation)** Limited till September 30, 2023. He succeeds in Shri Shiv Das Meena.

- **IIS Officer Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia appointed as Principal Spokesperson of the government**
- Indian Information Service (IIS) officer **Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia** was appointed as the Principal Spokesperson of the government of India succeeding **Sitanshu Kar**. He has been appointed as the new principal Director General (DG) of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the publicity wing of the central government.

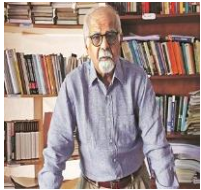


- **S. Mallikarjuna Rao is appointed as the new MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank**



- **Economist Surjit Bhalla appointed as the Executive Director for India at IMF**

The government has appointed economist **Surjit S Bhalla** as the Executive Director (ED) for India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Surjit succeeds former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor Subir Gokarn, who passed away recently in July 2019 due to illness.



- **Former Indian cricketer, Kapil Dev resigned as chairman of CAC**

Following a conflict of interest complaint, India's 1983 World Cup-winning cricket team captain, **Kapil Dev** has resigned as the **chairman of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC)** days after Shanta Rangaswamy stepped down from the 3-member committee.



- **Tata communications named Amur S Lakshminarayanan as its MD & CEO**

Tata Communications has named **Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan** as **Managing Director (MD)** and **Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**. He succeeds Vinod Kumar, who has resigned from the company on July 8, 2019.

- **Amrit Lugun appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Greece**

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of Government of India notified that **Mr Amrit Lugun** was appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to Greece**. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of the 1989 batch. He succeeds Ms. Shamma Jain.

- **Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Niue**

- **Sushil chandra mishra got appointed as chairman-cum-managing director of OIL**

The second largest hydrocarbon exploration and production Indian public sector company , **Oil India Limited (OIL)** has appointed **Sushil Chandra Mishra** as its new **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** and of the company. He succeeds Utpal Bora and will hold his post till June 30, 2022.

- **UNESCO appoints Mexican actress Yalitza Aparicio as goodwill ambassador for indigenous people**

- The 25-year-old actress made history as the first indigenous performer nominated for a best actress honor at the Academy Awards this year for her performance in the film “Roma”. She will promote initiatives that claim indigenous peoples rights and that promote greater social awareness on the subject. In addition, She will help the UNESCO by preserving their cultural heritage and environment knowledge and fighting for equal access to education. Goodwill ambassadors are people who have an international projection talent in different fields. They are recognized for their integrity and for expressing their intention to help raise public opinion on issues related to UNESCO’s mission.

- **Goa origin Antonio costa re-elected as Prime Minister of Portugal**

The Socialist Party of Goa-origin Portuguese Prime Minister (PM) Antonio Luis Santos da Costa has won re-election of Prime Minister but failed to secure an absolute majority in parliament. It will have to form a minority government.



- **Anumula Gitesh Sarma appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Australia**

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of the Government of India notified that **Mr. Anumula Gitesh Sarma** was appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Australia. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of the 1986 batch. He succeeds Dr. Ajay M. Gondane.

- **Mastercard India**, payment technology major, elevated **Mr. Vikas Varma** as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the firm. He will take up the responsibility related to new partnerships and development of digital payment solutions and has been serving the firm since 2005.



- **Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA)** has appointed Chairman of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, **Kallam Satish Reddy** as its **President** of the for 2019-2021. He succeeds Glenn Saldanha. **Rajesh Jain**, Managing Director of Panacea Biotech Limited will continue as Vice-President of IPA.

- **Kais Saied elected as the new president of Tunisia**

Independent candidate **Kais Saied** won the 2019 presidential election and thus became the 6th President of **Tunisia**. He succeeds Mohamed Ennaceur(5th president).



- **IFS officer Kishan dan dewal concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to Georgia**

As per the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA), Government of India (GoI), **Shri Kishan Dan Dewal** (Indian Foreign Service –IFS officer of 2003 batch),has been concurrently accredited as the **next Ambassador of India to Georgia**, with residence in Yerevan. He succeeds Shri Yogeshwar Sangwan. Dewal is presently serving as Ambassador of India to the Republic of Armenia.

- **J.P.S. Chawla assumes charge as new Controller General of Accounts**



- Government of India has appointed **J. P. S. Chawla**, (1985-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) Officer) as the new **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure. He will replace **Girraj Prasad Gupta**.
- **Anoop Kumar Mendiratta appointed as new Law Secretary**



- **Anoop Kumar Mendiratta** has been appointed as the new Law Secretary (Secretary, Legal Affairs) in the Union Law Ministry. He is presently the District and Sessions Judge, North-East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi. He will serve in the position till 30 March 2023, or until he attains the age of 60.
- **World Steel Association elected Sajjan Jindal as vice Chairman**



- The **World Steel Association (Worldsteel)** has elected **Sajjan Jindal**, Chairman and Managing Director, JSW Steel, as Vice-Chairman of the association for one year.
- The association has also appointed Tata Steel CEO and MD **T V Narendran** and **Arcelor Mittal** Chief L N Mittal as its members.
- The board also elected a 14-member Executive Committee.s
- **Anup Kumar Singh appointed as Director-General of NSG**
- senior 1985-batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre **Anup Kumar Singh** has been appointed as **Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)**.
- The appointment of Mr Singh as the DG of the ‘black cats commando’ force was approved by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The appointment will be from the date of joining the post and up to September 30, 2020. The NSG was raised as the federal contingency force to counter-terrorists.
- **Sudhaker Shukla appointed as whole-time member of IBBI**



- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Sudhaker Shukla** as Whole-Time Member, **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**.
- He is a 1985 Indian Economic Service officer. His period of service for 05 years or up to the age of 65 years
- **Former IMF chief Christine Lagarde appointed head of European Central Bank**
- European Union leaders confirmed the appointment of **Christine Lagarde** as the new chief of the **European Central Bank**.
- She will be replacing Mario Draghi (Italy) from November 1. Lagarde's

confirmation for a non-renewable term of 8-years.

- She served 8-years as the head of IMF since 2011
- **SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar elected as the new chairman of IBA**



- SBI chairman **Rajnish Kumar** has been appointed as the new chairman of **Indian Banks' Association**.
- He will succeed **Sunil Mehta**, who was the MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank.
- The MD & CEO of IDBI Bank **Rakesh Sharma** will be honorary **secretary of IBA** for 2019-20.
- **Upender Singh Rawat elected as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Nicaragua**
- The Ministry of External Affairs appoints **Upender Singh Rawat (IFS: 1998)**, Ambassador of India designate to the Republic of Panama will be concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Nicaragua**. He will replace Yogeshwar Varma.
- **Pankaj Kumar named new UIDAI CEO**



- The government on 22-10-2019(Tuesday) appointed **IAS officer Pankaj Kumar** as the **new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**.
- Kumar is currently **Additional Secretary in the Ministry Of Electronics and IT**.
- The UIDAI is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 by the government under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology,

with the mandate to issue Unique Identification numbers (UID), or Aadhaar, to all residents of India to eliminate duplicate and fake identities.

- “Pankaj Kumar, IAS (NL87), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology as CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in the rank and pay of Secretary by temporarily upgrading the post,” the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) said, as per an official statement.
- **Ashok Malik appointed as Policy Advisor in MEA**



- **Ashok Malik** has been appointed as the **Policy Advisor** in the **External Affairs Ministry** in the rank of **Additional Secretary**.
- The Distinguished Fellow of the prominent think tank Observer Research Foundation (ORF) will have a 2-year tenure.
- **Ashok Malik** has previously served as the Press Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2019.
- **Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas elected as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cabo Verde**
- The Ministry of External Affairs notified that **Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas** (IFS:1993), presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Cabo Verde**.
- He will replace Rajeev Kumar.
- **Sourav Ganguly take Charges as new BCCI President**
- One of India’s most decorated captains **Sourav Ganguly** takes over as the **39th President** of the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**.

- Ganguly is the unanimous nomination for the post of BCCI President along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son **Jay Shah** as the Secretary.
- **Mahim Verma** of Uttarakhand is the new Vice President of BCCI.
- **Sukhbir Singh Sandhu takes charge as NHAI Chairman**



- **Senior IAS officer Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** on 28-10-2019 took over as the chairman of **National Highways Authority of India** (NHAI). Sandhu succeeds Nagendra Nath Sinha who has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Border Management.
- **Justice SA Bobde appointed as 47th Chief Justice of India, President signs warrant**



Justice SA Bobde CJI Ranjan Gogoi

- **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde** has been appointed as the **47th Chief Justice of India**. The official warrant for the appointment was signed by President Ram Nath Kovind on October 29, 2019.
- Justice Bobde will be sworn in as the CJI on November 18, 2019, a day after the retirement of CJI Ranjan Gogoi on November 17, 2019. **Justice Gogoi** was sworn in as the **46th CJI** on October 3, 2018. Justice Bobde will serve as the CJI for one year and five months till April 23, 2021.
- **Girish Chandra Murmu appointed as J&K's first Lieutenant Governor, Radha Krishna Mathur to be Ladakh's first LG**



- The Union Government has appointed IAS officers **Girish Chandra Murmu** and **Radha Krishna Mathur** as the new lieutenant governors of **Jammu and Kashmir** and **Ladakh Union Territories** respectively.
- Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as the first Lieutenant Governor of the J&K Union Territory, while Radha Krishna Mathur has been appointed as the first Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- The two new Governors would be replacing **Satya Pal Malik**, who served as the **13th and last Governor of the state of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The state of Jammu and Kashmir was split into two Union Territories on **August 5, 2019**, after the Parliament approved the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill 2019.
- The move followed the centre's decision of revoking Article 370, thus, withdrawing J&K's special status.
- **The two new union territories- J&K and Ladakh will come into existence on October 31, 2019.**
- **Birender Singh Yadav to be next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq**
- **Birender Singh Yadav** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Iraq**.
- The 1997 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Birender Singh replaced **Pradeep Singh Rajpurohit** as the ambassador.
- **Former Mumbai Police Commissioner Datta Padsalgikar appointed as Deputy NSA**



- Former Mumbai Police Commissioner and Maharashtra DGP **Datta Padsalgikar** have been appointed as **Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA)**.
- The 1982-batch IPS officer had earlier served in the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

- He had also served as DCP (Detection) in crime branch, and in EOW (Economic Offences Wing). He retired as the Director-General of Police (DGP) in 2018.

Awards

- **Writer Caroline Criado Perez wins Royal society science book prize 2019**
- A **British feminist, activist and journalist, Caroline Criado Perez** has won the **Royal Society Science Book Prize 2019** (sponsored by Insight Investment) for her 2nd book **‘Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men’** at an awards ceremony at the Royal Society, London, United Kingdom (UK). She also received a cheque amounting £25,000.



- **India’s Kallie Puri was awarded “India’s Most Powerful Women in Media” award at the famed Confluence Excellence Awards at the British Parliament in United Kingdom**
- Indian magazine **India today’s** Vice Chairperson(VC) **Kallie Puri** was honoured with 2019 “India’s Most Powerful Women in Media” award at famed Confluence Excellence Awards at the British Parliament in London, United Kingdom.



- **President of India presented “VayoshreshthaSamman – 2019” to Senior Citizens & Institutions in New Delhi**

- The president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented “VayoshreshthaSamman – 2019” in New Delhi, as an honour to senior citizens and institutions for their services towards the cause of the elderly persons to mark the October 1 annual commemoration of ‘International Day of older Persons’, at a function organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment presided by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot.

- **Shanti Raghavan & Dipesh Sutariya felicitated with 10th India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2019**

Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (IC) of Civil Aviation, Housing and Urban Affairs and Minister of State of Commerce and Industry of India presented the **10th** Edition of **India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2019** to **Shanti Raghavan & Dipesh Sutariya** of Enable India alongside the 33rd India Economic Summit for 2019 in New Delhi for building an ecosystem of skilling, employment and entrepreneurship for persons with disabilities (PwDs).



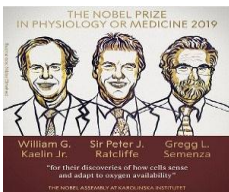
- **Greta Thunberg & Divina Maloum to receive the 15th International Children’s Peace Prize for 2019**

The international organisation for the defence of children’s rights **KidsRights Foundation** will felicitate Sweden’s climate activist **Greta Thunberg**, aged 16, and peace campaigner Cameroon’s **Divina Maloum**, aged 14, with the **15th International Children’s Peace Prize** for 2019 on November 20, 2019 at a ceremony in The Hague, Netherlands on World Children’s Day.

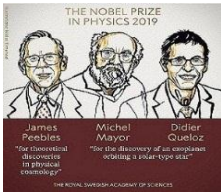
The International Children's Peace Prize worth €100,000 or \$123,000 is awarded annually to a child who fights courageously for children's rights. The prize was launched by KidsRights during the 2005 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates at the Capitol in Rome, chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev. Since then, the prize has been presented every year by a Nobel Peace Laureate. The International Children's Peace Prize is an initiative of Marc Dullaert, Chairman and Founder of the KidsRights Foundation.



- **2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly awarded to William G Kaelin Jr, Peter J Ratcliffe and Gregg L Semenza**
- **William G Kaelin Jr, Peter J Ratcliffe, and Gregg L Semenza** are jointly awarded **2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for discovering how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability. This was announced by the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute, Sweden.



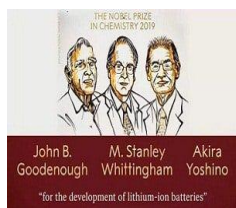
- **James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz awarded 2019 Nobel Prize in Physics:** The **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS)** decided to award the **Nobel Prize in Physics 2019** “for contributions to our understanding of the evolution of the universe and Earth’s place in the cosmos”; with one half of the prize to **James Peebles** of Princeton University, United States of America (USA) “for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology” (after the Big Bang theory) and the other half jointly to **Michel Mayor** from the University of Geneva, Switzerland and **Didier Queloz**, University of Geneva, Switzerland, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom (UK) “for the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star”.



- **Arjun Bansal and Ankita Bose of Indian origin included in Fortune's 2019 "40 Under 40 list"**
- Indian-origin **Arjun Bansal (35) and Ankita Bose (27)** have made it to **Fortune's 2019 "40 Under 40 List"**. Arjun is the Vice President of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Software and AI Lab of the US (United States) tech company Intel. Ankita is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and co-founder of the fashion platform Zilingo.



- **IFS officer Ramesh Pandey to be felicitated with 4th Asia Environmental Enforcement Award for 2019**
- The 1996-batch Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer **Ramesh Pandey** will be felicitated with the prestigious **United Nations Asia Environmental Enforcement Award 2019** by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on November 13, 2019 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand for combating trans-boundary environmental crime.
- The **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS)** has awarded the **2019 Nobel Prize in the field of chemistry** to **John B Goodenough (97), M Stanley Whittingham (77) and Akira Yoshino (71)** for their pivotal role in making lithium-ion batteries. The trio shares the prize money of 9 million kronor (£738,000).



- **Key points:**

i. Akira Yoshino is a Japanese chemist and professor at Meijo University. He is also the inventor of the lithium ion batteries.

ii. **John Bannister Goodenough** is a German American professor at the University of Texas at Austin, US. **He becomes the oldest winner of a Nobel prize.** The previous record-holder was Arthur Ashkin, who won the Physics Nobel in 2018 at 96. Goodenough doubled the lithium battery's potential, creating the right conditions for a vastly more powerful and useful battery.

iii. In addition **Michael Stanley Whittingham** is a British–American chemist and currently a professor at Binghamton University, New York, US (United States). He eliminates pure lithium from the battery.

About Nobel Prize:

It is a set of annual international awards bestowed for outstanding work in the fields of physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, economics, and the promotion of peace.

History of Nobel prize in the field of chemistry

- ◆ A total of 110 awards were given in the field of chemistry from 1901 to 2018. Of these, 181 people were given this award.
- ◆ Madame Marie Curie became the first scientist to receive two Nobel Prizes (1903 Nobel Prize in Physics and the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry).
- **University of Salford** in Greater Manchester, England honored Indian **playback singer Asha Bhosle (86)** with an honorary **Doctorate of Arts degree** in recognition of her

contribution to the field of music & her role in inspiring future generations to participate in the arts and media.



- The Swedish Academy’s Nobel Committee has decided to award **2018 Nobel Prize for Literature** to Polish author **Olga Tokarczuk** “for a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life” and **2019 Nobel Prize in Literature** to Austrian author **Peter Handke** “for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience.”



- **Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali** became **the first Ethiopian to be felicitated with Nobel Peace Prize 2019.**



- The **13th** edition of the **Press Institute of India (PII)- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** annual awards 2019 for best article and best photograph on a humanitarian subject were declared. The award ceremony was jointly organized by the PII and ICRC New Delhi Regional Delegation in New Delhi. The awards were given under the theme **“Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Issues”**.

- **Short film ‘Spirit of Kerala’ wins the People’s Choice Award 2019**

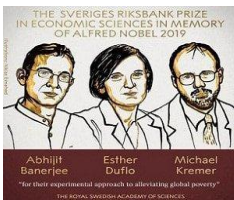
‘Spirit of Kerala’, a short film based on a boat race from Kerala directed by **Arun Joseph**, won the **People’s Choice Award 2019 at My Rode Reel Film Competition 2019** which is the world’s largest short film competition. The winners shared in a prize money worth over \$1,000,000.

- **Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer jointly awarded 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic Science**

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS) awarded the Sveriges Riksbank (Nobel) Prize in Economic Sciences 2019 in the memory of Alfred Nobel jointly to **Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo** and **Michael Kremer** for their experimental approach to reduce global poverty.

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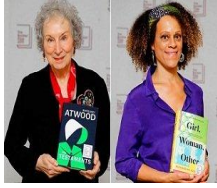
- i. Mumbai-born American Banerjee & French-American Duflo are from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, United States of America (USA) and American Michael Kremer is from Harvard University, Cambridge, USA.
- ii. Duflo became the second female economics winner in the prize’s 50-year history (after Elinor Ostrom in 2009) and she is the youngest to receive the award at the age of 46.
- iii. The trio will share a prize money of 9 million Swedish krona.



- **Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo jointly receives 2019 Booker Prize**

Canada’s **Margaret Atwood (79)** for her novel ‘**The Testament**’ and Britain’s **Bernardine Evaristo (60)** for ‘**Girl, Woman, Other**’, have been jointly chosen as the winner of **2019 Booker Prize**. Bernardine is the 1st black woman to receive this award in

the 50-year history of the Booker Prize. At the same time, 79-year-old Atwood is the oldest winner of this award. Both the authors to split the GBP pound (sterling) 50,000 at a gala ceremony at the Guildhall in London, England.



- **Kerala's nun Mariam Thresia receives the title of 'Saint', 93 years after her death**

Indian nun Mariam Thresia of Kerala and four others (English Cardinal John Henry Newman, Swiss laywoman Marguerite Bays, Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes and Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini) declared **Saints** by Pope Francis (head of the Catholic Church) at a grand ceremony at the Vatican City, a city-state surrounded by Rome, Italy. The title was conferred on Thresia 93 years after her death.

- **4 heritage landmarks of India won UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2019 held in Penang, Malaysia**

Heritage landmark	Place	Award category
Vikram Sarabhai Library from Indian Institute of Management (IIM)	Ahmedabad	Award of Distinction
KenesethEliyahoo Synagogue	Mumbai	Award of Merit
Our Lady of Glory Church	Mumbai	Award of Merit
Flora Fountain	Mumbai	Honourable mention

- **Lionel Messi wins 3rd straight Golden Shoe as top scorer in European Leagues**



- Barcelona captain **Leo Messi** received his **6th Golden Shoe** as the top scorer in the **European leagues**.
- Messi won the trophy for a 3rd straight year after scoring **36 goals**, 3 more than his closest challenger, Kylian Mbappe of Paris Saint-Germain.
- Messi now has two more Golden Shoes than his great rival Cristiano Ronaldo. The award was created in **1967** when it was won by Eusebio.
- **Hong Kong's orchestra wins "Orchestra of the year award 2019" at Gramophone Awards**



- **Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra** has been named **orchestra of the year at the 2019 Gramophone Awards**.
- The group is the first Asian orchestra to win the award, a fact noted by its Dutch-born conductor Van Zweden, who has been its Music Director since 2012.
- The category is the only one of the classical music magazine's awards open to the public vote. This award is often likened to the Oscars for the classical music world.



- The Vice President Shri Venkaiyah Naidu presented the “**Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award**” to the scholar, legal luminary and former Attorney General of India **K Parasaran**.
- He was honoured with the award on the occasion of **Elder’s Day celebration** organized by **Age Care India**.
- He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2003 and Padma Vibhushan in 2011.

- **Jennifer Aniston to receive People’s Icon Award 2019**



- **Jennifer Aniston** to receive **People’s Icon Award 2019** at the **2019 People’s Choice Awards**.
- The actress would be the 2nd-ever recipient of the title. 50-year-old Aniston has played the most iconic, unforgettable characters and has conquered comedy and drama on both the small and big screen.
- She is a 7-time People’s Choice Award winner.
- **”Gully Boy” & “Delhi Crime” wins at Asian Academy Creative Awards**



- **”Gully Boy” & “Delhi Crime”** have won awards at the **Asian Academy Creative Awards**.
- Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt-starrer **”Gully Boy”** won the **best film from India** award in the regional finals at the Asian Academy Creative Awards ceremony.
- Netflix series **”Delhi Crime”** has won in a number of categories at the Asian Academy Creative Awards. Delhi Crime won for Best **Actress**, Best **Direction**, Best **Drama Series**, Best **Editing** and Best Original Programme.

- **Mohun Bagan confers life membership to Abhijit Banerjee**



- The **Mohun Bagan Athletic Club** has conferred **life membership** to Nobel laureate **Abhijit Banerjee**.
- The club handed him the First Day Cover of 1911 and the maroon green jersey with his name written on it. He was also given a book on the history of the club.
- In 1911, Mohun Bagan became the first Indian club to win the Indian Football Association (IFA) Shield beating the East Yorkshire Regiment of the British Army in the final.

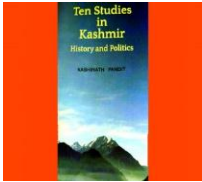
- **Ilham Tohti wins Sakharov Prize**



- The **European Parliament** has awarded the **Sakharov Prize** to Uighur intellectual **Ilham Tohti**. He has been awarded the Sakharov Prize for his attempts to “**foster dialogue**” between Chinese people and the Uighur.
- Ilham Tohti, who is from the Uighur minority, has been a fierce critic of China’s treatment of the Uighur people. He has been sentenced to life imprisonment in China for “separatism”.
- The outspoken former Professor of economics at a Beijing university was sentenced in 2014.

Books And Authors

- **A new book entitled “Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics” released**



- An Indian historian, educationist and Padma Shri recipient, **Kashi Nath Pandit’s** new book entitled “**Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics**”, published by Academic Foundation.
- A new book looks at the riveting history of Jammu and Kashmir from the time of its political and geographic consolidation to the abrogation of the state’s special status.
- The book, which comes after the scrapping of Article 370 provisions in August, will shed light on the happenings from 1947 till the revocation of the special status of the state.



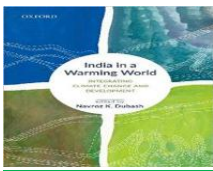
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a book titled ‘**Bridgital Nation**’ in New Delhi.
- The book has been authored by **N Chandrasekaran**, Chairman, Tata Sons and **Roopa Purushothaman** Eminent industrialist.
- He presented books’ first copy to eminent industrialist and philanthropist **Ratan Tata**.
- The book presents a powerful vision of the future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem.
- The cutting edge digital tools can act as a bridge between aspirations and achievements – hence the term ‘bridgital’.

- **A book titled “Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life” penned by Viswanathan Anand**

- Indian Chess player, **Viswanathan Anand** has penned a book titled “**Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life**”. The book, published by Hachette India, is releasing on December 11.

- The book is based on the experience he had in the game of Chess. In the book, he revisits his greatest games and worst losses, his unique experiences of playing against the best minds, and the methods he employs to prepare for wins, cope with disappointments and, simply, stay in the game.

- **A new book titled “India in a Warming world: Integrating Climate Change and Development” set to release**



- A new book titled “**India in a Warming World: Integrating Climate Change and Development**” is set to release on November 2019.

- This book is featuring a collection of articles by climate experts including Sunita Narain, Anil Agarwal, Dr Friederike Otto & Shibani Ghosh, edited by **Navroz K Dubash**.

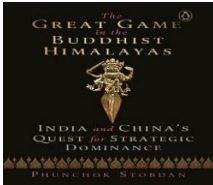
- It is published by **Oxford University Press(OUP)**.

- This book aims to bring together the many and growing, voices that seek to find the language and ideas with which to engage climate change and to do so from a perspective that resonates with broader Indian development policy discourses.

- **Book titled, “The Great Game in the Buddhist Himalayas: India and China’s Quest for Strategic Dominance”penned by Phunchok Stobdan released.**

A distinguished academician, diplomat, author and foreign policy expert, **Phunchok Stobdan’s** new book “**The Great Game in the Buddhist Himalayas: India and China’s Quest for Strategic Dominance**”,published by **Penguin Random House India**,describes

the several unknown insights into the India-China, India-Tibet and China-Tibet relationships.



- **Bill Gates' new book "How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need" to release on June 2020.**
- **Michelle Obama's book "Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice" set to release.**

Former First Lady of the United States of America, **Michelle Obama's** second book titled **"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice"** is set to release on November 19, 2019. It is published by **Clarkson Potter**, an imprint of Random House, a division of Penguin Random House. The journal will be published in more than 20 countries.



Defence

- **Vreedhi Financial Services receives an NBFC licence from RBI**



- **Vreedhi Financial Services (VFS) has secured a non-banking finance company licence from the Reserve Bank of India.**

- It's objective is to provide credit and other services to micro-enterprises operating in tier two-three cities and small towns.
- The company will create a digital lending model by the next financial year. It will address the gap between the addressable and viable credit in the micro-enterprises space which is \$123 billion as per the study conducted by the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**.
- **Indian Army to conduct 2019 "Sindhu Sudarshan" exercise 2019 in Rajasthan deserts**



- The Indian Army (IA) is to conduct exercise codenamed **"Sindhu Sudarshan"** for the year 2019 in the **deserts of Rajasthan** from November 29 to December 4, 2019.
- The aim of this exercise is to evaluate the capability of the defence services in an integrated air-land battle.
- In the Sindhu Sudarshan exercise, operational efficiency of the Strike Corps fighting in the desert terrain will be assessed and the Indian Air Force (IAF) will provide support in terms of destruction of targets and airlifting troops.
- The exercise showcasing a high degree of synergy between the Army and Air Force will be reviewed by **Lieutenant General SK Saini**.
- **DRDO starts work on 'next-gen' hypersonic weapon**



- The **Defence Research and Development (DRDO)** has started work to produce hypersonic weapon missiles that travel at 5 times speed of sound, or a little over a mile every second.
- A wind tunnel to test and fine-tune the technology will be operational soon.
- Hypersonic weapons are specifically designed for increased survivability against modern ballistic missile defence systems.
- These missiles are capable of delivering conventional or nuclear payloads at speeds not imagined hitherto over long ranges.



- Two-day long manoeuvres by **Sudarshan Chakra Vahini** of Indian Army Started at Jaisalmer, field firing range in Rajasthan.
- In this war exercise, the army is going to exhibit its strength regarding Agni Missile and artillery.
- Artillery, Arms and mechanized forces, Army air defence and helicopters of army aviation are participating in this exercise to test mutual coordination.
- Endogenously manufactured light helicopter Rudra and self-propelled artillery gun system K-9 vajra are also taking part in this exercise.
- **Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands exercise 2019 (Danx-19)**



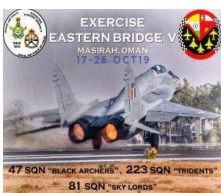
- **Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)** has conducted the 2nd edition of **Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2019 (DANX-19)**.
- The components of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard carried out

mobilisation and field manoeuvres to validate defensive plans of Headquarters ANC towards pursuance of the Command's responsibility, namely ensuring the territorial integrity of the A&N Islands.

- In addition to internal forces from ANC, accretional forces from Mainland comprising ships and aircraft, Special Forces from the newly formed Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD), also participated in this edition.
- **India, Japan joint Air Force exercise 'Shinyuu Maitri' 2019 began in West Bengal**



- **Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** carrying out a joint military air force exercise named '**Shinyuu Maitri**' began from October 17 to 23, at the air force station, Arjan Singh in Panagarh town in West Bengal.
- **C-130 J aircraft** of the Special Operations Squadron of IAF and **C-130 H** of Tactical Airlift Squadron of JASDF will participate in the exercise.
- The focus of the exercise will be to undertake Joint Mobility and Tactical interoperability among the two forces.
- **India-Oman begin joint training exercise 'EX EASTERN BRIDGE-V'**



- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** kickstarted its bilateral joint exercise with **Royal Air Force Oman (RAFO)**, named '**EX EASTERN BRIDGE-V**' at Air Force Base Masirah, Oman.

- The exercise will be held till October 26. The IAF contingent comprises of **MiG-29 and C-17 aircraft**.
- MiG-29 will be exercising with Royal Air Force Oman's **Eurofighter Typhoon, F-16 and Hawk**.
- For the first time, MiG-29 fighter aircraft will be participating in an international exercise outside India.
- The exercise will enhance inter-operability during mutual operations between the two Air Forces and will provide an opportunity to learn from each other's best practices. Last time, the bilateral exercise was held in 2017 at Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- **Armies of India, France to take part in bilateral drill in Rajasthan**



- **The armies of India and France will take part in a bilateral drill**, with a focus on counter-terror operations, in Rajasthan from October 31 to November 13. The joint drill, christened 'Exercise Shakti', commenced in 2011.
- As part of **Exercise Shakti-2019**, French troops arrived in India on October 26 for training with their Indian counterparts.
- The bilateral training exercise will be conducted at Foreign Training Node at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- **Shakti-2019: Indo-French counter terrorism exercise to begin from Oct 31**



- **Indo-French joint exercise 'Shakti 2019'** is scheduled to begin on October 31, 2019 in **Rajasthan**. The bilateral exercise will be conducted between the armies of both countries.

- 'Shakti-2019' will be conducted at the Foreign Training Node at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan The exercise will be conducted from October 31 to November 13, 2019.

Economy

- **WTO cuts global trade growth forecast to 1.2% for 2019 from 2.6%**
- The **World Trade Organisation** (WTO) in its report reduced the global trade growth forecast to **1.2%** for 2019 from 2.6% growth forecast made in April 2019 due to trade tensions and sluggish global economy. It is the weakest level in a decade. The global trade growth forecast for 2020 was reduced to **2.7%** from 3%.



- **S&P Global Ratings projects India's growth to 6.3% from previous 7.1% for 2019-2020.**



- **Government reduces interest on house building advance to 7.9% from 8.5%**

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.

As per the **Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry**, the new interest rate was effective from October 1, 2019 & will apply to all loan amounts.



- International rating agency **Moody's** has reduced India's gross Domestic Product(GDP) growth forecast to **5.8%** for FY20 (Fiscal Year20) from its previous estimate of 6.2%.
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, a joint venture of PSUs (Public Sector Undertakings) under the Union Ministry of Power and **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** have joined hands to formulate an electricity distribution plan to install smart electricity meters in all households. The two companies have formed a joint venture called **IntelliSmart Infrastructure Pvt Ltd** (IntelliSmart) which will execute, finance and operate the smart meter program.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) came up with a new reporting system for all **co-operative banks** (urban, State & district central) 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 (extension counters, satellite offices), and customer service points (ATMs- Automated Teller Machines) in a single proforma online.



- An annual report on the most valuable and strongest nation brands named Brand Finance Nation Brands 2019 was released by Brand Finance in which India was ranked 7th from 9th rank of 2018 with 18.7% growth in brand value to \$2,562 bn. The list was topped by the United States of America (USA) with 7.2% growth in brand value to \$27,751 bn.
- **World Bank slashes India's growth projection to 6 % for 2019 , down from 7.5%:**

World Bank in its report, “**South Asia Economic Focus, Fall 2019 : Making (De)centralization Work**”, has lowered India's growth forecast to **6 % for 2019** (down

from 7.5 %) for the second consecutive year ,after a wide decline in the initial quarters. In 2018, India's GDP (Gross domestic product) growth stood at 6.8 %, down from 7.2 % in 2017.

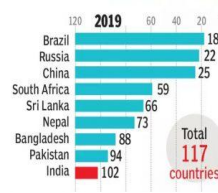


- **Air India becomes world's first airline to bring aircraft to runway using taxibot technology**

Air India has become the first airline in the world to use **taxibot** on an A320 aircraft with passengers onboard at Indira Gandhi International Airport ,New Delhi. The taxibot is a pilot-controlled semi-robotic aircraft tractor, bringing the aircraft from the parking bay to the runway and vice versa.



- **India ranked 102 in Global Hunger Index 2019**



- The **2019 Global Hunger Index (GHI)** indicates that the level of hunger and undernutrition worldwide falls into the serious category. As per the index, India ranks **102nd out of 117** qualifying countries, with a score of 30.3.
- India has slipped from **95th rank in 2010 to 102nd in 2019** on the Global Hunger Index (GHI), with the increase in the prevalence of wasting (low weight for height) among children with score under 5 contributing the most to the country's poor performance.

- Seventeen countries, including **Belarus, Ukraine, Turkey, Cuba and Kuwait**, shared the top rank with GHI scores less than 5.
- There were only four countries in the alarming hunger category are **Madagascar, Chad, Yemen and the Central African Republic** in the extremely alarming hunger category.
- **IMF cuts World and India growth rates**



- The **World Bank-International Monetary Fund (IMF)** annual meetings kicked off on a somber note, with the IMF **downgrading global growth in 2019 to 3%**, the slowest since the global financial crisis.
- India's growth projections have also been downgraded to **6.1% and 7.0% in 2019 and 2020** respectively, down by **1.2 percentage points and 0.5 percentage points** relative to April projections, owing to weaker than expected domestic demand.
- The IMF projected the **U.S.** would grow at **2.4% and 2.1% in 2019 and 2020** respectively.
- For China, growth was projected to grow at **6.1% and 5.8% in 2019 and 2020**.

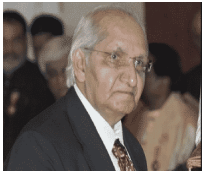
Obituary

- **Jessye Norman, Grammy Award-Winning Opera Singer passed away at the age of 74**
- American opera singer **Jessye Norman**, who had won 4 Grammy Awards in her singing career, passed away at the age of 74 in New York, United States(US) due to multiple organ failure.



- **Noted nephrologist and Padma Shri awardee H L Trivedi passed away at the age of 87**

Noted nephrologist (specialist in the study of kidney functions) and Padma Shri awardee **Dr Hargovind Laxmishanker Trivedi** passed away at the age of 87 due to age-related illness in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He was awarded Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award, in 2015 for his contribution as a nephrologist to the society.



- **Centenarian philatelist & coin collector Krishna Gopalkrishna Kadekodi passes away in Belagavi, Karnataka**

Well-known philatelist and coin collector **Krishna Gopalkrishna Kadekodi** passed away at his residence in Sadashiv Nagar in Belagavi, **Karnataka**. He was 102.



- **Ekushey Prize-winning Buddhist pundit Satyapriya Mohathero passed away at the age of 89**

He was the second highest Buddhist leader of Bangladesh and head of Sima Bihar of Ramu. He was the recipient of Ekushey Padak, the second-highest civilian award of Bangladesh, in 2015 for social work.



- **Popular nutrition scientist Colathur Gopalan, passes away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
- **Andres Gimeno Tolaguera**, the **Spanish tennis player** who became the oldest man to win the French Open in the professional era, has passed away at the age of 82 after a long illness.



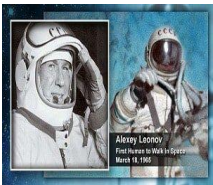
- Renowned **saxophonist Kadri Gopalnath** passed away in Mangaluru, Karnataka.



- **Sara Danius**, literature critic, author and the **first female head** of the prestigious **Swedish Nobel's literature award body**, has passed away after having suffered from breast cancer for several years. She was 57.



- **Russian astronaut Alexei Leonov**, who walked for the first time in 1965, died in Moscow, Russia after a long illness. He was 85. In March 1965, Leonov and his other partner Pavel Belyayev flew to space under the Voskhod 2 mission. During this mission, on 18 March 1965, Leonov exited the spacecraft and walked for 12 minutes and nine seconds.



- **Legendary Cuba ballet dancer Alicia Alonso passes away**



- Cuban ballet dancer **Alicia Alonso** passed away at 98. she is considered one of the

greatest 20th Century ballerinas.

- In 1948, she founded the Alicia Alonso Ballet Company in Cuba's capital. She formed the National Ballet of Cuba after the revolution.

- **Renowned painter Kalidas Karmakar passes away in Dhaka**



- Internationally acclaimed painter of Bangladesh **Kalidas Karmakar** passed away in Dhaka
- He was born on January 10, 1946, in graduation from the Government College of Fine Arts and Crafts in Kolkata in 1969.
- He was awarded **Shilpakala Padak** in 2016 and the **Ekushey Padak** in 2018 by the Government of Bangladesh for his contribution to fine arts.

Former Oracle co-CEO Mark Hurd passed away at the age of 62



- Writer and philosopher **K.B. Siddaiah** passed away. He was one of the founder members of **Dalitha Sangharsha Samithi (DSS)** during the '80s and co-authored many songs to inspire the movement.
- **Dhyanchand award recipient Wrestler Dadu Chougule passes away**



- **Dadu Chougule**, wrestler and recipient of **Major Dhyanchand award**, passed away.
- In 1973, Chougule had won the titles '**Rustum-e-Hind**' and '**Mahan Bharat Kesari**' in national-level tournaments.
- In the 1974 Commonwealth Games, he won the **silver medal**. He won the '**Maharashtra Kesari**' title twice in 1970 and 1971 and was awarded by the state government with '**Shivchattrapati Puraskar**'
- **Belgian Paralympian Marieke vervoort ends life through euthanasia at 40**



- **Marieke Vervoort, Belgian Paralympic athlete** has ended her life at the age of 40 through **euthanasia** (the practice of intentionally ending a life to relieve pain and suffering).
- She was suffering from a muscle disease that caused her constant pain, paralysis in her legs.
- She was diagnosed with the disease at the age of 14, after which she made her life in the sport and took part in basketball, swimming and triathlon in a wheelchair.
- She won gold in the 100 meters and silver in the 200 meters at the 2012 London Games, while at the Rio Games 2016 she managed to win silver in the 400 meters and bronze in

- the 100 meters. She signed euthanasia documents in 2008, to allow a doctor to end her life.
- **Sadako Ogata: First female UN refugee chief dies at 92**



- **A Japanese academic and diplomat who became the first female to be appointed UN High Commissioner for Refugees has died aged 92.**
- Sadako Ogata worked on some of the largest crises of the decade during her time in service from 1991 to 2000.
- Challenges included helping Kurdish refugees fleeing from Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, and the Balkans War.
- She was known for her great passion in working to protect the **"defenceless and dispossessed"**.
- **Former Supreme Court Judge And Ex-Karnataka Lokayukta N Venkatachala Dies**



- **Former Karnataka Lokayukta and former Supreme Court judge N Venkatachala died in Bengaluru** on 30-10-2019. He was 89.
- Justice Venkatachala was appointed as a judge of the top court in July 1992. He retired from his post in July 1995. He served as Lokayukta of Karnataka following his retirement from the judiciary.

Science And Technology

- **China unveiled DF-41 the most powerful intercontinental-range ballistic missile on the planet**
- On the **70th** National Day of **China** which was observed on October 1, 2019, it launched **DF-41** (Dongfeng-41) the most powerful intercontinental-range ballistic missile on the planet during the National Day parade at Chang'an Avenue in Beijing. It made its first appearance along with a clutch of new military hardware.



- **NASA gets its first all electric experimental aircraft X-57 Mod II, codenamed Maxwell**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center (AFRC) in Edwards, California received its first all electric experimental aircraft (X-plane) **X-57 Mod II** (Modification II) codenamed **Maxwell** from Empirical Systems Aerospace (ESAero) of San Luis Obispo, California, United States (US).

- **China launches new Gaofen-10 satellite to take high quality photos**

On October 5, 2019, **China** has sent the new **Gaofen-10 satellite** into space with a March-4C rocket developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in North China's Shanxi Province. The satellite has successfully entered the planned orbit & will start receiving pictures and other

data with a resolution of less than a metre. This Gaofen-10 satellite can be used in land survey, urban planning, road network design, crop yield estimation as well as disaster relief.



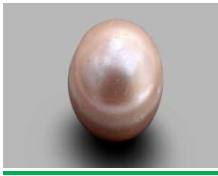
- **For the first time, researchers see individual virus formation**

The researchers, including those from Harvard University in the United States (US) have captured images of the **formation of individual viruses**. The study was published in the journal **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America** (PNAS).



- Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched a disaster warning device and satellite based **Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information** (GEMINI) system. It will help provide information related to disaster warnings when fishermen move away from the coast beyond 10 to 12 kilometres, Potential Fishing Zones (PFZ) and Ocean States Forecasts (OSF) to fishermen.
- A team of researchers at **Shiv Nadar University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh** (UP) have discovered **two 'plastic-eating' bacterial strains** namely **Exiguobacterium sibiricum strain DR11** and **Exiguobacterium undae strain DR14** from the wetlands of Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- **NASA launched ICON (Ionospheric Connection Explorer)** space weather satellite to study earth's ionosphere. Ionospheric is the layer of the earth's atmosphere that contains a high concentration of ions and free electrons and is able to reflect radio waves. In 2018, NASA had launched a satellite named Gold which is studying the upper atmosphere.

- **Mobile app “mHariyali” & website for “Environment Protection in Government Colonies”** launched by MoHUA(Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing & Urban Affairs) in New Delhi, which encourages people to plant trees and for Green drives.
- **Debayan saha ,ITI Kharagpur graduate** invents “PM 2.5” device to curb air pollution
- Debayan saha , a mechanical engineering graduate from ITI (Indian Institute of Technology)Kharagpur has invented a device called “PM 2.5” when fitted near the silencer pipe in vehicles will curb air pollution. 1 car fitted with the device can neutralise the pollution emitted from 10 cars in its vicinity.
- **World's oldest pearl discovered near Abu Dhabi**

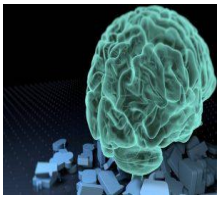


- The 8,000-year-old pearl was found during excavations at Marawah Island which also revealed the earliest architecture in the UAE.
- Authorities said the discovery proved that pearls had been traded in the region since Neolithic times.
- The pearl will go on display later this month at the Louvre gallery, Abu Dhabi.
- "The discovery of the oldest pearl in the world in Abu Dhabi makes it clear that so much of our recent economic and cultural history has deep roots that stretch back to the dawn of prehistory," said Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, the chairman of Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism.

- **Meet the White bellbird, the world's loudest bird**



- Bellbirds have the loudest bird calls yet documented in the world, according to a study which found that their mating songs pack more decibels than the screams of howler monkeys and the bellows of bisons.
- According to the study, published in the journal **Current Biology**, the male white bellbird's mating call is about three times louder than screaming phias — the previously loudest bird singer.
- The researchers, including those from the University of Massachusetts in the U.S., said that the bellbird's calls were so loud that they wondered how the females of the species listened to them at close range without permanent damage to their hearing.
- **IIT Hyderabad create first ever Indian Brain Atlas**



- Researchers from the **Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad (IIIT-H)**, Telangana have created the **first-ever 'Indian brain atlas'(IBA)**.
- The Indian brain atlas was constructed in collaboration with the Department of Imaging Sciences and Interventional Radiology, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The study has revealed that the Indian brain, on an average, is smaller in height, width and volume when compared to Western and other Eastern populations.
- This will help in early diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other brain-related ailments.

State News

- **Uttarakhand CM launches awareness campaign called ‘Urjagiri’ to stop power theft**

The Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand, **Trivendra Singh Rawat** has launched a public awareness campaign called ‘**Urjagiri**’ to stop the electricity theft and saving in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.



- **CM Jagan Mohan Reddy launched ‘YSR Vahana Mitra’ in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh**

The 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.



- **Punjab govt has appointed retired justice Vinod kumar sharma as its lokpal**

The **Punjab** government has appointed retired Justice **Vinod Kumar Sharma** as **Lokpal**. He succeeds Justice **Satish Kumar Mittal**, who resigned from the post in April 2018 and became the chairman of Haryana Human Rights Commission. He succeeds **Satish Kumar Mittal**.

About Lokpal:

A Lokpal is an anti-corruption authority or body of ombudsman who represents the public interest in the Republic of India. The current Chairperson of Lokpal is Pinaki Chandra Ghose.

- **Telangana police becomes the first in country to integrate police patrol systems with passenger cabs**

In order to provide a safe & secure environment to passengers, especially women, the **Telangana police** in its 1st of its kind in the country, has taken up a high tech initiative to integrate their 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.

- **UP CM Yogi Adityanath introduced Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana.**

Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister (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.

i. Under the community marriage scheme, the support amount to poor girls for marriage was increased from Rs 35,000 to Rs 50,000.

- The government of Goa replaced the traditional '**dial 100**' with new integrated emergency number '**dial 112**' for police, fire and medical emergencies with the help of the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs** (MHA). The new Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) was launched by the Goan Chief Minister **Pramod Sawant**. Along with the dial number 100 (Police), it also replaced dial number 101(Fire) and 108 (Ambulance Services). To ensure women's safety, a 'SHOUT' feature has been introduced in '112 India' mobile app to seek immediate assistance. Himachal Pradesh was first state to implement ERSS while Nagaland is the first amongst the North-Eastern States.

- **Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojna:**
- **Rajasthan govt** has increased the unemployment allowance for transgenders to **Rs 3500/pm from Rs 3000/pm.**
- The Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** of Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) launched **YSR Kanti Velugu Scheme 2019** at Government Junior College for Boys in Anantapur district on the occasion of World Sight Day. Under this scheme, the natives of Andhra can screen their eyes free of cost and spectacles will also be provided. It is a part of **Fit India Movement.**
- The Chief Minister (CM) of Delhi **Arvind Kejriwal** of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) officially launched an initiative called '**Farishte Dilli Ke**' (Angel of Delhi, in English) under which citizens who take accident victims to the hospital are felicitated. Entire costs of treatment for all road accident victims will be borne by the Delhi government.
- It was initially launched in February 2017 on pilot basis. Rs 2,000 and a certificate is provided to a good Samaritan for taking the accident victims to a hospital. The minister also honoured people who had helped other fellow citizens in need. The private hospitals are required to display boards within its premises to inform that they offer free treatment to medico-legal victims of road accidents, acid attack and burn injuries.
- **Bride gets Rs 51,000 as per a MP govt's scheme "Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah / Nikah Yojna"**

Under the **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. The government has made it compulsory to click a selfie while standing in the toilet in the groom's residence in order to be eligible for the scheme. This is done to ensure that every household has access to toilet facility.

- **AP CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Yojana in Kakturu village of Nellore district**

Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP) **YS Jaganmohan Reddy** of Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) launched **YSR Rythu Bharosa – PM Kisan Samman Yojana** at Vikrama Simhapuri University in Kakturu village of Nellore district to reduce the debts of the farmers by providing a sum of **Rs 13,500** per annum in 3 installments in which the contribution of the State Government is Rs 7,500 and the Centre is Rs 6,000.



- **Shirui Lily Festival inaugurated in Manipur**



- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Culture **Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated **Shirui Lily Festival, 2019** at Shirui Vangayan Ground of Ukhrul in Manipur.
- Mr Patel along with State Chief Minister N. Biren Singh also inaugurated the **Strength of Unity Statue** as a mark of opening the third edition of the four-day state festival.
- This joint efforts of the State Government and Central Government can only promote tourism and culture of a region to the level of people's expectation.
- **Odisha's first Robot Restaurant opens in Bhubaneswar**

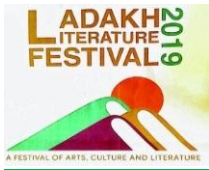


- Odisha's smart city **Bhubaneswar** gets its **1st Robo Chef Restaurant** in Odisha.
- The Robot Restaurant opened at the Infocity DLF tower of Bhubaneswar claims to be the first restaurant in Eastern India where two indigenously developed robots, '**Champa**' and '**Chameli**' are engaged.
- The robots are developed at a Jaipur-based startup using SLAM technology, and it automatically navigates like humans, follows the routes and instructions.
- Not only this, after serving the food, the robots will also ask you for feedback in Odia that 'Are you happy'.
- Earlier Chennai and Bengaluru had introduced smart restaurants with robots machines imported from China.
- **Tamil Nadu constitutes two panels over water disputes with Kerala**



- The **Tamil Nadu government** constituted two committees to deal over water disputes with **Kerala** relating to the **Parambikulam-Aliyar Project (PAP)** and the **Pandiyar-Punnampuzha project**.
- Secretary of Tamil Nadu's Public Works Department (PWD) **K. Manivasan** would lead both the committees constituted by the State government.
- Cauvery Technical Committee chairperson **R. Subramanian** is also part of both the panels.
- **Satya Pal Malik inaugurates J&K Bazar**
- Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** has inaugurated **J&K Bazar**.
- J&K Bazar is a retail showroom of authentic Jammu Kashmir Handicrafts, Handlooms, Silk, Agro-based products and Restaurant serving Authentic Kashmiri Cuisine at J&K House in New Delhi.

- The newly constructed state-of-the-art showroom is for promoting J&K specific products of handicrafts and authentic cuisine.
- The newly inaugurated showroom shall cater to the people who cherish the Kashmiri handicraft and relish the traditional Kashmiri food which is now available in the heart of Delhi.
- Other handicraft products in the showroom which are on display include-Paper Mache items, carved walnut-wood items, Pashmina shawls and Kashmiri embroidery sarees.
- **First-ever Ladakh Literature Festival**



- Ladakh administration is organizing the **first-ever Ladakh Literature festival**. The 3-day Literature Festival is being organized from 29 to 31 October 2019.
- The first-ever Ladakh Literature festival aims **to celebrate the uniqueness of the region in the fields of Art, Culture and Literature**.
- There will be screenings of Ladakhi films, discussions on Heritage and presentations on History and Archeology of Ladakh, during the festival.
- To provide an opportunity to children, youth and women to participate in the 3 Day Ladakh Literature Festival several competitions and events like Calligraphy, Culinary art are also incorporated.
- **TN becomes the first state in India to enact law on contract farming**
- On October 29, 2019, President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** has approved the **Tamil Nadu Agricultural produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation)act,2019**, which aims to set a policy framework and institutional mechanism on agricultural produce and livestock contract farming. With the act accepted, **Tamil Nadu becomes the first state in India to enact the law on contract farming**.

- **Odisha govt inks LoU for ‘drink from tap mission’ with UNICEF**



- **Odisha** has inked a **Letter of Understanding (LoU)** on “**drink from tap mission**” with the **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**.
- The main objective of the mission is to provide piped quality drinking water supply to each household on a 24-hour basis. UNICEF will provide technical cooperation to the government of Odisha.
- The community-based water management system will be adopted at ward-level and in the first phase 1.20 lakh people will be the beneficiaries.

Sports

- **Aryna Sabalenka won the women’s singles title in the 6th edition of WTA Wuhan Open 2019 in China**
- Belarusian tennis player **Aryna Sabalenka** won women’s singles title in the 6th edition of 2019 **WTA Wuhan Open** (WTA-Women’s Tennis Association) by defeating America’s Alison Riske, at the Optics Valley International Tennis Center in Wuhan, China. The prize money of the tournament was \$2,828,000. By this win, Aryna became the first player to claim back-to-back titles in Wuhan and also joins Czech player Petra Kvitova as the only two-time Wuhan Open champion.



- **PV Sindhu slips to number 6th, Kashyap rises to 25th position: BWF Rankings 2019**
- As per the recently released **BWF (Badminton World Federation) Rankings 2019**, World Champion women's shuttler **PV Sindhu (24)** has slipped a rank to **6th** due to poor performance in the last two weeks but **Parupalli Kashyap (33)** has benefited from a good performance and reached **25th** position.



- **Indian women chess player Koneru Humpy ranked world no 3 in FIDE 2019 rankings**

Indian woman chess player **Koneru Humpy**, aged 32, from Andhra Pradesh was ranked **world number 3** in the 2019 rankings released by Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) or World Chess Federation. She recently won the FIDE Women's Grand Prix tournament 2019 held in Skolkovo in Russia and accumulated 17 ELO points to clinch the third spot with a global rating of 2,577.



- **Australia's Alyssa Healy creates world record becoming highest scorer in women's T20I**

Australian cricketer **Alyssa Healy** created a world record for the highest individual score in women's T20I (Twenty Twenty International) by scoring 148 runs off 61 balls against Sri Lanka in the third and final t20I match of "**Sri Lanka Women tour of Australia, 2019**" at the North Sydney Oval in Australia. She surpassed teammate Meg Lanning's previous world record score of 133 runs.



- **Maj AQ Khan won silver medal in 53rd Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2019 in Indonesia**

Maj Abdul Quadir Khan of the Indian Army Corps of Signals, won a silver medal in the 53rd Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2019 that held in Batam, Indonesia in his maiden event.



- **India's first floating basketball court opens in Arabian Sea in Mumbai, Maharashtra**

For the first time, a **floating basketball court** was brought to India in the **Arabian Sea near the Bandra Worli Sealink in Mumbai, Maharashtra**. It has been brought for the National Basketball Association (NBA) game 2019, which features the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers, who play two pre-season games on October 4 & 5 , 2019 at the Dome, NSCI (National Sports Club of India), Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (SVP) Indoor Stadium in Mumbai, Maharashtra.



- **Italian former professional footballer, Claudio Marchisio announces retirement**



- **India won against South Africa in the Women's T20 series held in Surat**
- **10th Asian Age Group Championships for 2019 held in Bengaluru, Karnataka**

The **10th Asian Age Group Championships (AAGC)** for 2019 was held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** from September 24-October 2, 2019. It was organised by the **Swimming Federation of India (SFI)** through the **Asia Amateur Swimming Federation (AASF)**. It was the first time India hosted the international Championship in swimming, diving, water polo and in Artistic swimming events.

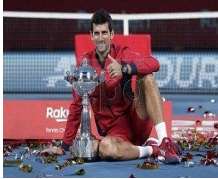
- **17th IAAF World Athletics Championships for 2019 held in Khalifa International Stadium, Doha, Qatar**

The event mascot was "**Falah**", an anthropomorphic falcon dressed in athletic gear in the maroon colour of the flag of Qatar. The 18th edition will be held in **Eugene, Oregon, United States** in 2021. **Annu Rani** became the first Indian to reach the finals of the women's javelin throw event in the World Championships in Doha. She threw the javelin 62.43m in her second attempt and emerged as the fifth-best performer of the qualification round breaking her previous record of 62.34m. But she missed out the qualification for 2020 olympics. **Avinash Sable** in **men's 3000m steeplechase event** finished in 8 minute 21.37 seconds and bettered his own national record of 8:25.23.

- **Novak Djokovic wins men's singles title of 46th edition of 2019 Rakuten Japan Open Tennis Championship in Tokyo**

Serbian tennis player **Novak Djokovic** defeated Australia's John Millman to win the first Japan Open Singles title and was also his 10th win in a tournament main draw

debut. This event was part of the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Tour 500 series of the 2019 ATP Tour.



- **Pakistan's pacer Mohammad Hasnain becomes youngest player to take a T20I hat-trick**

Pakistani fast bowler **Mohammad Hasnain** became the youngest ever cricketer to take a hat-trick in T20I (Twenty 20 Internationals) cricket in the 2nd T20 match against Sri Lanka at the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore, Pakistan during the Sri Lankan cricket team tour in Pakistan. He is **19 years and 183 days** old. It was his second T20I match.



- **Grammy awardee, Drummer Ginger Baker passed away at the age of 80**
- English drummer Peter Edward Ginger Baker is familiarly known as **Ginger Baker** and co-founder of the rock band "Cream" passed away at the age of 80 in England due to old age ailments.



- **India to host 3×3 basketball qualifying tournament for Tokyo Olympics in march 2020.**
- As per the world governing body of the basketball, **FIBA** (International Basketball Federation), **India** will host the **Tokyo Olympic Games 3×3 basketball qualifying**

tournament in March 2020 with a total participation of 40 teams (20 male and 20 female teams).



- **XLIX (49th) World Artistic Gymnastics Championships** for 2019 are being held at the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle in **Stuttgart, Germany** from October 4- 13, 2019.



- **German** footballer **Bastian Schweinsteiger** from the Germany national football team, has announced his retirement from the game at the age of 35.

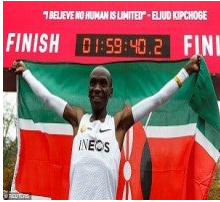


- **American competition swimmer** and 2-time Olympic gold medalist, **Conor James Dwyer (30)** has announced his retirement after being handed 20-month doping ban for having testosterone in the form of pellets, surgically inserted into his body. His ban was made effective on December 21, 2019 & he won't be eligible for Tokyo Games 2020.



- **Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge becomes first person to run a marathon in under 2 hours**

An Olympic champion and world record holder from Kenya **Eliud Kipchoge**, aged 34, became the first person to run a marathon in under 2 hours by finishing the INEOS 1:59 Challenge in 1 hour 59:40 minutes in Vienna's Prater Park.



- **Overview of World Youth Chess Championship 2019 held in Mumbai, India**

World Youth Chess Championship 2019 was held in Renaissance Mumbai Convention Centre Hotel in **Mumbai, India** from 1st to 13th October, 2019. **The Championship was organized by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs(FIDE) or International Chess Federation. India bagged seven medals**(highest medals than any other country) in the Championship including 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medal. Russia won 5 medals in the Championship and followed by India.



- **Kenyan marathon runner Brigid kosgei breaks world record in 2019 Chicago Marathon**
- **Kenya's** legendary female runner **Brigid Jepscheschir Kosgei(25)** has set a new world record in the **2019 Chicago Marathon** held in Chicago, Illinois, United States. Kosgei completed the race in 2 hours 14 minutes and 4 seconds. Earlier, this record was in the name of Paula Radcliffe, who made the world record on April 13, 2003 London Marathon in 2 hours 15 minutes and 25 seconds.

- **Mercedes's Valtteri Bottas won 2019 Japanese Grand Prix , Mercedes clinched its record constructors' title**

German automobile maker Mercedes' **Valtteri Bottas** (Finland) won the 2019 **Japanese Grand Prix** (formally known as the Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix 2019) held at the Suzuka International Racing Course in Suzuka in Mie Prefecture, Japan. **Mercedes** won sixth consecutive Formula One(F1) constructors' championship title.



- **Zimbabwe, Nepal readmitted as ICC members**
- **Zimbabwe and Nepal** were re-admitted as ICC members in a meeting held in Dubai.
- Zimbabwe will now be able to take up their place in the ICC Men's U19 Cricket World Cup in January and the ICC Super League later in 2020.
- Zimbabwe Cricket had been suspended from membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) with immediate effect in July this year. Nepal had been banned in 2016 for "governmental interference" as well.
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- Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (Germany) and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton (Britain) were ranked at the 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

- **Mumbai's Yashasvi Jaiswal becomes youngest cricketer to score double hundred in One Day cricket**



- The 17-year-old Mumbai teenager **Yashasvi Jaiswal** make history as he became the **youngest cricketer** in the world to score a **double century in One Day cricket**.
- He playing in his debut Vijay Hazare season. He scored **203 off 154 balls** against Jharkhand at Alur, Karnataka. His score comprised 12 sixes and 17 fours.
- **Indian Women football Team wins 3rd SAFF U-15 Women's Championship 2019**



- The **Indian football team** won the **3rd Edition of the SAFF U-15 Women's Championships 2019** by beating **Bangladesh** by 5-3 in the penalty shoot-out.
- The tournament was organized by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) and was held at Changlimithang Stadium in Thimpu, Bhutan.
- Indian captain Shilky Devi slotted home from the final spot-kick to hand her side 5-3 win.
- **England all-rounder Jennifer Louise Gunn announces retirement from international cricket**



- England all-rounder **Jennifer Louise Gunn** has announced her retirement from international cricket.
- Gunn, who is England's most capped player in T20Is, made 259 appearances for her country, winning **3 World Cups and five Ashes series**.
- She was a member of the England side that won the inaugural **Women's World T20 in 2009**, and also featured in her country's Women's World Cup-winning campaign that same year.



- Great Britain wins **9th Edition of Sultan of Johor Cup Hockey tournament 2019 by defeating india**
- 6 teams participated in the tournament.
- **Malaysia** secured the **third place**.
- India **Shilanand Lakra** with **5 goals** emerged as a top scorer , **Japan's kosei kawabe** was named as the best player and **Oliver payne** of Great Britain was named as the **Goalkeeper of the tournament**.
- **Ronaldo Singh wins gold medal at Asian Track Cycling Championships**



- Indian cyclist **Ronaldo Singh** bagged a **gold medal** in the men's junior Keirin event at the **Asian Track Cycling Championships** being held at Incheon in South Korea.
- Apart from Ronaldo, **James Singh** clinched a **bronze medal** in the event.

- **Raunak Sadhwani** has become **India's 65th Grandmaster**. He defeated Russian GM Alexander Motylev to become the Grandmaster at the age of 13 years, 9 months and 28 days.
- Sadhwani's first GM norm came in the 2019 Aeroflot Open and the 2nd in the 2019 Porticcio Open and the final norm at FIDE-Chess Grand Swiss.
- With the victory, Sadhwani has joined the growing list of country's teenaged GMs that includes enormously-talented Nihal Sarin, R. Praggnanandhaa and D. Gukesh, among others.
- **Denis Shapovalov wins the Stockholm Open**



- Canadian player **Denis Shapovalov** has won the **Stockholm Open title**.
- He defeated Filip Krajinovic by 6-4, 6-4 in the Stockholm Open final. Denis Shapovalov has become the first Canadian ATP singles champion since Milos Raonic won at Brisbane in January 2016.
- **Riya Bhatia wins ITF title in Nigeria**



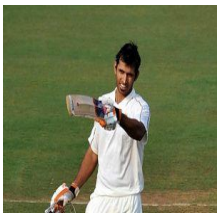
- **Riya Bhati** has won the **ITF women's tennis tournament** in Lagos, **Nigeria**.
- She defeated Slovenian player Nastja Kolar of Slovenia 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 in the summit clash of the \$25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament.
- This was the 3rd singles title in the professional circuit for Riya, who had won her last two titles in 2016 and 2017.

- **Rohit Sharma set a record of highest average in Test cricket**



- Indian cricketer **Rohit Sharma** smashed the former **Australia cricketer Don Bradman's** record of highest average in Test cricket on home soil.
- He set the record on day two of the third Test match against South Africa.
- He broke the **71-year-old** record that was previously held by Bradman by scoring an average of **99.84**.
- Bradman, the legendary Australia cricketer had an average of **98.22**

- **Abhishek Nayar retires from all forms of cricket**



- Veteran Mumbai all-rounder **Abhishek Nayar** has announced his **retirement** from all **forms of cricket**.
- He represented India in 3 One Day Internationals but his record as a First Class player is more promising.
- He played 103 first-class games, most of them for Mumbai, and scored 5749 runs with 13 centuries and 32 fifties while taking 173 wickets in a career spanning a decade and a half.
- He also played 99 List-A games in which he amassed 2145 runs and picked 79 wickets.

- **Praveen Kumar wins gold in Wushu World Championship**



- **Praveen Kumar** has become the **1st Indian** man to win a **gold medal** at the **Wushu World Championships**.
- He defeated Philippines' Russel Diaz by 2-1 in the men's sanda event in the 48kg category of the 15th World Wushu Championships held in Shanghai.
- Among other Indians, **Poonam** in women's **75kg** category and **Sanathoi Devi** in women's **52kg** category secured **silver medals** while **Vikrant Baliyan** bagged the **bronze** in the men's **60kg** category.
- Wushu Sanda is a martial art which combines full-contact kickboxing, including close range punches and kicks, with wrestling, takedowns, throws, sweeps and kick catches.
- **Mary Kom, PV Sindhu hail PM Modi's initiative to empower women**



- **Indian Boxer Mary Kom and Shutter PV Sindhu** on 26-10-2019 hailed **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to empower women in the country**.
- **Karnataka won Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019-20**



- **Karnataka** has won the **2019-20 Vijay Hazare Trophy**. Karnataka defeated Tamil Nadu by 9 wickets in the finals of Vijay Hazare Trophy at Bengaluru. Karnataka won their 4th Vijay Hazare Trophy title with a dominant display against Tamil Nadu. Abhimanyu Mithun took a hat-trick in the summit clash.
- **The Vijay Hazare Trophy**, also known as **the Ranji One-Day Trophy**, was started in 2002–03 as a limited-overs cricket domestic competition involving state teams from the Ranji Trophy plates. **It is named after the famous Indian cricketer Vijay Hazare. Tamil Nadu** is the most successful team having won the trophy **5 times. Karnataka** are the current champions(2019-20) who won their **4th title** beating Tamil Nadu in the finals.
- **Ireland and Netherlands secured qualification for the play-offs at the ICC Men's World T20**



- **Ireland and Netherlands** secured qualification for the play-offs at the **ICC Men's World T20** Qualifier after registering convincing wins over Nigeria nad Bermuda by eight wickets and 92 runs respectively.
- **Lewandowski elated over his record-breaking performance**



- During their Bundesliga clash on 26-10-2019, Bayern Munich registered a 2-1 victory over union Berlin. **Lewandowski, who scored a second goal of the match ,became the first player to score in the opening nine matches of a Bundesliga session.**

- **Jasprit Bumrah, Smriti Mandhana win Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award**



- Indian Fast bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** and batswoman **Smriti Mandhana** won the Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award.
- The other 3 winners are Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman, Sri Lanka's Dimuth Karunaratne and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan.
- Smriti Mandhana became the third woman to win 'Cricketer of the Year', after Mithali Raj and Deepti Sharma. Former Indian cricketers **Gundappa Viswanath** and **Lala Amarnath** were inducted into the **Wisden India Hall of Fame**.
- Wisden India Almanack, annual cricket publication, also featured the name of Indian cricketer **Mayank Agarwal** for his splendid performance in the Test match against South Africa in a recently concluded series.
- The book titled "**Cricket Country: The Untold History of the First All India Team**" by Prashant Kidambi was adjudged the Wisden India Book of the Year 2019 (Published by Penguin India).
- **Prithvi Sekhar wins gold in World Deaf Tennis Championship**



- India's unseeded **Prithvi Sekhar** beat 3rd seeded **Jaroslav Smedek** of the Czech Republic by 6-4, 6-3 points and clinched the men's singles title in **World Deaf Tennis Championships 2019**.
- The 2nd Edition of World Deaf Tennis Championships 2019 was held in Antalya, Turkey.

- He had also won the men's doubles bronze medal with **Prashanth Dasharath Harsambhavi**.
- **Shakib Al Hasan likely to face 18 month ICC ban**



- **Shakib Al Hasan, Bangladesh's Test and T20 captain** is likely to face an **18-month ban from the International Cricket Council (ICC)** for not reporting a corrupt approach.
- The all-rounder is currently being kept away from team practice, ahead of Bangladesh's crucial India tour, reportedly on the instructions of the ICC. According to local media, the star player is set to be banned, which means that he will miss the India tour.
- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty bags silver medal at French Open**



- Indian men's doubles pair **Chirag Shetty** and **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** has won the **silver** medal in the men's doubles event at **French Open**.
- The Indian pair lost the summit clash to the Indonesian pair of Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo by 18-21, 16-21.
- **Tiger Woods clinched historic 82nd title with Zozo Championship 2019**



- The **Zozo Championship 2019** tournament title was clinched by America's **Tiger Woods**, aged 43, which was his 82nd PGA Tour crown.

- He sealed a historic three-stroke win to draw level with Sam Snead (America) for the most victories on Tour.
- The Zozo Championship 2019, a professional golf tournament, was held at Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club, Chiba, Japan. It was the first event sanctioned tournament by the PGA (Professional Golfers' Association) Tour in Japan, in a deal that will last until at least 2025. The prize money of the tournament was US\$9.75 million.
- **Shiva Thapa, Pooja Rani clinch gold in Olympic Test event for Boxing**



- Indian boxer **Shiva Thapa** and **Pooja Rani** clinched gold medals in Olympic Test Event for Boxing in Tokyo, Japan.
- While **Ashish** settled for a silver, ending India's brilliant campaign at the Olympic Test Event.
- Four-time Asian medallist Thapa outpunched Kazakhstan's national champion and Asian bronze-winner Sanatali Toltayev 5-0 to claim the top honours in the 63-kilogram category.
- Former Asian Games bronze-medallist Pooja Rani edged past Australia's Caitlin Parker in 75-kilogram category to ensure that the Indian women's contingent also had gold in its kitty.
- In 69 kilogram category, Ashish, however, lost to Japan's Sewon Okazawa to sign off with a silver medal.

Important Days

- **World Vegetarian day observed on October 1, 2019**
- On **October 1, 2019, World Vegetarian Day** was celebrated all over the world to promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism.



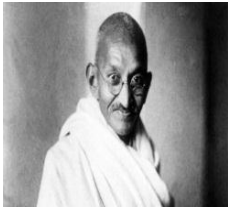
- **International coffee day observed on October 1, 2019**
- Celebrated annually, **International Coffee Day** was observed on **October 1, 2019**, to recognize and celebrate the efforts of all those people who are linked with coffee business.



- **International Day of Older Persons observed on October 1, 2019**
- **International Day of Older Persons** by the United Nations(UN) is observed annually on the 1st of October under the resolution (A/RES/45/106), adopted on 14 December 1990, at the UN General Assembly. The theme for the year 2019 is “**The Journey to Age Equality**“. The day is seen as an opportunity to highlight the important contributions that older people make to society and also to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges of ageing in today’s world.



- **150th Gandhi Jayanti/ International Day of Non-Violence 2019 observed on October 2**
- 150th Gandhi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and International Day of Non-Violence was observed on October 2, 2019. The birthday of Late Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second Prime Minister of India was also observed on this day.



- **World Space Week is celebrated from October 4-10, 2019**

The theme for the year 2019 is “**The Moon: Gateway to the Stars**”, celebrating the 50th anniversary of humankind’s first step on the Moon on 20 July 1969.

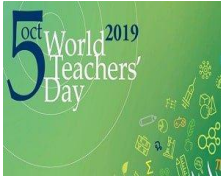


- **World Animal day 2019 observed on October 4**
- **World Animal Day** was celebrated throughout the world to raise awareness among people about taking actions worldwide for the rights of animal as well as welfare.



- **World Teachers day observed on October 5, 2019**

World Teacher's Day or International Teachers Day was observed across the world with an aim to improve teachers' situation in the world. The **theme** of this day for 2019 is **Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession.**



- **Wildlife week celebrated all over the country from 2 – 8 October, 2019**

The Wildlife Week is being celebrated all over India from 2nd -8th October 2019 with the aim of protecting Indian wildlife species from extinction. The theme for the year 2019 is “Life Below Water: For People And Planet” which aimed at preservation of underwater fauna and flora.

- **World Habitat day observed on October 7, 2019**

- The **World Habitat Day** is observed every year on first Monday in October all over the world. This year it was observed on **October 7, 2019** with the theme “**Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth**”.



- Indian Air Force celebrated 87th Air Force Day on October 8, 2019 in Uttar Pradesh
- The Breast Cancer Awareness month is observed annually from October 1 till October 31 in order to raise awareness about the disease and also to raise funds for its research, diagnosis, prevention, etc.



- Recently in September 2019, American breast cancer survivor Sarah Thomas became the first person to swim across the English Channel four times non-stop in a 54-hour feat of endurance. A **pink ribbon** is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness.
- World Post Day is observed annually on **October 9** by the United Nations(UN) commemorating the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union(UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. The day was mooted by an Indian, **Anand Mohan Narula**, during the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969. It was formed under the resolution (UPU/1969/Res.C.11).



- The **World Sight Day**(WSD) is observed annually on every second Thursday of October. This year, the world sight day was observed on October 10, 2019. Originally initiated by the SightFirstCampaign of Lions Club International Foundation in the year 2000, this day aims to raise awareness on blindness and vision impairment. The theme for the year 2019 is “**Vision First**”.



- The **World Mental Health Day** (WMHD) is observed annually on the **10th** of October in order to raise awareness on mental health issues and the efforts needed to support mental health. It is organized by the World Federation for Mental Health with the World Health Organisation’s support, the International Association for Suicide Prevention(IASP) and United for Global Mental Health (United-GMH). The theme for 2019 is “**suicide prevention**”.

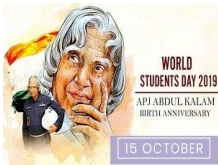
- **World Obesity Day :**
- **Observed on October 11, 2019.**
- The day which was **first established in 2015**, aims to raise awareness on obesity and ways to prevent them and also maintaining a healthy weight and reverse the obesity crisis.
- The **1st** Edition of the **World Cotton Day (WCD)** was observed on **October 7, 2019**. It was organized by the **World Trade Organization (WTO)** as an initiative of the Cotton-4 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali) in collaboration with the United Nations FAO, UNCTAD, ITC and ICAC.
- **World Arthritis Day** was observed all over the world with the aim to create global awareness on issues affecting people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases
- (RMDs). The **theme** of this day for 2019 is **“Time2Work”**. Arthritis is an inflammatory condition causing pain and stiffness in joints.
- **National Postal Week** is being celebrated in India from **9 – 15 October 2019** with the aim to create broader awareness about the India Post’s role and activities in the lives of people and business and its contribution to social and economic development.



- **On October 12, 2019, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)** was observed all over the world to create awareness on the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. The **Theme** for 2019 is **“Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution”**
- **International day for disaster reduction observed on October 13, 2019**
- **International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR)** has been observed to promote global culture towards risk awareness and disaster reduction. The **theme** for the

- year 2019 is **“Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services”**.
- **World standards Day observed on 14 October 2019**
- The aim of WSD is to raise awareness on the importance of standardization to the global economy.
- The 2019 theme for WSD is **“Video Standards Create a Global Stage”**.
- **World Student’s Day observed on October 15 2019**

World Student’s Day is observed annually on **October 15** by the United Nations(UN) declaration in 2010. The day is celebrated commemorating the birth anniversary of former President(11th president) of India Shri Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam who wished to be identified as a teacher and then as anything else. This year, 2019, marks the 88th birth anniversary of Shri Abdul Kalam, who was also known as the **“Missile Man of India”** for his work Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998, development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology.

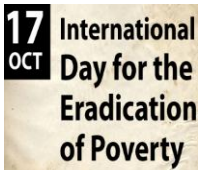


- **International Day of Rural Women observed on October 15, 2019**

The International Day of Rural Women by the United Nations(UN) is observed annually on **October 15** established by the UN General Assembly under the resolution (A/RES/62/136) adopted on **18 December 2007**. The theme for the year 2019 is **“Rural Women and girls building climate resilience”**. This day recognizes the critical role of rural women in enhancing agriculture and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty.



- **World Food Day** is celebrated every year around the world on **16 October** in honor of the date of the founding of the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945**.
- The theme of World Food Day 2019 is **“Our Actions Are Our Future. Healthy Diets for A #ZeroHunger World”**.



- The **United Nations’ (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** is observed on **October 17** each year since 1993.
- It promotes people’s awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.
- 2019 Theme: **Acting Together to Empower Children, their Families and Communities to End Poverty**.
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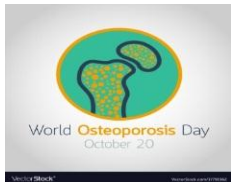
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- **World Statistics Day**



- Observed on October 20 once every 5 year ,first celebrated in 2010
- India celebrates its statistics on **29th June every commemorating the birthday of the legendary statistican Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.**

- **World Osteoporosis Day 2019 Observed on October 20,2019**



- To create awareness on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Osteoporosis which is a disease of bone in which the density and quality of bone are reduced.
- **Osteoporosis is also called a Silent disease.**
- **National Solidarity Day 2019 observed on October 20**



- The day which commemorates the national integrity shown by indian at **sino-indo war against china**.China had attacked india on this day in 1962.
- This day honours our armed forces who guard our borders.
- **61st Edition of National Police Commemoration** day is observed every year in memory of the policemen who made the supreme sacrifice at hot springs in ladakh by chinese troops on **Oct 21,1959.**

- **Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day Observed on October 21, 2019**



- The aim of this day is to create awareness on iodine deficiency which leads to many **health problems** and also on the adequate use of iodine in day to day life.



- October 22 was designated **International Stuttering Awareness Day** (ISAD) in 1998, sixteen years ago. This day is intended to raise public awareness of stuttering, which affects one percent of the world's population.
- The theme for the year 2019 is **“Growth through speaking”**
- **International Snow Leopard Day** is an annual holiday celebrated in different countries across the world. It is dedicated to saving one of the rarest wild cats on the planet.
- The first International Snow Leopard Day took place on **October 23, 2014**. Its main goal is to raise awareness of the importance of snow leopard conservation, consolidate effort of environmental organization in the countries of the snow leopard range, and emphasize the importance of taking measures to prevent poaching.
- **The 7th annual International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action will take place October 20 -26, 2019.**



- EPA will join the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and other organizations around the world to promote banning lead paint and to raise awareness of the activities of the Lead Paint Alliance.
- The three key themes for 2019 are the following: **Learn the Risks, Join the action, Eliminate lead paint.**
- **World Development Information Day: 24 October**



- The United Nations observes **World Development Information Day** on **24 October** every year.
- The General Assembly in 1972 established World Development Information Day to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
- The General Assembly decided that the date for the Day should coincide with United Nations Day i.e. 24 October.
- **International Internet Day 2019 observed on October 29,2019**



- October 29th celebrates an important day in history that forever changed the way the world communicates, shops, travels, learns and stays up-to-date with current events. **October 29 is Internet Day**, also referred to as **World Internet Day** and/or **International Internet Day**.
- On this day back in **1969** in an empty computer lab at UCLA, the very first electronic message traveled from one computer to another. On October 29, 1969, at about 10:30 p.m., Computer Science Professor **Leonard Kleinrock** was supervising 21-year-old graduate student, **Charley Kline**, as Kline sent the first message over the Internet to fellow programmer, **Bill Duvall**.

- Kline typed the letters “L” and “O” which were both received by Duvall before the system crashed.
- **World Stroke Day observed on October 29,2019**

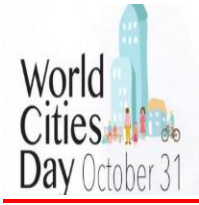


- **World Stroke Day is observed on October 29** to underscore the serious nature and high rates of stroke, raise awareness of the prevention and treatment of the condition, and ensure better care and support for survivors.
- The annual event was started in **2006** by the **World Stroke Organization (WSO)** and the WSO declared stroke a **public health emergency in 2010**.
- The hashtag for 2019 on WSD is “**#DontBeTheOne**”.
- **India celebrates “National Unity Day” on 31st October**



- **India** is celebrating the **144th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel** as **National Unity Day**.
- The birth anniversary of Sardar Patel i.e. **31st October** is observed as the National Unity Day every year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Sardar Patel at the ‘Statue of Unity’ in Kevadiya, Gujarat and also witnessed the ‘**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade**’ by personnel of Gujarat Police and central armed forces.
- **Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel** is also known as the **Iron Man of India**. At the time of independence, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played an instrumental role in India’s struggle for independence, and later during the integration of the country by convincing several princely states to align with the Indian Union.

- **World Cities Day: 31 October**



- The United Nations General Assembly has designated the **31st October as World Cities Day**.
- The Day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- This year, the United Nations has selected the theme **“Changing the world: innovations and better life for future generations”** to discuss how urbanization can be used to achieve sustainable development.