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Appointment (June) Chapter-1 (National)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Ujjivan Small Finance banks as an independent director	Sachin Bansal
New brand "V-Nourish"	Shah Rukh Khan
Director General (ADG level) of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)	V.S. Kaumudi
New Chief Justice Of Delhi High Court	Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel
India Meteorological Department (IMD) Chief	Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
Chairman of Axis Bank	Rakesh Makhija
Vigilance Commissioner Interim Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)	Sharad Kumar
Principal Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi with cabinet minister rank	Nripendra Misra (Re-appoint)
Additional Principal Secretary (Addl PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi with cabinet minister rank	Pramod Kumar Mishra (Re-appoint)
7th Commandant of Indian Naval Academy (INA).	Dinesh K Tripathi
Hero MotoCorp new brand ambassador	Yerry Mina
New Lok Sabha Speaker	Om Birla
Director of Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)	Mr. Ravinder Singh Dhillon
Rbi Executive Director	Rabi Mishra
India's representative in the Council of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)	Shefali Juneja
NITI Aayog CEO	Amitabh Kant, 2-year extension
New Chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)	Amit Agarwal
New Research and Analysis Wing(RAW) chief	Samant Kumar Goel
New IB head	Arvind Kumar
New member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)	Narinder Batra , (President of Indian Olympic Association) (IOA)
New President of FIEO (Federation of Indian Export Organisations)	Sharad Kumar Saraf
National Housing Bank (NHB) Managing Director	Sarada Kumar Hota

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Governor of Manipur	PB Acharya
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(International)

Deputy Executive Director of UN Women	India's Anita Bhatia
President of Badminton Asia	Anton Aditya Subowo(re-elected)
Prime Minister of Thailand	Prayuth Chan-ocha
FIFA President	Gianni Infantino (re-elected)
United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) President	Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
External auditor of WHO	CAG Rajiv Mehrishi
President of El Salvador	Nayib Bukele
New Kazakhstan's president	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
UNEP's (United Nations Environment Programme's)Executive Director	Inger Andersen, Denmark's Economist and Environmentalist
First female president of Slovakia	Zuzana Caputova

Awards (June) chapter- 2



<u>Awards</u>	<u>Persons/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
Mexico's highest civilian award ("Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle).	Ex-President Pratibha Patil	Former president of India, Pratibha Patil was honored with the highest civilian award of Mexico termed "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle).
J C Daniel award	Veteran Actress Sheela	Veteran actress Sheela was conferred with Kerala's highest J C Daniel award for her contribution to Malayalam cinema at the Kerala state film award function at Nisagandhi auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram. The award consists of 5 lakh cash prize, a citation, and a plaque.
Women's Prize for Fiction	Tayari Jones Novel An American Marriage	US Novelist Tayari Jones received Women's Prize for Fiction worth \$40,000 for her novel An American Marriage. The novel was praised by Barack Obama and Oprah Winfrey. This is her fourth

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		novel based on a middle-class black couple torn apart by injustice. She also received Aspen Words Literary Prize for the same novel in April 2019.
World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019	Rajasthan Health Department 	Recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control. It was presented on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day(WNTD) celebrated on May 31, 2019 in an event held in New Delhi.
2019 Global Leadership award	Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and NASDAQ's (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) President Adena Friedman	They were chosen by business advocacy group US-India Business Council (USIBC) for "catalyzing growth in the US-India commercial corridor".
Gold Award in South Africa	Mahindra Group	The automobile Giant Mahindra Group won the Gold Award in South Africa. It clinches the top spot among 29 vehicle brands for the award. Mahindra Group received the Gold award from National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA).
54th Jnanpith Award, 2018	Amitav Ghosh	Renowned English writer
Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award	Priyanka Chopra 	Indian actress Priyanka Chopra was selected for " Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award " by United Nations International Children's Fund's (UNICEF) American chapter for her contribution to social causes and for being a voice for children's education. She will be presented with this award at UNICEF American chapter's Snowflake Ball which is to be held in December 2019 in New York.
'Save Water Hero Award'	Social activist Makarand Tilloo	Social activist Makarand

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		<p>Tiloo was conferred with 'Save Water Hero Award'. He received this award for his efforts to raise awareness about water conservation in the city. The award ceremony was held in Pune, Maharashtra.</p>
BBC award	Akshay Patra's school meals	<p>The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF), a Non-governmental organizations (NGO) based in Bangalore that runs school lunch programme across India has been awarded the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) "World Service Global Champion Award" for the mid-day meal project. The award was presented at the BBC Food and Farming Awards in Bristol in London, UK.</p>
Miss India 2019	Suman Rao	<p>A 20-year-old model, Suman Rao, a resident of Rajsamand, Rajasthan was crowned Miss India 2019. The ceremony was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra. She was crowned by Miss India 2018 Anukreethy Vas from Tamil Nadu.</p>
'Distinguished Alumni Award'	Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar	<p>Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) will honour Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar with 'Distinguished Alumni Award'. This was decided by the Executive Council of JNU. They will be awarded on the third convocation ceremony of the university, which will be held in August 2019. They will be the first recipient of this award.</p>

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<p>'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019'</p>	<p>Dr Gaurav Nigam</p>	<p>A well-known educationist, pediatrician and author, Dr Gaurav Nigam was conferred with the 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019' by Lyonpo Ugyen Dorji, Minister for Labour and Human Resources of Bhutan at the Asian Leadership Summit held at Thimphu, Bhutan. The event was organized by Global Leaders Foundation.</p>
<p>'Journalist of the Year 2019'</p>	<p>Rachna Khaira</p>	<p>The award was bestowed for her expose on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and its Aadhaar data cache in 2018.</p>
<p>Shanghai International film festival</p>	<p>Malayalam film 'Veyilmarangal'</p>	<p>The 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival, Director Bijukumar Damodaran has received the Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award for the film, Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun).</p>

Partnership/ Agreement (June) Chapter -3

<u>Partnership/ Agreement</u>	<u>Aims</u>
<p>Bajaj Finserv & Motherhood hospitals ink partnership</p>	<p>Indian financial services company Bajaj Finserv inked partnership with Motherhood hospitals, a national network of women & child hospital to provide Lifecare finance facility. Through this partnership, patients at all motherhood hospitals can avail Life Care Finance (LCF) from Bajaj Finserv that converts their medical bills into an EMI loan without interest.</p>
<p>Ashok Leyland partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank</p>	<p>Ashok Leyland, Hinduja Group flagship firm, partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank to provide vehicle loans.</p>

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	<p>Under this partnership, Suryoday Small Finance Bank will provide end-to-end financial solutions to the customers of Ashok Leyland for auto loans across India. The strategic financing partnership agreement was signed for 3 years.</p>
<p>Agreement signed between MCA and SEBI</p>	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for automatic data exchange in order to tackle the rising instances of fraud. It was signed by Shri KVR Murty, Joint Secretary, MCA, and Smt. Madhabi Puri Buch, Whole Time Member, SEBI in the presence of senior officers from both the organizations.</p>
<p>IRSDC signed a Tripartite Agreement with SNCF and AFD</p>	<p>Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) entered into a Tripartite Agreement with French National Railways (SNCF) and French Development Agency (AFD). Under this agreement, a grant up to 7 lakh euros will be provided to boost capacity building for railway station development program in India.</p>
<p>IDBI Bank and Max Bupa</p>	<p>Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank and Max Bupa, a Standalone Health Insurer (SAHI) signed a Bancassurance corporate agency agreement. For the first time, IDBI Bank became an on-boarded corporate agent for Max Bupa under open architecture.</p> <p>IDBI Bank is focused to increase the Fee Income through Third Party distribution. The products are IDBI Max Bupa Suvidha Health Plus, IDBI Max Bupa Loan Secure and IDBI Max Bupa Sehat Suraksha.</p>
<p>ZestMoney in partnership with Digit Insurance</p>	<p>ZestMoney, a Bengaluru based digital lending startup, in partnership with Digit Insurance announced to offer EMI (Equated Monthly Installment) insurance to the company's five million customers. The aim of the partnership is to relieve its customers of debt in case of unforeseen circumstances.</p>
<p>DGT partnered with Cisco & Accenture</p>	<p>Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and</p>

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	<p>Entrepreneurship (MSDE) joined hands with Cisco and Accenture, private sector companies, to skill the youth for digital economy through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). The implementation partner is Quest Alliance.</p>
<p>Edelweiss and Bank of Baroda</p>	<p>Bank of Baroda (BoB) and ECL Finance, the flagship non-banking financial company of Edelweiss Group, signed an agreement to form a strategic partnership to explore co-lending opportunities. They will offer loans and expertise for the growing needs of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), self-employed and priority sector groups.</p>
<p>NHA and ICICI Foundation signed a MoU to train 15,000 personnel under Ayushman Bharat Scheme</p>	<p>The National Health Authority (NHA) and ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train 15,000 state and district personnel and Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitras to provide the delivery of health services under Ayushman Bharat Scheme over a period of one year. It is aimed at capacity building of health personnel at state. The state personnel is assigned the responsibility to implement the scheme in their respective states and Arogya Mitras, the health service professionals, are present at each empanelled hospital.</p>
<p>IDBI Bank and Tata AIG</p>	<p>Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has signed a bancassurance agreement with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Ltd to provide Tata AIG's suite of P&C (Property and Casualty (insurance) products to its customers.</p>
<p>Maruti Suzuki inks partnership with BOB</p>	<p>Automobile manufacturer in India, Maruti Suzuki signed 'Preferred Financier' MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with public sector Bank, Bank of Baroda (BOB) to improve credit for dealership inventory financing.</p>
<p>NTPC and PGCIL</p>	<p>National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and PowerGrid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) signed a Memorandum of</p>

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	Understanding (MOU) to set up a Joint Venture (JV) the National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL). It will undertake the business for distribution of electricity in distribution circles in various states and Union Territories (UTs) and other related activities.
MobiKwik partnered with Max Bupa	MobiKwik , a mobile payments service provider, partnered with health insurer Max Bupa to launch “ shampoo-sachet ” concept in the insurance sector. It will offer mini medical insurance products with premiums as low as Rs 20. The partnership enables financial inclusion by making pocket size health insurance solutions available through the Mobikwik platform.

Scheme (May) Chapter -4

Scheme	Aim
Chief Minister Old Age Pension Scheme (Bihar)	Under this scheme, people in the age group of 60-79 will get Rs 400 per month and people aged above 80 will get Rs 500 per month as pension with the total beneficiaries being 36.50 lakh.
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana	All eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding. Earlier, it was applicable to farmers having two hectares of land. The extension will include additional of 2.5 crore farmers which will led to rise its coverage to 14.5 crore farmers. The outlay of the revised scheme will be Rs 87,217.50 crore for 2019
Repo-linked home loan (Sbi)	State Bank of India (SBI) announced to introduce repo-linked home loan product from July 1, 2019 . It has become the first bank to offer this facility. It means any changes in the key interest rate by the central bank would be passed on directly to the customers.
Krishi Kiosk (Haryana)	Om Prakash Dhankar, Haryana agriculture, and farmers’ welfare minister launched ‘Krishi kiosk’ for farmers at Panchkula, Haryana. The kiosk comes under state’s “Digital Kisan Suvidha’ plan, will give farmers the information about government schemes and also help them

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	file claims under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' Scheme.
Bangla Shashya Bima (West Bengal)	West Bengal Government launched a crop insurance scheme, Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB) for the 2019 'Kharif' season to protect farmers from losses due to natural disasters and provide a steady income in case of unstable market prices.

Summit/Meeting (June) Chapter- 5

<u>Summit/Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>About</u>
G20 Ministerial Meeting	Tsukuba city, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan	It is one of the eight Ministerial Meetings. Trade and Economy Ministers of the Group of 20 major economies discussed the ways to reorder trade rules and finances in an era of technological change and protectionism.
15th Finance Commission held a meeting	Meghalaya	15th Finance Commission headed by the Chairman Shri N.K. Singh held meeting with the representatives of Autonomous Development Councils (ADCs) of Meghalaya as part of its visit to the State. There are 3 ADCs in Meghalaya namely the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council and the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council.
14th OIC summit	Mecca, Saudi Arabia	14th Islamic Summit organized by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit was held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia . It was hosted by Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud . The summit, titled as " Mecca Summit: Together for the Future ", aimed at developing a unified stance on events in the Islamic world.
G20 Finance Ministers meeting and Central Bank Governors meet	Fukuoka, Japan	G20 Summit , to be held in Osaka , Japan, from 28-29 June 2019, a G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet was held in Fukuoka , Japan on 8-9 June. It was one of the 8

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		ministerial meetings taking place in Japan before 2019 G20 summit. This is for the first time that Japan is hosting the G20 Summit & Ministerial Meetings at its eight different locations.
2nd Global Disability Summit	Aires, Argentina	The 2nd Global Disability Summit was held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from June 6 to June 8, 2019. The objectives of the summit were to deliberate on issues across the world concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to work out a mechanism for enabling them to live an independent and dignified life.
Second Edition of World Food India	New Delhi	Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal announced that World Food India (WFI) 2019 , a biennial event, will be held at Vigyan Bhawan and Rajpath Lawns in New Delhi from 1-4 November 2019 . It will be the biggest gathering of all global and domestic stakeholders in the Food Processing Sector. This will be the second edition of WFI, first was held in 2017. The tagline of the event will be " Forging Partnerships for Growth ".
G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth	Karuizawa, Japan	G20 (Group of 20) Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth for the year 2019 was held at Karuizawa Prince Hotel (Karuizawa Town, Nagano), Japan on June 15-16, 2019.
3rd Indo-French cyber dialogue	Paris, France	The third Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019 was held in Paris, France . The meeting was co-chaired by Henri Verdier, French Ambassador for Digital Affairs, and Upender Singh Rawat, Joint Secretary in charge of e-Governance, Information Technology and Cyber Diplomacy at the Ministry of External Affairs.
Meeting of Expert Working	New Delhi	Meeting of Expert Working Group on

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Group of Paris Pact Initiative of UNODC		<p>Paris Pact Initiative on Illicit Financial Flows deriving from the trafficking of Opiates originating in Afghanistan was organised in New Delhi from June 27-28, 2019. It was hosted by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance with the support of United Nations Office on Drugs & Crimes (UNODC). It was inaugurated by the Additional Secretary, Revenue Mr. Anil Kumar Jha.</p>
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Merge Company (June) Chapter -6

Merger Company	About
<p>Merger of IndusInd Bank and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL)</p>	<p>The boards of IndusInd and BFIL decided that on July 4, the NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal)Order will be filed by BFIL and IFIL with the Registrar of Companies. On June 10, 2019, The NCLT sanctioned the scheme of arrangement about BFIL, IndusInd, and IFIL (IndusInd Financial Inclusion)and their respective shareholders and creditors. In October 2018, IndusInd Bank decided to merge with BFIL which was previously known as SKS Microfinance. The Business Correspondent of BFIL will operate under IFIL and the Assets and liabilities of BFIL will be merged with IndusInd's balance sheet.</p>
<p>Sundaram Finance to acquire stakes of its partner BNP Paribas</p>	<p>India's leading Non-Banking Financial Company(NBFC) Sundaram Finance Ltd (SFL) has announced that it set to acquire the stakes held by BNP Paribas in their two joint venture (JV) companies for a total of around Rs 1,000 Cr.</p>

Ranking Index(June)Chapter -7

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
Gender Equality Index 2019		95	Denmark
Traffic Index 2018		4 th Delhi	Mumbai

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End of Childhood Index 2019	'Save the Children', a United Kingdom (UK) based non-profit organisation	113	Singapore
global peace index	Australian think tank Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)	141	Iceland

Important MoU (June) Chapter- 8

<u>MoU</u>	<u>Between Two Countries</u>
MoU on Health & Family Welfare	India and Kyrgyzstan
MoU on Research Work on Biology and Medicine	India -Kyrgyzstan
MoU on Astronomy / Astrophysics / Atmospheric Science	India and Thailand
MoU on Research Designs and Standards Organisation, under the Ministry of Railways, India and Railway Research Institute	India and Russia
MoU on Bioceanic Railway Integration Corridor Project cooperation.	India and Bolivia
MoU on cooperation in the area of Cyber Security	India and Finland
MoU on field of Biotechnology	India and Costa Rica
MoU on Exchange of Information notified	India and Marshall Islands
MoU on set up Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime Technology(CICMT)	Ministry of Shipping and IIT Kharagpur

Loan (June) Chapter-9

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
ADB	\$350 Million	Chhattisgarh Road Improvement Project
ADB	Rs 1,650cr	The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a project submitted by the Urban Development Department (UDD) of Tripura amounting to Rs. 1650 crore for overall infrastructure development of seven districts headquarter towns of Tripura.

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Exim Bank	\$245 million	loan agreement with Ghana & Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects
World Bank	\$147 Million	To provide basic urban services to the people and help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in Jharkhand , the World Bank approved a \$147 million loan agreement to the state.
World Bank	\$31.58 mn	loan for Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project
World Bank	\$ 400M	The World Bank and the Government of India signed a loan agreement of \$400 Million for the Program Towards Elimination of Tuberculosis(TB) , which kills approximately half a million people in India every year. The program will cover nine States of India.
World Bank	\$328M	World Bank , Government of India and State Government of Andra Pradesh signed a loan agreement worth of \$328 million with the World Bank (WB) for improving health services of Andhra Pradesh.
World Bank	\$250 million	Develop Rajasthan's Roads and Highways
World Bank	\$250-m	The Government of India, State Government of Kerala and World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$250 million (Rs 1,725 crore) for the Kerala Resilient Programme.
World Bank	\$287 Mn	The Government of India, Tamil Nadu, and the World

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		<p>Bank signed a \$287 million loan agreement for the state's Health System Reform Programme in New Delhi. It is aimed to improve the quality of health care, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and fill equity gaps in reproductive and child health services.</p>
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Website/ App (June) Chapter-10

Web/ App	Purpose
RODRA website	<p>Army launched an online platform, Retired Officers Digital Records Archive (RODRA), https://rodra.gov.in with an aim to have a better connection with armed forces veteran officers and family pensioners. The website provides facilities such as updating records, registration, and tracking of documents and pension-related grievances and communicating regarding various issues.</p>
‘My Protection Quotient’	<p>Max Life Insurance Company launched a unique proprietary tool named ‘My Protection Quotient’ (MyPQ) to ensure financial protection in the country. Max Life Insurance Company is one of the fastest growing life insurance companies in India.</p>

Books/ Author (June) Chapter-11

Books	Author
Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge	Ashis Ray
‘My Life, My Mission’	Yoga guru Baba Ramdev to release an Autobiography
“Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly”	Veteran Actor Anupam Kher pens an Auto-Biography
“A Prime Minister to Remember, Memories of a Military Chief”	Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar

Defence News Chapter-12

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- **Cabinet approved hike in rates of scholarship under National Defence Fund**
In the first meeting of Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved major changes in the **PM's Scholarship Scheme** under the **National Defence Fund**. The Cabinet has increased the rates of scholarship from Rs 2,000 per month to Rs 2,500 per month for boys and Rs 2,250 per month to Rs 3,000 per month for girls.
- **Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became the first IAF woman pilot to fly Hawk jets**
Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became the first IAF woman pilot to become completely operational by day on Hawk advanced jet aircraft. She landed the grueling 4 aircraft combat sortie at the **Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal**.
- **India signed Rs 300-crore deal with Israel to buy more 100 SPICE bombs**
The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** inked **Rs 300-crore** deal with the **Israeli government** to buy more than 100 SPICE bombs (Balakot bombs). The newly ordered SPICE bombs are an advanced version of SPICE-2000 bombs, that were used to attack the Madrasa of Jaish-e-Mohammed in Balakot, Pakistan, on February 26, 2019.
- **India & Portugal to set up National Maritime Heritage Museum in Lothal**
Government of **India** announced that it will join hands with **Portugal** to set up maritime museum near ancient Harappans civilization at **Lothal in Gujarat**. It will be a similar model of the museum which is at Lisbon,

Portugal administered by the Portuguese Navy.

- **India successfully launched new Technology Demonstrator Missile in Odisha**

India successfully launched new **Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)** off the coast of Odisha by using Agni 1 missile platform. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had carried out the trials from **Dr. Abdul Kalam Island** in the Bay of Bengal. HSTDV will help DRDO to develop technologies for futuristic missions. With this launch, India has joined the **US, Russia, and China** that possess this technology.

- **Indian Navy executes Operation Sankalp in the Gulf of Oman to undertake maritime security**

India Navy launched "**Operation Sankalp**" in the Gulf of Oman. It is to recheck Indian flagged vessels operating through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime incidents in the region.

- **India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II**

India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile **Prithvi-II**, a surface-to-surface missile, from a test range off the **Odisha** coast. Prithvi is the first missile developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).

Current Affairs in Short (Chapter-13)

- **Delhi Metro is India's first project to receive power from waste-to-energy**
Delhi Metro became India's the first ever

project to receive power from a waste-to-energy plant. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) started receiving 2 MW

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power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.

- **Dr Harsh Vardhan reviewed the status of Nipah virus disease in Kerala**
Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare(MoHWF), reviewed the status of Nipah Virus Disease (NVD) in Kerala along with Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW) and the Ministry officials. As of now, 15 people are under observation in the state.
- **Rihanna named as world's richest female musician with \$600 million wealth**
Singer **Rihanna** of age 31 is named as the world's richest female according to the **Forbes magazine** with an estimated fortune of **\$600 million**. She overtook **Madonna** and **Beyonce** who topped the list previously. She is from **Barbados**.
- **Annual festival of Kheer Bhawani Mela celebrated in J&K**
On June 10, 2019, Annual festival of **Kheer Bhawani Mela** on **Zasht Ashtami** was celebrated in **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**. Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees assembled and prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal district in J&K. It is one of the biggest religious functions of the Kashmiri Pandits.
- **Gandhi peace rally held in Saudi Arabia**
On June 7, 2019, To mark the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, Indian Embassy organized the '**Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace**', in **Saudi Arabia**. The rally was organized in association with the **Diplomatic Quarter Authority and Saudi Cycling Federation**.
- **Amazon beats Apple and Google to become the world's most valuable brand: Survey**
According to the report, "**BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brand ranking 2019**", compiled by **WPP research agency Kantar** states that American multinational technology company, **Amazon** has

overtaken **Apple and Google** to become the world's most valuable brand at \$315.5 billion.

➤ **Central India got its First Sikh Museum in Raipur, Chhattisgarh**

On June 7, 2019, Central India got its **First Sikh Museum** in **Raipur**, Chhattisgarh. The museum **Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Museum** is located at Gurudwara Gurusingh Sabha in Guru Nanak Nagar. It was inaugurated by the **Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Bagel** on the 'Shahidi Divas' of the fifth Sikh Guru, Arjun Dev.

➤ **El Salvador Legislative Assembly Declares "Forests as Living Entities"**

The Legislative Assembly of **El Salvador** has recognized forests as living entities on the **World Environment Day** (5th June 2019). Its citizens will now be required to preserve forests and respect them as more than just property.

➤ **PM Modi to attend the G7 Summit in France as a special invitee**

French President, **Emmanuel Macron** has invited Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi** to attend the **45th session** of the G7 Summit in **Biarritz in France** as a special invitee. The summit of the G7 group of countries scheduled to take place from **August 24 to August 26**.

➤ **Government reduced the ESI contribution rate to 4% from 6.5%**

On June 13, 2019, the Government reduced the **Employees State Insurance (ESI)** contribution rate to **4%** from 6.5%. This will benefit 36 million workers and 1.28 million employers and will lead to an estimated annual saving of around Rs 5,000 crore for firms. The reduced rates will be effective from **July 1, 2019**. The Central government through the Ministry of Labour & Employment decides the rate of contribution under the ESI Act.

➤ **3rd edition of Namaste Thailand Festival 2019 concludes in New Delhi**

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A two-day event of **Namaste Thailand Film Festival 2019** concluded its third edition at Select Citywalk in **New Delhi**. It was organized by **Royal Thai Embassy** with an aim to strengthen bilateral ties and increase cultural exchange between India and Thailand. The festival was inaugurated by the Ambassador of Thailand to India, H.E Chutintorn Gongsakdi.

➤ **IIT-Bombay secured top position among Indian institutions in QS World University Ranking 2020**

In the **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2020**, The **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay)** emerged as India's best institution. For the past three years, it has been securing the top position among Indian institutes. It was followed by **IIT Delhi** and **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore**. These are the only three universities in India that made it to the top 200 universities in the world.

➤ **World's largest multi-stage, multi-purpose scheme Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project inaugurated in Telangana**

The first phase of the world's largest multi-stage, multi-purpose scheme **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)** worth Rs 80,000 crore was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Telangana **Chandrashekar Rao** at **Medigadda** in **Jayashankar-Bhupalpally** district near the borders with **Maharashtra** and **Chhattisgarh**

➤ **Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get FATF membership**

Saudi Arabia became the **first Arab country** to get full membership of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**. With this, the number of permanent members in the group accounted to **39**.

➤ **An Entrepreneur Viral Sudhirbhai Desai Changed Udhana railway station into India's first Green Railway Station**

Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, a young entrepreneur from **surat** launched an initiative to change **Udhana** railway station in **Gujarat** into India's first green and clean railway station like **Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus**.

➤ **Government of Bihar bans tree-felling**

Under the **Forest Conservation Act, 1980**, The State Government of **Bihar** recently issued an order banning felling of trees, citing increasing pollution and heatwave.

➤ **UAE's Financial Intelligence Unit launches UN-developed anti-money laundering platform 'goAML'**

On **June 23, 2019**, The **United Arab Emirates' Central Bank** in **Abu Dhabi** announced that it's **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)** launched a new reporting platform '**goAML**' (global operations Anti-Money Laundering). It is developed by the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** to curb organised financial crimes.

➤ **Japan gifts Imphal Peace Museum to Manipur, built on WWII memories**

On **June 22, 2019**, **Japan** gifted **Imphal Peace Museum to Manipur** to mark the **75th** anniversary of the **Battle of Imphal**, one of the fiercest battles of the **Second World War**, at **Maibam Lokpa Ching** popularly known as **Red Hill** (about **20 km** southwest of **Imphal**). The inauguration was attended by **Manipur Revenue minister Karam Shyam**, **Japanese Ambassador to India Kenji Hiramatsu**, **High Commissioner of United Kingdom Dominic Asquith** and **TNF Chairman Yohei Sasakawa** among others.

➤ **Government schools to introduce Self Defence Training for girls under Samagra Shiksha**

Integrated Scheme for School Education 'Samagra Shiksha' was launched by the **Department of School Education and Literacy** which comes under the **Ministry of Human Resource Development**, effective from

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the academic year 2018-19. The activity of Self Defence training for girls comes under Samagra Shiksha.

- **23rd edition of 4-day Sindhu Darshan Festival held at Sindhu Ghat Shey in Leh**

A four-day event of **23rd Sindhu Darshan Festival 2019** celebrated at Sindhu Ghat Shey in Jammu and Kashmir's Leh from 24 to 27 June 2019.

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- **Government Met The Fiscal Deficit Target Of 3.4% For FY 2018-19**

Government has met the **fiscal deficit target of 3.4%** for the Financial Year 2018-19. The fiscal deficit stood at **3.39%** against the estimated rate of 3.4%. The data was released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). It was met through a reduction in government spending, which also contributed to GDP growth slowing to 5.8% in the fourth quarter of FY19.

- **ONGC overtakes IOC to become a most profitable PSU**

India's top oil and gas producer, **ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation)** has become India's most profitable Public sector Undertaking after surpassing Indian Oil Corp (IOC).

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, ONGC reported a **34 percent jump** its net profit to **Rs 26,716 crore**. This profit is much higher than **IOC's (Indian**

Oil Corporation) reported a profit of **Rs 17,274 crore**.

- **IOCL, BPCL and HPCL to form a Joint Venture for Kandla-Gorakhpur LPG pipeline project**

On June 3, 2019, **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)**, **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** and **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)** signed an agreement to form a **Joint Venture (JV)** in New Delhi for laying the **world's longest Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline** from **Kandla, Gujarat to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh**.

- **AAI (Airports Authority of India) signs technical assistance pact with Boeing**

The National Airports body **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** signed technical assistance agreement with **American multinational corporate, Boeing** to jointly develop a **10-year roadmap** which will improve flexible use of airspace, enhance communication, surveillance and help to maintain efficient aircraft operations.

- **RBI formed panel led by Nandan Nilekani recommended to rope in local retailers to act as cash points**

The Reserve bank of India (RBI) formed panel led by **Nandan Nilekani** has recommended to rope in local retailers and business correspondents to act as cash points in semi-urban centers. These will act as the primary source of cash in semi-urban centers and will replace ATMs (Automated Teller Machines).

- **Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Of RBI 2019-20**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its second **Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20** in Mumbai on June 6, 2019. The **three-day** policy review meeting by the six members of **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** was headed by RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das with** the members **Dr Chetan Ghate, Dr Pami Dua, Dr Ravindra H. Dholakia, Dr Michael Debabrata Patra, Dr Viral V Acharya**. The next monetary policy statement is scheduled from August 5-7, 2019.

In a rare 6-0 majority, Repo rate was reduced by 25 bps under the liquidity adjustment

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facility (LAF) to 5.75 per cent for third time in a row. It fell below 6% for the first time in 9 September 2010.

years since

Repo Rate	5.75%
Reserve Repo Rate	5.50
Marginal Standing Facility(MSF) Rate	6.0%
Bank Rate	6.0%

Cash reserve Ratio(CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio(SLR)	19%

➤ **RBI removed charges for RTGS and NEFT transactions**

The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has removed the charges levied on **Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)** and **National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)** transactions to boost digital payments.

➤ **RBI to create foreign exchange trading platform for retail participants**

On June 6, 2019, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced to set up a **foreign exchange trading platform** for retail participants. This is to create a market infrastructure that ensures fair and transparent pricing for users of foreign exchange like Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) exporters & importers and individuals.

➤ **RBI relaxed leverage ratio for banks to 3.5%**

On June 6, 2019, The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** relaxed the **Leverage Ratio (LR)** for banks to **3.5%**. This is done to help them in order to expand their lending activities. The LR is reduced to **4%** for **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)**.

LR is defined under Basel-III norms, Tier 1 Capital as a percentage of the bank's exposure. It was introduced for banks post-financial crisis of 2008. The minimum requirement for LR set by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) is

3%. Banks have been required to publicly disclose their Basel III leverage ratio on a consolidated basis from 1 April 2015 quarterly. LR is one of the 4 indicators under the RBI's Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework and an important supplement to the risk-based capital requirements.

➤ **RBI eased regulations for BSBD Accounts**

Nation's apex bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has relaxed the regulations for **Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD)** Accounts aka "**no-frills**" accounts as a part of the financial inclusion drive.

Now, the BSBD account holders will get a cheque book and **certain minimum facilities, free of charge** by the bank. Also, there will be no requirement of maintaining a minimum balance in lieu of such additional facilities. Previously additional facilities for these accounts attract the requirement of maintaining a minimum balance and other charges.

➤ **Kotak Mahindra Bank was penalized with Rs 2 crore by Reserve Bank of India for not meeting ownership rules**

Reserve Bank of India has penalized **Kotak Mahindra Bank** with **Rs. 2 crores** for not furnishing details about the shareholding of its promoter and its plans for complying with stake dilution norms.

➤ **Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum held in Ahmedabad**

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Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum was held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** on June 7, 2019, to attract investments. It was organized by the Embassy of Kazakhstan in India with the support of the Honorary Consulate of Kazakhstan in the state of Gujarat Dilip Chandan, the National Company- Kazakh Invest and Jain International Trade Organization.

- **RBI formed a committee headed by VG Kannan, IBA Chief to review ATM pricing**
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted **6-member committee** headed by **VG Kannan**, Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to review ATM pricing.
 - i. It will review the existing interchange fee and pricing structures to reduce prices for customers on Automated Teller Machines (ATM) transactions with a broader objective to improve rural penetration of teller machines.
- **Japan will invest Rs 13,000 crore in North-East in infrastructure projects**
On June 12, 019, The **Government of Japan** has decided to invest an amount of **205.784 billion Yen**, nearly **Rs 13,000 crore** in several ongoing as well as new infrastructure projects in the North-East Region. This was announced after a meeting of Development of North-East Region (DoNER) Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** with the Japanese delegation led by **Ambassador Mr Kenji Hiramatsu**.
- **A penalty of Rs.11.25 lakh imposed on ZipCash, Yes Bank by RBI**
On June 12, 2019, The Reserve Bank of India slapped a monetary penalty **Rs. 11.25 lakh** each on Private sector lender '**Yes Bank**' and Online Wallet **Service, 'ZipCash Card Services'** for violating PPI (prepaid payment instrument) norms pertaining to issuance and operation of PPIs.

The fine imposed in exercise of powers vested under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.

- **Dell tops the list of most trusted brand in India, while Amazon is most trusted Internet Brand: TRA Research 2019**

According to the report "**Brand Trust Report, 2019**", by Trust Research Advisory (TRA), **Dell** tops the list as the most trusted brand for 2019 in India. It is followed by automobile brand **Jeep**, and **LIC** (Life Insurance Corporation of India).

- **Facebook confirmed the launch of cryptocurrency 'Libra' in 2020**

On June 8, 2019, **Facebook** confirmed that it will launch a blockchain-powered stable-coin '**Libra**' in **2020** through the release of white paper. It will be a form of digital money backed by a reserve of assets. It will be governed by the independent **Libra Association**, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

- **RBI panel on MSMEs headed by U K Sinha recommended to double collateral-free loans limit to Rs 20 lakh**

The 8 member panel on **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**, constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January 2019, headed by the former Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman **U K Sinha** submitted its report to RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das** on June 17, 2019. The panel was formed to suggest long-term measures for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSME sector.

The Committee suggested doubling collateral-free loans for MSMEs to **Rs 20 lakh** from Rs 10 lakh. This is also applicable to Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (Mudra) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

- **BDC under EAC-PM headed by Professor Bibek Debroy submitted its report**
Beekeeping Development

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Committee (BDC) under the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) headed by Professor Bibek Debroy submitted its report to the Prime Minister on June 26, 2019. It was framed with the objective to identify ways of advancing beekeeping in India.

To recognize honeybees as inputs to agriculture and consider landless Beekeepers as farmers.

➤ **RBI panel led by U.K. Sinha suggests Rs.5,000 crore stressed asset fund for MSMEs**

On June 25, 2019, The Reserve Bank released the report of the expert committee under former SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) chairman **U K Sinha** on measures for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).

➤ **RBI recommends Commercial Banks to adopt Education Loan Scheme**

On June 24, 2019, India's central banking institution, **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks to adopt **Education Loan Scheme** which is formulated by **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**.

Model Education Loan Scheme: The IBA scheme circulated to all member Banks including State Bank of India (SBI) for providing financial support to meritorious students for pursuing higher education in India and abroad.

Note

- i. Loan up to Rs 10 lakh for study in India and upto Rs 20 lakh for study abroad.
- ii. Collateral free loans upto Rs 7.5 Lakh under the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loans (CGFSEL).
- iii. No Margin for a loan up to Rs 7.50 Lakh.
- iv. Repayment period of 15 years.

➤ **High-Level Group headed by Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla recommendations for Trade and**

Policy

The Union ministry of commerce had constituted a high-level advisory group headed by economist **Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla**, member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council on Foreign trade policy for ways to boost India's share and importance in global merchandise and services trade.

➤ **RBI relaxed the leverage ratio (LR) for banks to help banks expand lending**

The **RBI (Reserve Bank of India)** relaxed the leverage ratio (LR) for banks in a bid to help them expand their lending activities. The leverage ratio (LR) reduced to **4% for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs)** and **3.5% for other banks** with effective from **October 1, 2019**.

➤ **DBS Bank revised India's GDP forecast for FY20 to 6.8% from 7%**

On June 20, 2019, **DBS Bank** in its report on the Indian economy revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the fiscal year 2020 to **6.8%** year-on-year (YoY) from 7% due to headwinds for exports amidst challenging trade outlook.

➤ **World Bank Cuts Global Growth Forecast For 2019 To 2.6% And It Retains India's FY19 Growth Forecast At 7.5%**

On June 5, 2019, **World Bank** in its semiannual report "**Global Economic Prospect (GEP)**" slashed global forecast for **2019 to 2.6%** as compared to **2.9%** in January this year.

On June 5, 2019, **World Bank** in its report "**Global Economic Prospects report**" retained India's growth forecast at **7.5%** for the next two Fiscal years, FY2019 and FY20 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) as it also cuts the global economic expansion by **0.3%**.

➤ **India's GDP growth may expand to 7.2 percent in 2019-20: Goldman Sachs**

According to American multinational banking firm, **Goldman Sachs**, India's economic growth is estimated to rise to **7.2**

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percent in 2019-20. It will be driven by lower oil prices, political stability, and removal of infrastructure bottlenecks. The report came a day after the policy review by RBI, in which policy rates were cut by 0.25 percent to increase growth.

- **Fitch reduces India growth forecast for FY20 from 6.8% to 6.6%**

On June 17, 2019, Fitch reduced India's

growth forecast for the current fiscal year (FY20) from 6.8% to 6.6% due to the slow down of manufacturing and agriculture sectors over the past years.

In the latest Global Economic Outlook, it retained its GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the fiscal 2020-21 at 7.1% and 7% for 2021-22.

Organization	2018-19	2019-20
Fitch	7.2%	6.6%
UN report	7.4%	7.1%
Government of India forecasted	7.2%	7.5%
Moody		7.3%
ADB		7.2%
World Bank		7.5%
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	7.3%	7.3%
FICCI		7.1%
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)		7.5%
DBS Bank		6.8%
Goldman Sachs		7.2%

Sports New (June) Chapter-15

- **Indian junior women Hockey team clinched Cantor Fitzgerald U21 by beating Ireland**
On June 4, 2019, Indian Junior Women Hockey team clinched Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nation title by beating Ireland 1-0 in the final. The match was held at Dublin, Ireland.
- **China to host 2023 Asian Cup confirmed by Asian Football Confederation (AFC)**
Asian Football Confederation (AFC), confirmed that China will host the 2023 Asia Cup. This will be the second time China is hosting the quadrennial continental tournament, after the 2004 edition.
- **Lewis Hamilton won 2019 Canadian Grand Prix**
Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) of United Kingdom won 2019 Canadian Grand Prix officially named as the Formula 1 Pirelli Grand Prix du Canada 2019. It was held in Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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➤ **French Open 2019**

The **123rd Edition of French Open 2019**, a Grand Slam Tennis Tournament was held from May 26-June 9, 2019, at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France. The prize money of the tournament was €42,661,000 and comprised singles, doubles and mixed doubles play.

Event	Winners	Runners
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Dominic Thiem (Austria)
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies (Germany)	Fabrice Martin and Jeremy Chardy (France)
Women's Doubles	Kristina Mladenovic (France) Tímea Babos (Hungary)	Duan Yingying and Zheng Saisai (China)
Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan (Taiwan) Ivan Dodig (Croatia)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) Mate Pavic (Croatia)

➤ **Sourav Kothari wins 2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship**

Indian billiards player **Sourav Kothari** won the **2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship**, held in the **Reventon Classic**, in **Melbourne, Australia**. He defeated Tyson Crinis of Australia to win the title.

➤ **India beats South Africa to win FIH Series Finals 2019**

In the FIH (Federation Internationale de Hockey) Men's Series Finals hockey tournament 2019, **India** thrashed **South Africa** with 5-1 in a summit clash at the **Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. The goals were scored in the 2nd, 11th, 25th, 36th and 50th minutes.

➤ **Joshna claims her 17th national title at the 76th Senior National Squash Championship, 2019**

Indian professional squash player, Joshna Chinappa won the national squash title for the record **17th** time at the **76th Senior National Squash Championship, 2019** held in **Pune, Maharastra**. Chinappa overcame her Tamilnadu rival, Sunayna Kuruvilla in the final with 11-5, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5 scores.

➤ **PU Chitra and Sreeshankar strikes Gold & Johnson wins silver at Folksam Grand Prix 2019**

2019

Asian champion **PU Chitra** (Palakkeezhil Unnikrishnan Chithra) of India won a gold medal in women's 1500m at **Folksam Grand Prix 2019** held in **Sollentuna, Sweden**. She ran her season best by clocking 4 minutes 12.65 seconds (4:12.65s).

➤ **India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani clinched the 35th men's Asian Snooker Championship in Doha**

India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani won the 35th men's Asian snooker championship in Doha, Qatar. He defeated Thai's Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon.

➤ **Indian women's Rugby team scripted history in Manila**

The 26-member squad of Indian women's Rugby team **created a historic first international 15s rugby match win** at Southern Plains Sports Field in **Manila, Philippines**. The victory came against Singapore to finish third in the **Asia Rugby Women's Division 1 Rugby XV's Championship 2019** as India won 21-19 scores.

➤ **Lewis Hamilton won French Grand Prix 2019**

Five-time Formula one (F1) world champion, **Lewis Hamilton** of

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Mercedes won the **French Grand Prix 2019** held in Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet, France with 187 points. Hailing from **England**, the United Kingdom, this was his sixth win from eight Grand Prix of the season 2019 and 79th of his career.

➤ **Indian women’s hockey team won FIH Series 2019 by beating Japan**

Indian Women’s Hockey team won the FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) Women’s Series Finals Hiroshima 2019 after defeating the host **Japan** by 3-1 in the finals held at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium, Japan.

➤ **IOC suspends Olympic status from AIBA**

International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended the **Olympic status** from the **International Boxing**



Association (AIBA) and took over the responsibilities of the qualifying and final tournaments for the 2020 Tokyo Games. In May 2019, IOC members had voted to support the executive board’s recommendation to suspend AIBA’s Olympic status.

➤ **Italy to host 2026 Winter Olympics**

In the final round of voting at the **134th** session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, Switzerland, **Italy’s** Milan and Cortina d’Ampezzo won the right to host the **2026 Winter Olympics**, defeating Sweden’s capital **Stockholm**. Milan and Cortina d’Ampezzo received 47 votes from the IOC members and Stockholm secured 34 votes.

Important Day (June) Chapter- 16
Important Day (June)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1 June	World milk day	“Drink Milk: Today & Everyday”.
3 June	World Bicycle Day	
5 June	World Environment Day	‘Beat Air Pollution’
7 June	World Food Safety Day	“Food Safety, everyone’s business”.
8 June	World oceans day	‘Gender and the Ocean’.
12 June	World Day against Child Labour	“Children shouldn’t work in fields, but on dreams!”
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	
20 June	World Refugee Day Observed	#Step With Refugees — Take A Step on World Refugee Day.
21 June	International Day of Yoga	“Yoga for Climate Action”
21 June	World Music Day	“Music at the intersections”.
23 June	International Widows Day	
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	‘Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation, and Accountable Institutions’.
23 June	International Olympic Day	

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29 June	National Statistics Day	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
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Chapter17- Obituary (June)

<u>Persons</u>	<u>About</u>
Ruma Guha	Bengali singer-actress
Dinyar Contractor	Actor and Padma Shri awardee
Malcolm John Rebennack	Six-time Grammy-winning musician
Girish Karnad	Veteran actor and playwright (1998 Jnanpith award, 1974 Padma Shri and 1992 Padma Bhushan award for literature.)
Lalrinchhana	Former Mizoram minister and MNF (Mizo National Front) leader passed away after battling with cancer.
Mohan Ranade	Veteran freedom fighter Mohan Ranade passed away in Pune, Maharashtra at the age of 90 . He participated in the Goa Liberation Movement.
Vijaya Nirmala	Veteran Telugu actor-film Maker G Vijaya Nirmala passed away following a brief illness in Hyderabad.

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