



Current Affairs - Sep 2019

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Appointments

- ▶ Army chief Bipin Rawat will be appointed as New chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC).
- ▶ Bulgarian Economist Christina Georgieva has been appointed as new Chief of Washington, D.C. (US) based financing agency International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- ▶ Government reconstituted Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) for 2 years. Bibek Debroy and Ratan P. Watal will continue to be Chairman and Member Secretary respectively of reconstituted EAC-PM. EAC-PM will have two Part-Time Members. While Ashima Goel continues to be one, Sajjid Chinoy has been made another Part-time Member.
- ▶ Govt. appointed C.K. Abdul Rehim as acting Chief Justice of Kerala High Court and Vineet Kothari has been appointed as acting CJ of Madras High Court (HC).
- ▶ Harjit Singh Arora appointed as new Indian Air Force (IAF) Vice Chief, succeeding Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria who will take over as New Chief of Indian Air Force.
- ▶ Madhukar Kamath (chairman emeritus of advertising firm DDB Mudra group) is elected as chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019-2020.
- ▶ Misc. Appointments (September 2019) -
 1. Sanjiv Ranjan has been appointed as new Indian Ambassador to Ecuador.
 2. Anil Chauhan took over as chief of eastern command of Indian Army.
 3. Jaideep Sarkar has been appointed as Indian Ambassador to Kingdom of Lesotho.
 4. Government appointed B. Bala Bhaskar as New Indian Ambassador to Kingdom of Norway.
 5. International Cricket Council (ICC) appointed Jonathan Hall as its General Counsel and Company Secretary.
 6. Govt. extended Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena's tenure for 3 years.
 7. Microsoft appointed Rajiv Kumar as Managing Director(MD) of Microsoft India Research & Development (R&D) Private Ltd (MIRPL).
 8. Government appointed Sanjay Tyagi as Director General of Health Services (DGHS).
 9. Former England Cricketer Andrew Strauss appointed as chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board's cricket committee.
 10. Indian Air Force's Anjali Singh became India's first female military diplomat posted on an Indian mission abroad after joining Indian Embassy in Russia as Deputy Air Attache.
 11. Madhya Pradesh government appointed actor Govinda as brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh to promote state's traditional and tourist places.
 12. Alison Rose has been appointed as First Female Chief of Royal Bank of Scotland, One of Britain's biggest banks.
 13. IDBI Bank appointed Samuel Joseph Jebaraj as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) for 3 years.
 14. Government appointed Anil Kumar Jain as Secretary in Ministry of Coal.
 15. Government appointed Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas as New Ambassador of India to Republic of Guinea Bissau (West Africa).
 16. RBI approved re-appointment of Shyam Srinivasan as MD and CEO of Federal Bank for 1 year.
 17. Rupa Gurunath appointed as first woman president of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA).

18. India's Suresh Chitturi has been appointed as new Chief of International Egg Commission, being First asian to be appointed for this post.
19. Election Commission appointed Sushil Kumar Lohani as new Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Odisha.
8. ▶ Nilesh Shah (MD of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management) has been appointed as Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
9. ▶ RBI superseded Board of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank and appointed Jai Bhagwan Bhorla as Administrator of bank. It is done by RBI after defaults surging in PMC Bank and some lumpy loans to real estate companies that made it difficult for bank to meet its commitments.
 1. RBI has also put restriction on amount of withdrawal allowed to depositors to 10000 (up from 1000 put earlier).
 2. Directives of RBI shall remain in force for a 6 months.
10. ▶ Rajiva Sinha appointed as new chief secretary of West Bengal.
11. ▶ Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi recommended former Delhi HC Chief Justice Rajendra Menon as next chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT).

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Awards

1. ▶ Physicist and Cosmologist Thanu Padmanabhan has been conferred M P Birla Memorial Award 2019 for his contributions to cosmology. M P Birla Memorial Award award recognises excellence in space science, astrophysics, astronomy and related areas. It comprises prize of INR 251000.
2. ▶ 40th Right Livelihood Awards 2019 (known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize') have been announced. 2019 Awardees are -
 1. Aminatou Haidar (Western Sahara) - Human rights defender.
 2. Guo Jianmei (China) - Lawyer. Honored for her pioneering work in securing women's rights in China.
 3. Greta Thunberg (Sweden) - Climate activist. Honored for inspiring political demands for urgent climate action reflecting scientific facts.
 4. Davi Kopenawa / Hutukara Yanomami Association (Brazil).
3. ▶ 71st annual primetime Emmy Awards Winners, announced in Los Angeles (US)

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES	Game of Thrones (HBO)
2.	OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES	Fleabag (Amazon)
3.	LEAD ACTOR, DRAMA	Billy Porter, Pose
4.	LEAD ACTRESS, DRAMA	Jodie Comer, Killing Eve
5.	LEAD ACTOR, COMEDY	Bill Hader, Barry
6.	LEAD ACTRESS, COMEDY	Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Fleabag
7.	SUPPORTING ACTOR, DRAMA	Peter Dinklage, Game of Thrones
8.	SUPPORTING ACTRESS, DRAMA	Julia Garner, Ozark
9.	SUPPORTING ACTOR, COMEDY	Tony Shalhoub, The Marvelous Mrs Maisel
10.	SUPPORTING ACTRESS, COMEDY	Alex Borstein, The Marvelous Mrs Maisel

4. ▶ A documentary on Srinagar-based football club Real Kashmir FC has nominated in British Academy Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards. Its director Greg Clark has picked up for 'Director Factual' category, while show will compete in 'Single Documentary' category.
5. ▶ Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina conferred with 'Vaccine Hero' award of Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunisations (GAVI) in recognition of Bangladesh's outstanding success in vaccination to immunise children. She was conferred on sidelines of 74th session of UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York City (US).
6. ▶ Bollywood Actor Amitabh Bachchan will be honoured with India's highest award in cinema, Dadasaheb Phalke Award for year 2018.
 1. It is India's highest film honour, introduced by government in 1969. The award was founded to commemorate 'father of Indian cinema', Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, popularly known as Dadasaheb Phalke. He directed Raja Harishchandra (1913), India's first feature film.
 2. Award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus), a shawl and a cash prize of Rs.10 Lakh.
7. ▶ Bollywood singer Sonu Nigam has been honoured with 'Magnificent Performing Arts Award' at 21st Century Icon Awards in London(UK). These annual awards are brainchild of UK-based Indian-origin entrepreneurs Preeti Rana and Tarun Ghulati.
8. ▶ Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Awards 2019 (Milan, Italy) -

1.	Award	Winner	Club
	Men's Player	Lionel Messi (Argentina)	Barcelona FC
	Women's Player	Megan Rapinoe (America)	Reign FC
	Men's coach	Jurgen Klopp (Germany)	Liverpool FC
	Women's coach	Jill Ellis (America)	–
	Men's goalkeeper	Alisson Becker (Brazil)	Liverpool FC
	Women's goalkeeper	Sari van Veenendaal (Netherlands)	Atlético Madrid Femenino
	Puskás Award	Daniel Zsori (Hungary)	Fehérvár FC

9. ▶ Hollywood actor Tom Hanks will be honoured with coveted Cecil B DeMille Award at Golden Globe Awards on January 5, 2020. It recognises an individual who has made a lasting impact on the film industry. Oprah Winfrey.
10. ▶ Indian IT Firm Infosys won United Nations (UN) Global Climate Action Award 2019 in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category for its efforts to combat climate change. It will be given this award during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile in December 2019.
 1. Through its carbon offset drive, Infosys implemented energy efficiency proceedings and transitioned to renewable energy for all its electricity needs. Since 2008, It has decreased its per capita energy consumption by over 51 %.
11. ▶ Indian journalist Kallie Puri honoured with "India's Most Powerful Women in Media" award, at Confluence Excellence Awards at the British Parliament.
12. ▶ Indian writer (primarily Malayalam), V. J. James's novel 'Nireeswaran' (Atheist) selected for the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literature Award 2019. It carries cash prize of Rs 1-lakh.
13. ▶ Industrial Awards (September 2019) -
 1. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) won the 2019 "IT Excellence Award" by Express India, for designing the app SATARK. The app tracks and alerts during disasters based on dynamic risk knowledge in real time.
 2. Vedanta Resources Chairman Anil Agarwal was conferred lifetime achievement award at 19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards in London (UK), with Theme 'Inclusivity'. Other Notable winners -
 1. Vipul Vadera: Businessperson of the Year
 2. Kush Kanodia: Entrepreneur of the Year
 3. Harjit Singh Bhanja: Sports Personality of the Year
 4. Neeta Patel: Woman of the Year
 3. Hero MotoCorp Chief Pawan Munjal inducted into 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame, for his support to "Golf" in India and around world.
 4. 5 Indian women police officers honoured by United Nations for their services in UN's mission in South Sudan. Women officers - Reena Yadav, Gopika Jahagirdar, Bharati Samantray, Ragini Kumari and Kamal Shekhawat.
 5. National Geoscience Awards 2018 for outstanding contributions in the field of geosciences, mining and allied areas were presented to 22 scientists from across country. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Pralhad Joshi conferred the awards.
 6. Kerala tourism has won 3 PATA gold awards at Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) awards 2019 held in Astana (Kazakhstan). Awards are given for an ethnic food restaurant run by women at Kumarakom(Kerala) under its Responsible Tourism(RT) mission, for Kerala tourism campaign advertisement ' Come Out and Play' and third was for its website www.keralatourism.org.
 7. Flipkart Co-founder Binny Bansal become youngest to be recognized as a distinguished alumnus by IIT Delhi, for his contribution in entrepreneurship.
 8. Cochin International Airport Limited selected as best airport in terms of services, based on a survey conducted by the Airport Council International (ACI) in 5-15 million passenger-category airports in the Asia-Pacific region for 2018.
14. ▶ Mathematician from University of Warwick (England), Adam Harper won SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019, which contains cash prize of \$10,000. It is given to people under the age of 32 working in area influenced by mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
 1. Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) Ramanujan award was instituted in 2005 by SASTRA University.
15. ▶ NDTV Journalist Ravish Kumar received the 1st Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019 by Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust (founded in memory of journalist Gauri Lankesh). He is known for his anti-NDA Government approach, which is led by PM Narendra Modi.
16. ▶ Noted Archaeologists G.B. Deglurkar was conferred with Punyabhushan Award for his long-standing contribution to the field of Indian Archaeology. Award is announced every year by Punyabhushan Foundation on 23 March, to commemorate Indian

revolutionary martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru.

17. ▶ Noted Former Indian track and field athlete PT Usha presented with Veteran Pin by International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF), for her contribution to growth of sport. It was given by IAAF chief Sebastian Coe at 52nd IAAF Congress in Doha (Qatar).
 1. During event, Britain's Sebastian Coe was re-elected as the chief of IAAF for his second term.
 2. President of Athletics Federation of India, Adille Sumariwalla also re-elected as member of the Council of IAAF for 2nd four-year term.
18. ▶ On the occasion of 77th Foundation day of CSIR on Sep 26, President Ram Nath Kovind presented Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes 2019 to 12 Scientists -
 1. Biological Sciences - Kayarat Sai Krishnan (IISER Pune), Soumen Basak (NII New Delhi)
 2. Chemical Sciences - Raghavan B Sunoj (IIT, Bombay), Tapas Kumar Maji (JNCASUR Bengaluru)
 3. Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences - Subimal Ghosh (IIT, Bombay)
 4. Engineering Sciences - Manik Varma (Microsoft Research Bengaluru)
 5. Mathematical Sciences - Dishant Mayur Bhai Pancholi (IMSC Chennai), Nina Gupta (ISI Kolkata)
 6. Medical Sciences - Dheeraj Kumar (ICGEB New Delhi), Mohammad Javed Ali (LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad)
 7. Physical Sciences - Aninda Sinha (IISc, Bengaluru), Shankar Ghosh (TIFR, Mumbai)
19. ▶ Pooja Desai from Gujarat named winner of Mrs India – Pride of the Nation 2019 (a beauty pageant for married women).
20. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented President's Colours to the Corps of Army Air Defence, on occasion of 25 years of Army Air Defence College. President's Colours is highest military honour for the armed forces bestowed in recognition of exceptional services, both during war and in peace times.
21. ▶ Rajasthan became first state to be awarded for water conservation and efficient use practices by National Water Mission of Government, under category 2 - Promotion of citizen and state action for water conservation, augmentation and preservation.
 1. Use of micro-irrigation in Narmada Canal Project in Sanchore and in Tejpur Minor of Indira Gandhi Nahar Project stage-II were declared winners.
22. ▶ Telugu Poet K Siva Reddy has been awarded Saraswati Samman award for his collection Pakkaki Ottigilite in 2018. Saraswati Samman is considered highest recognition in field of Indian literature, with cash prize of INR 15 lakhs. It is instituted by the KK Birla Foundation.

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Books

1. ▶ Book *From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine* authored by Roopa Pai has been released.
2. ▶ Book *Game of Votes: Visual Media Politics and Elections in Digital Era* written by Farhat Basir Khan (Jamia Millia Islamia) has been released.
3. ▶ Book *India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765* by US based author Richard M Eaton has been released.
4. ▶ Book *Lal Bahadur Shastri: Politics and Beyond* authored by Sandeep Shastri will soon be released.
5. ▶ Book *Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy* written by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy has been released.
6. ▶ Book titled "Being Gandhi" written by Paro Anand has been released.
7. ▶ New Book Titled *Loss* written by author Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi has been released.
8. ▶ New book 'Girl Power: Indian women who broke the rules' written by Neha J Hiranandani has been released.
9. ▶ New comic book series 'Professor Ayushman' created by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has been unveiled by Ayush ministry. It will raise awareness in children about importance of medicinal plants and their usage.

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Days

1. ▶ Sep 21 is observed as UN International Day of Peace. 2019 theme is *Climate Action for Peace*. It was first observed in 1981.
 1. Sep 21 is observed as World Alzheimer's Day, first observed in 2012.
 2. Sep 21 is also observed as International Coastal Cleanup Day, observed annually on third Saturday of September.
2. ▶ Sep 22 is observed as World Rhino Day, as an international ecological observance to raise awareness on protection of 5 existing species of rhinoceros - white rhino, black rhino, Indian rhino, Javan rhino, and Sumatran rhino.

1. Sep 22 is also observed as World rose day, for welfare of cancer patients.
2. Sep 22, 2019 is also observed as Daughters' Day observed on 4th Sunday of September every year.
3. ▶ Sep 23 is observed as International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL), observed first in 2018. It aims to raise awareness of importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. 2019 theme is *Sign Language Rights for All*.
 1. Sep 23 is also observed as Saudi National Day, to commemorate name changing of what was previously known as Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
4. ▶ Sep 25 - World Pharmacist Day, marked by FIP Council in 2009. 2019 theme is *Safe and effective medicines for all*.
 1. Sep 25 is also declared by Indian Govt as Antyodaya Diwas, announced in 2014. It marks Birth anniversary of noted philosopher Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.
5. ▶ Sep 26 is observed as Foundation day of CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research), created in 1942. On this occasion, President Ram Nath Kovind unveiled first Indigenous High Temperature Fuel Cell System developed by CSIR under flagship program "New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI)".
 1. 5.0 kW fuel cell system generates power in a green manner using methanol / bio-methane, with heat and water as bi-products for further use; amounting to greater than 70% efficiency, which is not possible by other energy sources.
 2. Fuel Cells are based on High Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane (HTPEM) Technology. It is most suitable for distributed stationary power applications like small offices, commercial units, data centers etc.; where highly reliable power is essential with simultaneous requirement for air-conditioning.
6. ▶ Sep 26 is observed as International Day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
 1. Sep 26, 2019 is also observed as world maritime day, observed on Last Thursday of September. 2019 theme is "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community".
 2. Sep 26 is also observed as World Environmental Health Day (WEHD). 2019 theme is *Climate change challenges, time for global Environmental Health to act in unison*. It was declared by International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) in 2011.
7. ▶ Sep 27 - World Tourism Day, marked in 1970. 2019 Theme is *Tourism and jobs: a better future for all*. India is host nation for Tourism Day 2019. On this Occasion, Govt. presented National Tourism Awards 2018 -
 1. Total 76 awards were given under various categories.
 2. Andhra Pradesh state won the first prize for Best State for Comprehensive Development of Tourism.
 3. Goa and Madhya Pradesh were announced as joint winners in Adventure Tourism category.
 4. Uttarakhand won best film promotion friendly state.
 5. Telangana won best state in innovative use of IT category.
8. ▶ Sep 28 - International Day for the Universal Access to Information (commonly called Access to Information Day), being held since 2016.
 1. Sep 28 is also observed as World Rabies Day (Disease caused by Dog Bites).
9. ▶ Sep 29 is observed as World Heart Day.
10. ▶ Sep 30 is observed as World Translation Day, marked by UN in 2017 to pay tribute to language professionals.

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Defence

1. ▶ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Varaha' into service.
2. ▶ 23rd edition of trilateral Navy exercise of India, Japan and US named *Malabar 2019* began at Sasebo (Japan).
3. ▶ BRAHMOS supersonic cruise missile featuring several major indigenous components has been successfully test fired for its full range of 290-km. Jointly developed by India and Russia, BRAHMOS has been operationalised in all 3 services of Indian Armed Forces.
4. ▶ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned India's second Scorpene-class attack submarine INS Khanderi, India's first P-17 Shivalik-class frigate INS Nilgiri and the largest aircraft carrier drydock into Indian Navy.
 1. INS Khanderi is 2nd attack submarine under Project 75, first being INS Kalvari. It is built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders in Mumbai. India aims to build 6 Scorpene-class submarines under P-75 in collaboration with France. Other 4 ships - INS Karanj, INS Vagir, INS Vagsheer and INS Vela.
 2. INS 'Nilgiri' is 1st of Indian Navy's 7 new stealth frigates under Project -17A, a design derivative of the Shivalik class stealth frigates with much more advanced stealth features and indigenous weapons and sensors. Its cost is over 45000 crores. 5

ships of Nilgiri-class (P-17A frigates) are named after famous hill ranges - Himgiri, Udaygiri, Dunagiri, Taragiri and Vindhyagiri. Last frigate (7th) will be named *Mahendragiri*.

5. ▶ Government hiked family pension for govt. employee who dies within 7 years of service, now to be 50% of last pay drawn from previous 30% for a period of 10 years.
6. ▶ Indian Army and Indian Air Force conducted exercise 'Chang Thang' in Eastern Ladakh bordering China, as first such exercise in the region.
7. ▶ Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 between India and Thailand Armies conducted at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya). It is being held since 2006.

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Economy

1. ▶ 37th GST Council Meeting Held in Panaji (Goa) under Chairmanship of Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Key Recommendations Include -

1. Goods -

1. GST Council recommends lower 12% cess on 1,500 cc diesel, 1,200 cc petrol vehicles with capacity to carry up to 13 people..
2. Rate levied on cut and polished semi precious stones has been dropped from 3% to 0.25%. Jewellery exports to now attract zero GST.
3. Reduction in GST rates -

Goods	Original Rate	Reduced rate (new)
Parts of Slide Fasteners	18%	12%
Marine Fuel 0.5% (FO)	18%	5%
Wet Grinders (consisting of stone as a grinder)	12%	5%
Dried tamarind & Plates and cups made up of leaves/ flowers/bark	5%	Nil
Cut and polished semi- precious stones	3%	0.25%
Specified goods for petroleum operations undertaken under Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP)		5%

4. Exemptions from GST/ IGST -

- Imports of specified defence goods not being manufactured indigenously (upto 2024).
- Supply of goods and services to FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) and other specified persons for organizing the Under-17 Women's Football World Cup 2020 in India.
- Supply of goods and services to Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) for specified projects in India.

5. Increase in GST rates -

Goods	Original Rate	Increased rate (new)
Goods falling under chapter 86 of tariff like railway wagons, coaches, rolling stock (without refund of accumulated ITC-Indian Tariff Code)	5%	12%
Caffeinated Beverages	18%	28% + 12% compensation cess

2. Services -

1. GST Rates Reduced on Hospitality Services - NIL (Under 1000), 12 % (1001 - 7500), 18 % (Above 7500)
 2. *BANGLA SHASYA BIMA* crop insurance scheme of West Bengal Government has been exempted from GST.
 3. Group insurance schemes for paramilitary forces under the Home Affairs ministry to be exempted from GST.
2. ▶ As per *BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2019 ranking* released by WPP and Kantar Millward Brown -
 1. HDFC Bank named Indias' most valuable brand for the sixth consecutive year with brand value of \$ 22.70 billion. LIC 2nd with brand value of Rs 1.43 lakh crore.

2. Top 5 -

Rank	Brand	Brand value (Rupees)	Change in value
1	HDFC bank	1.61 Lakh Crore	+ 5%
2	LIC	1.43 Lakh Crore	+ 2%
3	TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)	1.29 Lakh Crore	+ 21%
4	Airtel	72,988 Crore	-10%
5	SBI (State Bank of India)	59,640 crores	+ 7%

3. ▶ Competition Commission of India approved acquisition of 70 % stake in Saudi Basic Industries Corporation by Saudi Arabian Oil Company for \$69.1 billion. In India, SABIC is engaged in supply of petrochemical and agro-nutrients while Saudi Aramco supplies

crude oil, liquefied petroleum gas, base oil and petrochemical products.

1. In August 2019, Saudi Aramco has announced acquisition of 20% stake in oil to chemicals (OTC) business of Reliance Industries, for around \$15 billion.
4. ▶ Digital infrastructure provider Tata Communications partnered with Cisco for a secure, fully-managed, multi-channel, cloud-based Cisco Webex Contact Center solution. It is an end-to-end managed solution and gives contact centre users a seamless user experience across up to 150 countries on the back of Tata Communications' global network, expanding the global reach of Cisco Webex Contact Center.
5. ▶ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that to overcome slowdown and increase business activities, government has asked banks not to declare stressed loans of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as Non Performing Assets (NPAs) until March 31, 2020.
 1. Public Sector Banks will organise 'loan melas' or "Shamiana meetings" in 400 districts, to provide loans to NBFCs and retail borrowers, including homebuyers and farmers.
6. ▶ First Advance Estimates of production of major Kharif crops for 2019-20 released by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
 1. Foodgrains – 140.57 million tonnes.
 - Rice – 100.35 million tonnes.
 - Nutri / Coarse Cereals – 32.00 million tonnes.
 - Maize – 19.89 million tonnes.
 - Pulses – 8.23 million tonnes.
 - Tur – 3.54 million tonnes.
 2. Oilseeds – 22.39 million tonnes
 3. Cotton – 32.27 million bales (of 170 kg each)
 4. Jute & Mesta - 9.96 million bales (of 180 kg each)
 5. Sugarcane – 377.77 million tonnes
7. ▶ Government has approved the construction of 1.23 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). With this, over 90 lakh houses have so far been sanctioned against the target of 1.12 crore by 2022 under PMAY (Urban).
8. ▶ IT Firm Wipro tied up with Febraban, an industry body representing the Brazil's financial services industry. Wipro will develop an online platform "Noomis" for the financial services industry in Brazil.
9. ▶ Indian GDP Growth Forecasts (September 2019) -
 1. DBS bank (formerly Development Bank of Singapore) reduced India's GDP to 6.2% from its previous forecast of 6.8%.
 2. Rating agency CRISIL revised India's fiscal year 2020 GDP growth forecast to 6.3%.
 3. International Monetary Fund(IMF) reduced India's GDP growth rate to 7% from 7.3% earlier.
 4. Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2019 updated India's GDP growth to 6.5% from 7% for FY 2019-20, after growth slowed down to 5% in Q1 April–June FY 2019-20, which is six-year low in the first quarter.
 5. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its Trade and Development Report 2019 forecasted India's GDP growth rate at 6% in FY 2019-20, down from 7.4% in FY 2018-19.
10. ▶ Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad ranked 7th globally and 1st in Asia in Forbes Best International 1-Year Business Schools 2019 rankings. ISB participated in the ranking for the first time. Top institutes -
 1. International Institute for Management Development (IMD) Lausanne, Switzerland
 2. Insead Fontainebleau (France) & Singapore
 3. Judge Business School Cambridge, United Kingdom
 4. SDA Bocconi School of Management Milan, Italy
 5. Said Business School Oxford, United Kingdom
11. ▶ Misc. Corporate News (September 2019) -
 1. Health Insurer Max Bupa signed bancassurance corporate agency agreement with Indian Bank, Under which bank will distribute Insurer's products and services to its customers.
 2. Repco Home Finance Ltd signed corporate agency agreement with SBI Life Insurance, to provide SBI Life's range of products to its customers.
 3. Merchant platform Pine Labs partnered with Federal Bank, to offer EMIs for offline debit card transactions. Federal Bank customers will be able to instantly avail loans on EMI at Pine Labs terminals.
 4. Hyundai Motors signed agreement with Bank of Baroda to be preferred financier for its dealers and consumers.

5. Airtel Payments Bank partnered with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company to offer unique Mosquito Diseases Protection Policy (MDPP) to protect against 7 mosquito-borne diseases - Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya, Japanese Encephalitis, Kala-azar, Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantiasis) and Zika virus. It will be offered to Airtel Payments Bank customers at a nominal cost of Rs 99 per annum.
6. IDBI Bank and Life Insurance Corporation of India Credit Cards Services (LIC CSL) will launch co-branded credit card.
7. Life insurance provider Aegon Life Insurance signed Corporate Agency Agreement with Paytm, to offer life insurance products.
8. Indian Army and Bank of Baroda signed to lay down basis of banking services to be provided by Bank of Baroda to personnel of Indian Army.
9. Paisalo Digital (Formerly *S.E Investments*) signed its second co-origination of loan agreement with Bank of Maharashtra (BoM), to necessitate joint contribution of credit flow by BoM and Paisalo. 1st such agreement was signed by PAISALO with SBI, to pay out 200,000 loan applications in 2019.
10. Telecom firm Bharti Airtel has tied up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance, to offer prepaid plan for its users along with insurance protection plan. Airtel has launched a special prepaid plan of Rs 599, in which customers will get 2GB data per day, unlimited calling and life insurance cover of Rs 4 lakh from Bharti AXA Life Insurance with validity of 84 days.
12. ▶ NSDL Payments Bank (subsidiary of National Securities Depository Ltd) will soon start operations, as 6th Active Payments Bank in India.
 1. Others are - Airtel Payments Bank, India Post Payments Bank, Fino Payments Bank, Jio Payments Bank and Paytm Payments Bank.
 2. NSDL was one of 11 applicants that received in-principle approval from RBI in August 2015 to set up payments banks.
13. ▶ Punjab National Bank launched a Preventive Vigilance (PV) portal to facilitate its staff members to check procedural lapses as well as promote good practices, to promote vigilance awareness in banking system.
14. ▶ RBI barred Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank from doing any business for six months and capped depositor withdrawals at Rs 1000 per day.
 1. Defaults appear to have surged in the past six months amid tight economic conditions and some lumpy loans to real estate companies that turned sour, making it difficult for bank to meet its commitments.
15. ▶ RBI has put Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework against Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB), limiting business activities of LVB.
 1. RBI has put LVB in PCA due to high NPA, insufficient capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRR) and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) negative RoA (Return on assets) for two consecutive years. Bank's net NPA is 7.49%, capital adequacy ratio was at 7.72% and its RoA was -2.32% as on March 2019.
16. ▶ SEBI eased norms for buyback (repurchase) of shares by listed companies, especially those having subsidiaries in housing finance and Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) segments .
 1. Ministry of Corporate Affairs earlier permitted government companies carrying out non-banking finance and housing finance activities to launch buybacks resulting in up to 6:1 debt to equity ratio post share repurchase.
 2. Buyback offer cannot exceed 25% of aggregate paid-up capital and free reserves of company and an approval from the shareholders is required through a special resolution in case the size exceeds 10%.
 3. At present, post-buyback debt-to-equity ratio is up to 2:1, except for companies for which a higher ratio has been notified. If debt to equity ratio exceeds 2:1 threshold, buybacks would be allowed after excluding subsidiaries that are NBFCs and HFCs.
 4. Standalone debt to equity ratio of all such excluded subsidiaries should not exceed 6:1. Earlier, Sebi had proposed to keep this threshold at 5:1.
17. ▶ SEBI imposed a penalty of over Rs 22 crore on Aurobindo Pharma and its promoters, for violating insider trading norms.
18. ▶ SEBI) eased its norms to allow smart cities to raise funds through 'Muni Bonds'. Entities in areas of city planning and urban development work, including municipalities, special purpose vehicles (SPVs) under 'Smart Cities Mission' can also raise funds through debt securities.
 1. SEBI had issued its Issue and Listing of Debt Securities by Municipalities (ILDM) Regulations 5 years ago and since then 7 municipalities have raised nearly Rs 1,400 crore by issuing their debt securities, which are commonly known as 'Muni Bonds'.
 2. Several Requirements have been withdrawn and Rules pertaining to creation of escrow accounts were eased.
 3. SEBI allowed this route for other structures where a group of municipalities pools their resources together to jointly raise funds through the issuance of bonds, generally known as Pooled Finance Development Funds (PFDF).

4. In case of private placements, minimum subscription amount per investor currently at Rs 25 lakh has been reduced to Rs 10 lakh, to align it with regulations for corporate bonds.
19. ▶ To contain price rise of onions, Government imposed stock limits on traders and banned exports. It asked State Governments to take strict measures to prevent hoarding by traders including organising raids.
 1. Stock limit of 100 quintal on retail traders and 500 quintals on wholesale traders has been imposed across country.
 2. Earlier, Minimum Export Price of US\$ 850 F.O.B. per metric ton was imposed on export of onions.
20. ▶ To improve risk management & ensure sufficient liquidity, SEBI tightened rules for mutual funds, in which it made it mandatory for liquid schemes to hold at least 20 % in liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents like treasury bills and repo on government securities.
New guideline will come into force from April 1, 2020.
21. ▶ Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting has launched “Wipro Consumer Care–Ventures” startup venture fund to invest in startups in the consumer brands space.

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International

1. ▶ As per IIFL (India Infoline Finance Limited) Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2019, Mukesh Ambani (Reliance chairman) named richest person in India with a wealth of Rs 3.8 lakh crores, staying at top for 8th straight year. He is followed by London based SP Hinduja and family (Rs 1.86 lakh crore), Wipro founder Azim Premji (Rs 1.17 lakh crore), ArcelorMittal CEO L N Mittal (Rs 1.07 lakh crore).
2. ▶ Australian capital Canberra became first Australian city to legalise, possessing and growing marijuana for personal use. People aged 18 or above will be allowed to possess 50 grams of marijuana and grow two plants.
3. ▶ Bank of International Settlements (BIS) launched a dollar green bond fund enabling central banks around the world to invest in “green bonds”. Aim is to let central banks incorporate environmental sustainability into reserve management without destroying assets & reserves.
 1. Bonds which have eligible for inclusion in fund should have a minimum rating of A- and adhere to the International Capital Market Association’s (ICMA) Green Bond Principles or the Climate Bond Standard published by the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI).
 2. Green Bond is a bond whose proceeds are used to fund environment-friendly projects. First entity to issue green bonds was the World Bank, which began the practice in 2008.
4. ▶ China and Kiribati formally re-established their diplomatic relations, a few days after Kiribati called off its ties with Taiwan.
 1. China and Kiribati were allies till 2003 but after that Kiribati established relations with Taiwan and recognised its country status, leading China to break off its diplomatic ties with Pacific island nation.
 2. China considers Taiwan its territory and opposes Taiwan building diplomatic relations with other nations.
5. ▶ China based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will invest in six projects with 1.09 billion U.S. dollars in countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
6. ▶ China launched its first amphibious assault ship, which would enable ground forces to carry out attacks on enemy territory from sea. It is first in Type 075 class of amphibious assault ship, which is also defined as a type of landing helicopter dock.
7. ▶ European Union’s top court ruled that Google does not have to apply “Right to be forgotten law” globally. This means that Google has to remove data links to personal information only in its European version of search results and not elsewhere in world.
 1. Court said there was no obligation for a search engine to carry out de – referencing on all versions of its search results.
 2. Case was filed against google by a French watch dog CNIL demanding fine of 100,000 Euros for Google refusing to de – list sensitive information globally. Demand was to remove satirical photo montage of a female politician and couple of articles referring to public relations officers of Church of Scientology.
 3. Right to be forgotten was laid down by the European Court in 2014. Court ruled that people can ask search engines like Google to remove irrelevant information appearing under searches for their names.
8. ▶ Facebook announced that it will acquire CTRL – Labs, a tech company that makes wrist bands capable of reading minds. The band can transmit electrical signals from brain into computers as digital input. Deal is worth 500 million to 1 billion USD.
9. ▶ Infosys topped among 17 Indian Companies listed in Forbes World’s best ‘regarded’ companies list 2019, ranked 3rd globally.

Top Companies -

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5	PayPal
6	Microsoft

2. Other Indian Companies in List - TCS (22nd), Tata Motors (31), Tata Steel (105), Larsen & Toubro (115), Mahindra & Mahindra (117), HDFC (135), Bajaj Finserv (143), Piramal Enterprises (149), Steel Authority of India (153), HCL Technologies (155), Hindalco Industries (157), Wipro (168), HDFC Bank (204)
10. ▶ International Institute for Management Development's (IMD) World Digital Competitiveness Rankings (WDCR) 2019 -
 1. India moved up by 4 places from 48th rank in 2018 to rank at 44th position in 2019. China was ranked 22nd, up from 30th last year.
 2. Top 5 - US (1), Singapore (2), Sweden (3), Denmark, Switzerland (5)
 3. Evaluation was done based on 3 factors - knowledge, technology and future readiness.
11. ▶ Japan's unmanned H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8 also known as HTV 8 towards International Space Station (ISS), considered as the world's biggest transport spaceship. It intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at ISS.
12. ▶ National Library of Israel unveiled an 80 – year old handwritten letter by M K Gandhi on day World War II broke out (September 1, 1939). He had wished the Jewish people an *era of peace* in his letter. He addressed this letter to Bombay Zionist Association that was struggling to turn support of Indian leaders in favor of movement to establish a home for Jews.
13. ▶ Nepal's Central Bank (Nepal Rastra Bank) released 3 coins (100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees) bearing Sikh symbol to commemorate 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. Book titled "Sikh Heritage of Nepal" was also launched.
14. ▶ Russia formally accepted 2015 Paris agreement on Climate Change. Russia will now allocate financial resources towards developing countries for prevention of and adaptation to climate change.
 1. Paris Agreement is an agreement within UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that was signed in 2016.
 2. It deals with greenhouse-gas-emissions (GHG) mitigation, adaptation, and finance.
15. ▶ Russia held its annual TSENTR 2019 International Command Exercise involving six other nations. Forces from China, India, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan joined Russia's annual exercise.
16. ▶ Saudi Arabia will offer tourist visas for the first time, opening up conservative kingdom to holidayers as part of a push to diversify its economy away from oil.
17. ▶ Taiwan has cut off its ties with Kiribati (Oceanic Nation), amid Taiwan's tensions with China. China claims Taiwan to be its territory and says that it has no right to having formal ties with any country.
18. ▶ Tripartite mechanism to monitor and assess repatriation process of displaced Rohingya people to Myanmar has been agreed between Bangladesh, Myanmar and China. 7 lakh 50 thousand refugees entered Bangladesh from Myanmar after process of ethnic cleansing was initiated in Myanmar in 2016 & 2017.
19. ▶ UAE astronaut Hazzaa al-Mansoori became first Arab to reach International Space Station (ISS), lifting off from Kazakhstan in a Russian spacecraft. He was accompanied by Russia's Oleg Skripochka and NASA astronaut Jessica Meir.
20. ▶ World's oldest travel company Thomas Cook announced bankruptcy, after failing to secure a bailout package from investors. Collapse of this 178 year old British travel giant also left thousands of travelers stranded across Europe.

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Meetings

1. ▶ 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference 2019 held in Kampala (Uganda) with theme *Adaption, engagement, and evolution of parliaments in a rapidly changing Commonwealth*. Indian delegation was led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

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National

1. ▶ 9 Day long flower festival of Telangana, Bathukamma began in Telangana's Warangal district. It marks beginning of Sharath Ruthu.
2. ▶ According to report *burden of child and maternal malnutrition and trends in its indicators in the states of India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 1990–2017* published in Lancet Child & Adolescent Health -
 1. Two-thirds of children below 5 years deaths in 2017 are still attributable to malnutrition
 2. However, deaths caused by malnutrition have shown a much smaller decrease to 68.2% in 2017 from 70.4% in 1991.

3. ▶ Andhra Pradesh government will impose a green tax besides banning single-use plastic, To keep a check on pollution by industrial houses.
4. ▶ As a turning point in cultural historiography of ancient Sangam Age, Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department (TNAD) stated that cultural deposits unearthed during excavations at Keeladi in Sivaganga district could be dated to period between 6th century BCE and 1st century CE.
5. ▶ Assam Government launched Aponar Apon Ghar home loan subsidy scheme and Abhinandan – Education Loan Subsidy scheme.
 1. Under Home loan scheme, subsidy up to 2 lakh 50 thousand rupees will be provided for loan amounts from five lakh to 40 lakh rupees.
6. ▶ Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) partnered with Cab Aggregator Ola, to extend PMJAY benefits to its drivers. Eligible drivers and Ola employees will be able to avail benefits of programme and obtain an Ayushman Bharat card at a minimal cost of Rs 30.
7. ▶ DRDO and Central University of Jammu signed MoU for establishment of Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the university. It aims to facilitate multidisciplinary directed basic and applied research and technology development in Computational System Security and Sensors.
8. ▶ Delhi Govt. led by CM Arvind Kejriwal announced a new scheme under which people residing as tenants in Delhi will be able to avail power subsidy upto 200 units, named *Mukhyamantri Kirayedar Bijli Meter Yojna*'.
 1. Delhi Govt has been announcing several schemes over past year which provide several basic services for free, including free metro and DTC bus rides for females, free electricity upto 200 units, and now free electricity for tenants. This is being done amid upcoming assembly elections in delhi.
9. ▶ Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (Ministry of Jal Shakti) launched 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy (2019-2029), which focus on sustaining sanitation behavior change that has been achieved under Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G).
 1. Since launch of SBM-G in 2014, over 10 crore toilets have been built in rural areas and over 5.9 lakh villages, 699 districts, and 35 States/UTs have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF).
10. ▶ Department of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti, Government of Odisha, in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) unveiled a mascot named 'Tikki Mausi', to spread awareness about nutrition of children and women.
 1. Mascot has been named so in reference to second mother of a child. Tikki Mausi is gregarious character and is an empathetic protagonist with extensive knowledge on all issues related to women and children.
11. ▶ Digital Communication Commission (Department of Telecom) approved multiple projects worth over Rs 8,500 crores, to provide improved connectivity by setting up mobile towers and laying of optical fibre.
12. ▶ Election Commission announced polling schedule for Assembly elections in – Haryana and Maharashtra. Polling will be done on October 21 and results to be announced on October 24.
 1. Election Commission appointed Madhu Mahajan and B Murali Kumar as Special Expenditure Observers for forthcoming Elections to Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra. Actress Madhuri Dixit has been appointed as a goodwill ambassador for Maharashtra Assembly polls.
13. ▶ General conferences (Sep 21 - 30, 2019)
 1. 6th India Water Week 2019 observed between September 24 -28, 2019 with theme *Water Cooperation – Coping with 21st Century Challenges*
 2. Kargil to Kohima (K2K) Ultra-Marathon- "Glory Run" flagged off by Indian Air Force from Kargil War Memorial, To commemorate 20th year of Kargil Victory". Kohima and Kargil are forward most outposts of India in East and in North where two of fiercest battles were fought in 1944 and 1999 respectively. Distance over 4500 Km will be covered in 45 days.
 3. 16th Global SME Business Summit 2019 held in New Delhi, organized by Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). 2019 theme is Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive. National Conclave on Enhancing Energy Efficiency in MSME sector was also held in New Delhi.
 4. 2nd edition of joint hackathon with Singapore, 'Singapore India Hackathon 2019' held at IIT Madras. It is first of its kind joint International hackathon between India and any other country.
 5. 9th India-China Financial dialogue held in New Delhi. Chinese delegation led by Zou Jiayi, Vice Minister of Finance of China.
 6. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched 'TB Harega, Desh Jeetega' campaign in New Delhi, aiming to reach out to every tuberculosis (TB) patient. 'National TB Prevalence Survey' was also launched. India aims to become TB-free by 2025, ahead of global target of 2030.

7. 21st session of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) Coordinating Committee of Asia 2019 held in Panaji (Goa).
8. 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held in Kolkata in November 2019, with theme *RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation*.
9. National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign 2019 organized at NASC, Pusa in New Delhi.
10. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched “Champions Campaign” to fight dengue and urged citizens to become ‘champions’ and encourage friends to check their homes for mosquito larvae. Earlier, he had launched 10Hafta 10Baje 10Minute campaign.
11. Bangladesh Government will allow 500 tons of Hilsa fish to be exported to India, lifting the ban on the same. Bangladesh accounts to nearly 75% of world Hilsa production.
12. Delhi HC launched official mobile app named “Delhi High Court” for lawyers and litigants (person involved in a lawsuit).
13. Minister of State (MoS) in Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Jitendra Singh launched Centralised Public Grievances Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) reforms in Department of Posts. CPGRAMS 7.0 version monitors grievances from public which can be accessed through www.pgportal.nic.in.
14. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 150th birth anniversary celebrations of noted Ayurvedic physician Vaidyaratnam P.S. Varier At Kottal in Kerala. He founded Kottakal Arya Vaidyasala in 1902 for manufacture and sale of Ayurvedic medicines in India. He also established a Ayurvedic Patasala in 1917 that is now operating as an Ayurveda college.
15. Kerala Govt. launched Kerala edition of WING-Women Rise Together, an initiative by Startup India, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for capacity development of women entrepreneurs in country at 2nd edition of Huddle Kerala 2019.
16. Andhra Pradesh government banned private practice by doctors working in government hospitals.
17. 6th ‘MASCRADE 2019’- Movement Against Smuggling and Counterfeit Trade scheduled’, an annual flagship FICCI held in New Delhi. 2019 theme is ‘Containing Counterfeiting, Smuggling and Piracy: A Winning Strategy’.
18. World Sindhi Congress (WSC) hosted a 31st international conference on Sindh in London. It slammed Pakistan over its failure to respect democratic rights and curbs on by country’s military.
19. Longest hindu festival of Nepal named as Bada Dashain formally began in Nepal.
20. 7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in Mumbai, with theme *Prosperous Society: Stronger Society*.
21. India hosted 2nd Lead Author Meeting of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III Sixth Assessment Report at New Delhi.
22. Midnapore railway station of West Bengal became 5000th railway station to be enabled with Wi-fi, under Railtel’ Project which began in 2016. Mumbai central was first railway station to get wifi implementation.
23. Pakistan invited former Indian PM Manmohan Singh for inauguration of Kartarpur corridor on November 9, 2019.
24. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Delhi-Meerut Package-3 connecting Dasna in Ghaziabad to Hapur, the 22 kilometre-long stretch. Delhi-Meerut Expressway is 82 kilometre-long project connects Delhi with Meerut in western UP, being implemented in four packages.
25. Indian Consulate in Dubai stated that Bureau of Immigration (BoI) will now accept PIO cards as valid travel document till 31 March 2020 along with valid foreign passport. Government had earlier advised all PIO card holders to convert their cards to Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards by 30 September 2019.
14. ▶ Google announced to open an artificial intelligence (AI) based research lab “Google Research India“, in Bengaluru, to be led by Manish Gupta.
15. ▶ Gujarat Government launched India’s 1st trading program called “Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)” in Surat, to combat particulate air pollution.
 1. ETS is a market-based system where government sets a cap on emissions and allows industries to buy and sell permits (in kilograms) to stay below the cap.
 2. Surat is chosen for implementaion of ETS as it is densely populated industrial center where textile and dye mills emit large amounts of air pollution & it is equipped with Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems which can track mass of Particulate Matter being released.
16. ▶ Home Affairs Minister Amit Shah launched 3 citizen centric services of Chandigarh Police, including Emergency Response Support System (ERSS - Dial 112), ‘E-Beat Book’ System and the ‘E-Saathi App’.
 1. ERSS project under Nirbhaya Fund, providing a single emergency number (112), preventing escalation of crime, especially against women and children. ‘Dial 112’ emergency response service is an initiative to strengthen proactive community policing that would end confusion amongst distress callers.

2. 'E-Beat Book' is a web and mobile based application which will ease collection, updation and analysis of the information related to crime and criminals in a real time.
 3. 'E-Saathi' App would help the general public, including senior citizens, to remain in touch with the police and also give suggestions to facilitate participative community policing.
17. ▶ Home Minister Amit Shah laid foundation stone of new building of Registrar General of India (Janganana Bhawan/Census Building) in New Delhi He also announced to conduct first-ever "digital census" in 2021 (16th census of India and 8th since Indian independence).
1. INR 12000 crores will be spent on preparation of National Population Register (NPR) and census 2021. It will be a transformation from paper census to digital census as mobile app will be used to collect data.
 2. Home Minister also proposed single multipurpose identity card for citizens, with all utilities such as Aadhaar, driving license, passport and bank accounts merged into one.
 3. He also stated that National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) being set up to track any terror suspect and prevent terrorist attacks with real time data, will start functioning by January 2020. NATGRID is a 3400 Crores project, as a robust intelligence gathering mechanism related to banking, immigration, individual tax payers and travels. It was conceptualised following 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.
 4. He also launched 'Private Security Agency Licensing Portal', to help private security agencies get licenses, amid need to increase number of licensed private security.
18. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir become first state to distribute highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), showing positive intent of People of Jammu and Kashmir towards government schemes.
1. Sep 23 also observed as 1st edition of Ayushman Bharat Diwas. Ayushman Bharat Yojana or Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) was launched from Ranchi on Sep 23, 2018.
19. ▶ Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and IIT Delhi signed MoU for cooperation in research, education and technology developments in science and other disciplines. This collaboration will also facilitate access to each other's libraries and central research facilities. It will intensify joint research projects and other related academic activities.
20. ▶ Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath announced that name of Bhopal metro will be 'Bhoj Metro', after late king Raja Bhoj. It will be built at a cost of about Rs 6,941.4 crore rupees. First phase of the metro project will be completed by 2023 with 2 corridors.
21. ▶ Minister of Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan launched two initiatives to tackle the menace of genetic diseases in newborns - Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (UMMID) initiative National Inherited Diseases Administration (NIDAN), Both supported by Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
1. Objective of UMMID is to make treatment of expensive genetic diseases in newborns within reach of all people. NIDAN kendras are to be established under UMMID initiative. These will provide counselling and management in government hospitals.
 2. Another objective is to produce skilled technicians in Human genetics to screen pregnant women and newborn babies for inherited genetic diseases.
22. ▶ Ministry for Civil Aviation directed setting up a mechanism to regularly monitor airfares in country, to enable monitoring of airfares by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
23. ▶ NASSCOM's Data Security Council of India (DSCI) collaborated with Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) and Google India to launch nationwide awareness campaign 'Digital Payment Abhiyan', launched by Communications and Electronics & IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad at 'Google for India' event in New Delhi.
24. ▶ NITI Aayog released SEQI (School Education Quality Index), evaluating performance of States / UTs in school education (For 2016-17).
1. 18 of 20 large states improved in overall performance, with highest performance recorded in Kerala, followed by Rajasthan and Karnataka. Uttar Pradesh ranked last in list of 20 large states.
 2. Among small states - Manipur (1), Tripura (2) and Goa (3).
 3. UTs - Chandigarh (1), Dadra and Nagar Haveli (2), Delhi (3).
25. ▶ NTPC will set up a 5-gigawatt solar park in Gujarat, as Biggest solar park in India. It will cost approx \$3.5 billion and will begin operations by 2024.
26. ▶ Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched 2 mobile Apps – 'CHC Farm Machinery and Krishi Kisan App for Geo Tagging'.
1. Through CHC Farm Machinery App, farmers can select and order the required machinery at the rates feasible for them from the Custom Hiring Centers located in the radius of 50 Kms.

2. Krishi Kisan App will provide farmers the information of best demonstration of high-yielding crops and seeds in their nearby area. Any farmer with high quality of crops can utilise this to demonstrate best practices of cultivation to other farmers.
27. ▶ National eGovernance Division (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) and National Law Institute University (NLIU) Bhopal signed MoU to implement an 'Online Capacity Building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics through NeGD Learning Management System (LMS)'.
28. ▶ Ponung Doming became first lady officer from Arunachal Pradesh in Indian army to be elevated to rank of Lieutenant colonel.
29. ▶ Railways Subsidiary Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) launched its Initial Public Offer (IPO), with 645 crores value, as largest IPO issued by all subsidiaries of Indian Railways.
 1. Investments can be made by 3 October. IRCTC will be listed on NSE and BSE on October 14.
 2. Price band is between 315 to 320. Bid size is minimum 40 shares.
 3. Government is going to launch 2,01,60,000 shares priced at Rs 10 under offer in the market. After this, Govt stake in IRCTC will come down from 100 % to 87.4 %.
30. ▶ Railways and Department of Science & Technology partnered with IIT Kanpur for taking up a unique project on 'Industry 4.0' by launching a Pilot Project for implementation at Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli.
 1. 'Industry 4.0' commonly referred to as the fourth industrial revolution, is a name given to the current trend of automation, interconnectivity and data exchange in manufacturing technologies to increase productivity.
 2. Industry 4.0 is a complex Cyber-Physical Systems which synergizes production with digital technologies, the Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data & Analytics, Machine Learning and Cloud Computing.
31. ▶ UIDAI announced that Non-resident Indians (NRIs) with valid Indian passport could apply for Aadhaar on arrival, without the need to wait for 182-day period by scheduling a prior appointment.
32. ▶ Uttar Pradesh Govt. announced annual support of INR 6,000 to the victims of triple talaq till their rehabilitation and they will get free legal aid.
33. ▶ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu suggested several reforms in Supreme court including bifurcation of Supreme Court and setting up of four Regional Benches, Expressing serious concern over delays in justice delivery. He Also suggested evolving Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that limit number of adjournments and timeframe for disposal of cases by courts.

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Persons

1. ▶ Noted Indian Classical Singer Pandit Jasraj will have a minor planet (*2006 VP32 (number -300128)*), located between Mars and Jupiter) named after him by IAU (International Astronomical Union), which was discovered 13 years ago by NASA. Pandit Jasraj is first Indian artist to receive such an honour.
2. ▶ Obituaries (September 2019) -
 1. LaShawn Daniels - Grammy Winning US songwriter, known as Big Shiz.
 2. Robert Mugabe - Zimbabwe's former President. He was country's first post-independence leader and also considered as Zimbabwe's founding father. He served for 37 years.
 3. Kiran Nagarkar - Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer. He wrote in Marathi and English.
 4. Kottakkal Chandrasekhara Warriar - Noted Kathakali maestro (Kerala).
 5. Veeru Krishnan - Bollywood actor and Noted Kathak dancer.
 6. Abdul Qadir - Pakistan's Noted Cricketer (leg-spinner). He had taken total 368 wickets in his international career.
 7. Ram Jethmalani - Former Union Minister and Senior Lawyer. He served as Minister of Law and Justice in office (1996).
 8. Dilip Satpathy - Noted Odisha Journalist.
 9. Heeralal Sharma - Rajasthan born freedom fighter.
 10. Raja Sekar - Tamil Film Director, Actor and Cinematographer.
 11. Robert Frank - Switzerland born Noted documentary Photographer.
 12. Akilisi Pohiva - Noted Climate Change campaigner. He was also former PM of Oceanic nation Tonga.
 13. Sivaraman Cheriyanad - Noted Malayalam Writer from Kerala.
 14. Jusuf (B.J.) Habibie - Former Indonesian President, who permitted democratic reforms.
 15. B.N. Yugandhar - Former bureaucrat and Secretary to PMO. He was father of Microsoft's CEO Satya Nadella.
 16. Sanjib Kumar Datta - Noted Film editor.
 17. Edward Smith - Noted American historian, Known for his writings on American Presidents.
 18. Sathar - Noted Malayalam actor (Kerala).

19. Robert Skinner Boyd - Noted American Journalist (Pulitzer Prize winner).
 20. S.K. Padmadevi- Noted Kannada actor.
 21. Fernando Ricksen - Former Dutch (Netherlands') footballer.
 22. Shyam Ramsay - Noted Bollywood producer.
 23. Madhav Apte - Former India Cricketer and entrepreneur.
 24. Venu Madhav - Noted Telugu actor.
 25. Davor Karnicar - Slovenian Climber Who Was First Person to Ski Down Mount Everest.
 26. Jacques René Chirac - Former French president. He was first leader to accept France's role in the Holocaust (World War II genocide).
 27. J. Michael Mendel - American television producer & a four-time Emmy Award winner.
 28. KPS Menon (junior) - Former Foreign Secretary of India. He was son of K P S Menon (Senior), who was first foreign secretary of Independent India.
 29. Viju Khote - Bollywood Actor, mainly known for his role in Sholay as *Kalia*.
3. ▶ Persons Resigned / Retired (September 2019) -
1. Government accepted resignation of Anshula Kant as Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI), after her appointment as the MD and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of World Bank Group.
 2. Indian women cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from T20 Cricket.
 3. Zimbabwe Cricketer Hamilton Masakadza announced his retirement from international cricket.
 4. Cameroon footballer legend Samuel Eto announced retirement from all forms of football.
 5. Madras HC Chief Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani resigned from her post, after being transferred to Meghalaya HC.
 6. Brazilian tennis player Diego Matos has been banned for lifetime because of match-fixing.
 7. Chinese E-Commerce Firm Alibaba's Chairman Jack Ma announced his retirement from the post. Daniel Zhang, Alibaba's CEO, will replace Jack Ma as Executive Chairman of group.
 8. Asian Development Bank President Takehiko Nakao resigned, which will be effective from January 16, 2020.
 9. Indian Cricketer Dinesh Mongia announced retirement from all formats of cricket.
 10. Kim Ji Hyun (South Korea) resigned as India's women's singles badminton coach. She coached World Championship gold medalist PV Sindhu.
 11. England women cricketer Sarah Taylor announced retirement from international cricket.
4. ▶ Visits from India (Sep 21 - 30, 2019)
1. Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar Visited Russia, to attend First meeting of Heads of Environment Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization member Nations.
 2. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry Visited UAE, to attend 7th meeting of UAE-India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments.
 1. He also unveiled design of India pavilion at World Expo 2020 in Dubai, to take place for 6 months between 20th October 2020 up to 10th April 2021.
 3. Navy Chief Karambir Singh visited Bangladesh.
 4. PM Narendra Modi Visited US -
 1. He attended *Howdy Modi* event in Texas, which was attended by Over 50000 Indian-Americans. Notably, It was also attended by US President Donald Trump.
 2. PM Modi attended 74th session of United Nations General Assembly in New York City. 74th UNGA is presided by Tijjani Muhammad-Bande (Nigeria).
 3. UN Climate Change Summit 2019 was held in New York City. It was hosted/convened by UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Theme of Climate Summit was *Climate Action Summit 2019: A Race We Can Win. A Race We Must Win*.
 4. PM Modi attended India- CARICOM (Caribbean Community and Common Market) Meeting. India announced 14 million USD grant for community development projects in region. Another 150 million Line of Credit was announced for solar, renewable energy and climate- change related projects.
 5. PM Modi attended India-Pacific Islands Developing States (PSIDS) Leaders' Meeting in New York City.
 1. PM Modi announced allocation of USD 12 million grant (USD 1 million to each PSIDS) towards implementation of high impact developmental projects.

2. Another 150 million Line of Credit was announced for solar, renewable energy and climate- change related projects.
 6. SAARC Council of Ministers meeting held on sidelines of 74th UNGA Session.
 7. PM Narendra Modi gifted 1 Million USD 'Gandhi Solar Park' to UN in New York. The 50 kilowatt hour (kWh) roof-top solar park has 193 solar panels—each representing a member of the multilateral body. Gandhi peace garden was also inaugurated.
 8. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded "Global Goalkeeper" award to PM Minister Narendra Modi for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by his government.
 9. Rajasthan's Payal Jangir became first Indian to receive Changemaker Award 2019 at Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019 presented by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She hails from Hinsla village, Rajasthan and was awarded for her work towards abolition of child marriage in her village and other neighboring areas.
 10. A UN postage stamp of M K Gandhi was launched event titled *Leadership Matters: Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World*.
 11. India and US will hold their first tri-services exercise code-named as 'Tiger Triumph' at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh, in November 2019. This will 2nd time that India will deploy assets and manpower from its Army, Navy and Air Force together for an exercise with a foreign country, after similar tri-service exercise 'Indra wargames' with Russia in 2017.
 12. Members of Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) met at 74th UN General Assembly, to discuss progress on steps taken to implement Christchurch Call to Action. It has been led by 4 founding companies - Microsoft, Facebook, Youtube and Twitter.
 13. PM Modi met CEOs of 17 global energy companies in Houston and signed MoU for Indian investment of \$ 2.5-billion LNG supply from US for four decades.
 14. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a big push to securing India's energy interests when he met CEOs of 17 global energy companies.
 1. An MoU was signed between US natural gas company Tellurian and India's Petronet LNG, under which Petronet will invest \$2.5 billion in Tellurian's proposed Driftwood LNG export terminal, in exchange for rights to 5 million metric tonnes of LNG per year for over 40 years.
 15. PM Modi launched global Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at UN Climate Action Summit in New York. CDRI will support countries to build climate and disaster resilient infrastructure. Coalition's secretariat, supported by UNDRR and based in Delhi, will facilitate knowledge exchange, provide technical support and support capacity building.
 1. India will provide support of Rs 480 crore to CDRI to support research projects, setting up secretariat and covering recurring expenditure between 2019-20 to 2023-24.
 16. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina conferred with 'Vaccine Hero' award 2019 in recognition of the country's outstanding success in vaccination, especially for her role in eliminating polio, cholera and various communicable diseases.
 17. 2019 United Nations Climate Change Conference (also known as COP25) will be held in Santiago (Chile) in December 2019.
5. ▶ Visits to India (Sep 21 - 30, 2019)
1. Deputy Prime Minister of Indonesia, Jurin Laksanawisit Visited India -
 1. He launched Agri-Trade Supply Chain Alliance (ATSCHA) which will increase trade commodity supply between two countries.
 2. A MOU was signed to create an online platform for SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) from both countries.
 3. Thailand and India signed agreements worth Rs 2,400 crore to boost trade ties.
 2. President of Mongolia Khaltmaagiin Battulga visited India -
 1. 4 MOUs signed - Cultural Exchange Protocol from 2019-2023, Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction, Cooperation and Usage of Outer Space for peaceful and civilian purposes AND Comprehensive Work Plan for cooperation in the field of Animal Health and Dairy.
 2. India announced additional 236 million dollars Line of Credit for ongoing Petrochemical Refinery Project in Mongolia.
 3. PM Narendra Modi and Mongolia President Khaltmaagiin Battulga jointly unveiled a statue of Lord Buddha and his two disciples, installed at historic Gandan Tegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia's Capital) via videoconferencing.

3. Governor of US State New Jersey Phil Murphy Visited India -

1. New Jersey and Gujarat signed 'sister state agreement' MoU for cooperation several areas.

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Science

1. ▶ According to UN report titled *United in Science for 2019*, average global temperature between 2015-2019 will be the hottest of any five-year period on record. It is estimated to be 1.1 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial (1850-1900) times and 0.2 degrees Celsius warmer than 2011-2015.
 1. CO₂ grew 2% in 2018 and reached a record high of 37 billion tonnes. Extent of Arctic summer sea ice declined at rate of 12% per decade over past 40 years.
2. ▶ An unusual object originated outside our solar system has been spotted as 2nd Interstellar visitor to our solar system, named 2I/Borisov by International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center. It's anywhere between 1.2 and 10 miles in diameter.
3. ▶ Geologists from Utrecht University Netherlands discovered a new continent named "Greater Adria" in the mediterranean region under Europe, after successful analysis of mountain ranges from Spain to Iran in detail for 10 years. The discovery is published in 'Gondwana Research'.
 1. Greater Adria island is a piece of continental crust in the size of Greenland. It once separated from North Africa and plunged into the Earth's mantle under Southern Europe. Only remaining part of this continent is a strip that runs from Turin, Italy via the Adriatic Sea in the Italian peninsula, hence the name "Greater Adria".
 2. Millions of years ago, Earth consisted just one massive chunk of land called Pangea, which fragmented into smaller portions, giving rise to continents as they are now. During this, lost eighth continent Greater Adria slipped underneath what now forms Southern Europe. It took Greater Adria 120 million years to be found by mankind.
4. ▶ ISRO initiated 'Project NETRA' (NETRA-Network for space object Tracking and Analysis), in-order to detect debris in space and other hazards in Indian satellites which would act as a step for Space Situational Awareness(SSA).
 1. NETRA is a network of observational tools which can track objects/debris in range 10cm - 3400km. NETRA's goal is to capture geosynchronous equatorial orbit(GEO) at 36,000 km where communication satellites operate.
5. ▶ NASA launched a miniature satellite (4 cm x 4 cm x 4 cm) called "RamanSat 2" made by a 17-year old New Delhi-based Indian student Aabhaas Sikka. Satellite will measure radiation from sun and space to make space exploration safer for humans and satellites.
6. ▶ New species of snake called Thackeray's Cat Snake (scientific name *Boiga thackeray*) named after Tejas Thackeray, younger son of Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, has been found in Sahyadri tiger reserve in Koyna area of Satara district in Maharashtra after 125 years.
7. ▶ Researchers discovered a new mineral named 'Goldschmidt' inside a diamond from a mine- Koffiefontein pipe in South Africa run by De Beers. It is named goldschmidt in honor of Victor Moritz Goldschmidt, the founder of modern geochemistry.
 1. It has high concentrations of niobium, potassium and rare earth elements lanthanum and cerium. Mineral was formed about 170 kilometers beneath Earth's surface, at temperatures reaching 1200 C.

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Sports

1. ▶ International Cricket Council signed agreement with Facebook, under which Facebook will get exclusive digital content rights for select cricket matches in Indian subcontinent including the Women's T20 World Cup 2020-22, Men's T20 World Cup 2020-21 and Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.
2. ▶ 2019 Challenger de Buenos Aires Men's tennis tournament (Buenos Aires, Argentina) -
 1. Singles - **Sumit Nagal (India)**. He defeated Facundo Bagnis (Argentina).
 2. Doubles - Argentina' Guido Andreozzi AND Andrés Molteni
3. ▶ 2019 China Open Badminton -
 1. Men's Singles - Kento Momota (Japan)
 2. Women's Singles - Carolina Marín (Spain)
 3. Men's Doubles - Indonesia's Marcus Fernaldi Gideon AND Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo
 4. Women's Doubles - China's Chen Qingchen AND Jia Yifan
 5. Mixed Doubles - China's Zheng Siwei AND Huang Yaqiong

4. ▶ 2019 Korea Open Badminton -

1. Men's Singles - Kento Momota (Japan)
2. Women's Singles - He Bingjiao (China)
3. Men's Doubles - Indonesia' Fajar Alfian AND Muhammad Rian Ardianto
4. Women's Doubles - South Korea's Kim So-yeong AND Kong Hee-yong
5. Mixed Doubles - Thailand' Dechapol Puavaranukroh AND Sapsiree Taerattanachai

5. ▶ 2019 Moselle Open Men's Tennis Title (Metz, France) -

1. Singles - Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (France)
2. Doubles - Robert Lindstedt (Sweden) AND Jan-Lennard Struff (Germany)

6. ▶ 2019 St. Petersburg Open Men's Tennis Title (St. Petersburg, Russia)-

1. Singles - Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
2. Doubles - **Divij Sharan (India)** AND Igor Zelenay (Slovakia)

7. ▶ 2019 Toray Pan Pacific Open Women's Tennis Title (Osaka, Japan) -

1. Singles - Naomi Osaka (Japan)
2. Doubles - Chinese Taipei's Chan Hao-ching AND Latisha Chan

8. ▶ 2019 World Weightlifting Championships held in Pattaya (Thailand) -

1. 588 competitots from 97 nations participated.
2. Medals table (all medals - Big (Total result) and Small (Snatch and Clean & Jerk))

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	29	14	10	53
2	North Korea	7	12	5	24
3	Georgia	5	0	2	7
4	Armenia	4	4	4	12
5	US	3	3	2	8

3. 7 Indian weightlifters participated, but India remained medal-less at the event.

9. ▶ 2019 Wuhan Open Women's Tennis (Wuhan, China)-

1. Singles - Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus). She defeated Alison Riske (US)
2. Doubles - Duan Yingying (China) AND Veronika Kudermetova (Russia)

10. ▶ 20th Asian Senior Men's Volleyball Championship 2019 held in Tehran (Iran) -

1. Iran emerged champions by defeating Australia. Japan & South Korea bagged third and fourth place respectively. India was ranked 8th.

11. ▶ Biennial AIBA World Boxing Championships 2019 held in Ekaterinburg Expo, Yekaterinburg (Russia)

1. Indian boxers won 2 medals, as Best Indian show in these championships. Amit Panghal lost to Olympic champion Shokhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan and won silver in 52kg category. India's Manish Kaushik defeated Andy Cruz Gomez from Cuba in 63 kg category and won bronze medal. 2021 AIBA World Boxing Championships will be held for first time in New Delhi (India).

2. Medal Tally -

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Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Uzbekistan	3	1	1	5
2	Russia	3	0	1	4
3	Kazakhstan	1	1	4	6
4	Cuba	1	1	1	3
5	England	0	1	2	3
6	India	0	1	1	2

12. ▶ Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel of Germany won Formula 1 (F1) Singapore Grand Prix 2019. He became first to win Singapore Grand Prix 5 times -

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13	Belgian Grand Prix	Charles Leclerc (Monaco)	1 September
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15	Singapore Grand Prix	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)	22 September
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17	Japanese Grand Prix		13 October
18	Mexican Grand Prix		27 October
19	United States Grand Prix		3 November
20	Brazilian Grand Prix		17 November
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix		1 December

13. ▶ India won SAFF Under-18 football Championship by defeating Bangladesh in Kathmandu (Nepal), as India's First SAFF U-18 trophy.
14. ▶ Indian Badminton Player Malvika Bansod won Maldives International Future Series, defeating Myanmar's Thet Htar Thuzar. Also, Vaibhav and Prakash Raj claimed men's doubles title after beating Thailand's Pakkapon Teeraratsakul and Panitchaphon Teeraratsakul.
15. ▶ Manipur women football team won 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship 2019 at Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh), defeating Indian Railways.
16. ▶ Mercedes Racer Lewis Hamilton of UK won Formula 1 Russian Grand Prix 2019 -

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17. ▶ Ministry of Sports will set up 20 National Centres of Excellence (NCE) to groom athletes for 2024 Paris and 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. National Centres of Excellence (NCE) scheme will have distinction of having a single scheme running in them for elite athletes.
18. ▶ Misc. Sports Events (September 2019) -
- 36th National Games will be held in Goa from October 20 – November 4, 2020. Hosting of games has been delayed several times since last year.
 - Shotputter Tejinderpal Singh Toor won silver medal at athletic meet at Decin, Czech Republic.
 - For the 1st time, 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship 2019 held in Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh).
 - Nadubhagam Chundan*, snake boat of Pallathuruthy Boat Club won 67th Nehru Trophy Boat race at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha in Kerala.
 - Indian swimmers Rujuta and Virdhawal Khade won 73rd Glenmark National senior aquatics championships 2019 in Bhopal (MP), in Female and Male categories respectively.
 - Indian woman athlete Anupama Swain won bronze medal in World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019 in Chungju (South Korea). She has qualified for 2022 Asian Games.
 - Indian Cricketer Rohit Sharma launched Rohit 4 Rhinos campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet. It aims to build awareness for need to conserve Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros or Indian Rhino.
 - Asian Games gold medallist Jinson Johnson broke his own 1500m national record while winning a silver in ISTAF Berlin event.
 - Afghanistan's Rashid Khan became youngest captain in test cricket (at age 20 years and 350 days).
 - Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothisthan (BKSP) defeated Nilmani English School (Manipur) to win U17 Girls Subroto Cup International Football 2019 title in New Delhi.
 - Afghanistan Cricketer Mohammad Nabi announced his retirement from test cricket.
 - 8th edition of Ladakh Marathon held in Leh, as highest marathon in world, held at over 11,000 feet above sea level.
 - Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga become first T20I bowler to take 100 wickets.
 - Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) won 93rd All-India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup hockey tournament, defeating Punjab National Bank (PNB).
 - Kenya's Brigid Kosgei completed fastest half-marathon ever ran by a woman as She won Great North Run in a time of 1 hour, 44 minutes and 28 seconds.
 - South Africa appointed Former Indian Cricketer Amol Muzumdar as interim batting coach for series against India.
 - Sports Ministry recommended names of 9 Female sportspersons for India's Civilian Honors Padma Awards 2020 -
 - Boxer Mary Kom became first female sportsperson to be recommended for Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award. PV Sindhu's name has been suggested for the Padma Bhushan Award.
 - Recommended for Padma Shri - Harmanpreet Kaur (Cricket), Rani Rampal (Hockey), Manika Batra (TT), Suma Shirur (Shooter) and mountaineer twin sisters Tashi and Nungshi Malik.
 - Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in Delhi was renamed as *Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium* in the memory of former DDCA President and Finance Minister.
 - 25th Edition of Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships 2019 held at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Indian team clinched 2 silver medals.
 - In International Billiards Snooker Federation (IBSF) World Under-16 Snooker Championship 2019 in Tyumen (Russia), Ranveer Duggal from Chandigarh won bronze medal.

21. Belgian female tennis player Kim Clijsters (former World no. 1 and four-time Grand Slam Winner) announced her return to professional tennis, seven years after her retirement.
 22. Indonesian golfer Rory won Classic Golf and Country Club International Championship 2019 at Nuh city in Haryana. Indian golfer Rashid Khan and Korea's Byungjun Kim secured second position.
 23. 1st edition of Western Asian Youth and Junior Chess Championships 2019 held in New Delhi. India won 125 medals and stayed at top.
 24. Meghalaya's Hopewell Elias Higher Secondary School won 60th Under-17 Junior Boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament 2019 by beating Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP).
 25. Smiling panda, named Bing Dwen Dwen was revealed as the official mascot for Beijing Winter Olympics 2022. A walking Chinese lantern Shuey Rhon Rhon was declared as the official mascot for Winter Paralympics 2022.
 26. Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur announced that a cricket and sports academy will be set up in Leh, Ladakh.
 27. ICC banned Sri Lankan Cricketer Akila Dananjaya from bowling in international games for 1 year, after his bowling action was found illegal.
 28. American Golfer Nelly Korda won Ladies European Tour Title at Lacoste Ladies French Open. India's Aditi Ashok was the best Indian, finishing 26th.
 29. Indian chess player Koneru Hampi won Fide World Grand Prix 2019 title in Skolkovo, Russia.
 30. Indian team of Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta won "IBSF World Snooker" title, defeating Thailand in Mandalay (Myanmar).
 31. Indian wrestler Deepak Punia clinched top spot in rankings released by United World Wrestling (UWW) in 86 kg category.
 32. Indian fencer CA Bhavani Devi won silver medal in women's sabre individual category in 2019 Tournoi Satellite Fencing competition at Ghent (Belgium).
 33. Indian junior boys Raegan Albuquerque and Yashansh Malik paired with Netherlands' Lode Hulshof to win bronze medal at the Serbia Junior and Cadet Table-Tennis Open 2019.
19. ► World Wrestling Championships 2019 held in Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan) -
1. Wrestlers from 101 nations participated. It was first qualification event for Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games and first Senior World Championships in Kazakhstan.
 2. Russia named champions in Men's Freestyle and Men's Greco-Roman Categories, while Japan named champions in Women's freestyle.
 3. Medal table -

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1	Russia	9	5	5	19
2	United States	5	0	2	7
3	Georgia	4	0	2	6
4	Japan	3	3	3	9
5	Azerbaijan	1	3	2	6

4. India ranked 17th with 5 Medals (1 Silver and 4 Bronze). Indian Medalists -

1. Silver -

1. Deepak Punia. He settled for silver after pulling out of 86kg final Deepak Punia due to Injury. He was to face Hassan Yazdani of Iran in 86Kg Category.

2. Bronze -

1. Bajrang Punia won bronze, by defeating Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir in 65 kg.
2. Vinesh Phogat won bronze medal by defeating Maria Prevolaraki of Greece in 53 kg freestyle event.
3. Rahul Aware won bronze medal after defeating Tyler Lee Graff in 61kg category.
4. Ravi Kumar Dahiya won bronze by beating Iran's Reza Atrinagharchi in 57kg men's Freestyle.

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