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Scheme (1st Feb to 27th September) Chapter-1

SCHEME	PURPOSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'AB-MGRSBY' (Rajasthan) ▪ (Updated 10 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Rajasthan state government has launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY) by integrating the Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme(BSBY) of the State Government and Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Scheme(AB-PMJAY) of the Central Government. The sum insured now is Rs. 30000 for general diseases and Rs. 3 lakh per year for serious diseases, despite merger with Centre's AB-PMJAY, which provides coverage of Rs5lakh per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Delayed Payment (MSME) ▪ (Updated 12 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Delayed Payment of MSMEs' held at New Delhi, the Union Minister for

	<p>Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Nitin Gadkari has launched the updated Credit linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) to enable micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) access to capital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It offers an upfront subsidy of 15 % on institutional credit up to Rs 1 crore for MSMEs sectors in the specified 51 sub-sectors. In the new updated scheme, there is an additional 10 % subsidy for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) entrepreneurs while special provisions have been offered for 117 'aspirational' districts, hill states and the northeastern region in India. ▪ Benefits: The scheme would be crucial in raising MSME contribution to gross domestic product (GDP). The current stake in the scheme is to be increased from 29 % to 50 %. Also, exports from the region will have to be increased from the current 40 percent to 50 percent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-assessment Scheme 2019 (Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)) ▪ (Updated 15 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notified the e-assessment scheme 2019 for conducting faceless scrutiny assessment of income tax returns (ITR). It will be established at regional and national level with auto-allocation of different scrutiny matters.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Aponar Apon Ghar' (Assam) ▪ (Updated 25 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is an upgraded version of the previous Apun Ghar home loan subsidy scheme, which will provide a subsidy of up to Rs 2.5 lakh on home loans up to Rs 40 lakh to all citizens of the state.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abhinandan' (Assam) ▪ (Updated 25 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ it is an Education Loan Subsidy scheme, under this every student in the state of assam having active education loan account regardless of the amount for pursuing higher education can get benefitted. The Assam government will provide a one-time subsidy of up to Rs 50,000 to all educational loans.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free Drugs Scheme (Assam) ▪ (Updated 25 September) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under this scheme, 142 essential drugs, 47 surgical items, 45

	<p>consumables/linens and 6 numbers of disinfectants would be provided free of cost to the 651 tea garden hospitals of the state. An amount of Rs 20 crore would be spent every year on the scheme. The scheme is for the patients of the tea tribe community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Save Green, Stay Clean' (West Bengal) (Updated- 2August) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee launched an awareness campaign 'Save Green, Stay Clean' for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean in Kolkata, which will be celebrated every year. She participated in the Padayatra for this purpose.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Odisha Small Savings Incentive Scheme' (Odisha) (Updated- 8August) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Odisha government unveiled the 'Odisha Small Savings Incentive Scheme' for the calendar year 2019 under the notation "AQ" series. The aim of the scheme is to stop people from transacting with 'suspicious' non-banking private financial institutions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Mo Sarkar" ▪ (Odisha) (Updated- 15August) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During the independence day celebration in the state, the Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik announced the "Mo Sarkar" initiative. It is an initiative to ensure transparency in governance focusing fully on the common public and will be commenced from October 2, 2019, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "School Fagadaba" ▪ (Manipur) (Updated- 17August) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Minister (CM) of Manipur, N Biren Singh has launched "School Fagadaba" (Make education better) scheme with the aim to improve the infrastructure, quality education and overall improvement of government schools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Supra"- (Scientific and Useful Profound Research Advancement) ▪ Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The scheme has designed as a part of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 100-day transformative ideas. Aim: The aim of this scheme is to fund new scientific and engineering breakthroughs with global impact.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NISHTHA- National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement ▪ Union Human Resource Development Minister (Updated- 21August) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Mission to improve Learning Outcomes at the Elementary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mukhya Mantri Parivar Samridhi Yojna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The scheme provides social security

<p>Haryana (Updated- 21August)</p>	<p>to people in terms of life/accidental insurance cover and pensionary benefits to individual families. .Eligibility: To avail benefit of the scheme, the annual family income should be less than Rs 1,80,000 or a total landholding of less than two hectares. Insurance Benefits: The eligible beneficiary family will get Rs 500 per month. Out of this amount, the premium for the life insurance of a member of the age group of 18 to 50 years will be paid from his account at the rate of Rs 330 per year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Vhali Dikri Yojna' ▪ Gujarat (Updated- 3rd August) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gujarat for the welfare of girl child in the state. The scheme launched in order to improve the child sex ratio in the state, which currently stands at 890 girl child per 1000 male child. ▪ At the time of admission to class 4th- Rs. 4,000 ▪ At the time admission to class 9th- Rs. 6,000 ▪ At the time of taking admission for higher education at the age of 18- Rs.1-lakh ▪ At the time of marriage-Rs. 1-lakh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalia scholarship scheme (Odisha) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA). • The beneficiaries will be provided scholarships to pursue higher education in professional courses at free of cost. Children of farmers who have taken admission at Government Professional colleges on merit basis are eligible for this scheme.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shehri Samridhi Utsav (Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to extend the reach of Deendayal Antyodaya Mission – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mukhya Mantri Vriddha Pension Yojana (MMVPY), (Bihar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme facilitates the amount of Rs. 400 monthly pension for all in the state above the age of 60 years who are not getting pension from the government.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan' (Finance Minister) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under this scheme, workers of unorganized sectors whose monthly income is less than Rs. 15,000 may avail the benefits by contributing Rs. 100 per month to further get Rs. 3000 per month after 60 year of age.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KALIA Chhatra Bruti' (Odisha) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It aims at providing financial

	assistance for technical and professional education to farmers' children by incurring all expenses involved in various levels of education, such as course fee, hostel fee, mess fee by state govt.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khusi scheme (Odisha) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimed at improving menstrual hygiene among adolescent girl students in the state, with an outlay of Rs 466.08 crore over a period of 5 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The scheme will provide Rs 6,000 per year to small and marginal farmer families having combined land holding/ownership of upto 2 hectares. (ii). The amount will be given in three installments of Rs 2,000 each and will be transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer, ensuring transparency in the entire process and saving time for the farmers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' (MP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guarantees 100 days of employment every year to urban youth from Economically Weaker Sections(EWS).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan – Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana. It will provide financial support integrated Bioethanol projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock. The total financial outlay is of Rs.1969.50cr for the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arun-3 Hydro 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project (Nepal portion) by Sutlej Jal Vikas Nigam (SJVN) Limited. The project is on Arun River in Sankhuwasabha district of Eastern Nepal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gram Samridhi Yojana (Ministry of Food Processing Industries) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme is aimed at helping the cottage industry, farmer producers' organisation and individual food processors to increase capacity, upgrade technology besides skill improvement, entrepreneurship development and strengthening the farm-to market supply chain.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi Yojana 2019 (Haryana) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is primarily meant for farmers of the state who cultivate on land with areas upto five acres and the families with an income of less than Rs. 15,000 per month.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme would provide a sum of Rs. 6,000 yearly and each family has to nominate a member who will be provided with this amount.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Jal Amrutha' (Karnataka Government) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of inauguration of the scheme, a function was organized by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj department at Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan in Bengaluru. The scheme plans to make people aware about the importance of conserving water and to prompt them to come up with ways to avoid wastage of water.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STARS scheme (HRD Ministry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Funds worth Rs 250 crore have been approved by the HRD ministry which will be utilised to sponsor about 500 science projects, selected on the basis of competitions. ii) The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is the coordinator of the project, to whom the interested candidates would submit their applications.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of India with a view to boost to export of farm commodities to certain countries in Europe and North America introduced a scheme for providing financial assistance for transport and marketing of agriculture products.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Mukhya Mantri Karigar Sahayata' (Odisha) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nodal department of the scheme is the Directorate of handicrafts. i) Craftsmen with 10 years of experience and having annual income below Rs.1 lakh are eligible to get an assistance of Rs.800 per month. ii) For craftsmen above 80 years of age would get Rs.1000 per month allowance for those has the same experience and annual income as above.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yuvashree Arpan scheme (West Bengal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yuvashree Arpan under which 50,000 youths will receive financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh for setting up an their own business initiatives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana (Uttarakhand) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme aims to provide 100 ml milk twice a week, free of cost, to 2.5 lakh children at 20,000 Anganwadi kendras of Uttarakhand.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Atal Aahar Yojna' (Maharashtra) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The target is set to cover 20000 workers and provide them with good quality

	<p>food at a nominal cost of Rs.5 in the first phase of the scheme.</p> <p>The government is already providing a Subsidy of Rs.4.5 lakh to labourers for house construction and is planning to provide help in education, income and health as well.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doorstep Banking (SBI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Bank of India has initiated a new 'doorstep banking' service for senior citizens, differently-abled and infirm account holders as well as visually impaired customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Wings' (Aviva Life Insurance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will helps women dream about what they will become, giving them a clearer picture of their future and their growth prospects. The programme will give them an avenue to freely communicate in a safe environment, allowing them to focus on growth and improvement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Scientist Programme' or 'YUva Vidyani Karyakram' (YUVIKA 2019) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To get young school children interested in space science and technology • The ISRO Young Scientist Programme YUVIKA 2019, which received an astounding response from students across the country, will be inaugurated on 13 May 2019. The Indian Space Research Organisation, in a fresh announcement today, stated that YUVIKA 2019, which is a two week summer vacation residential programme, will be conducted from 13 to 26 May 2019.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDBI's pilot scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched a pilot scheme to extend financial assistance of up to Rs 10 crore to new-age fintech non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) engaged in financing small businesses and other income-generating activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'SMESuvidha' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-owned Corporation Bank has launched 'SMESuvidha' scheme to provide loans to the GST-registered MSMEs at affordable interest rates. • The product is designed as a part of the lender's efforts to improve service and provide best products to MSME sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Paramarsh" (HRD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) launched a Scheme called "Paramarsh" of University Grants Commission (UGC) in New Delhi. • This scheme aims at mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment

	<p>Council (NAAC) accreditation aspirant institutions to develop quality assurance in Higher Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Updated- 19th July 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Internet Saathi’ (Google India & Tata Trusts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Saathi initiative, a collaborative programme of Google India and Tata Trusts, will be expanded to villages in Punjab and Odisha. • Aims to facilitate digital literacy among women in rural India. (Updated -July 16, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Kaushal Yuva Samwaad’ (Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Youth Skills Day and celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the Skill India Mission, the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE) launched ‘Kaushal Yuva Samwaad’ (A Youth Dialogue) in New Delhi. It aimed at creating an open dialogue with youth across all skill training centres to hear their views, ideas, opportunities, and recommendations help the Ministry of Skill Development scaling up existing programs and improve the overall efficiency of the on-going projects. • (Updated-July 15 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Save Water Day’ (West Bengal government) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bengal government celebrated its first ‘Save Water Day’ on July 12, 2019 to spread the message of water conservation. Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee and other eminent persons from various fields participated in the Padayatra from Jorashanko Thakurbari to the base of Gandhi Statue, Kolkata. • (Updated-July 12 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Operation Thirst” Railway Protection Force (RPF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has launched an all India drive ‘Operation Thirst’ (on 8-9 July 2019) in New Delhi to crackdown the selling of unauthorized Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) in the premises of railway stations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Swadhar Greh” (Ministry of Women and Child Development) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Women and Child Development(WCD), Government of India is implementing the Swadhar Greh Scheme for the rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances so that they could lead their life with dignity. • Aim: It envisages providing shelter, food, clothing, and health as well as economic and social security for the women who are deserted and without any social and economic support, victims of domestic

	<p>violence, family tension, and natural disaster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Updated- 12 July 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle-Sharing Scheme (Puducherry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an innovative eco-friendly initiative of bicycle-sharing in the city, a Bicycle-Sharing Scheme, conceived and prioritized under Puducherry Smart City Development Plan, is to be introduced in Puducherry.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' (Haryana) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief Minister of Haryana Government Manohar Lal Khattar has launched online portal named "Meri Fasal MeraByora" (https://www.fasalhry.in/) for farmers to directly avail crop related benefits of state government schemes after self-reporting their land and crop-related details. • (Updated-July 4, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Operation Milap' (Delhi Police) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi Police Crime Branch has rescued 333 children in 7 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central government's ambitious project of 'One Nation One Ration Card', under which beneficiaries can buy subsidized foodgrains from any ration shop in the country will begin on 1 July 2020.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister Old Age Pension Scheme (Bihar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repo-linked home loan (Sbi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krishi Kiosk (Haryana) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 file claims under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' Scheme.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangla Shashya Bima (West Bengal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (1st Feb to 27th September) Chapter-2

Summit/Meeting	Location	About
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 14th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greater Noida, Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 12-day, 14th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR, India from September 2-13, 2019 under the theme "Investing in Land, Unlocking Opportunities". It was for the first time, India had hosted the conference.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7th RCEP ministerial meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bangkok, Thailand from 8-10 September 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commerce & Industry and Railways minister Shri Piyush Goyal attended the 7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) meeting of the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries and its 6 Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners in Bangkok, Thailand from September 8-10, 2019. Along with this meeting, he also attended the 16th ASEAN India Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting and the 7th East Asia Economic Ministers Summit held at the


		same place.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geneva, Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 22nd session of the United Nations (UN) Committee on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) was held at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), Geneva, Switzerland from September 2-3, 2019. Indian delegation was led by Mrs. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Asian Parliamentary conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Srilanka at the Colombo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) along with the parliament of Srilanka at the Colombo city conducted the two-day-long 2019 UNICEF South Asian Parliamentary Conference on Children Rights Convention to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the convention of the rights of the child. This is the 3rd convention conducted by UNICEF with parliamentarians for children where the meeting aims to discuss the issues faced by children and on the challenges to improve the child right.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 45th G7 summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biarritz, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The G7 is a collective of seven of the world’s most industrialized and developed economies. Their political leaders come together annually to discuss important global economic, political, social and security issues. ▪ PM Modi represented India to the meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th RCEP Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meeting 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beijing, China 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A two-day 8th Interregional Ministerial Meeting of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) 2019 was held in Beijing, China on August 2-3, 2019 before the 7th RCEP ministerial meet which will be convened in Bangkok, Thailand on September 2019. In this meeting, all partner countries agreed to finalize trading deal negotiations. ▪ Commerce Secretary Dr. Anup Wadhawan represented India to the meeting.
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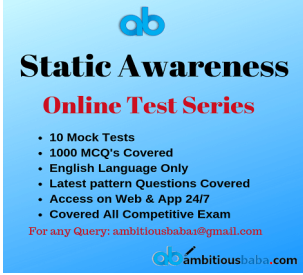

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Foreign Ministers Meet was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on July 25-26, 2019. India was represented by Gen. (retd) VK Singh who is the Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM Ministerial Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caracas, Venezuela 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (Co-BNAM) was held in Caracas, Venezuela with the theme “Promotion and Consolidation of Peace through Respect for International Law”. India was represented by Syed Akbaruddin, Indian envoy to the United Nations. • (Updated- July 20, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘DefExpo 2020’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucknow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The defence ministry will hold its 11th biennial arms exhibition ‘DefExpo 2020’ in Lucknow, next year from February 5-8 in line with Modi government’s big push to develop Uttar Pradesh as one of the two major defence manufacturing hubs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers’ Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London, United Kingdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers’ Meeting (CFAMM) for the year 2019 was held at the Commonwealth’s headquarters in Marlborough House, London, United Kingdom (UK)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Updated- July 10, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USISPF 2nd annual leadership summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It focussed on defence and energy security. Republican Senator Dan Sullivan, Deputy US Trade Representative Jeffrey Gerrish, and India's Ambassador to the US, Harsh V Shringla were among the top speakers of the summit. • (Updated- July 11, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th India-EU High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was co-chaired by Mr. Sanjiv Arora, Secretary (Consular, Passport & Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs) and Ms. Paraskevi Michou, Director General [Migration and Home Affairs], European Commission. It was also attended by Heads of Mission and other representatives of the Diplomatic Missions of EU Member States who were invited as Observers for the first time. • (Updated- July 11, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd edition of India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It aims at bilateral cooperation between two countries in various fields. It was chaired by Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman of India's think tank, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, and Russia's Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Timur Maksimov. • (Updated- July 10, 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20 Summit 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osaka, Japan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The G20 (Group of 20) Summit 2019 was held at the International Exhibition Center, Osaka, Japan on June 28-29, 2019. It was the 14th meeting of the G20. The 2018 G20 Summit was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina and the 2020 G20 Summit will be held in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20 Ministerial Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsukuba city, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th Finance Commission held a meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meghalaya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th Finance Commission headed by the Chairman Shri N.K.

		<p>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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th OIC summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mecca, Saudi Arabia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20 Finance Ministers meeting and Central Bank Governors meet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fukuoka, Japan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Global Disability Summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aires, Argentina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Edition of World Food India <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>ab Arithmetic Data Interpretation Online Test Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 Questions Covered • 100% Detailed Solutions • Right Approaches • English Language Only • Mains Level Questions • Access on Web & App 24/7 <p>For any Query: ambitiousbaba@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: right;">abambitiousbaba.com</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karuizawa, Japan 	<p>Growth”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Indo-French cyber dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris, France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Expert Working Group of Paris Pact Initiative of UNODC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Expert Working Group on 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th Ministerial Meeting of the Member States of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qatar, Doha 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting is taking place when the world is undergoing complex changes and developments at all political, economic and financial spheres, stressing the need to deepen cooperation among Asian countries to meet the challenges of the future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 industrialised nations (France, Japan, United States, Canada, Italy, Germany, United Kingdom) meet organised by France. • India will be attending the Group of 7 industrialised nations meet organised by France in Biarritz in August along with Australia, Chile and South Africa, in a sign of the recognition of India's growing economic heft in the international arena.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBSA (India, Brazil & South Africa) Sherpas' Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochin from May 3-5, 2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 15th Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mumbai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>Commission with the Reserve Bank of India</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) is organising a meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kochi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India is hosting this meeting in its capacity as Vice Chair of the Asia Pacific region that it assumed on 1st July, 2018 for a two-year period. • The meeting will take stock of the progress being made in carrying forward the programmes and initiatives of WCO to promote, facilitate and secure the cross-border trade in the region and the capacity building and technical assistance required to achieve this goal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Trade Organisation, WTO, ministerial meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting is being held at a time when the multilateral rule-based-trading system is facing serious and grave challenges. • It will provide an opportunity to the Ministers to discuss various issues and the way forward. On the first day, there will be a meeting of senior officers of the participating countries. On the 2nd day, the Ministerial Meeting will be held.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN to hold 2020 ocean conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portugal's Lisbon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UNGA "decides to convene the high-level 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in Lisbon, from June 2 to 6, 2020," according to a resolution adopted by the 80th plenary meeting of the UNGA 73rd session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers of Shanghai Co-operation Organization (SCO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyrgyzstan capital Bishkek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting will exchange views on issues of international and regional importance. It will also review the preparations for the forthcoming SCO Summit in Bishkek which commences on the 13th of next month.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Urban 20 Mayors Summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tokyo, Japan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First U20 Summit in Buenos Aires, U20 cities continue to engage with G20 and call on their national governments to work together to address the most pressing challenges our world is facing. The Summit will be two-days event that will address issues like climate action, circular economy, social inclusion, sustainable economic growth, and gender equality, as well as their linkages with the 2030 Agenda.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th edition of World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dead Sea, Jordan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1000 representatives from more than 50 countries participated in the meeting. It is the 10th meeting in Jordan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Water Summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) or Namami Gange which is India's flagship programme, was presented, with the 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award by Global Water Intelligence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the connectivity and strengthen the cooperation in the maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20 summit (2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saudi Arabia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first G20 meeting in the Arab world will be held in November 2020.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon'ble Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed Naval Commanders Conference on the opening day. • It is the apex forum within the Service for interaction between the Naval Commanders, Chief of the Naval Staff, with the Commanders-in-Chief. They will review operational, material, logistics, HR, training and administrative activities which were undertaken during the previous six months. • The themes of 'Functional Reorganization of Indian Navy towards enhancing Operational Efficiency' and 'Optimal Manning' were the core of discussions in this conference.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathmandu, Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of this two day summit was to address the key issue of utilizing media's full potential of accelerating

Action and Disaster Preparedness		climate action and disaster preparedness and connect different stakeholders to media professionals for collaboration and joint practical projects.
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Appointment (1st March to 27th September) Chapter-3

National-Appointment

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Persons</u>
• New Vice chief of Army staff (VCOAS)	Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane (Updated 1 September)
• Paytm Money MD& CEO	Promoted Pravin Jadhav (Updated 1 September)
• New Director-General of BSF	Vivek Kumar (V.K) Johri (Updated 1 September)
• International Cricket Council (ICC) new General Counsel and Company Secretary	Jonathan Hall (Updated 7th September)
• New MD of Microsoft India (R&D)	Rajiv Kumar (Updated 9th September)
• New Chief Justice of Gujarat HC	Justice Vikram Nath (Updated 11th September)
• New principal secretary to PM	Pramod Kumar Mishra (Updated 11th September)
• New principal advisor to PM	P K Sinha (Updated 11th September)
• India's first female military diplomat to join Indian Mission in Russia	Wing Commander Anjali Singh (Updated 10th September)
• Cognizant India new CDM	Ramkumar Ramamoorthy (Updated 17th September)
• SC appoints 4 new judges	V Ramasubramanian (31st) Krishna Murari (32nd) S Ravindra Bhat (33rd) Hrishikesh Roy (34th). (Updated 18th September)
• New 26th Chief of Air Staff	Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria (Updated 19th September)
• New chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)	Madhukar Kamath (Updated 20th September)
• MD & CEO of Federal Bank	Reappointment Shyam Srinivasan (Updated 21st September)
• New Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)	Nilesh Shah (Updated 23rd September)
• New IMF Chief	Kristalina Georgieva (Updated 25 September)
• New DG of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)	Rakesh Asthana (Updated- 1st August)
• Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL).	M S Velpari (Updated- 2nd August)
• New MD&CEO of LIC Housing Finance	Siddhartha Mohanty (Odisha) (Updated- 2nd August)
• New director (exploration) of ONGC	Rajesh Kumar Srivastava (Updated- 5th

	August
• New director (finance) of IOC	Sandeep Kumar Gupta (Updated- 5th August)
• New Chairman and MD of Power Grid	Kandikuppa Sreekant (Updated- 6th August)
• State Bank of India(SBI) Managing Director (MD)	Dinesh Kumar Khara by another 2 years with effect from August 9, 2019
• first woman president of INSA (Indian National Science Academy)	Chandrima Shaha effect from 1st Jan, 2020
• New Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Yes Bank	Anurag Adlakha (Updated- 10th August)
• New as Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)	VG Somani (Updated- 14th August)
• Paytm new President	Amit Nayyar (Updated- 28th August)
• New CEO of Vodafone Idea	Ravinder Takkar (Updated- 20th August)
• New Cabinet Secretary	Rajeev Gauba (Updated- 21st August)
• New Defence Secretary	Ajay Kumar (Updated- 21st August)
• New home secretary	Ajay Kumar Bhalla (Updated- 21st August)
• New CMD of Coal India Ltd	Pramod Agrawal (Updated- 29th August)
• New Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman	Pramod Chandra Mody (Updated- 30th August)
• New MTNL chairman & MD	Sunil Kumar (Updated- July 25, 2019)
• Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee	Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (Updated- July 26, 2019)
• Chairperson of National Anti-profiteering Authority	Badri Narain Sharma re-appointed for 2 years (Updated- July 25, 2019)
• Chairman of the estimates committee	Pune Lok Sabha member & BJP MP, Girish Bapat (Updated- July 27, 2019)
• Ombudsman officer of Indian Federation of Sports Gaming	Former SC judge AK Sikri (Updated- July 29, 2019)
• Director-General of the counter-terror force National Security Guard (NSG)	ITBP DG S.S Deswal given additional charge of NSG (Updated- July 29, 2019)
• CMD of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)	• MTNL(Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) P.K. Purwar has accepted his additional post as CMD of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) for a period of three months from July 1, 2019.
• New RBI deputy governor	• N S Vishwanathan was re-appointed as the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for one more year with effect from July 4, 2019.
• New MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)	• Karnam Sekar (Updated- 1 July 2019)
• Additional director on Board of Directors (BOD) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank by	• AK Misra (Updated- 4 July 2019)

Reserve Bank of India	
• New Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited(BHEL)	• Dr.Nalin Shinghal (Updated- 5July 2019)
• New Director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)	• Harideesh Kumar (Updated- 3July 2019)
• Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA)	• Rahul Dravid (Updated- 8July 2019)
• Director General (DG) of aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	• Arun Kumar (Updated- 9July 2019)
• Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs	• Vikas Swarup(Effective 1 August, 2019)
• Ujjivan Small Finance banks as an independent director	• Sachin Bansal
• Director General (ADG level) of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)	• V.S. Kaumudi
• India Meteorological Department (IMD) Chief	• Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
• Chairman of Axis Bank	• Rakesh Makhija
• Vigilance Commissioner Interim Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)	• Sharad Kumar
• New Lok Sabha Speaker	• Om Birla
• 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
• Bombay Stock Exchange appoints first independent woman Director	• Jayshree Vyas
• New Vice Chief of Indian Air Force	• Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
• Officer on Special Duty in office of Lokpal	• Dilip Kumar
• New Member of 15th Finance Commission's Advisory Council	• Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian will be the twelfth Member of the Council.
• Committee headed by Aadhaar architect	• Nandan Nilekani
• New Navy Chief	• Karambir Singh
• Indian Army officer appointed the commander of UN Mission in South Sudan	• Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar

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• New Chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA)	• Justice A. K. Sikri
• New CMD of ITC	• Sanjiv Puri
• New CEO of LIC Mutual Fund	• Dinesh Pangtey
• First woman to be inducted into ICC match referee panel	• India's G.S. Lakshmi
• New Managing Director of LIC	• Vipin Anand
• Industry Head of Google India	• Former Bollywood Actress, Mayoori kango
• Indian Overseas Bank's new MD & CEO	• Karnam Sekar
• 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)	• Rajendra Kumar Nayak
• Twitter New India Head	• Manish Maheshwari
• New Chairman of Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH)	• Ravinder Kumar Passi
• Deutsche Bank head for India	• Kaushik Shaparia
• New Executive Director of Punjab National Bank	• Rajesh Yaduvanshi
• Goodwill Ambassador of Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019	• Mithali Raj
• Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)	• Shiv Das Meena
• First woman CMD of Pawan Hans Ltd	• Usha Padhee
• New Nasscom Chairman	• Keshav Murugesh
• New president of Confederation of Indian Industry(CII)	• Vikram Kirloskar
• Chairman of National Commission for Backward Classes	• Bhagwan Lal Sahni
• New Chairman of Coordination Committee for 2022 Asian Games	• Randhir Singh
• New Secretary-General of the Medical Council of India	• Rakesh Kumar Vats
• New Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre	• Ajit Kumar Mohanty
• Head committee on Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for Advocates (5 members Committee)	• Dr Alok Srivastava
• Citibank India New head	• Ashu Khullar
• Special directors in the Enforcement Directorate (ED).	• Anup Kumar Dubey and Sushil Kumar
• New Agricultural Scientific Recruitment Board (ASRB) Chief	• Aditya Kumar Misra
• First Lokayukta Chairman of Mizoram	• C Lalsawta sworn

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• Non-executive Chairman of Axis Bank	• Rakesh Makhija
• New chairman of LIC	• M.R. Kumar
• India's first Lokpal	• Ex-Supreme Court judge Justice PC Ghose
• Basketball Federation of India (BFI) President	• Govindaraj re-elected
• BARC (Broadcast Audience Research Council) India chairman	• Punit Goenka
• New director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	• Rishi Kumar Shukla
• CEO of Corporation Bank	• P V Bharathi
• New Election Commissioner	• Sushil Chandra
• First ombudsman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).	• D.K. Jain
• IAF Vice Chief	• Air Marshal HS Arora (Updated on 28th September 2019)

International - Appointment

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Persons</u>
• New prime minister of Ukraine	• Oleksiy Honcharuk (Updated 5 September) • Capital: Kyiv • Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia
• New president of Guatemala	• Alejandro Giammattei (Updated 11th August) • Capital: Guatemala City • Currency: Guatemalan quetzal
• New Supreme Court (SC) judge of Fiji	• Former SC judge Madan Lokur (Updated 11th August) • Capital: Suva • Currency: Fijian dollar
• New prime minister of Sudan	• Abdalla Hamdok (Updated 20th August) • Capital- Khartoum. • Currency- Sudanese pound.
• New President of Nauru	• Lionel Aingimea (Updated 27th August) • Capital - Yaren. • Currency - Australian dollar.
• British New Prime Minister	• Boris Johnson (Updated- 23 July 2019) • Capital: London • currency: Pound
• First female President of European Commission	• Ursula von der Leyen (Updated- 22 July 2019)
• New prime minister of Greece	• Kyriakos Mitsotakis (Updated- 5 July 2019) • Capital: Athens

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First female ECB (European Central Bank) president 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currency: Euro • Christine Lagarde (Updated- 20 July 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New MD and CFO of World Bank • Accenture's New CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anshula Kant (Updated- 13 July 2019) • Julie Sweet (Updated- 14 July 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) • Deputy Executive Director of UN Women • President of Badminton Asia • Prime Minister of Thailand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice AK Sikri, the former judge of the Supreme Court (Effective 1 August, 2019) • India's Anita Bhatia • Anton Aditya Subowo(re-elected) • Prayuth Chan-ocha • Capital: Bangkok • Currency: Thai baht
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIFA President • United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) President • External auditor of WHO • President of El Salvador 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gianni Infantino (re-elected) • Tijjani Muhammad-Bande • CAG Rajiv Mehrishi • Nayib Bukele • Capital: San Salvador • Currency: United States Dollar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Kazakhstan's president 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kassym-Jomart Tokayev • Capital: Nur-Sultan • Currency: Kazakhstani tenge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP's (United Nations Environment Programme's)Executive Director • First female president of Slovakia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inger Andersen, Denmark's Economist and Environmentalist • Zuzana Caputova • Capital: Bratislava • Currency: Euro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algeria's first new president 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdelkader Bensalah • Capital: Algiers • Currency: Algerian dinar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haiti's New Prime Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Michel Lapin • Capital: Port-au-Prince • Currency: Haitian gourde
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New President of ICC India • President of Asian Football Confederation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vikramjit Sing Sahney • Sheikh Salman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World bank's new President • Senegal's President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Malpass • Macky Sall (Second term) • Capital: Dakar • Currency: West African CFA franc
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of Olympic Council of Asia • New Prime minister of Estonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah • Kaja Kallas (First Female) • Capital: Tallinn • Currency: Euro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Scientist at WHO • Goodwill Ambassador of UNDP • New Prime Minister of Palestine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soumya Swaminathan • Padma Lakshmi • Mohammad Shtayyeh • Capitals: Ramallah, East Jerusalem

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• OIC body's deputy chairman	• Pakistan
• President of Comoros	• Azali Assoumani re-elected
• New chairman of African Union	• Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El Sisi
• Amazon's Board of Directors	• PepsiCo's former CEO Indra Nooyi
• Sudan's Prime Minister	• Mohamed Tahir Ayala • Capital: Khartoum • Currency: Sudanese pound
• Nigeria's President	• Muhammadu Buhari • Capital: Abuja • Currency: Nigerian naira
• Japan's new Emperor	• Naruhito
• UN Re-Elects International Narcotics Board	• Jagjit Pavadia
• North Macedonia's new president	• Stevo Pendarovski
• Member Of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal, London	• Former SC Judge K S Radhakrishnan
• New President of the United Nations General Assembly.	• Professor Tijjani Mohammad Bande
• President of Indonesia	• Joko Widodo second term • Capital: Jakarta Trending • Currency: Indonesian rupiah
• Ukraine's new president	• Volodymyr Zelenskiy
• South Africa's President	• Cyril Ramaphosa • Capitals: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein • Currency: South African rand
• Walmart chief technology officer	• Suresh Kumar
• Australia's prime minister	• Scott Morrison • Capital: Canberra • Currency: Australian dollar
• New Papua New Guinea prime minister	• James Marape • Capital: Port Moresby • Currency: Papua New Guinean ki
• Thailand new King	• Maha Vajiralongkorn
• Malawi's President	• Peter Mutharika (2nd term) • Capital: Lilongwe • Currency: Malawian kwacha

Important Brand Ambassador

Brand	Ambassador
New brand ambassador of Reebok	Varun Dhawan, Katrina Kaif (Updated- 22July 2019)
New brand ambassador of FanMojo	Prithvi Shaw (Updated- 16July 2019)
Hero MotoCorp new brand ambassador	Yerry Mina
New brand ambassador of redBus	Mahendra Singh Dhoni

PhonePe Brand Ambassador	Aamir Khan
Bharat Pe	Salman Khan
Educated Girl	Katrina Kaif
Bata	Kriti Sanon
Vivo	Amir Khan
Dream 11	M S D
Myntra	Virat and Anushka
TAFE	Ashay Kumar
Maruti Suzuki	Varun Dhawan
Uber	Virat Kohli
GST	Amitabh Bachchan
Skill India	Varun Dhawan and Anushka sharma
Tribes India	Marry kom
Fir India	Sonu Sude
Brand ambassador of Swasth Immunised India	Kareena Kapoor Khan
New brand "V-Nourish"	Shah Rukh Khan
TAFE (Tractors and Farm Equipment) brand ambassador	Askhay Kumar
Brand ambassador of BharatPe	Salman Khan
JBL's New global brand ambassador	Bollywood Actor Ranveer Singh (Updated 12th September)
Brand ambassador for Gatorade by PepsiCo India	Hima Das (Updated 12th September)
New brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh	Actor Govinda (Updated 20th September)
Visa	PV Sindhu (Updated 26th September)
Maharashtra Assembly polls 2019	Madhuri Dixit (Updated 26th September)

Chiefs and DGS

Department	Chief/DGS
Army Chief	Bipin Rawat
Navel Chief	Karambir Singh
Air Chief	Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane
IB	Arvind Kumar
BSF	Vivek Kumar (V.K) Johri
CRPF	Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar
CISF	Rajesh Ranjan
ITBP	SS Deswal
NSG	SS Deswal (Additional Change)
NDRF	SN Pradhan
RAW	Samant Goel

List of Chairman of Important Organisation

Organisation	Chairman Name
SIBDI	Mohammad Mustafa

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SEBI	Ajay Tyagi
NABARD	Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
NHRC	H.L Dattu
NITI Aayog	PM Narendra Modi
ISRO	K.Sivan
UIDAI	Ajay Bhushan Pandey
UCG	Dhirendra Pal Singh

Chandrayaan2 Mission

Mission	LUNAR Mission
Lauvh Vehicle	GSLV Mark 3, M1
Lander	VIKRAM
Rover	PRAGYAN
Mission Director	Ritu Karidhal
Project Director	Muthayya Vanitha
Mission Gaganyaa	2021-22
Mangalyaan 2	2022-23

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Indian Govt, target important project list

Aims	Target Time
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PM vision of \$ 5 trillion Economy	2025
To Eliminate TB	2025
Housing for All	2022
Doubling Farmers income	2022
One Nation One Ration Card	2020
To generate solar Power (500GW)	2030
Har Ghar Jal	2024
Utkarsh (Road Plan by RBI)	2022
Clean Drinking water to all by	2024
TAPI gas pipeline project is expected to be completed by	2022
Bharatmala project	35000km highway by 2018-22
India to surpass china's population	2027

Website, Application & Card (1st Feb to 27th September) Chapter-4

Web/ App	ORGANIZATION	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Baroda Kisan" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bank of Baroda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian multinational, public sector banking and financial services company, Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched an agriculture digital platform called "Baroda Kisan" in Bardoli, Surat, Gujarat. It is a web-based portal that can also be accessed by farmers through mobile.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Jan Soochna Portal' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rajasthan govt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rajasthan has launched a portal called 'Jan Soochna Portal' under the Rajasthan Innovation Vision (RAJIV) campaign that was started to commemorate former Prime minister (PM) Rajiv Gandhi's 75th anniversary. This portal designed by the information and technology (IT) department, is a first of its kind in India to provide access to information about govt. departments in a single platform. This portal will provide people to

		<p>seek the Right to Information(RTI) with transparency and accountability.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Good Vibes' and 'Relumino' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Samsung 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Korean tech giant Samsung,has unveiled two apps namely "Good Vibes" a communication tool for deaf and blind people and "Relumino" that helps the visually impaired people to see the images clearer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-branded credit card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IDBI & LIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank) and Life Insurance Corporation of India Credit Cards Services (LIC CSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of LIC, will launch a co-branded credit card. It will be marketed to customers, agents, and employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries. At present, IDBI Bank offers 5 credit card variants as LIC has ties up with Axis Bank and Corporation Bank for issuance of credit cards under co-branded/white label agreements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "DigiSmart" credit card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standard Chartered Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Standard Chartered Bank, a British multinational banking and financial services company has launched its "DigiSmart" credit card primarily focused on the ever-growing segment of millennials. ▪ The new credit card is available for a nominal monthly fee of only Rs 49. However, this fee will be waived off if the spends of the customer are Rs 5,000 or above in the previous month. Instant discounts and other benefits make this card special. Key e-commerce portals, travel, entertainment, fashion, grocery and food delivery can be discounted on various categories of products.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Nishank” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Union Minister for Human Resource Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Union Minister for Human Resource Development (MHRD) Mr Ramesh pokhriyal ‘Nishank’, inaugurated the Indian Airforce Facilitation-cum-Publicity Pavilion in National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi to motivate students to join Indian Air Force. ▪ Note: “Indian Air Force: Cut Above” official Mobile gaming application was launched by Air Chief Marshal Shri B.S. Dhanoa. The app features facilities like experiencing first-hand roles of IAF air warrior and also to apply and appear for recruitment from the mobile phone itself.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘Samarth’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flipkart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flipkart Group launched ‘Samarth’, an initiative of Flipkart, to support weavers, artisans, and makers of handicrafts to its platform.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Meghdoot” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister for Earth Science, Science and Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Digital India initiative & and bring technology to farmers, the minister for Earth Science, Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched a new mobile application called “Meghdoot” in New Delhi, developed by experts from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology(IITM) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research(ICAR).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Janaushadhi Sugam” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda, in New Delhi launched the mobile application “Janaushadhi Sugam” which would help in searching for

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		outlets and generic medicines. Reduction in the cost of “Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkin” was also announced. The napkins will now be available at Rs 1 per pad from its previous amount of Rs 2.50.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Maitri” app 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five girls from Noida, Uttar Pradesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ five girls from Noida, Uttar Pradesh of team “Tech Witches” were awarded Bronze medal at the 2019 ‘Technovation challenge’, the world’s largest technology and entrepreneurship programme for girls held in San Francisco, United States(US). They were awarded for developing a mobile app named ‘Maitri’ which connects children at orphanages with senior citizens in old-age homes.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFS (Fund of Funds for Startups) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDBI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) introduced a web-based application system for contribution from the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS). The objective of the new web-based application system is to improve the turnaround time and increase transparency.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘InstaBIZ’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICICI Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India’s largest private sector bank, ICICI(Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) launched a new digital platform called ‘InstaBIZ’. It targeted at micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and self-employed customers, enable them to undertake their business banking transactions digitally and instantly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘JEE Ready’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon, an e-commerce and tech giant, launched an Indian Institute of Technology Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) preparation app called JEE Ready. It is Amazon’s first product in the edtech sector in India. • It helps the students to prepare for entrance tests by allowing them to take an All India Mock Test for free.

		It is currently in its beta phase and is available only on Android devices.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RuPay JCB Global Cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPCI & JCB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan Credit Bureau (JCB) International along with domestic banks, launched RuPay JCB Global Cards. It will be accepted in India at all Point Of Sale (POS) terminals and Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) that accept JCB cards.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Banglar Shiksha' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bengal Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bengal Education Minister, Partha Chatterjee unveiled a web portal, "Banglar Shiksha" (banglarshiksha.gov.in), to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bolo App" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help children in India with reading, comprehension skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'One Delhi' App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining the estimated time of arrival for buses and metros. • Providing information about their fares. • Providing the best route and mode of travel between two places. • List of tourist spots in Delhi.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Dharti App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardeep S Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow the lessee of the property to see the basic details of property along with its location on map.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "YONO Cash" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For its customers using which customers can withdraw money from ATMs without using debit cards. YONO – You Only Need One.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Observer App" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electoral Observers can submit the relevant document and material to Election Commission directly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior' App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Institute of Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the exam pressure

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Mi Pay' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xiaomi i 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xiaomi launched Mi Pay, a UPI (Unified Payments Interface) Based mobile payment service in India to send money from one bank account to another or between UPI (Unified Payments Interface) accounts. • The service provider of this application is ICICI Bank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "My Circle" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airtel collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • women's safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETMONEY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETMONEY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETMONEY India's largest app for financial services has integrated with UPI as a payment method. • ET Money has clocked Rs 2,000 crore of mutual fund sales on its app
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter Turnout App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election commission of India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of India to watch realtime voter turnout. After collecting all the information from officers, it will be compiled and displayed in the app
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-AUSHADHI portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH, Shripad Yesso Naik 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-AUSHADHI portal for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs and related matters.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RODRA website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army launched an online platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'My Protection Quotient' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Life Insurance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Awards (1st March to 27th September) Chapter-5

<u>Awards</u>	<u>Persons/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Global Goalkeeper Award 2019" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM Modi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi is to

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		<p>be honored with 'Global Goalkeeper Award 2019' by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for his work under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) Mission. He will be honored during his visit to United States (US) in September 2019.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAE Order of Zayed II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Ambassador to UAE Navdeep Suri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has honored Indian Ambassador Navdeep Singh Suri with its highest civilian honor Order of Zayed II award. He has been given this honor for strengthening the relationship between the two countries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Asia Society Game Changers Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPS officer Chhaya Sharma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Chhaya Sharma who led the investigation of the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape was selected for the 2019 Asia Society Game Changers Award along with six others by Asia Society, which is a leading educational organization. She has been awarded for redefining the role of female police officers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Lata Mangeshkar Award" for the year 2019-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran music director Usha Khanna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cultural Affairs Minister of the government of Maharashtra, Mr. Vinod Tawde announced that Veteran music director Usha Khanna, has been awarded the Maharashtra government's "Lata Mangeshkar Award" for the year 2019-20.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Dr Kalam Smriti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution in holding a

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International Excellence Award	Sheikh Hasina	healthy relation between India and Bangladesh, International peace and cooperation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Excellence Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super 30 founder Anand Kumar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super 30 founder and noted mathematician Anand Kumar, aged 46, was awarded Education Excellence Award 2019 by the Foundation For Excellence (FFE) at the organisation's 25th anniversary gala in San Jose, California, United States for the contributions towards imparting education to the needy students.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 PATA gold awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) awards for the year 2019 was held in Nur-Sultan (Astana), the capital of Kazakhstan. The Kerala tourism has won 3 PATA gold awards at the event and the 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 the third one was for its website www.keralatourism.org
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Best FIFA Men's Player 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lionel Messi (Argentina) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Best FIFA Women's Player 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Rapinoe (America) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneur of the year award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruhan Rajput 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His excellence in the service sector and for his contributions and achievements in the
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		business industry.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ravish Kumar • Ko Swe Win • Angkhana Neelapaijit • Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab • Kim Jong-Ki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ravish Kumar (Indian journalist) • Ko Swe (Myanmar's journalist) • Angkhana Neelapaijit(Thailand's human rights activist) • Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab (Philippines' musician) • Kim Jong-Ki (South Korea's activist working with violence and mental health issues in youth)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bharat Gaurav Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kapil Dev 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99th foundation day of East Bengal Club, the Kolkata soccer giants, at the award ceremony held at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss World Diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India's Naaz Joshi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naaz Joshi, a transsexual woman from India won the beauty pageant title of Miss World Diversity 2019 held in Port Louis, Mauritius.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'We Care Film Fest' for 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I'm Jeeja" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 14th edition of 2019 'We Care Film Festival on Disability Issues', an Indian documentary film named "I'm Jeeja" directed by Swati Chakraborty bagged the top award in the 30-minute category short film documentary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Sowmya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Music Academy's Executive Committee unanimously selected Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya for Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019. She will preside over the 93rd annual conference of The Music Academy which is scheduled to be held from December 15, 2019 to January 1, 2020.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padma Shri awardee Raghu Ram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular breast surgeon and Padma Shri awardee P.Raghu Ram has been conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand at the 44th annual congress of the Royal College in Pattaya themed "ASEAN collaboration in value-based surgery". (13th July).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gandhi Mandela Peace Medal 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhist teacher and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe Foundation(India) and Dr. Raman Bhai Patel Foundation (RBF, South Africa) hosted the first edition of Gandhi-Mandela Peace Initiative.Its celebrated victory of 'Love over Hatred', 150 years of Gandhi and 100 years of Mandela's inspirational lives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Best Feature Film' at SAARC film festival 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film 'Nagarkirtan' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 9th edition of the SAARC(South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) festival 2019 in Colombo, Srilanka. Bengali filmmaker Kaushik Ganguly's film 'Nagarkirtan' has won four awards (Best Director', 'Best Actor' and 'Best Original Score') including 'Best Feature Film' at the festival
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Best Innovation Award' for the year 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast Frontier Railway's (NFR) 'Plan Bee', 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast Frontier Railway's (NFR) 'Plan Bee', a strategy of using an amplified version of honey bees sound to keep wild elephants away from train tracks won the "Best innovation award" of Indian Railways for the 2018-19 fiscal. The prize comprised of citation & cash award of Rs.3 lakh.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Excellence Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USISPF honors Wipro Chairman Azim Premji & Mastercard CEO and President Ajay Banga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian multinational corporation Wipro's Chairman, Azim Premji and Global Financial services company Mastercard's CEO and President, Ajay Singh

		Banga have been chosen for 2019 Global Excellence Award of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) for their contribution to strengthening economic ties between the US and India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico's highest civilian award ("Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex-President Pratibha Patil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J C Daniel award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Actress Sheela 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Prize for Fiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tayari Jones Novel An American Marriage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajasthan Health Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Global Leadership award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and NASDAQ 's (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) President Adena Friedman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were chosen by business advocacy group US-India Business Council (USIBC) for "catalyzing growth in the US-India commercial corridor".

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Award in South Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahindra Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54th Jnanpith Award, 2018 • Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitav Ghosh • Priyanka Chopra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renowned English writer • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Save Water Hero Award' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activist Makarand Tilloo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activist Makarand Tilloo 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akshay Patra's school meals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss India 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suman Rao 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Journalist of the Year 2019' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachna Khaira 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanghai International film festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malayalam film 'Veyilmarangal' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plaque on Ammunition Hill Wall of Honour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt Gen JFR Jacob 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who negotiated the historic surrender of Pakistani troops in Dhaka after the 1971 Bangladesh's liberation war
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldman Environmental Prize 2019 • Also called the Green Nobel Prize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Brownell from Liberia, Bayarjargal Agvaantseren from Mongolia, Ana Colovic Lesoska from North Macedonia, Jacqueline Evans from the Cook Islands, Alberto Curamil from Chile, and Linda Garcia from the United States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassroots environmental
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France's highest civilian award - Chevalier of Order of the Legion of Honour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former ISRO chief AS Kiran Kumar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for his contribution to India-France space cooperation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest US civilian awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger Woods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing the golfer as "one of the greatest athletes in the history of sports."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 BANK NOTE OF YEAR AWARD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) announces that its voting membership has selected the Bank of Canada
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V K Krishna Menon award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G D Robert Govender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian-origin journalist in South Africa was honoured with V K Krishna Menon Award 2019 in United Kingdom for his contribution as pioneer of decolonised journalism. He became first person to be

		honoured with this award posthumously.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sasakawa Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. K. Mishra from India received the 2019 Sasakawa award in recognition of his long-term dedication to improve the resilience of communities most exposed to disasters and his personal commitment to social inclusion as a critical principle to reduce inequality and poverty, enhancing the safety net of the socially and economically marginalized.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anil Kapoor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Children's Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan's 'Order of the Rising Sun' award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For his contributions to strengthen the strategic ties and enhancing mutual understanding between India and Japan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man Booker International prize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jokha Alharthi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jokha Alharthi, the first female Omani novelist to be translated into English, has won the Man Booker International prize, 2019 for her novel Celestial Bodies. The author will share the prize money £50,000 (approximately Rs 45 lakh) equally with her translator Marilyn Booth. • Celestial Bodies, a compelling tale of love and heartbreak, written in Arabic, is posited in the Omani village of al-Awafi and traces the lives of sisters: Mayya, Asma and Khawla.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia's highest State Honour • "Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM Narendra Modi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia for exceptional services in promoting bilateral ties.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize money of INR 1,00,000 and a certificate. He accepted award from Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dost Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Dost Education', which is India's education technology startup won a \$25,000 (Rs 17

		lakhs)tech prize for its ability to empower parents to take charge of their child's early education.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAE's highest civilian award, Zayed Medal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM Modi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Best Digital Agency Award" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudhanshu Kumar, the founder of Digital Sukoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saraswati Samman 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telugu poet K Siva Reddy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018with a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees for his collection of poetry titled 'Pakkaki Ottigilite'.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Press Photo award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Crying Girl on the Border" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An image of a little girl crying, titled "Crying Girl on the Border", as she and her mother have been taken into custody by US border officials in Texas, won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year. • Veteran Getty photographer John Moore took the picture in the Rio Grande Valley on 12th June 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Intellectual Property Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Intellectual Property Rights cell (IPR cell) of Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions in best facilitation for registration of Geographical Indications and promotion of registered GI in the country.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Press Freedom Hero in 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Journalist Cyril Almeida 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn editor and Columnist Cyril Almeida from Pakistan has won the IPI's (International Press Institute) World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019 for his "critical" and "tenacious coverage" of the civil-military relations in Pakistan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madhur Bhandarkar, Salim Khan, diva Helen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan charitable trust, Pune, aims to encourage legends from the fields of music, drama, art and social work.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rana Dasgupta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For his 2010 novel "Solo", deals with a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence. The Award included a Tagore statue,

		a certificate for contribution to literature and a cash prize of \$10,000.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Peacock Award 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACKO General Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For their contextual micro insurance product -“Ola Ride Insurance“.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chameli Devi Jain Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Journalist Priyanka Dubey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding women journalist.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yaswantrao Chavan National Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex-RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards economic development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vyas Samman 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeladhar Jagudi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of poems “Jitne Log Utne Prem” published in 2013. He also authored several poetry anthologies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abel Prize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American professor Karen Uhlenbeck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first woman to win the prestigious math award
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Teacher Prize for 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Tabichi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Tabichi, a Kenyan math and physics teacher and a member of the Franciscan religious order has been conferred with the prestigious \$1 million Varkey Foundation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford University’s Bodley award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amartya Sen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The highest honour bestowed by the University of Oxford’s world-famous Bodleian Libraries for his contribution in literature, culture, science, and communication.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swachhata Excellence Awards 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMRUT cities and Municipal Corporations of Raigarh(1st), Ambikapurand (2nd) Kumbakonam(3rd) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International human rights prize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Aziz Muhamat, a Manus Island refugee, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudanese refugee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laureus Sports for Good Honour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jharkhand’s NGO Yuwa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working for girl empowerment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Football Ratna” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunil Chhetri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Football Team Captain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivekanand Kendra, Kanyakumari 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kanyakumari, gets the award for 2015 for their contribution to rural development, education, development of natural resources.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gandhi Peace Prize for 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2016, it has been jointly given to Akshaya Patra

	International (jointly)	foundation for its contribution in providing mid-day meals to children and Sulabh International for its contribution in improving the condition of sanitation and emancipation of manual scavengers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gandhi Peace Prize for 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ekal Abhiyan Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ekal Abhiyan Trust has won the award for 2017 for their contribution in providing education for rural and tribal children in remote areas, rural empowerment, gender, and social equality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yohei Sasakawa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yohei Sasakawa for 2018, who is Goodwill Ambassador of the World Health Organisation for Leprosy Elimination, for his role in leprosy eradication.

Nobel Prize 2018

S. No.	Field	Winner	Description
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiology or Medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James P Allison (USA) and Tasaku Honjo (Japan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation"
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthur Ashkin (USA), Gerard Mourou (France) and Donna Strickland (Canada) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "for groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics"
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA) (b) other half jointly to George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) "for the directed evolution of enzymes" (b) "for the phage display of peptides and antibodies"
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denis Mukwege (Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict"
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) William D. Nordhaus (USA) (b) Paul M. Romer (USA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) "for integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis" (b) "for integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis."

Oscar Awards 2019

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	• Best Picture	• Green Book
2.	• Best Actress in a Leading Role	• Olivia Colman for The Favourite
3.	• Best Actor in a Leading Role	• Rami Malek for Bohemian Rhapsody
4.	• Best Directing	• Alfonso Cuarón for Roma
5.	• Best Supporting Actor	• Mahershala Ali for Green Book
6.	• Best Supporting Actress	• Regina King for If Beale Street Could Talk.
7.	• Best Foreign Language	• Roma
8.	• Best Documentary Feature	• Free Solo

64th Filmfare Awards 2019 was held at Jio Garden, BKC, Mumbai.

Category	Winner
• Best Film	• Raazi
• Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	• Ranbir Kapoor (Sanju)
• Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	• Alia Bhatt (Raazi)
• Best Director	• Meghna Gulzar (Raazi)
• Best Actor in Supporting Role (Male)	• Gajraj Rao (Badhaai Ho), Vicky Kaushal (Sanju)
• Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female)	• Surekha Sikhri (Badhaai Ho)
• Best Music Album	• Sanjay Leela Bhansali (Padmaavat)

Bharat Ratan

Name	Filed	
Pranab Mukherjee	former President	
Dr. Bhupen Hazarika	Musician	(posthumously)
Shri Nanaji Deshmukh	social activist	(posthumously)

Padma Vibhushan

Name	Field	State/Country	Intro
Ms. Teejan Bai	(Art-Vocals-Folk)	Chhattisgarh	1st female Pandvani folk singer - promoting Chhattisgarh's 3,000 year old traditional art form
Shri Ismail Omar Guelleh	(Public Affairs)	Djibouti	President of Djibouti- extended support during Operation Rahat, for rescuing Indians and foreigners from war-hit Yemen
Shri Anilkumar Manibhai Naik	(Trade & Industry-	Maharashtra	Group Chairman of engineering conglomerate Larsen & Toubro

	Infrastructure)		
Shri Balwant Moreshwar Purandare	(Art-Acting-Theatre)	Maharashtra	Marathi Theatre legend and historian - especially known for his play 'Jaanta Raja' on Chhatrapati Shivaji

Padma Bhushan

No.	Name	Field	State/Country	Intro
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri John Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Trade & Industry-Technology) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Technology Business Leader - Formal CEO of CISCO System
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Public Affairs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punjab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Minister in Central and Punjab Govt
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Pravin Gordhan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Public Affairs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South African anti-Apartheid Leader and current Minister
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Mahashay Dharam Pal Gulati 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Trade & Industry-Food Processing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founder CEO and Iconic Face of MDH Masala
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Darshan Lal Jain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Social Work) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haryana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Worker Providing Free Education to poor student-Founder president of Saraswati Nadi shodha Santhan
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Ashok Laxmanrao Kukade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Medicine-Affordable Healthcare) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maharashtra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor and Founder of Vivekananda Hospital - serving the needy in the backward, drought-prone Latur region
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Kariya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Public Affairs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jharkhand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran Tribal Leader and 8

	Munda			times MP
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Budhadya Mukherjee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Art-Music-Sitar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Bengal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran Sitar and Surbahar Artist
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri S Nambi Narayan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Science & Engineering-Space) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Mohanlal Viswanathan Nair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Art-Acting-Film) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malayalam Film Superstar-acted in 350+ films
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Kuldeep Nayar (Posthumous) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature & Education (Journalism) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran Journalist & Author
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Bachendri Pal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Sports-Mountaineering) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uttarakhand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woman mountaineer who has lead multiple mountaineering and rafting expeditions - first Indian woman to climb Mount Everest
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri V K Shunglu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Civil Service) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Hukumdev Narayan Yadav 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Public Affairs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bihar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

National Film Awards 2019

The annual **National Film Awards 2019** were announced by jury heads Rahul Rawail, AS Kanal and Utpal Bhorpujari. It was the 66th Edition.

Title of Film	Name Of Film	Awardee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Feature Film 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HELLARO (Gujarati) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producer: Saarthi Productions LLP Director: Abhishek Shah
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> URI : THE SURGICAL STRIKE (Hindi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director: Aditya Dhar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Actor (Shared) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANDHADHUN (Hindi) & URI : THE SURGICAL STRIKE (Hindi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayushmann Khurrana & Vicky Kaushal

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• Best Actress	• MAHANATI (Telugu)	• Keerthy Suresh
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20th Edition of NEXA IIFA Awards List of Winners:

• Category	• Awardee
• Best Film	• Raazi
• Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	• Alia Bhatt for Raazi
• Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	• Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat
• Best Director	• Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun

Ranking Index (1st March to 27th September) Chapter-6

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
Gender Equality Index 2019	UK-based Equal Measures	95	Denmark
Traffic Index 2018	TomTom, an Amsterdam based company	4th Delhi	Mumbai
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
Global Corruption Perception Index	Transparency International	78	Denmark
Happiness Index 2019 by Global Happiness Survey		9th	Australia & Canada
EIU Democracy Index 2018	Economist Intelligent Unit	41st	Narway

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global talent competitiveness	INSEAD business school in partnership with Tata Communications and Adecco Group	80th	Switzerland
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) readiness index.	CISCO	6th	Italy
Bloomberg 2019 Innovative Index		54th	South Korea
Online Companies positioned	Stripe, a San Francisco-based online payment processing firm	11th	Singapore/Hongkong
International IP Index	US Chambers of Commerce	36th	US
'Inclusive Internet Index 2019'	'Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) for Facebook	47th	Sweden
2018 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report"	Think Tank	1ST	India
Most live able location for Asian	ECA international survey		Singapore (14th consecutive year)
World's most polluted city in 2018	Swiss based company IQ Air AirVisual and non profit organization Greenpeace		Gurugram
Forbes World's Billionaires	Forbes	Mukesh Ambani ranks 17th richest person with \$46.5 bn	Amazon's Jeff Bezos and family with USD 131 billion
Gold holding (August Updated)	World Gold Council (WGC)	10th (Including IMF)	US
Highest number of impacted species in hotspots	PLOS Biology	16TH	Malaysia

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Quality of Living Survey 2019	Mercer's		Austria's capital city Vienna
World's Most Expensive Cities Survey	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) survey		Singapore, Paris and Hong Kong shared top spot
World Happiness Report	Sustainable Development Solutions Network	140th	Finland
World's busiest airports	Airports Council International (ACI)	12th	Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (US)
Global Energy Transition index	World Economic Forum (WEF)	76th	Sweden
World's best aviation hub		59th (Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi)	Singapore airport
World Press Freedom Index 2019	International NGO, Reporters without Borders	140th	Norway
Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019	StartupBlink.	17th	United States
2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	19th	Australia
Targeted nation by hackers in 2018	Akamai Technologies	2nd	US
Passport Index	UNDP human development index	67th	Singapore
Best airport ranking		8th (rajiv gandhi airport hyderabad)	Habad international airport ,Qatar

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Global Competitiveness Index	World Economic Forum	43rd	Singapore
Terms of money in Swiss Banks	Swiss National Bank	74	UK
Most Powerful Passport index 2019	Released Henley Passport Index 2019	86th	Japan and Singapore
Water Stress Index 2019 (Updated-8August)	London-based risk analytics firm Verisk Maplecroft	46th	
Highest number of 'living' languages (Updated-13August)	Ethnologue	4th (453 language)	Papua New Guinea (840 language)
State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index(SARAL) 2019 Updated-16August)	Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (IC) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship		Karnataka (Top) Jammu& Kashmir (Last)
Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2019 (Updated-17August)	London based consultancy Knight Frank	Delhi (10th)	Berlin(Germany)
Worlds Highest-Paid Actors Of 2019 (Updated-19August)	Forbes magazine's	Akshay Kumar(4th) \$65million	Dwayne Johnson (also known as The Rock) with worth \$89.4 million
'Composite Water Management Index2019 (Updated-20August)	NITI Aayog		Gujarat (Top) Jharkhand (Last)
"world's most powerful passport"	Henley Passport Index	86th	Japan and Singapore

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(Updated-21 August)			
world's Highest-Paid actresses of 2019 (Updated-20 August)	Forbes magazine's		Scarlett Johansson \$ 56 Million
World's Safe Cities Index 2109 (Updated-26 August)	Economist Intelligence Unit	Mumbai ranks 45th Delhi 52nd	Tokyo(Japan)-1st Singapore-2nd Osaka-3rd
Happiness index (Updated 2 September)	Global Happiness Survey	India ranks 9th on happiness index among 28 nations	Australia and Canada
Global Liveability Index 2019 (Updated 4th September)	Economist Intelligence Unit(EIU)	Delhi ranks 118th and Mumbai at 119th	Vienna, the capital of Austria
World travel & tourism competitiveness index (Updated 4th September)	Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI)	34th	Spain
Knight Frank Co-Living Index across Asia-Pacific (Updated 9th September)	London based consultancy agency Knight Frank.	Mumbai ranks 5th and New Delhi 11th	Beijing (China) followed by Tokyo(Japan) and Shanghai(China) in the second and third position respectively.
FIFA Rankings (Updated 19th September)	FIFA	104th	Belgium
world digital competitiveness rankings (Updated on 28th September 2019)	IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019 (WDCR)	44 th	United States

Loan (1st Feb to 27th September) Chapter-7

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chhattisgarh Road Improvement Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rs 1,650cr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exim Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$245 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loan agreement with Ghana & Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$147 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$31.58 mn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loan for Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 400M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$328M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank,

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		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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Rajasthan's Roads and Highways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250-m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$287 Mn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of India, Tamil Nadu, and the World 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD 455 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Development Bank (ADB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD 926 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mumbai Metro Rail Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD 26 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Development Bank (ADB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD50 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in India's renewable energy producer company Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD 25.2 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chhattisgarh Public Financial Management and Accountability Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD 96 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Financing for Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 250 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 2200 crores (\$328-million) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Andhra Pradesh Health Systems Strengthening Project (APHSSP)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$137 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Additional Financing of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP), Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$750-mn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> loan to fund railway track electrification in India
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$35 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank to invest \$35 million in Manapurram Finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$350million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and District Roads in Chhattisgarh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$287milliom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIIB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L&T(Larsen & Toubro) Infrastructure Finance Company(LTIF) for wind and solar infrastructure projects. This is the first time AIIB is extending loan to a non-banking finance company(NBFC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ 200 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian Development

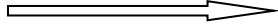
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		<p>Bank (ADB) approved \$200 million loans for improving road infrastructure in 34 districts of Maharashtra to connect rural areas with markets and services. The total cost of the project is \$296 million. The government will provide \$96 million.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 23 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to support road sector investment plans of the Indian government, Asian Development Bank(ADB)has signed an agreement to invest \$23 million in non-convertible debentures (NCD) being issued by GRIL(GR Infraprojects Limited).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 Million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loan to upgrade about 2,100 kilometers of rural roads to all-weather standards in Maharashtra’s 34 districts for better connecting rural areas with markets and services.



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Company Merger list (1st Feb to 27th September) Chapter-8

Merge Company	About
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Telecom Department sanctions merger of TTSL and Bharti Airtel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Telecom Department has sanctioned the merger of TTSL (Tata Teleservices Limited) consumer mobility business with Bharti Airtel, subject to the condition that Sunil Mittal led firm provides bank guarantees of about Rs. 7,200 crore.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lakshmi Vilas Bank got merge with Indiabulls Housing Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The board of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB), has approved the merger of private sector lender with Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd, mortgage financier in an all-stock deal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IndusInd Bank and Bharat Financial Inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved merger of private sector lender IndusInd Bank with Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL), a microfinance company. Now, BFIL become the subsidiary of IndusInd Bank. Last year, IndusInd Bank had received 'No Objection' from Reserve Bank of India, National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chatbot Making Startup Haptik and Reliance Jio Digital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reliance Jio Digital, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries has acquired a chatbot making startup firm Haptik for Rs.700 Crore.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank,with Bank of Baroda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The government has decided to infuse a capital of 5,042 crore rupees into state-owned Bank of Baroda ahead of its merger with two other public sector lenders Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank,with Bank of Baroda which would be effective from 1st April 2019.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pallavan Grama Bank and Pandyan Grama Bank merged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under the sponsorship of Indian Bank, two regional rural bank – Pallavan Grama Bank and Pandyan Grama Bank will be amalgamated to form a single RRB i.e. Tamil Nadu Grama Bank in Tamil Nadu. The consolidation will be effective from April 1, 2019.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Airtel to merge broadband satellite business with Hughes India unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bharti Airte has decided to merge its broadband satellite, or VSAT, business with that of market leader Hughes Communications India, to create a stronger no. 1 in the space, in a bid to increase scale, improve operational efficiencies and target new customers in areas such as in-flight connectivity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mukesh Ambani's RIL buys out British toy-maker Hamleys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reliance Brands, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), has signed a definitive agreement with C Banner International, a Hong Kong-listed company, to acquire 100% shares of centuries-old British toy retailer Hamleys for £68 million.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Govt to merge CSO with NSSO to create new stats body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The government has approved the merger of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). ▪ The restructuring is in line with the proposed National Policy on Official Statistics which was floated last year. The policy suggests discontinuing with the role of the Chief Statistician of India as secretary to the National Statistical Commission (NSC) and doing away with the user of the terms CSO and NSSO. Instead, the two will be treated as being under a single entity called the National Statistical Organisation (NSO).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Airtel and Tata Tele merger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Telecom operator Bharti Airte is learnt to have submitted a bank guarantee of Rs 644 crore in telecom tribunal TDSAT to complete the merger of Tata Teleservices consumer business with the company.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Merger of Indus Towers and Bharti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bharti and Vodafone Group Tuesday named Bimal Dayal as the CEO of the mega tower company proposed to be formed from merger of Indus Towers and Bharti Infratel and said the merger process is in "advanced stage of completion". ▪ Dayal will be responsible for the combined business and take forward integration of the two companies in preparation of the merger, a joint statement said.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Merger of IndusInd Bank and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sundaram Finance to acquire stakes of its partner BNP Paribas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Airtel completed the merger of Tata Tele's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bharti Airtel Limited and Bharti Hexacom Limited announced the merger of the consumer mobile businesses (CMB) of Tata Teleservices Limited (TTSL) and TataTeleservices (Maharashtra) Limited(TT ML) with the two Bharti Group companies.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ebix acquired Yatra Online for \$337.8 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ US-based software firm Ebix Inc acquired online travel portal Yatra Online Inc., for an enterprise value of \$337.8 million (Rs 2,325 crore) in an all-stock transaction. Yatra will become part of Ebix's travel portfolio, EbixCash.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Microsoft acquired BlueTalon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Microsoft acquired BlueTalon, a data privacy and governance service, for an undisclosed sum. BlueTalon works with leading Fortune 100 companies. It helps enterprises to set policies for how their employees can access their data.

Budget 2019 (1st Feb to 24 July) Chapter- 9

Scheme	Amount / About
• PM Kisaan Samman Nidhi	• 75000 crs.
• MGNREGA	• 60,000 crs.Under PM gram sadak yojana
• Rural roads under Gram Sadak Yojana.	• 19000 Crs.
• Railways	• 65,587 Crs
• Mudra Yojana	• 7.23 Crs.
• Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan	• launched to provide assured monthly pension of 3000 rupees per month, with contribution of 100 rupees per month, for workers in unorganized sector after 60 years of age.
• Pradhanmantri Shramyogi Mandhan yogna	• 500 Crs to be launched for poor people

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gokul Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 750 crs. • The “Rashtriya Gokul Mission” has been launched by the Government for • conservation and development of indigenous breeds in a focused and scientific • manner. The mission also envisages establishment of integrated cattle development • centres „Gokul Grams to develop indigenous breeds including upto 40% nondescript • breeds.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard deduction limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limit increased to INR 50, 000 from INR 40,000 earlier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food for all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.7 lakhs crs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 lakhs crs

Economic Survey 2018-19 (Chapter-10)

Guided by the dictum of “blue-sky thinking”, the **Economic Survey** underscored the ambitious agenda of applying principles of behavioral economics to achieve **8 percent** of sustained **GDP growth to make India a \$5-trillion economy by 2024-25.**

The Survey is the first for the new government, which came to power with an overwhelming mandate. “With the aspirations that have been kindled among our predominantly young population, India stands at a historic moment when sustained high economic growth has become a national imperative,” **Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy V Subramanian** stated in his preface to the Survey. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already laid down the vision of India becoming a **USD 5-trillion economy by 2025.**

Key highlights from the Economic Survey:

- Survey sees Financial Year 2020 GDP growth at 7%, higher growth on stables macros.
- India needs to grow at 8% per year to be \$5 trillion economy by Financial Year 2025.
- The survey suggests diplomatic type privileges, naming roads for top taxpayers.
- Investment the “key driver” of simultaneous growth in demand, jobs, exports, and productivity.
- Green shoots in investment activity seems to taking hold.
- Rural wage growth started increasing since mid-2018.

- Political stability should push the animal spirits of the economy.
- Poor enforcement of contracts and dispute resolution is a big hurdle. The faster legal process should be the top priority.
- Savings and growth are positively co-related. Savings must increase more than investment.
- Constant recalibration based on real-time data. Data must be created as a public good “of the people, by the people, for the people.
- Survey argues that nudging behaviour change is the simplest way to solve many social issues.
- Top policymakers must ensure actions are predictable. Policymaking needs: 1. Clear Vision 2. Strategic blueprint 3. Tactical tools for constant recalibration.
- The success of MGNREGS shows govt schemes can make a difference on the ground with skillful use of technology.
- A minimum wage policy for the bottom rung of wage earners to drive up demand and strengthening the middle class.
- Indian MSMEs need to be freed from shackles that convert them into dwarfs. MSMEs need to be seen as a source of innovation, growth and job creation.
- The policy should enable MSMEs to grow, create greater profits for their owners and contribute to job creation and productivity in the economy.

- India needs to increase per capita energy consumption to raise real per capita GDP by US\$ 5000 and improve its HDI ranking.
- The Survey is inspired by Gandhiji's Talisman: "...Recall the face of the poorest man [woman], and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him [her].
- India will enjoy the "demographic dividend" phase in the next two decades but some states will start transitioning to an aging society by the 2030s.
- India moving forward from Swachh Bharat to Swasth and Sundar Bharat.
- Investment rate seems to have bottomed out.
- Govt stands by the fiscal consolidation path.
- Jan-March economic slowdown due to poll-related activity.
- Greenshoots in investment seems to be taking hold.

- NBFC stress reason for Financial Year 2019 slowdown.
- Decline in NPAs should push up CAPEX cycle.
- The general fiscal deficit is seen at 5.8% in Financial Year 2019 Vs. 6.4% in Financial Year 2018.
- Investment rate seen higher in Financial Year 2020 on improved demand.
- Oil prices are seen declining in Financial Year 2020.
- Accommodative MPC policy to help cut real lending rates.
- From 'Beti Baco Beti Padhao' to 'BADLAV' (Beti Aapki Dhan Lakshmi Aur Vijay Lakshmi).
- From 'Give it up' for the LPG subsidy to 'Think about the Subsidy'.
- From 'Tax evasion' to 'Tax compliance'.

RBI Annual Report

The RBI's Annual Report details the apex lender's working and operations between July-June every year. One of the recommendations of **Bimal Jalan committee** report is that the central bank should align its accounting year to the April-March fiscal year for better understanding.

- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) balance sheet expanded by **42 percent to Rs 41.03 lakh crore** while its income soared by **146.59 percent to Rs 1.93 lakh crore in 2018-19.**
- The apex bank's interest income grew **62 percent to Rs 1.06 lakh crore** and other income rose to **Rs 86,199 crore as on June 30, 2019, from Rs 4,410 crore a year ago.**
- The RBI's holding of government securities grew by **19 percent, from Rs 6.29 lakh crore to Rs 9.89 lakh crore as on June 30, 2019.** "The increase was

on account of liquidity management operations conducted by way of net purchase of government securities amounting to Rs 3.31 lakh crore.

- RBI's foreign exchange gains rose to **Rs 28,998 crore, as compared to a loss of Rs 4,067 crore in the previous year.**
- The balance in contingency fund as on **June 30, 2019 was Rs 1.96 lakh crore as compared to Rs 2.32 lakh crore as on June 30, 2018.**
- The transferable surplus to the government for the year **2018-19 came to Rs 1.76 lakh crore, based on adjustments made after the**

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Economic Capital Framework (ECF) was adopted by the bank's central board earlier this week. The new framework was part of the Bimal Jalan committee recommendations.

- These factors contributed to unusually high surplus transfer this year. Over the past four years, the surplus ranged between **Rs 30,000-65,000 crore**.
- The RBI total assets constituted of **03 percent of domestic assets and 71.97 percent of foreign currency and gold as of June 30, 2019**. The share of domestic assets was **23.18 percent**, while **foreign currency and gold were at 76.82 percent** a year ago.
- RBI held **16 metric tonnes of gold as compared to 566.23 metric tonnes as on June 30, 2018**. The increase is on account of addition of 51.93 metric tonnes of gold during the year.

- The **RBI's expenditure fell by 39.72 percent to Rs 17,045 crore in 2018-19**. This includes a provision of Rs 64 crore was made towards Asset Development Fund.
- The notes issued in **2018-19 increased by 13.43 percent from Rs 19.11 lakh crores as on June 30, 2018 to Rs 21.68 lakh crore as on June 30, 2019**.
- According to RBI annual report, there is a **decline of 31.4 percent** in counterfeit notes seized over the year, with nearly 60 percent reduction in Rs 500 and Rs 10,00 notes. But there was an **increase of 35 percent** in counterfeit notes detected in the denomination of Rs 100 and a noticeable increase of 154.3 percent in Rs 50.

Partnership/ Agreement (1st Feb to 24 July) Chapter-11

<u>Partnership/ Agreement</u>	<u>Aims</u>
▪ SBI & NIIF tie-up	▪ India's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) and India's sovereign wealth fund, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) have signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) to provide financing solutions to the infrastructure sector.
▪ MoU on CCMB and CDFD	▪ Hyderabad based Indian biotechnology research establishments, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enable newer diagnostic methods to treat genetic disorders.
▪ Govt signs SoI with IBM	▪ Union Agriculture Ministry signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with IT major IBM (International Business Machines) to provide Farmers with the weather forecast and soil moisture information.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airtel Payments Bank ties up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first live payments bank in the country, Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer Bharti AXA Life POS (Point of Sale) Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana, a pure life term insurance plan up to Rs 5 lakh which is aimed at the under-insured and uninsured segments in India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICICI Bank tied up with IndoStar Capital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICICI Bank tied up with IndoStar Capital, a non-banking financial company, for vehicle financing for small and medium fleet owners to buy new and old commercial vehicles.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi Police signs pact with SECI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Delhi police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), to set up rooftop solar energy systems in over 200 of its buildings in Delhi.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliance Jio partners with Facebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian mobile network operator, Reliance Jio has partnered with Facebook to launch a digital literacy initiative named "Digital Udaan" to empower first-time internet users with digital literacy and understanding of the Internet in real time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISRO signed a contract with Russian company Glavkosmos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a contract with a Russian company, Glavkosmos, a subsidiary of the state corporation Roscosmos, for selection support, medical examination and space training of Indian astronauts for 'Gaganyaan' mission.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Army & NeGD signed MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Indian Army and the National eGovernance Division (NeGD), a part of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a revamped application. It will maintain the centralised database for personnel, equipment and major stores to provide management-related information to Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army) and other agencies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHAI signed an MoU with NIIF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) to fund large scale projects, including highways in a bid to achieve Prime Minister's vision to make India a \$5-trillion economy in the next five years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samsung joins hands with Paisabazaar.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Korean multinational conglomerate, Samsung partners with Paisabazaar.com, India's largest online marketplace to offer financial products. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Paisabazaar.com will now support Samsung Pay users by providing a one-stop solution to their financial requirements. 2) Samsung Pay users can apply for credit cards and personal loans from the platform by using this facility. 3) The loan approval feature in Paisabazaar will be extremely fast and seamless for the benefit of customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prasar Bharati signs MoU with IIT Kanpur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's largest public broadcasting agency, Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU (Memorandum of

	Understanding) with IIT, Kanpur (Indian Institute of Technology) for research collaboration in newly emerging technologies and broadcasting-related areas in New Delhi .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BCC entered into MoU with BRICS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Bharat Chamber of Commerce, (BCC, Kolkata, West Bengal) signed an MoU(memorandum of understanding) with BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) for promoting trade and investments between BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and the eastern part of India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GeM, SAIL ink pact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public procurement portal Government eMarketplace (GeM) inked pact with SAIL in presence of Steel Secretary, Binoy Kumar. With this MoU, SAIL became the first public sector undertaking to establish Gem Organizational Transformation Team-Project Management Unit (GOTT-PMU).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bajaj Finserv & Motherhood hospitals ink partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ashok Leyland partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ashok Leyland, Hinduja Group flagship firm, partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank to provide vehicle loans. ▪ 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement signed between MCA and SEBI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IRSDC signed a Tripartite Agreement with SNCF and AFD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IDBI Bank and Max Bupa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ IDBI Bank is focused to increase the Fee Income

	<p>through Third Party distribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The products are IDBI Max Bupa Suvidha Health Plus, IDBI Max Bupa Loan Secure and IDBI Max Bupa Sehat Suraksha.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZestMoney in partnership with Digit Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGT partnered with Cisco & Accenture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edelweiss and Bank of Baroda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHA and ICICI Foundation signed a MoU to train 15,000 personnel under Ayushman Bharat Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDBI Bank and Tata AIG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maruti Suzuki inks partnership with BOB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NTPC and PGCIL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and PowerGrid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) signed a Memorandum of 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MobiKwik partnered with Max Bupa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MobiKwik, a mobile payments service provider, partnered with health insurer Max Bupa to

	<p>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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NITI Aayog’s Atal Innovation Mission partners with Adobe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statement of Intent (SOI) to collectively drive the charter of developing creative skills and spreading digital literacy across all Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in India. ▪ ATLs are being established in more than 5,000 schools in India where students of class 6th to class 12th acquire problem solving and innovation skills, developing innovative solutions leveraging Tinkering technologies like 3D printers, robotics, miniaturised electronics, IOT and programming, do it yourself kits with support from teachers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICICI Lombard partnered with ATL (AnyTimeLoan.in) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide insurance cover to its lenders and borrowers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bancassurance Agreement signed by IDBI Bank and LIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As part of the agreement, IDBI Bank will become the preferred bank for LIC premium payments and also function as premium point to boost sale of LIC products, thereby gaining from fees and float income.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ayushman Bharat and Uber ink partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A ride-hailing app to provide free healthcare services to Uber drivers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL) partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offer home buyers enhanced loan eligibility and easy loans and it will now be in a position to offer extended loan tenure for borrowers till the age of 75 years, increasing the loan quantum and reducing the burden of monthly EMIs for borrowers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBI and Hitachi Payment Services launched SBIPSPL (SBI Payment Services Pvt Ltd) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For establishing a digital payments platform for India and other countries in the region, in Mumbai.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bancassurance deal signed between United Bank of India and HDFC Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Bank of India aims to provide the facilities of life insurance products to its customers through HDFC Life.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India & Russia Deals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India entered into a deal with Russia for leasing of a nuclear – powered attack submarine for Indian Navy worth USD 3 billion for a period of 10 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU Small Finance Bank partnered with Acko General Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AU Small Finance Bank is working on offering customers access to financial services and products directly through their digital channels and building a robust digital banking platform to offer best in class products in Digital Loans, Deposits, and Investment segments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IBBI inks cooperation deal with International Finance Corporation (IFC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The cooperation agreement provides a technical assistance by IFC to IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India) until 30th June, 2021. It will provide training of insolvency professionals and trainers by the IFC to IBBI.

	<p>IBBI provides a platform for re-organization and insolvency resolution of corporate persons, individuals and partnership firms in a time bound manner for maximization of the value of assets.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hinduja Global Solutions (HGS) partnered with NASSCOM Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> launch a centre of excellence in Bengaluru for training differently-abled persons (PwDs) which will train a minimum of 100 PwDs making them industry-ready over the next 12 months with a goal to place at least 50% of them in companies already sensitised for hiring them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US – India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue held in Washington DC, United States. Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale led the Indian delegation and Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Andrea Thompson led the US delegation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 3 of the Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Union Cabinet approved Amendment to the Article 3 of the Agreement between India and Bhutan regarding Mandechhu Hydro Electric Project (MHEP) in order to extend the loan repayment tenure by two years extended by India to Bhutan, for implementation of the said Project in Bhutan from 15 to 17 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISRO and IIT Roorkee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to strengthen institutional interactions and thereby enhance the scope of the activities pursued under STC commensurate with the programmatic goals of ISRO.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICICI Lombard partnered with MobiKwik 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICICI Lombard and digital financial services company MobiKwik entered into a partnership to provide cyber insurance cover of Rs. 50000.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India) and SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) seeking effective implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code) and its allied rules and regulations, which have redefined the debt-equity relationship and aims to promote entrepreneurship and debt market, at Mumbai.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eBay joined hands with google 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US-based e-commerce platform eBay has partnered with Google to offer Google Pay as a form of payment option in its new “managed payments” plan. The collaboration will enhance customer experience tailored to their personal preferences.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ola and Telangana Govt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ola and the Government of Telangana to support the government’s initiative to implement smart solutions to enhance mobility experience further strengthening traffic infrastructure in Hyderabad.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three day 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships concluded in New Delhi. The

	Conclave will enhance the partnership between India and Africa in economic as well as business terms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBI signed MoU with Bank of China for business opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Bank of India (SBI) signed a pact with the third largest Bank in the world by capital size, Bank of China (BoC) to boost business opportunities. It will enhance the business cooperation between both the banks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple partnered with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tech Giant Apple has partnered with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard to launch a new credit card called Apple Card.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GAIL and BHEL Sign an agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GAIL India Ltd joined hand with Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) to cooperate in the development of solar power projects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canara Bank and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC OBC Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canara Bank and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance launched 'Webassurance' to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NITI Aayog , UNICEF signed a LOI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) India and NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to provide an open platform to promote participation, skill and empowerment among young children across different communities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aegon Life Insurance collaborated with MobiKwik 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobikwik, digital financial services company collaborated with pioneer of digital insurance in India, Aegon Life Insurance to launch a Rs 20 smart digital insurance product in order to protect its wallet users from death and accident related disability cover for up to Rs 2 lakh.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airtel Payments Bank joined hands with Bharti AXA General Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airtel Payments Bank joined hands with Bharti AXA General Insurance for a two-wheeler insurance product offering which is available on MyAirtel App and at over 40,000 Airtel Payments Bank points across India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank of Maharashtra and M1Xchange join hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has partnered with M1Xchange TReDS platform for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) bill discounting. Trade Receivables Discounting System (TreDS) is a digital platform to assist MSMEs to get their bills financed at a competitive rate through a venue where multiple registered financiers can participate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India join hands with Japan and UAE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India joined hands with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to implement two projects in Africa as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent as a counter to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. India will build a cancer hospital in Kenya in collaboration with Japan and will to set up an information and communications technology (ICT) center in Ethiopia in partnership with the UAE.

	<p>ii. Through this partnership, India has undertaken many projects like the ambitious Pan African e-network project on tele-education and tele-medicine which provides “integrated” satellite, fiber optics and wireless network between educational and medical institutes in Africa and India.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tata Trusts and Microsoft India for jointly collaborating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Tata Trusts and Microsoft India for jointly rejuvenating the handloom clusters in the eastern and north-eastern parts of India in order to build a digitally-inclusive society.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Google Pay partners with MMTC-PAMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Google Pay has partnered with Bullion refiner MMTC-PAMP India to initiate buying and selling of gold through the app to make Google Pay more useful for Indian customers. MMTC-PAMP is India’s only London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)-accredited gold refinery.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RBL Bank partners with CreditVidya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RBL Bank has partnered with CreditVidya to enhance the lender’s customer experience (by offering them relevant credit products) and construct customised offerings for over 15 lakh customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PFS in a joint venture with USICEF finances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PTC India Financial Services (PFS) an Infrastructure finance company has partnered with the US-India Clean Energy Finance (USICEF) to leverage funds for solar projects in India. PFS Managing Director and CEO Pawan Singh stated that this innovative venture can contribute to achieve India’s distributed energy target of 40 GW (gigawatt) by 2022.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSE signed an agreement with HDFC Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Asia’s oldest exchange has signed an agreement with HDFC Bank to spread more awareness about the benefits of listing startups as well as to strengthen BSE startup platform.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NIIF and ROADIS on a joint venture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and global private infrastructure operator ROADIS (owned by Public Sector Pension Investment board abbreviated as PSP investment) have jointly set up a platform for investing up to \$2 billion in road projects in India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karnataka Bank Signs agreement With Bharti AXA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karnataka Bank has signed a pact with Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company Ltd to distribute the latter’s life insurance products to provide insurance solutions to the customers of Karnataka Bank.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tata Power joined hands with Indraprastha Gas ink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tata Power has signed an agreement with Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) for green energy solutions including rooftop solar projects, setting up of commercial-scale EV charging/battery swapping stations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi, India signed an agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India has signed an agreement with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service (NABCONS) for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi to enhance capacity in

	the areas of agro-financing and entrepreneurship development for African countries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliance Mutual Fund partnering with Google 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM) has joined hands with Google to enable the customers of Reliance Mutual Fund to carry out voice-based financial transactions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syndicate Bank and SBI Life Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syndicate Bank and SBI Life Insurance signed a bancassurance pact aiming to offer a comprehensive financial planning solution to its customers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the pact, Syndicate Bank will provide penetration in the market with its 3,000 branches and SBI Life's diverse range of protection, wealth creation and savings insurance products will be brought to the table to the customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICICI Bank and Small Business FinCredit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICICI Bank, in a first-of-its-kind programme, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Business FinCredit India Pvt. Ltd. (SBFC), a systemically important Non-Banking Finance Company for entrepreneurs, to jointly provide credit worth up to Rs 1 crore to MSMEs for a tenure of 15 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBI Card & Etihad Guest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBI Card, the country's second largest credit card issuer and Etihad Guest, the loyalty programme of Etihad Airways have weld their hand together for a specific visa credit card to come into play for members and Indian travellers. Etihad Guest SBI Card, Etihad Guest SBI Premier Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been launched in order to confront the constraints of international travel.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) Sign MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For cooperation on various projects related to e-mobility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BHEL's scope of work in the project includes design, engineering, manufacturing, supply and installation of the EV charging stations along with a central monitoring system with a user-friendly mobile app.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Tax Department and the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) are all set to sign an MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For sharing data to prevent anomalies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that the GSTN can ask for and be provided data relating to an assessee's status of filing income tax returns, turnover, gross total income, financial ratios, and any other data with the I-T Department to be decided at a later date. The order also provides for the automatic exchange of such data, and not just based on requests, the modalities of which will be decided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIOS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Medical Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For imparting skill education in Paramedical Courses to the learners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MoU is initially for period of three years for the paramedical courses all over the country through its Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVIs).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e-Governance Services India ties up with IIT-Kanpur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Service Centre's (CSC) e-Governance Services India Limited, a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, on Friday said it has tied up with

	<p>Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur to upscale 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' is an initiative of the Ministry of HRD. It aims to find solutions to accelerate sustainable growth in rural India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce ministry organises interaction to boost India-Africa trade ties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commerce Ministry and Indian High Commissions and embassies of eleven African countries to strengthen the India-Africa trade ties. The interaction was arranged over Digital Video Conference (DVC) over two days, on May 3rd and May 6th with the Indian business community in Africa. In order to build an effective engagement with the Indian Diaspora in Africa, the interactions with Indian Diaspora were held in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, and Mauritius, Nigeria, Mozambique, Ghana, South Africa, Botswana, and Madagascar.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAFE, PCRA ink pact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tractor maker TAFE and Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), signed an MoU to jointly conduct agriculture workshops by involving TAFE's extensive dealership network in spreading awareness and sensitising farmers on the advantages of maintenance and upkeep of their tractors, thereby helping them maximise their productivity and profitability, according to a statement. This joint CSR effort by TAFE and PCRA is aimed at helping the farmers to minimise costs through conservation, recycling and use of alternate energy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doordarshan partners with Amazon India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD Souvenir gallery was started on 21 June 2018. The online store will sell branded articles like cups, T-shirts and water bottles. The development makes Doordarshan India's first broadcaster to start a souvenir store. The pubcaster believes that the online souvenir store will not only strengthen the relationship with viewers but also help in establishing Doordarshan brand value.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement signed between National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), HCL Foundation and INTACH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking up a project of 'Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand' under the 'Namami Gange' Programme. While the project aims at planting 10,000 Rudraksh trees in the catchment area of river Ganga in Uttarakhand in association with the local community and other stakeholders, it will also help in generating income for people residing in those areas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing finance major HDFC Limited has partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership aims to make it possible for HDFC to further penetrate home loan market and access an enlarged customer base, helping them to own a home of their choice. This product will help HDFC to offer more loan to a home loan customer on an enhanced eligibility. It also helps customers to avail loans beyond their retirement period. The finer details of the product are being worked out and will be known to market soon.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ola partners with Visa, SBI to launch credit cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homegrown ride-hailing platform Ola has launched a credit card in partnership with SBI and Visa, the company

	<p>said in a statement. Ola users will be able to apply, view and manage their credit cards directly on the Ola app and will get instant cashbacks, which can be redeemed against Ola rides, flight and hotel bookings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSNL Partners With Google 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State-run telecom major BSNL has partnered with Google to increase access to its WiFi footprint in the country. With the launch of this service, people across the country will be able to enjoy BSNL's free WiFi services. This initiative will allow customers use BSNL's high speed internet services on WiFi.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Hotels Co. (IHCL) and Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Hotels Co. (IHCL) and Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC will set up a three-year, Rs 4,000-crore investment platform to acquire hotels in the luxury, upper-upscale and upscale segments, the company said on Friday.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The MOU was signed by Ram Mohan Mishra, AS & DC(MSME) and CMD (NSIC) with Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, Secretary, MSME, in the presence of Alka Nangia Arora, Joint Secretary, SME, Mercy Epao, Director (SME), P. Udaya kumar, Director -P&M (NSIC) and A.K. Mittal, Director-Finance (NSIC). ▪ The MOU envisages provision of enhanced services by NSIC under its marketing, financial, technology and other support services schemes for MSMEs in the country.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati has signed an MoU with The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stating the MoU was signed on May 24, an IIT-G press release on Wednesday said the IITG-ISRO STC would be first of its kind in the North-east region to augment research and capacity building processes in the field of space-technology. ▪ The STC will constitute faculty members from IIT Guwahati, visiting scientists/ experts from ISRO, research students and technical staff, the release said.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edelweiss Tokio Life partnered with MobiKwik 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A private life insurer Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance tied up with MobiKwik to offer mobile-based group insurance solutions for the customers of MobiKwik.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karnataka Bank inks pact with Finwizard Tech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'A' Class Scheduled Commercial Bank, Karnataka Bank has tied up with fintech company Finwizard Technology Pvt Ltd (widely known as "fisdom") to offer wealth management products and services, beginning with mutual funds (MFs), through its 'KBL Mobile Plus' application.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Microsoft joins hands with Apollo Hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Targetting cardiac diseases, Microsoft India, a Software company headquartered in Hyderabad has partnered with Apollo Hospitals Group to set up a National Clinical Coordination Committee (NCCC), which will guide the two entities on all

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	<p>cardiovascular-related Artificial Intelligence(AI) projects. It will work for the AI-powered Cardiovascular Disease(CVD) Risk Score API (application program interface) built on Microsoft Azure (cloud computing service), to predict the risk of disease.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PMS Bazaar & EbixCash Fintech partnered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PMS Bazaar & EbixCash Financial Technologies (ECFT) tied up to introduce India's first all-in-one PMS & AIF tracking portal for investors. Through this platform, the investors can analyse their entire gamut of investments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNIDO and NISE inked an agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) signed an agreement to initiate a skill development programme for different levels of beneficiaries in the solar thermal energy sector. It was signed by Mr René van Berkel, UNIDO Representative in India and Dr AK Tripathi, Director General of NISE in UNIDO Office.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBI Life Insurance and Indian Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of the oldest public sector lenders, Indian Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with the leading private life insurer, SBI (State Bank of India)Life Insurance to provide SBI's suite of insurance products to its customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Bank & Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance inked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Bank, a public sector bank, signed a pact with Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company (ABSLI), a private sector insurer, to offer life insurance products to the customers of Indian Bank. It was signed by the Indian Bank Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Padmaja Chundurur and ABSLI MD and CEO, Ajay Srinivasan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chola MS ties up with Indian bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Bank Managing Director and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Padmaja Chundurur and Cholamandalam MS (Chola MS) General Insurance Company, Managing Director, SS Gopalathnam, have signed a corporate agency agreement where the Chola MS will deliver a wide range of insurance policies to the Indian bank customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RBL Bank with digital healthcare platform Practo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RBL Bank, one of India's fastest-growing private sector banks and Practo ,a digital healthcare platform have jointly launched co-branded health-focused credit card called "RBL Bank Practo Plus" powered by Mastercard.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reliance Jio and Microsoft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited, and Microsoft Corporation announced a 10-year long-term strategic relationship to accelerate the digital transformation of the Indian economy and society. ▪ The objective of the partnership is to increase the adoption of leading technologies like data analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), cognitive services, blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and edge computing among small and medium enterprises to make them ready to compete and grow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OYO Hotels partners with ACKO General Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budget hotel chain Oyo Hotels and Homes have partnered with ACKO General Insurance to provide a complimentary insurance cover as part of the booking price for guests at its hotels across India. The visitors will get insurance protection against accidental death, baggage damage, accidental medical expenses amongst other benefits like OPD (Outpatient Department) treatment, etc during their stay.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement between Axis Bank and Aditya Birla Health Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 3rd -largest of the private-sector lender, Axis Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with stand alone health insurer, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL) to provide Aditya Birla's suite of insurance products to its customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NAE and CIAL signs MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naval Air Enclave (NAE) which is a naval aviation facility in Kochi, Kerala, and Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the commencement of Naval air operations from NAE in Nedumbassery, Kerala.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acko announces partnership with fintech ZestMoney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Insurtech company Acko General Insurance, has partnered with ZestMoney to offer credit card insurance to its (ZestMoney) customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mou signed between GeM and SIDBI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Government e Marketplace (GeM), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in New Delhi to benefit Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), women entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Women Self Help Groups and various loan beneficiaries under Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) and Stand-up India scheme.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Samsung India inks with Mastercard, RBL Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American multinational financial services corporation, Mastercard, Indian private sector bank, RBL Bank and Samsung India have jointly launched the Samsung Pay for RBL Bank's Mastercard credit card customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SIDBI partners with Incuspaze 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with Incuspaze Solutions Private Limited (Incuspaze) to open a coworking space, designed for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and startups. This coworking space called @Workspaze is located in Connaught Place, New Delhi.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BookMyForex join hands with YES Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An online forex marketplace, BookMyForex has partnered with YES Bank and card payment company Visa to launch a co-branded multi-currency forex travel card that will provide a smooth payments solution to Indians traveling abroad. They can load up to 10 currencies on the card.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Army and Tata Realty signs MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Army's Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) and the Tata Realty housing to provide quality housing to army personnel. By this MoU, the Indian army can now take over dwelling units in 13 'Ready to Move in' projects of Tata Realty pan India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Digit Insurance signs Bancassurance agreement with Karur Vysya Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karur Vysya Bank (KVB), one of the oldest banks in India has signed a bancassurance agreement with General insurance company, Digit Insurance to provide Digit Insurance's suite of products to its SMEs (Small and medium-sized enterprises) customers. ▪ The product portfolio comprises Digit Insurance's flagship health, car & Bike, accident, home content, critical illnesses, and particularly SME (Small and medium-sized enterprises) insurances, which is hugely underinsured in India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bandhan Bank join hands with standard Chartered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Private sector lender Bandhan Bank has entered into the partnership with multinational banking and financial services company, Standard Chartered Bank to provide co-branded credit cards to its 40 lakh savings bank account holders across the 1,000

	branches of Bandhan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft and Indian School of Business (ISB) signs MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT(Information Technology) company, Microsoft and Indian School of Business (ISB) have signed an MoU(memorandum of understanding) to set up an AI Digital Lab powered by PlatiFi technologies (a Microsoft partner) at B School's campus Hyderabad, Telangana to study issues that are relevant for business and public policy. The duo will also offer an executive 3-day non technical programme titled "Leading Business Transformation in the Age of AI", which will kick start in October 2019, would equip business leaders with tools and strategies to transform their respective organizations to AI(Artificial Intelligence)-driven organizations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoU signed between Indian Bank and Tata AIG General Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tata AIG General Insurance to offer Tata AIG General Insurance's diverse range of general insurance policies to the bank's customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Bank and Pine Labs join hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pine Labs, an Indian merchant platform company has joined hands with Federal Bank,a Private Sector, scheduled commercial bank in India to offer EMIs (equated monthly instalments) for offline debit card transactions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBI Life Insurance & Repco Home Finance signs corporate agency agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repco Home Finance Ltd (RHFL),an Indian banking and financial services company has signed corporate agency agreement with SBI (State Bank of India) Life Insurance, a leading life insurance company in India to provide SBI Life's range of products to its customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bharti Airtel & Bharti AXA Life Insurance tie up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Indian global telecommunications services company, Bharti Airtel has tied up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance, one of the best insurance companies in India to offer prepaid plan for its users along with insurance protection plan. Special Plan & insurance cover: Airtel has brought a special prepaid plan of Rs 599, in which customers will get 2GB (gigabyte) data per day, unlimited calling and 100 SMS (Short Message Service) per day on any network, as well as a life insurance cover of Rs 4 lakh from Bharti AXA Life Insurance.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max Bupa and Indian Bank signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A state-owned bank, Indian Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with a standalone health

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	insurance player, Max Bupa to provide Max bupa's suite of health insurance products to its customers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFC & FIDC sign a MoU to train NBFCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group and the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC), a representative body of asset and loan Financing of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train the NBFCs in India on "Commercial Credit Reporting" with an objective to build the capacities of NBFCs to improve reporting and enquiring on Commercial Credit Information Data from the Credit Bureaus. Training will be conducted under the guidance of leading consultants from the World Bank Group in India at different centers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZestMoney join hands with PayU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer lending platform, ZestMoney has partnered with PayU, a fintech firm that provides payment technology to online merchants to offer cardless EMI (equated monthly installment) payment option to consumers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visa in partnership with BillDesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visa Inc, the world's leader in digital payments technology and BillDesk, an Indian online payment gateway company have partnered for the launch of SI (standing instructions)-Hub which is a smooth and secure way to make recurring payments using cards with a one-time enrollment. This comes after the introduction of guidelines for e-mandate on cards for recurring transactions by RBI(Reserve Bank of India).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MeitY partners with Google to roll-out 'Build for Digital India' programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(MeitY) has signed a statement of intent with multinational technology company, Google for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme, which will provide engineering students with a platform to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that deals with key social challenges.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECL Finance Ltd and Central Bank of India entered into an agreement to co-lend to MSMEs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A leading Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) & a subsidiary of Edelweiss Financial Services, ECL Finance Limited and Central Bank of India (CBI) have entered into an agreement for priority sector lending to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Important MoU (Chapter-12)

MoU	Between Two Countries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoU on Health & Family Welfare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India and Kyrgyzstan

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▪ 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 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
▪ MoU on Tax info exchange	▪ India and Brunei
▪ MoU on field of food and agriculture	▪ Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
▪ MoU on Cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy	▪ India and Tajikistan
▪ MoU on reports on Missing and Exploited Children	▪ India and USA
▪ MoU on Cancer Research Initiative	▪ India and UK
▪ MoU on Cooperation in the field of Occupational Safety and Health	▪ India and Germany
▪ MoU on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector	▪ India and Austria
▪ MoU on Collaborate On Digital Education Initiatives	▪ India and Afghanistan
▪ MoU on Cooperation on youth affairs	▪ India and Morocco
▪ MoU on Exchange of information and technical cooperation cooperation in the field of Housing and Human Settlement.	▪ India and Morocco
▪ MoU on Antarctic Cooperation	▪ India and Argentina
▪ MoU on Cooperation in the field of Housing	▪ India and Saudi Arabia
▪ MoU on Startup Cooperation	▪ India and Republic of Korea
▪ MoU on Combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors	▪ India and Indonesia
▪ MoU on strengthen cooperation in the	▪ India and African

healthcare sector	
▪ MoU in the field of coal mining and clean coal technologies	▪ signed between India and Poland
▪ Mutual Cooperation in the field of company secretaryship	▪ MoU between India and Malaysia
▪ MoU for cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration	▪ India and the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) & Electoral Tribunal of Panama (ETP)
▪ Ocean Dialogue to promote cooperation in the areas of mutual interest pertaining to the development of blue economy.	▪ between India and Norway
▪ MoU on cooperation in the field of medicine and homeopathy	▪ between India and Brazil
▪ Establishing mutual cooperation to improve the ecosystems for agriculture	▪ between India and Maldives
▪ MoU on development cooperation in Africa	▪ between India and United Arab Emirates.
▪ Cooperation in agriculture and food industry	▪ between India and Ukraine
▪ MoU on field of biotechnology	▪ between India and Finland
▪ MoU on promoting bilateral cooperation in the area of e-Governance	▪ between India and Uzbekistan
▪ MoU on establishing ISRO's TTC station	▪ Between India and Indonesia
▪ MoU on agreement for digital learning	▪ Between Sikkim and Microsoft
▪ MoU on Marine Pollution Initiative	▪ between India and Norway
▪ MoU on strategic partnership	▪ Edelweiss and Bank of Singapore
▪ MoU on establish business centre for ICT incubators in Jaffna	▪ Between India and Sri Lanka
▪ MoU on Renewable Energy	▪ India and Denmark
Water management including restoration of water bodies and mobility planning. Corporation and exchange of knowledge and techniques in the fields of solid waste management. Cooperation in the field of transport management, energy efficiency, sewerage and effluent treatment, agriculture, dairy, and horticulture	▪ MoU between Uttar Pradesh and Netherlands
▪ Development of smart cities in UP, cultural heritage and cycle track infrastructure development in various cities of the state.	
▪ Training and Capacity Building Programme for Maldivian Civil Servants	▪ MoU between India and Maldives
▪ MoU fn Concer Research	▪ MoU between Kerala and Maldives
▪ MoU on field of Communications	▪ India and Cambodia

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU on smart cities, clean tech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India and Sweden
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU on bilateral cooperation in various fields, including political, economic scientific and cultural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India and Netherlands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU on joint research and development of advanced technologies for the Indian Navy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU to conserve smaller wetlands to combat effects of climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has partnered with the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU on research and education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Ayush and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU on Cyber Security Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Network Intelligence and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU on Standardisation and Conformity Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and IIT Delhi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Konkan Railways signs agreement with Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Konkan Railways Corporation Ltd (KRCL) on Friday signed an agreement with Nepal's Department of Railways under which the former will supply two 1600 HP DEMU train sets. ▪ The agreement was signed in Kathmandu in the presence of Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Manjeev Singh Puri, and Nepalese Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Secretary, Madhusudan Adhikari. ▪ The said trains will run on the 34 km long stretch between Jayanagar in India and Kurtha in Nepal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India and the United States 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed to strengthen economic co-operation and bilateral trade by ensuring greater collaboration amongst stakeholders, including government, businesses and entrepreneurs. ▪ A bilateral trade meeting was held between the two countries in New Delhi on Monday. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu and US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross co-chaired the meeting.

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<u>Military Exercise</u>	<u>Countries</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'ISALEX19' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first edition of the joint security exercise of International Security Alliance (ISA), 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aim The exercise was aimed at testing readiness of the different teams and to evaluate the tools, strategies, and procedures developed jointly between member countries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Garuda VI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indian Air Force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian Air Force (IAF) and

	and Armée de l’Air (French Air Force)	Armée de l’Air (French Air Force) are participating in the Garuda VI bilateral exercise at Mont de Marsan in France . ▪ The exercise has been started on July 1 and will conclude on July 12. The objective of this exercise is to validate the latest defence strategies by enhancing the interoperability level of the French and Indian crews in air defence and ground attack missions.
▪ ‘Sampriti-2019’	▪ India and Bangladesh	▪ Which aimed to increase mutual cooperation and camaraderie with an impressive ceremony in Tangail, Bangladesh.
▪ “Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019”	▪ Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB)	▪ The main objective of this exercise was to plan and conduct anti-smuggling and anti-criminal activity related operations with an aim to achieve better joint operational efficiency and border management in the area. ▪ Held in Tripura
▪ “Foal Eagle 2019” and “Key Resolve”	▪ U.S. and South Korea	▪ This is being done to ease tensions with North Korea
▪ Al Nagah III	▪ India and Oman	▪ Where both the armies will be exchanging expertise in tactics, weapon handling and firing, in order to enhance inter operability in counter-terrorist operations in semi urban mountainous terrain. ▪ Held in Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman
▪ US-India security partnership	▪ US army and NSG in Hyderabad	▪ The aim of these exercises is to enhance preparedness and tackle any crisis that affects the public health and safety.
▪ AFINDEX-19	▪ India–Africa	▪ Between the Indian Army and 16 African nations was commenced in Pune, Maharashtra on March 18, 2019 for training the participating contingents in Humanitarian Mine Assistance (HMA) and Peace Keeping Operations (PKO) under the United Nations Charter.
▪ MITRASHAKTI – VI	▪ Indian and Sri Lanka	▪ Between Indian and Sri Lanka Army is being held at Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka to strengthen interoperability,

		mutual understanding and built a better relationship between both the armies.
▪ 'Bold Kurukshetra-2019'	▪ India and Singapore	▪ Started in Jhansi's Babina Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh to strengthen cooperation against terrorism, develop defence technology and boost maritime security.
▪ 'IN - VPN BILAT EX'	▪ Indo-Vietnam	▪ The Indian Navy held the 2nd edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy, (IN - VPN BILAT EX) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam during 13th to 16th April, 2019.
▪ AFRICAN LION 2019	▪ Morocco -US	▪ It was conducted from March 16 to April 7,2019. The annual Military exercise materialized in the region of Agadir,Tifnit,Tan-Tan, Tata and Ben Guerir with the participation of thousands of military personnel.
▪ 'Varuna' (Naval)	▪ India and France	▪ The first phase of a mega naval exercise off the coast of Goa which is aimed at developing inter-operability between the the two forces in dealing with various security challenges.
▪ IMDEX 19	▪ India- Singapore	▪ The annual bilateral exercise saw its progression from traditional anti-submarine exercises to more complex maritime exercises such as advanced air defence operations, anti air/ surface practice firings, tactical exercises, etc.
▪ 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR)	▪ India-Myanmar	▪ Navy ships from Myanmar reached Port Blair to attend the opening ceremony of the 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) which will be held from May 20-28. "Myanmar Navy Ship UMS King TabinShweHtee (773) and UMS Inlay (OPV-54) have arrived at Port Blair on May 20 for the 'Opening Ceremony' of the 8th Indo-Myanmar coordinated patrol (IMCOR), at Andaman and Nicobar Command.

○ "Tiger Triumph"	○ Indo-US	▪ India and the United States(US) are set to host the first ever tri-services exercise codenamed "ExerciseTiger Triumph" at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, both of state Andhra Pradesh. The plan
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		for this exercise was discussed during the Final Planning Conference (FPC) for India-US Tri-Services Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) which was held from September 16-20 at headquarters of Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Chang Thang' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indian Army 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indian army conducted massive integrated exercise named 'Chang Thang' in the Eastern Ladakh region bordering China in a very high altitude area in order to test and improve its capabilities in war fighting. The exercise involved all the arms of the Indian army like T-72 tanks, artillery guns and helicopters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles etc. The exercise was monitored by Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First edition of SITMEX- Trilateral Maritime exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commenced on September 16, 2019 at Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar islands to strengthen the maritime relationships of the three countries and to enhance security. The maiden IN-RSN-RTN Trilateral exercise will conclude on September 20, 2019.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Maitree - 2019" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ India and Thailand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scheduled to be held at Foreign Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya from September 16-29, 2019. Nearly 100 Indian and Royal Thailand Army (RTA) soldiers will participate in the exercise. ▪ It will improve the level of defence co-operation between the Indian Army (IA) and Royal Thailand Army (RTA).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9th SLINEX 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ India and Srilanka(SL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commenced in the port of

		<p>Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Two Sri Lanka Navy Ships(SLNS) namely Sindurala and Suranimala that are offshore patrol vehicles left the Trincomalee port of Srilanka to participate in the exercise.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Yudh Abhyas' 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indo-US 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Between Indian and the United States(US) at Lewis McChord Joint Airforce Base,Washington(US) has commenced on september 5, 2019 and will continue till 18th September.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First ASEAN-U.S. Maritime Exercise begins in Sattahip Naval Base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ United States (US) and 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The United States (US) and 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries began their first Asean-US Maritime Exercise (AUMX) at the Sattahip Naval Base in Thailand. The 5-day maritime drill will end in Singapore. It is a part of a joint exercise extending into the flashpoint South China Sea. AUMX was proposed at the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) in 2017. It was confirmed in the 12th ADMM in October 2018.

✚ Japanese defense ship "JS Sazanami", visits Kochi on a 2-day goodwill visit

Japanese Ship, **JS Sazanami**, the fourth vessel of the Takanami class destroyers of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) commanded by Commander Shoji Ishkawa visited **Kochi** on a 2-day goodwill visit from August 13 to 14, 2019.

✚ The Indian Navy is to host naval exercise MILAN in March 2020 in Vizag

The Indian Navy is to host the multilateral naval exercise named '**MILAN**' at Visakhapatnam for the year 2020 in the month of March. The announcement for this exercise was made by Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at the INS(Indian

Navy Ship) Circars Parade Ground in the ENC on the occasion of 73rd Independence day.

✚ INS Tarkash participates in 14th Edition of KONKAN-19 Bilateral Exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Britain

The Indian Navy's stealth frigate, **INS Tarkash**, participated in the **14th** Edition of **KONKAN-19** series of annual bilateral exercises between **Indian Navy** and **Royal Navy of Britain** off the **South Coast** of the **United Kingdom (UK)**.

✚ Shalija Dhama of IAF becomes first female flight commander

Wing Commander **Shalija Dhama** of the Indian Air Force (**IAF**), became the first-ever female officer to be appointed as flight commander(second in command) of a flying unit. She took over as flight

commander of a Chetak helicopter unit at Hindon

INS Sahyadri and Kiltan visit Laem Chabang, Bangkok, Thailand for port call

On August 31, 2019, Two Indian Navy Warships- **INS Sahyadri** and **Kiltan** visited **Laem Chabang, Bangkok, Thailand** for a port call which is scheduled till September 3, 2019, as a part of the Navy's Overseas Deployment to South East Asia and Western Pacific. Both ships represent the 'coming of age' of India's warship building capabilities.

DRDO successfully test fires indigenous MP-ATGM in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

On September 11, 2019, **Defence Research and**

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).

India signs worth Rs.200 cr deal with Russia

The Government of **India** signed a deal with **Russia** for acquiring the '**Strum Ataka**' anti-tank missiles. The deal is worth around **Rs 200 Crore**.

DRDO conducted 3 tests of Nag Missile in a day in Pokhran, Rajasthan

The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** (DRDO) successfully carried out 3 successful test firings of **Nag missiles** in one day (day & night) in **Pokhran, Rajasthan**. It is in the final stage to be inducted in the Indian Army.

Israel Aerospace Industries signed \$50 million follow-up deal with Indian Navy & India's MDL Shipyard

Israel Aerospace Industries, a state-owned defense contractor, signed **\$50 million** follow-up deal with **Indian Navy & Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited** (MDL).

INS Sagardhwani starts on mission Sagar Maitri

The Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS), **INS Sagardhwan** started its two-month long second mission **Sagar Maitri** from Southern Naval Command in **Kochi, Kerala**. It was flagged off by

airbase, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire-and-forget **Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile** (MP-ATGM) from a firing range in **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**.

Indian Navy ships Sahyadri and Kiltan are on a port call at Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

Indian Navy ships **Sahyadri** and **Kiltan** made a port call to **Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia** for a 3 day visit from September 12 - 15, 2019 as a part of Indian Navy's Overseas Deployment to South East Asia and Western Pacific.

Southern Naval commander Vice Admiral A.K. Chawla and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman G. Satheesh Reddy. It will be visiting Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia and would be initiating collaborative research programmes with selected institutes in these countries.

Successful Firing of Brahmos Air Launched Missile from Su-30 MKI Aircraft

Today, IAF successfully fired the BrahMos air version missile from its frontline Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft. The launch from the aircraft was smooth and the missile followed the desired trajectory before directly hitting the land target.

The air launched BrahMos missile is a 2.5 ton supersonic air to surface cruise missile with ranges of close to 300 km, designed and developed by BAPL.

Tech Mahindra signs Rs 300 crore defence contract with Indian Navy

Tech Mahindra today announced its biggest defence order worth over Rs 300 crore with the Indian Navy. As part of the 'Armed Forces Secure Access Card' (AFSAC) Project, Tech Mahindra will implement RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) based Access Control System across all naval bases and ships.

Bhawana Kanth Is India's First Woman Pilot to Qualify for Combat Missions

Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth, who was commissioned into the Indian Air Force as one of the first women fighter pilots in 2016, has created history by becoming the first woman to qualify for combat missions on a fighter jet. She has successfully completed the operational syllabus for

carrying out combat missions on MiG-21 Bison aircraft, during the day.

“She is the first woman fighter pilot to be qualified to undertake missions on a fighter aircraft by day.

✚ **Assam Rifles and Coast Guard personnel to train together**

In a first, the Assam Rifles (AR) would be training together with the Indian Coast Guard to enhance inter-forces cooperation and interoperability. The charter of affiliation, in this regard, was signed by the Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard, Rajendra Singh and DG, Assam Rifles Lt Gen Sukhdeep Sangwan on Wednesday.

✚ **DRDO successfully test fires AKASH – MK -1S**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired AKASH-MK-1S missile from ITR, Chandipur, Odhisa on 25 and 27 May 2019. Akash Mk1S is an upgrade of existing AKASH missile with indigenous Seeker. AKASH Mk1S is a surface to air missile which can neutralize advanced aerial targets. The Akash weapon system has combination of both command guidance and active terminal seeker guidance. Seeker and guidance performance have been consistently established in both the missions.

✚ **Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa receives Baton of Chairman COSC**

Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa received the baton of Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee from outgoing Chairman COSC and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba, here today. Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa will be the Chairman COSC with effect from May 31, 2019 consequent to relinquishment of charge by Admiral Sunil Lanba upon superannuation.

✚ **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 Chin** 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.

✚ **After 36 years, Indian Navy’s frontline missile destroyer INS Ranjit to be decommissioned**

INS Ranjit, the Indian Navy’s frontline missile destroyer, will be decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam on May 6 after having served for 36 years.

INS Ranjit was the third of the five Kashin-class destroyers built by erstwhile USSR, and was

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commissioned in 1983, a statement issued by the navy Thursday said.

Launch of Fourth Scorpene Class Submarine – VELA

Vela, the fourth Scorpene class submarine being constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited for the Indian Navy, was launched today, on 06 May 2019, by Mrs Veena Ajay Kumar, wife of Dr Ajay Kumar, IAS, Secretary Defence Production, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

VAdm AK Saxena, CWP&A was also present during the launching ceremony. This event reaffirms the steps taken by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) in the ongoing 'Make In India' programme, which is being actively implemented by the Department of Defence Production (MoD).

IN Ships Kolkata and Shakti undertake Group Sail with Naval Ships of Japan, Philippines and the USA

IN Ships Kolkata and Shakti carried out Group Sail with naval ships of Japan, Philippines and the United States of America in the South China Sea from 03 May to 09 May 19. The six-day long Group Sail had participation of six combatants from the four participating countries and included the Guided Missile Destroyer INS Kolkata and Fleet Support Ship INS Shakti of India, Helicopter Carrier JMSDF Izumo and Guided Missile Destroyer JMSDF Murasame of Japan; Frigate BRP Andres Bonifacio of Philippines and Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer USS Williams P Lawrence of USA. The Group Sail was aimed to deepen the existing partnership and foster mutual understanding among participating navies.

Indian Army to commemorate 2019 as 'Year of next of kin'

The Indian Army is commemorating this year as the 'Year of Next of Kin' and plans to reach out to the next of kin of battle casualties, ex-servicemen and serving soldiers to inform them of entitled financial benefits, welfare schemes and help resolve pension related problems.

The issue gains importance in light of most next of kin of deceased soldiers being unaware of the financial benefits that are entitled to them. Incorrect and incomplete documentation is a common problem for most of the next of kin, which aggravates their plight.

First Apache Helicopter formally handed over to The IAF

First AH-64E (I) – Apache Guardian helicopter was formally handed over to the Indian Air Force at Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona, USA on 10 May 19. Air Marshal AS Butola, represented the Indian Air Force and accepted the first Apache in a ceremony at Boeing production facility, representatives from US Government were also present.

DRDO Successfully Conducts Flight Test of ABHYAS

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted successful flight test of ABHYAS – High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha today. The flight test was tracked by various RADARS & Electro Optic Systems and proved its performance in fully autonomous way point navigation mode.

Army to shift its Training Command Headquarters to Meerut

In a bid to save funds and ensure better connectivity with the Army headquarters, the Indian Army is planning to shift its training command headquarters from Shimla in Himachal Pradesh to Meerut, Uttar Pradesh in the near future. "The Training Command is now planned to be shifted from Shimla to Meerut to save costs and man-hours spent in travelling from the headquarters to the hill location," senior Army sources said here.

Jaisalmer gets Ready to Host International Army Scout Masters Competition 2019

International Army Scout Masters Competition as a part of International Army Games will be organised under the aegis of Konark Corps at Jaisalmer from 24 July to 17 August 2019. The event will witness participation of the Mechanised Infantry Scout Teams of eight countries including Russia who is the founding member of this format of International Army Games.

The Russian Delegation, Senior Military and Diplomatic dignitaries from participating countries visited Jaisalmer Military Station on 14 and 15 May 2019. The delegates were shown and briefed on the special training facilities created at Jaisalmer and Pokhran.

Indian Navy's Service Selection Board Inaugurated At Kolkata

Admiral Sunil Lanba, the Chief of Naval Staff inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged Service

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Selection Board (SSB) today at Diamond Harbour, near Kolkata. The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, was also present at the venue.

Indian warships take part in international maritime defence exhibition in Singapore

Two warships of the Indian Navy—INS Kolkata and INS Shakti—are participating in a three-day Asia Pacific naval and maritime event being held here, according to an official statement.

The International Maritime Defence Exhibition Asia (IMDEX Asia-2019) commenced on May 14 and will also witness the participation of some of India's leading engineering and ship building firms, including Larsen & Toubro and BrahMos, which makes the state-of-the-art air, sea and ground launch cruise missiles.

“Vice-Admiral M S Pawar, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff led the delegation to the Asia Pacific gathering of naval and maritime event,” the Indian High Commission here said in a statement .

Indian Coast Guard Ship Vighraha Decommissioned

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Vighraha, a frontline offshore patrol vessel, sailed into history at the sunset on Wednesday. After 29 glorious years of service from 1990 to 2019, the ship was decommissioned at the coast guard jetty here.

Brief on SIMBEX-19

On successful completion of IMDEX 19, IN ships Kolkata and Shakti are continuing their stay at Singapore to participate in the annual Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise SIMBEX-2019 scheduled from 16 May to 22 May 19.

Since its inception in 1993, SIMBEX has grown in tactical and operational complexity. the annual bilateral exercise saw its progression from traditional anti-submarine exercises to more complex maritime exercises such as advanced air defence operations, anti air/ surface practice firings, tactical exercises, etc. Over the years SIMBEX has stood the test of time in demonstrating the nation's commitment to enhance maritime cooperation between the two navies and bolster bonds of friendship between the two countries.

India's defence satellite EMISAT successfully launched by ISRO

ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45)**, in its **47th mission**, has successfully launched the **436 kg Electronic**

intelligence satellite EMISAT and **28 co-passenger satellites** into their designated orbits from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This was the **71st launch vehicle mission** for Sriharikota.

COMCASA: First secure link between India, US navies set up

India and the US have structured the **first reliable communication link** between the Indian Navy & US Central as well as Pacific Naval Commands under the COMCASA pact at **New Delhi, India**.

i. The Indo-US military-information sharing pact, COMCASA was signed at the 2+2 bilateral summit on 6th September, 2018.

ii. By implementing the path-breaking agreement, COMCASA the US has initiated the Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module GPS System in some of C-130 and C-17 transport aircraft.

iii. US has given assurance of not disclosing India's data with another country and without prior permission US couldn't access it.

US has consented the sale of 24 “MH-60R Seahawk” helicopters to India for \$2.6 bn

At an estimated cost of **\$2.6 billion**, the United States has approved the sale of **24 multi-mission Lockheed Martin-built MH-60 “Romeo” Seahawk helicopters** to India. These choppers designed for targeting ships, hunting submarines and conducting search-and-rescue operations at sea, would replenish the age-old fleet of **British-made Sea King helicopters**, used by India.

Indian Navy inked a pact with CSIR

On 5th April, 2019, **Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** have signed Memorandum of understanding to tackle joint research and development of **advanced technologies** for the Indian Navy.

India, Sri Lanka agree to Strengthen Bond in Security and Defence Spheres

India and Sri Lanka have agreed to enhance collaboration in **security and defence spheres** in several fields, including **regional security, controlling drug smuggling and human trafficking**.

Defence Secretary of India **Sanjay Mitra** and Sri Lankan President **Maithripala Sirisena's** meeting in **Colombo** resulted in this agreement.

Debrief of Indian Navy coastal defence exercise “Sea Vigil” was chaired by

Vice Admiral MS Pawar in New Delhi

The debrief of the Indian Navy exercise termed as 'Sea Vigil' (held from January 22 to 23) was conducted. The meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral **MS Pawar**, AVSM, VSM, the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS). It was conducted at the Naval headquarters, **New Delhi**.

Indian Navy's warships- INS Kolkata and INS Shakti at Busan, South Korea to participate in ADMM-PLUS

INS Kolkata and INS Shakti arrived at Busan, South Korea to participate in ADMM-PLUS (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting).

By SIPRI report, India's military expenditure rises by 3.1% to reach \$66.5 billion and Pakistan's by 11% to reach \$11.4 billion in 2018

According to the report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a think-tank, the world's military expenditure has risen by 2.6% to reach **1.82 \$ trillion in 2018**. This shows that military expenditure has increased for the 2nd consecutive year to the highest level since 1988 and is 76% higher than it was in 1998. In this total share, India, United States, China, Saudi Arabia and France altogether contributed to 60% per cent

of the amount, with US and China being the 2 biggest spenders.

Indian, US navies conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare drill in Indian Ocean

Recently, Indian and the US navies conducted joint submarine hunting exercise near **Diego Garcia** in the Indian Ocean in which India's P8I Neptune Aircraft and US P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft along with the USS Spruance have participated. The objective of this exercise is to lay the groundwork for coordinating maritime patrol and reconnaissance.

Indian Army inks MoU with NHPC to build tunnels on China, Pakistan borders

Recently, Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, to build four underground tunnels along China and Pakistan borders for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment.

1) Three tunnels will be built along Chinese border and one tunnel will be build along the Pakistan border.

2) The tunnel can store 175-200 metric tonnes of ammunition and the cost of this pilot project is around Rs 15Cr.

Current Affairs in Short (1st March to 27th September) Chapter-14

For the 1st time, Gujarat govt signs sister state MoU with American state Delaware

1st time, the State Government of Gujarat signed sister-state MoU (memorandum of understanding) with **Delaware State of America** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Cricketer Rohit Sharma's new innings, "Rohit4Rhinos campaign" for conservation Rhinos in India

Indian cricket team's star batsman **Rohit Sharma** is launching "Rohit4Rhinos campaign" in partnership with **WWF India** and **Animal Planet** (wildlife channel) to spread awareness about the need for conservation of one-horned rhinos.

PM of India & Nepal jointly inaugurate South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline from Motihari in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal

Prime Minister (PM) of India **Shri Narendra Modi** and PM of Nepal **K.P. Sharma Oli** jointly inaugurated South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline of **69-**

km from **Motihari** in Bihar, India to **Amlekhgunj** in Nepal through video conference.

Typhoon Faxai hits Tokyo, Japan

Typhoon Faxai has hit **Tokyo, Japan**. There were winds of up to 216 kilometres (134 miles) per hour. Authorities have issued non-compulsory evacuation warnings to more than 390,000 people.

PM Shri Narendra Modi launched NADCP in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi** launched **National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP)** in **Mathura, Uttar Pradesh** in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** and Mathura Member of Parliament (MP) **Hema Malini**. NADCP aims to control the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock by **2025** and eradicate them by **2030**.

DPIIT launched plastic waste management 'Swachhta hi Sewa 2019' campaign

The Department of Promotion and Industry and Internal Trade (**DPITT**) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched 'Swachhta hi Sewa 2019' campaign on September 11, 2019 as

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part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to action against plastic waste from industrial estates, parks and other areas by all states and Union Territories(UT). The theme of the campaign is **Plastic Waste Management**.

✚ **"Srivilliputtur Palkova" gets Geographical Indication(GI) tag in Chennai** "Srivilliputtur Palkova" in Virudhunagar district of **Tamil Nadu** has get Geographical Indication(GI) tag in chennai.The sweet is prepared from high quality flavour of milk with sugar. The milk is fetched only from in and around reared cows of Srivilliputtur. In 2014,The petition was filed by Srivilliputtur Milk Producers' Co-operative Society for Geographical Indication(GI) tag.It was approved by Geographical Indication (GI) registry of Chennai.

✚ **PM Modi Launched "Swachhta Hi Seva 2019" Campaign at Mathura, Uttar Pradesh** The Prime Minister of India Shri **Narendra Modi** launched nationwide campaign "**Swachhta Hi Seva 2019**"(SHS) in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh(UP). The theme for 2019 is '**plastic waste awareness and management**'. This SHS which means "**Cleanliness is service**" is observed from 11th September to October 2nd 2019 as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) that also aims to make the nation Open Defecation Free(ODF) on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on September 2, 2019.

✚ **SL's new luxury train Pulathisi Express by Indian railways 'make in india' product flagged off** New luxurious train of Sri Lanka(SL), **Pulathisi Express** which was produced under the '**Make in India**' project of the Indian Railways was launched. The president of SL Shri Maithripala Sirisena flagged off the new train from Fort railway station in Colombo to Polonnaruwa, North central province of SL. Earlier, an agreement was signed between Indian Railways and Sri Lanka Railways for supply six DEMU train sets to Sri Lanka.

✚ **UNESCO to translate and publish an anthology of Guru Nanak Dev's writings in world languages on his 550th birth anniversary** Ministry of Culture of the union government notified that in commemoration of the **550th** birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** (UNESCO) will translate and publish

an anthology of **Guru Nanak Dev's** writings in different major languages of the world.

✚ **Telangana declares 2020 as Artificial Intelligence(AI) year**

The **Telangana** state Government will celebrate **2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence** (AI) by organising multiple programs and activities related to the new age technology throughout the year. The decision comes in the backdrop of the emerging talent workforce and renewed focus by industry and other ecosystem players on this space in the past four to five years.

✚ **Ladakhi Shondol dance ,the royal dance of Ladakh creates history by entering into the Guinness book of world records**

Shondol dance, which is best known as the royal dance used to be performed by artists for King of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the largest Ladakhi dance.

On the occasion of 4 days long (September 16- 20, 2019) annual **Naropa Festival 2019** themed 'Environmental sustainability of Ladakh and the Himalayan region', as many as 408 women attired in traditional dresses and beautiful headgears performed the dance, which broke the previous record of 299 artists dance of Shondol in the 2018 festival.

✚ **Kerala govt and RCC jointly signs MoU with Maldives on cancer care**

Govt. of **Kerala** and the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) jointly signed Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation by giving training to doctors. Maldivian minister Abdulla Ameen and Kerala's health minister KK Shylaja signed the MoU in presence of Kerala Chief Minister(CM) Pinarayi Vijayan.

✚ **ISRO laid foundation stone for Space Situational Awareness Control Centre at Peenya, Bengaluru**

Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) **Dr. K Sivan** laid foundation stone for **Space Situational Awareness Control Centre** at **Peenya**, Bengaluru, Karnataka which will host a range of activities related to the protection of Indian space assets from inactive satellites, pieces of

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orbiting objects, near-earth asteroids and adverse space weather conditions.

✚ **Mission Shakti sports initiative launched by Bollywood actor Aamir Khan**

Mission Shakti which is an initiative to train athletes from Chandrapur and Gadchiroli for international events, like Olympics, by the **Maharashtra** minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, was launched by Bollywood film actor **Aamir Khan** in presence of Maharashtra sports minister Ashish Shelar.

✚ **Operation Number Plate' launched by RPF in all Railway premises ahead of Independence day**

Indian Railways' Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched a drive named '**Operation Number Plate**' under the direction of the Director General of RPF Shri Arun Kumar, to check and verify unauthorised parking in the railway premises.

✚ **\$ 1 million dollar contributed to the UN fund by India**

India contributed **\$1 million** to reform the United Nations (UN) Development system by contributing to the UN Special Purpose Trust Fund (**SPTF**) for the resident coordinator system.

✚ **First ever space museum of India inaugurated at Hyderabad**

first space museum of India opening new attraction to space enthusiasts, was set up at **Hyderabad** in association with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The museum is housed in the Birla Science Museum.

✚ **Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel announces formation of Lemru Elephant Reserve**

The Chief Minister of Chattisgarh, **Bhupesh Baghel** in his independence day speech in Raipur announced the formation of '**Lemru Elephant Reserve**' (LER) in the state, over an area of 450 square kilometres. It will minimize human-elephant conflict and destruction of

property, with the provision of a permanent habitat for the wild tuskers.

✚ **'Housing for All' will be achieved 2 years in advance by 2020: Hardeep Singh Puri**

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, **Hardeep Singh Puri** stated that the central government is committed to achieving its target of providing '**Housing for all**' under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in two years before the deadline by **2020**. He made this announcement during **15th "Housing for all 2022: NAREDCO 15th National Convention: Real Estate Reflection Point: Ready for the future"** in **New Delhi**.

✚ **Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina & Tennis Legend Sania Mirza will co-chair WEF's India Economic Summit 2019 to be held in New Delhi**

The **World Economic Forum (WEF)** in collaboration with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** will organize 2-day **India Economic Summit 2019** scheduled to be held in New Delhi from October 3 - 4, 2019 with the aim of promoting strong collaboration between South Asia and ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) nations. The theme of the event will be '**Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World**'.

✚ **First World Youth Conference on Kindness inaugurated by Indian President**

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the first World Youth Conference on kindness at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The president addressed the event celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the theme '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Gandhi for the Contemporary World**'.

✚ **King of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan launches heritage postal stamp of Bandra station**

Indian actor, film producer, **Shah Rukh Khan (SRK)** has introduced heritage **postal stamp of**

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Bandra station in Mumbai, Maharashtra on the completion of 150 years of the railway station.

✚ **2019 Pushkin Medal conferred to JNU professor Meeta Narain**

Professor Meeta Narain of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was awarded the 2019 Pushkin Medal at an event organised at the Russian Center for Science and Culture. She was honoured with the award for her extraordinary contribution to Russian studies abroad.

✚ **Tamil Nadu's 150-year-old Dindigul locks and Kandangi sarees secure GI tag**

The Geographical Indication Registry of India has granted **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag to the state of **Tamil Nadu** for **Dindigul lock and Karaikudi Kandangi sarees**.

✚ **Indonesia chooses East Borneo Island for its new capital**

The President of **Indonesia**, Joko Widodo stated that the government has chosen sparsely populated **East Kalimantan province** on forested **Borneo island**, known for orangutans for its new capital. The current capital of Jakarta, overcrowded (home to more than 10 million people), sits on watery land. Parts of the city are sinking by as much as 25cm a year and almost half now sits below sea level.

✚ **Govt remove article 370 and 35a**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday proposed to scrap Article 370 of the Constitution which gives special status to Jammu and Kashmir and said the state will be split into **two Union Territories: Jammu and Kashmir with an**

✚ **PM formed a high powered panel of CMs headed by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis for the transformation of Indian agriculture**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** formed a high

this reform, India now has 28 states and 9 union territories.

✚ **'Panchamirtham' of Palani temple in Tamil Nadu gets GI tag**

Geographical Identity (GI) tag was given to the famous **Panchamirtham**, an offering of the Palani Dandayuthaswamy temple, in Tamil Nadu. It became the first temple offering – Prashad – from Tamil Nadu to be conferred this honor.

✚ **3 New Products From Two States Receive Geographical Indication (GI) Tag**

Tawlhlohpuan (a woven fabric) and Mizo Puanchei (a colourful Mizo shawl) from the State of **Mizoram** and Tirur betel vine from **Kerala** are the latest addition in the GI list.

Tawlhlohpuan: It is a fine quality, a medium to heavyweight, fabric woven produced throughout the Mizoram. The towns of Aizawl & Thenzawl hold the main production of this fabric.

Mizo Puanchei: It is a colourful shawl/textile from the state Mizoram. It is an essential possession for every Mizo women and an important marriage outfit in the state. It also the most commonly used costume in the state festive dances and official ceremonies.

Tirur betel vine: It is mainly cultivated in Malappuram District of Kerala (Tirur, Tanur, Tirurangadi, Kuttippuram, Malappuram and Vengara blocks), is mostly valued for its medicinal, industrial & cultural usages.

powered 9 member committee of chief ministers headed by Maharashtra chief minister **Devendra Fadnavis** for transforming Indian agriculture and raising farmers' income. It will suggest policy measures, attract investments and raise growth in

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food processing. The panel will be serviced by NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog.

Aparna Kumar becomes the first civil servant & IPS Officer to conquer the 'Seven Summits' challenge

Uttar Pradesh cadre IPS officer and DIG (Deputy Inspector General of Police) in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), **Aparna Kumar** has scaled **Mount Denali** (the highest peak in Northern America stands at 20,310 feet) in Alaska, USA (United States of America).

India pledged to contribute \$5 million to UN Palestine refugee agency in 2019

India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Ambassador **K Nagaraj Naidu** stated that the Government of India has pledged to contribute **\$5 million** in 2019 to **UN Palestine refugee agency**. India increased the annual financial contribution to The **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)** core budget, from \$1.25 million in 2016 to \$5 million in 2018.

UIDAI started its first Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Delhi and Vijayawada

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalized its first "Aadhaar Seva Kendra" (ASKs) in Delhi and Vijayawada on a pilot basis. UIDAI has a plan to set up 114 such centres by the end of 2019 covering 53 Indian cities. The estimated cost of the project is between **Rs 300-400 crore**. These centers are similar to the concept of Passport Seva Kendras.

Sharjah issues its first Golden card visa to an Indian Lalu Samuel, Chairman of Kingston Holdings

The General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs of **Sharjah** has granted the first golden card visa to an Indian expat businessman, **Lalu Samuel**, Chairman and Managing Director of Kingston Holdings and Chairman of Sharjah Industry Business Group.

Hong Kong Govt donates over \$9 million to cyclone "Fani"-hit Odisha

The Government of **Hong Kong** approved to grant about **\$9,02,278** (7.032 million Hong Kong dollars) from Hong Kong's Disaster Relief Fund for cyclone **Fani** victims in **Odisha**.

Pink City Jaipur declared as a World Heritage site by UNESCO

At the **43rd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee** which is underway from June 30 to July 10, 2019 in **Baku, Azerbaijan**, the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** added the '**Pink City**' Jaipur/Walled City of Jaipur of Rajasthan, known for its iconic architectural legacy, into the list of the **World Heritage Sites**.

Uttarakhand was named among best performing states in 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme

Uttarakhand has been adjudged as **one of the country's five best performing states** under the **National Programme Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)** scheme aimed at addressing declining child sex ratio and issues of women empowerment.

India's first elephant rehabilitation centre will be set up at Kerala's Kottoor

India's first elephant rehabilitation centre will be set up by the **Kerala State Government** in its ecotourism village of **Kottoor**. **Rs.105 crore** has been allotted to this project which was launched by Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan.

Saudi Arabia adopts Digital India & 'equality of women' motto for Haj 2019

Indian Haj mission in **Saudi Arabia** adopts **Digital India** and '**equality of women**' motto for the empowerment of Muslim women pilgrims & to reach out to a large number of pilgrims as part of the Government of India's initiative of Digital India.

Government approved Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana along Indo-Nepal Border areas with financial outlay of Rs 5,35,000 crore

The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin J Gadkari** in a written reply in Rajya Sabha mentioned that the **Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana** received the approval with the financial outlay of **Rs 5,35,000 crore** to develop 24,800 km Highways along with 10,000 km residual National Highways Development Project (NHDP) stretches over a period of 5 years.

ICSI rolled out UDIN to improve corporate governance

The **Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** launched an initiative in the form of a **Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN)** to improve corporate governance and strengthen the practising side of company secretaries. ICSI functions under the Ministry of

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Corporate Affairs and sets standards for company secretary members.

✚ **France became the first country to pass GAFATax on digital giants**

France became the first country to pass **GAFATax** (Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon) on digital giants in defiance of a probe ordered by the United States (US) President Donald Trump.

✚ **Non-Resident Keralites Investment Company to be set up by the Kerala Government**

At a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister of Kerala **Pinarayi Vijayan**, the state Government decided to form a **Non-Resident Keralites (NRK) Investment and Holding Company Ltd** in order to bring investments from overseas Keralites for major infrastructure development in the state. It was one of the major recommendations submitted by the standing committees of the Loka Kerala Sabha (World Kerala Assembly).

✚ **Meghalaya is the first state in India to ensure water conservation**

Meghalaya became the first state in India to ensure water conservation with its **State Water Policy**. The draft water policy was approved by the State Cabinet in a meeting chaired by Meghalaya Chief Minister **Conrad K. Sangma**.

The policy aims to recognize water resources as a common pool resource, to provide safe and hygienic water for drinking, domestic, sanitation & livelihood development to all residents of the state, ensure the protection and conservation of catchment areas of all water sources to prevent degradation of the quantity and quality of water sources.

✚ **AIIMS along with Ministry of Health will lead the largest pan-India Oral Health Survey 2019**

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Centre for Dental Education and Research (CDER) in collaboration with the **Ministry of Health** will undertake the largest nationwide **Oral Health Survey 2019**. It will collect data which will act as a baseline for planning preventive and treatment strategies.

✚ **The city of Fuzhou (China) will host the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020**

In the event of 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee meeting 2019 in Baku,

Azerbaijan(June 30 to July 10,2019), the UNESCO(United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) announced that the **Chinese city of Fuzhou** will host the **44th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020**.

✚ **IFFI to celebrates its special golden jubilee edition 2019 in Goa**

On July 14, 2019, Minister for Information and Broadcasting **Prakash Javadekar** stated that **IFFI (International Film Festival of India)** will mark its **Golden Jubilee Edition 2019 (50th edition)** in **Panaji, Goa** scheduled from 20th to 28th November 2019.

✚ **Approval to the expenditure on 2880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project in Arunachal Pradesh at Rs. 1600 crore**

Approval was given to the expenditure on pre-investment activities and various clearances for **Dibang Multipurpose Project (MPP)** in **Arunachal Pradesh** for an amount of **Rs. 1600 crore**. It is located on river Dibang, in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.

✚ **Tamil Nadu Govt announces the creation of two new Districts**

On July 18, 2019, The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu(T.N), **Edappadi K. Palaniswami** stated that two new districts **Tenkasi and Chengalpattu** will be created for administrative convenience by bifurcating Tirunelveli and Kancheepuram districts respectively. With this, the total number of districts in the state will go up to **35**.

✚ **Sri Lanka & IRCON International Ltd signed \$91.26 mn agreement to upgrade rail track located between Colombo and Jaffna**

Government of **Sri Lanka** and **IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company) International Limited**, under the Ministry of Railways, signed **\$91.26 million** agreement for the up-gradation of 130 km rail track located between Colombo and Jaffna in Tamil -majority northern province of Sri Lanka. It was signed by Sunil Kumar Choudhury, Chairman & Managing Director, Ircon International Limited, and L.P Jayampathy, Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka in the presence of Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka.

✚ **SAARC Film Festival 2019 held at the National Film Corporation Cinema Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

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The 9th Edition of **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Film Festival** for the year 2019 was held at the **National Film Corporation Cinema Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka** from July 2-7, 2019.

India's first space tech park to come up in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

The **Kerala government** will set up **India's first space tech park** at **Thiruvananthapuram's Knowledge City** with the entire investment made by the **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)** which is a major space research centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It will make the city a manufacturing hub for space-related technology which will have a startup incubator, accelerators including Airbus Bizlab, skill training systems and production units.

Chandrayaan-2 launched successfully from SDSC, Sriharikota, AP

On July 22, 2019, India's heaviest rocket **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mk-III**, nicknamed '**Bahubali**' carried the **Chandrayaan-2** mission successfully from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota**, off the coast of Andhra Pradesh. It is an **Rs 978-crore** project. It will be the first operational flight of **GSLV-Mk-3** which is a 640-tonne rocket.

NITI Aayog launched Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index 2019

NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) **Aayog** released its "**Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index**" (AMFFRI) for the year 2019. It is an index launched by **NITI Aayog** in 2016 to rank states and union territories based on the implementation of seven provisions proposed under the model Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act.

Top 3 State:

Rank	State
1.	Maharashtra
2.	Gujarat
3.	Rajasthan

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 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 **Zeasht 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.

✚ **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**

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 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**

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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.

Naidu releases a postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan

The Vice President, Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu released a postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan in New Delhi today. He said that our textbooks must throw light on the lives of great saints and spiritual icons such as Sri Vedanta Desikan so that our children internalize and practice the lofty ideals of humanism, peace and compassion propagated by them.

UK becomes first parliament to declare climate emergency

Britain's opposition Labour Party on Wednesday called for "real action" after Britain's parliament became the first in the world to vote, to declare a climate emergency.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who tabled the motion, said it was "a huge step forward". The declaration of an emergency was one of the key demands put to the government by environmental activist group Extinction Rebellion, in a series of protests over recent weeks.

Government and IIT-Delhi to set up a Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies

To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) have come together to bring the best of science and technology to implement waste management in India.

BSNL launches 'Bharat Fibre' broadband service in Kashmir Valley

State-owned telecom firm BSNL has become the first operator to start optical fibre-based high-speed broadband service in Pulwama with the launch of 'Bharat Fibre', the company said Thursday.

Thrissur Pooram temple festivities starting May 11

Thrissur Pooram is an annual temple festival held in Kerala, India. It is held at the Vadakkunnathan Temple in Thrissur every year on the Pooram day – the day when the moon rises with the Pooram star

in the Malayalam Calendar month of Medam. It is the largest and most famous of all poorams.

India gets re-elected as observer to Arctic Council

"India was an Observer at the Council from 2013 onwards," Rajeevan told Down To Earth on the phone from Rovaniemi, Finland, where he had gone to attend the 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting of the Council.

When asked whether India had put forward any of its concerns regarding the Arctic, Rajeevan said, "Observers are not allowed to take part in the active meetings. We usually participate in side events." Besides India, China, South Korea, Singapore, Italy and Japan also have Observer status at the Council.

158th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore observed

The 158th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel laureate and icon of Bengali literature, was celebrated across the country on 8 may.

The government and several socio-cultural organizations held elaborate programmes and seminars, award-giving ceremonies and cultural activities, to mark the birth anniversary of the poet.

I&B Secretary Amit Khare leads Indian Delegation to Cannes Film Festival

India Pavilion is set to be inaugurated at Cannes Film Festival, which will be held from 14th to 25th May 2019. The Pavilion will showcase Indian cinema across linguistic, cultural and regional diversity, with the aim of forging international partnerships in distribution, production, filming in India, script development, technology, promoting film sales and syndication. It will be set up by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Ireland becomes second country in the world after UK to declare 'climate emergency'

The Republic of Ireland has become the second country in the world to declare a climate emergency. The country's climate action minister, Richard Bruton, warned climate change was the greatest threat facing humanity and the level of urgency was justified.

"We're reaching a tipping point in respect of climate deterioration," he said.

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“Things will deteriorate very rapidly unless we move very swiftly and the window of opportunity to do that is fast closing.”

✚ **Sherpa breaks his own record for number of Mt. Everest ascents**

Nepali mountaineer Sherpa climber Kami Rita scaled Mount Everest on Wednesday for a 23rd time, breaking his own record for the most successful ascents of the world’s highest peak. Rita reached the summit with other climbers Wednesday morning and all of them were reported to be safe, said Gyanendra Shrestha, a Nepalese government official at the mountain’s base camp. Rita’s two closest peers have climbed the 29,035-foot peak 21 times each, but both of them have retired from mountain climbing.

✚ **India signs ‘Christchurch Call to Action’**

India on Wednesday signed the ‘Christchurch Call to Action’. The agreement came in the backdrop of the attacks on mosques on March 15. Aimed at stopping abuse of the Internet by extremists.

The meeting held in Paris was attended by representatives of online giants like Microsoft, Google, Twitter, Facebook and Amazon. India was represented by Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary.

✚ **Kerala first Indian state to tap into masala bond market**

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan opened Friday’s trading on the London Stock Exchange by ringing the iconic bell after the state-owned Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) debuted its ‘masala bond’ issue of Rs 2,150 crore on the bourse.

While Kerala is the first Indian state to tap into the market for masala bonds — debt papers sold overseas by an Indian entity that are denominated in rupees — to raise development funds, the move is rarer still for a communist government.

✚ **Competition Commission of India (CCI) celebrates its 10th Annual Day on 20th May 2019**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) celebrated its 10th Annual Day yesterday, i.e. on 20th May, 2019 which marks the notification of the substantive enforcement provisions of the Competition Act, 2002.

On this occasion, Shri N. K. Singh, Chairman, Fifteenth Finance Commission, Govt. of India, delivered the Annual Day Lecture on “Should

Competitive Federalism Complement Cooperative Federalism?”

✚ **Amitabh Bachchan, Virat Kohli & Ratan Tata: The most trusted celebrities**

The Most Trusted Personality 2019 report released by research firm TRA Research reveals that actor Amitabh Bachchan is the most trusted Bollywood celebrity. The report includes 39 celebrities across cinema, sports, and business. The study was conducted across 16 cities and 2315 respondents.

✚ **ISRO successfully launches earth observation satellite RISAT-2B**

In a pre-dawn launch on Wednesday, Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched RISAT-2B, a radar imaging earth observation satellite, using PSLV-CA from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. The satellite would enhance the country’s surveillance capabilities among others.

✚ **Tree Ambulance launched in Chennai**

A unique ‘Tree Ambulance’ service – an initiative to provide care to trees besides spread green cover, was launched by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu here on Wednesday.

The service launched for the first time in the state, aims at providing first aid treatment to trees, uprooted tree planting, seed bank, seed ball distribution, plant distribution, aiding tree plantation, shifting trees, survey of trees and removal of dead trees.

✚ **BIMSTEC leaders invited to PM Modi’s swearing-in**

Leaders of all BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) nations – Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan – will be invited for Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s swearing-in on Thursday at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. BIMSTEC includes countries of the Bay of Bengal region and seeks to act as a bridge between South and Southeast Asia.

✚ **India Elected To Executive Board Of First UN-Habitat Assembly**

India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly, announced Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Monday. The first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly started on May 27 at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi and will go on till May 31.

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The special theme for the UN-Habitat Assembly is “Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”.

✚ **Sri Lanka, Japan, India sign deal to develop East Container Terminal at Colombo Port**

Sri Lanka, Japan and India on Tuesday signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port.

The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is significant, given that India and Sri Lanka were negotiating a potential partnership on the project, although with little success. New Delhi's interest in partnering the project is well known. Over 70% of the transshipment business at the strategically located East Container Terminal is linked to India, according to official sources.

✚ **Oscar Academy President John Bailey launches Hindi version of 'Digital Dilemma' by NFAI**

In a special event today, John Bailey, President of Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (popularly known as Oscar Academy), e-launched the Hindi translation of an Academy Publication, “Digital Dilemma”, in Delhi. Also present on the occasion were renowned film editor and Governor of Academy Ms. Carol Littleton; Justice Manmohan Sarin, Chairman, FCAT; Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of I&B; Shri Prasoon Joshi, Chairman, CBFC; Shri Ujwal Nirgudkar, Member of the Academy and Shri Prakash Magdum, Director, NFAI.

✚ **Nepal celebrates its 12th Republic Day on 29 may**

Nepal is celebrating its 12th Republic Day on Wednesday. A number of programmes are being organised in different parts of the country to mark the occasion.

The main function was held at Army Pavilion in Kathmandu, which was attended by the President Bidya Devi Bhandari, Prime Minister K.P.Sharma Oli, cabinet ministers, senior government officials, heads and representatives of various diplomatic missions and other dignitaries.

✚ **South Korea unveils 5G networks early to secure world first**

South Korea has unveiled the world's first nationwide 5G mobile networks. This has made South Korea to be the first providers of the super-fast wireless technology.

✚ **Around 5000 Konyak women dance to set a Guinness World Record at Mon,**

Nagaland

On **8th April 2019**, in the programme organized at **Mon (Nagaland)** during the **Aoleang Monyu festival** (usually held between 1st April to 3rd April every year) around 5000 Konyak Naga women in their traditional attire attempted to set a Guinness World Record for the '**Largest Traditional Konyak Dance**'.

✚ **Guwahati Railway station becomes the first to get ISO certification in India**

The Guwahati Railway Station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an **ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation)** certification from the **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**.

✚ **NITI Aayog & Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) ensures success of the FAME II Scheme**

Under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (FAME II) scheme, the NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) have released a report titled '**India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities**'. The report is based on opportunities for the automobile sector and government.

✚ **London becomes first city to implement 24x7 pollution charge zone**

London became the first city in the world to implement a **Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)** for 24x7 hours a week, inside which vehicles will have to meet tough emissions standards.

This zone aims to reduce toxic air pollution and protect public health.

✚ **Between 2010-'19, India's population grew at 1.2% average annual rate: UN report**

According to the **United Nations Population Fund**, India's population grew to **1.36 billion** at an average annual rate of **1.2% between 2010 and 2019** which stands more than double the annual growth rate of China.

✚ **India to be Guest of Honour Country at Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) 2019**

UAE selected **India** as the **Guest of Honour** country at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019, to attract a significant increase in the number of visitors with various events and activities.

✚ **Indonesia releases Ramayana stamp**

Indonesia released a special stamp on the theme of Ramayana at the 70th anniversary of the

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establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Indonesia event in the presence of India's Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat and Indonesia's Deputy Foreign Minister Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir.

✚ **First Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement in Copenhagen, Denmark**

The first global multi-stakeholder conference on synergies is summoned by (UN DESA) the **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs** and the (UN FCCC) **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change, was held in **Copenhagen, Denmark**. It was hosted by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** and the **Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate**.

✚ **India retains top spot with largest remittances globally, amounting to \$79 in 2018: World Bank**

According to **World Bank's Migration and Development Brief**; with the Indian diaspora sending **79\$ billion** back to their home country, India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances in 2018.

✚ **Southern Coast Railway: Piyush Goyal Announces New Railway Zone For Andhra Pradesh**

Union Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal** announced a new railway zone for **Andhra Pradesh**, that is the **Southern Coast Railway** and it will be headquartered in **Visakhapatnam**.

It will be the **18th zone** in the country. The new zone will comprise the existing **Guntakal, Guntur and Vijayawada** divisions that currently fall under the **South Central Railway**. The cost of creating infrastructure for a new zone is around **Rs. 205 crore**.

✚ **Commemorative notes to be released to mark Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary**
UAE based company will release **12 bank notes of zero value** which is the first ever limited edition commemorative series to mark the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.

✚ **Mukesh Ambani becomes first Indian to join top 10 richest list of Hurun Research**
Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director **Mukesh Ambani** became the **first Indian** and the **only Asian** to enter the **Global top 10 richest billionaire** list compiled by **Hurun**

Research, China after a **USD 9 billion** or **20% surge** in his wealth to **USD 54 billion**.

India is at **5th spot** with **104 billionaires**. Last year, the country had added **32 billionaires**, but this year it lost **28**. **Mumbai** and **New Delhi** are the billionaire capitals of the country.

✚ **Prayagraj Kumbha Mela 2019 makes it to the Guinness World Records**

Prayagraj Kumbh Mela 2019 organised from 15th January 2019- 4th March 2019 in **Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh** has made it to the **Guinness World Records** in three sectors.

These sectors are:

- The largest traffic and crowd management plan.
- The biggest painting exercise of public sites under "Paint My City" scheme.
- The biggest sanitation and waste disposal mechanism.

✚ **Piyush Goyal dedicated NTPL's 1,000-MW thermal power project to the country**

Coal Minister **Piyush Goyal** dedicated to the nation a **1,000-megawatt (MW) thermal power project** of **Neyveli Tamil Nadu Power Ltd (NTPL)** at **Thoothukudi** and a **150-MW solar power projects** of **Neyveli Lignite Corporation India**

Limited (NLCIL) at **Ramanathapuram** and **Virudhunagar** districts in **Tamil Nadu**.

✚ **Malaysia joined the International Criminal Court**

Malaysia became a member of the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, the world's only permanent war crimes court which aims to prosecute the worst abuses when national courts are unable or unwilling.

Malaysia is the **124th** member of the court since its establishment in **2002**.

✚ **A series of visually impaired friendly Re 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10, Rs 20 coins unveiled by PM Modi**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled the new series of **visually impaired friendly coins** of in the denominations of **Re 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20** at an event held in **New Delhi** where visually impaired children were specially invited. All the new series coins will be issued for circulation only through the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** in terms of the **RBI Act**. The exact date of issuance of new series coins is yet to be announced.

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✚ **Saudi Arabia became the world's largest importer of weapons, the position held by India for a decade: SIPRI**

India lost its position as the world's largest importer of weapons, which it held for over a decade, with Saudi Arabia topping the global share of arms imports between 2014 and 2018, as per the data published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), the leading Stockholm-based think tank that measures weapons imports over five-year periods.

✚ **India provides financial support of USD 250 million to Nepal for reconstruction of infrastructures after earthquake**

India has provided a financial support worth USD 250 million to Nepal, to reconstruct infrastructure in fields of housing, education, health and cultural heritage, which had been ruined by the earthquake that took place on April 2015.

✚ **Brazil hosted first BRICS Sherpa Meeting**

the first BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Sherpa meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil under the Presidency of Brazil. Indian delegation was led by Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs T S Tirumurti.

✚ **Kazakhstan renames its capital Astana as Nursultan after ex-president**
Kazakhstan has renamed its capital

as Nursultan from its previous name Astana in order to recognize its outgoing leader Nursultan Nazarbayev(78), who has served nearly 30 years as president of Kazakhstan.

The name was changed after Kassym-Jomart Tokayev sworn in as president of Kazakhstan. The new president will serve till April 2020.

✚ **India becomes the 4th country to conduct A-SAT missile test "Mission Shakti" successfully**

India has proved its capability of defending its outer space assets after Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted a successful Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test "Mission Shakti" from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island (earlier, Wheeler island) in Odisha. It took just 3 minute. This is India's first successful Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test. The target was hit by the DRDO developed Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) Interceptor Missile, in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) in a "Hit to Kill" mode at a height of 300 km from the earth's surface. The satellite used as target in the mission was one of India's existing satellites.

Mission Shakti is a joint programme of DRDO and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). There are many countries which have A-SAT capability but it has been demonstrated by only 4 countries: United States, Russia, China and India.

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Item	State
Kodaikanal Malai Pandu, Garlic	Tamil Nadu
Zeerafool, Rice (CG),Thirubuvanam Slik Sari	Tamil Nadu
DindiGul Lock & Kandangi Saree	Tamil Nadu
Pathama Dai Mat	Tamil Nadu
Marayoor Jaggerry	Kerala
Tirur Supari	Kerala
Arcanut (Sirsi Supadi)	Karnataka
TavlohoPuan	Mizoram

Mizo Paunchei, Coloured Shawl	Mizoram
Rasogulla	Odisha

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- ✚ **ICICI becomes the country's first bank to deploy 'Robotic Arms' for counting currency at its chests**
ICICI Bank(Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India), the leading private sector lender, has become the 1st bank in India to deploy industrial '**robotic arms**' to count millions of notes in currency chests across the country. 14 machines (robotic arms) have been deployed in **12 cities** so that all these can count 6 million notes in a working day or about 1.80 billion notes annually.
- ✚ **Cabinet approves Rs 9,300 crore package capital infusion for IDBI Bank**
 Information and Broadcasting(I&B) Minister Prakash Javadekar stated that the central Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Government of India(GoI) has approved a capital infusion of Rs **9,300 crore** in **IDBI Bank(Industrial Development Bank of India)**. The objective behind the government's move is to increase the bank's capital base.
- ✚ **Airtel Payments Bank launched 'Bharosa' savings account**
Airtel Payments Bank, a public limited company with its headquarters in New Delhi has launched "**Bharosa**" **savings account** services with the aim of deepening the financial inclusion in India.
 Customers of Airtel Payments Bank will get personal accident insurance up to Rs 5 Lakh, even with the minimum balance of 500. However, the customer will need to make a debit transaction at least once a month. If the account holder transfers the government subsidy to this account, then the bank will also offer cashback on each transaction.

- ✚ **EPFO to credit 8.65% interest in over 6 crore accounts for 2018-19**
 Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment **Santosh Kumar Gangwar** notified that over 6 crore members of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will get **8.65%** interest on deposits, which will be credited to the accounts, for 2018-19 after the approval from the Ministry of Finance. The decision was made on February 21, 2019.
- ✚ **India Post launches speed post service for six new countries**
 The **Department of Posts** has expanded its **speed post service** to **6 new overseas destinations** in Asia, Europe and South America. It has introduced International Speed Post (EMS) for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia.
- ✚ **RBI increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters to Rs 40 crore per borrower from Rs 25 crore**
 The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters as priority sector lending (PSL) by banks to **Rs 40 crore per borrower** from **Rs 25 crore** in order to boost credit to the export sector.
- ✚ **CBDT sets up NeAC & appoints Krishna Mohan Prasad as its first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax of NeAC**
 Central Board of Direct Tax(CBDT) has newly set up **National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC)** for electronically assessing the tax returns which would reduce the human interventions thereby reducing the possibility of corruption. CBDT has also appointed 1984 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer **Krishna Mohan Prasad** as the first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax(**Pr.CCIT**) of NeAC.

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✚ **RBI bans PMC Bank, account holders will not be able to withdraw more than 1000 in a day**

The country's central bank, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prohibited Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited (PMC) on business transactions of any kind for the next 6 months following the detection of alleged irregularities. The RBI has taken this action under section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

✚ **Infosys tops Indian companies in Forbes' World's best 'regarded' companies list 2019, Visa tops**

17 Indian companies were listed in the Forbes World's best 'regarded' companies list 2019. The company which topped among other Indian firms is Infosys which ranked third in the overall list. The first and second place were held by global payments technology company Visa and Italian car-maker Ferrari respectively.

✚ **India Post Payments Bank will be converted into SFB: postal Department**

The postal department has decided to convert the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) into a small finance bank (SFB) with the aim to provide micro-credit at the doorsteps to individuals and SME's (Small and medium-sized enterprises). The postal department also sets a target to open one crore accounts for IPPB in 100 days.

✚ **RBI granted Bank of China to offer regular banking services in India**

India's central banking institution, RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has allowed Bank of China (BoC) to provide regular bank services in India. BoC will be included in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

✚ **RBI's Money Museum in central Kolkata boost people's knowledge of banking system**

India's central bank, RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) Money Museum.

Aims: improving people's knowledge of the banking system with the help of interactive displays at Council House Street in Central Kolkata,

West Bengal has been drawing a lot of attention for its special initiative.

✚ **SBI's Shanghai branch becomes the 1st Indian bank connected to CNAPS**

India's largest lender, State Bank of India's (SBI) Shanghai branch has become the first Indian Bank to be connected to China's National Advance Payment System (CNAPS). SBI is the only Indian Bank to have obtained the license to do business in local currency and also inducted to the CNAPS by the china's central Bank, 'People's Bank of China (PBOC)'.

✚ **NHB infuses additional Rs 10,000 cr in NBFCs**

The National Housing Bank (NHB) infused an additional Rs 10,000 crore in Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) for Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) as additional liquidity for individual housing loans for affordable housing. This is done to ease the flow of funds to the housing sector.

✚ **Walmart tops Euromonitor's 2019 list of India's top retailers**

As per the latest report "Top 100 Retailers in Asia 2019" by market research firm, Euromonitor International, Walmart Inc which acquired Flipkart in 2018 (\$16 Bn deal) has topped the rankings in India for 2018 with Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) of \$14.49 Bn. Amazon (US) came on the second spot with \$9.8 Bn GMV followed by Mumbai based retail company Future Group with \$3.8 Bn GMV (3rd position) and Reliance Group (4th position) with \$3.6 Bn GMV.

✚ **Scheduled bank status is given to Jana Small Finance Bank**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gave the status to Jana Small Finance Bank to operate as a Scheduled Bank.

✚ **India's first Corporate credit card for SMEs launched by B2B payments startup EnKash**

Business-Business payments startup company EnKash launched the country's first corporate credit card called 'Freedom Card' for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and startups. It is the brainchild of Mr. Naveen Bindal, Co-Founder of EnKash.

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✚ **Saudi's ARAMCO will buy 20% of RIL's oil and chemical business for \$15 bn**

In the 42nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Reliance Industries Ltd(RIL), its Chairman &MD(managing director) Mukesh Ambani stated that **Saudi Arabia's** most profitable oil company Saudi Aramco will buy **20 % stake of RIL's oil and chemicals business** for about \$15 billion (approximately Rs 1.06 lakh crore), which will be one of the biggest FDI(foreign direct investment) deal in the country.

✚ **Committee headed by CBDT submits report on replacing I-T Act with DTC**

A group of experts panel headed by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) legislative member **Akhilesh Ranjan** who was appointed as the convener of the task force in November 2018 by the finance ministry,submitted a report to Nirmala Sitharaman(Finance Minister), to replace the Income Tax Act with a new Direct Tax Code(DTC).

✚ **RBI Extends Timings of RTGS Transactions by an hour from 7 am instead of 8 am from August 26, 2019**

India's central bank, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has extended the timings of **Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)** transactions by an hour **from 7 AM** instead of 8 AM with effect from August 26, 2019, with the aim to increase the availability of the RTGS system.

✚ **Amazon inaugurates its world's largest campus in Hyderabad**

E-commerce company **Amazon**, inaugurated its single-largest campus in the world in terms of area (9 acres) in Hyderabad, Telangana. The campus was inaugurated by **Mohammed Mahmood Ali**, MLC(Member of Legislative Council), Minister of Home, Prisons, Fire Services, government of Telangana.

✚ **CVC sets up 4-member panel to examine bank frauds above Rs 50 crore**

Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (**ABBF**) which is a 4 member board headed by former Vigilance Commissioner **T M Bhasin** (also former Indian Bank Chief Managing Director(MD)), is constituted by The **Central**

Vigilance Commission (CVC) to look into bank fraud cases of over **50 crore rupees** and above and to take necessary action.

✚ **Microsoft acquired BlueTalon, a data privacy & governance startup**

Microsoft acquired **BlueTalon**, a data privacy and governance service, for an undisclosed sum. BlueTalon works with leading Fortune 100 companies. It helps enterprises to set policies for how their employees can access their data.

✚ **RBI Board Approves Surplus Transfer of Rs 1.76 Lakh Crore to Govt as it Accepts Bimal Jalan Panel Recommendation**

The **Reserve Bank of India(RBI)**'s Governor Shaktikanta Das-led RBI central board in its **578th meeting** (held in Mumbai, Maharashtra) has accepted the recommendation of high-level 6-member panel headed by its former Governor **Bimal Jalan** on transfer of **Rs 1,76,051 crore** to the government comprising of Rs 1,23,414 crore of surplus for the year 2018-19 and Rs 52,637 crore of excess provisions as per the revised **Economic Capital Framework (ECF)**.

✚ **Canara Bank launches India's first OTP facility for ATM cash withdrawals above Rs.10,000**

Canara Bank, one of the largest public sector banks in India has launched India's first **one-time password (OTP)** facility for **ATM withdrawals over Rs.10,000** in a day. This extra security armor will protect the card users from illegally withdrawing money from ATMs (Automated Teller Machine).

✚ **Karnataka CM appoints 3 Deputy CMs and allocates cabinets**

Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri B.S Yedayurappa had appointed 3 deputy chief ministers and had also allocated portfolios to 14 ministers, a week after the cabinet ministry was expanded. The deputy CMs are **Mudhol Govind Karjol , Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan** and **Lakshman Savadi**.

✚ **RBI released the report on the Economic Capital Framework submitted by the panel headed by Bimal Jalan**

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the report submitted by the panel headed by **Bimal Jalan**, former RBI governor, which was formed to review the Economic Capital Framework (ECF) of the RBI.

The committee recommended to maintain RBI's Contingency Risk Buffer (CRB). It is India's fund to handle a financial stability. It was recommended to be maintained at a range of **5.5% to 6.5%** of the RBI's balance sheet, which is above the available level of 2.4% of balance sheet as on June 30, 2018.

✚ **10 public sector banks to be merged into four large entities: Nirmala Sitharaman**

In the biggest consolidation exercise in the banking space, the Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has made a big announcement that the formation of **four large banks by merging 10** banks under the scheme of amalgamation. The decision aimed at making state-owned lenders global sized banks. With this, the number of public sector banks will be **12** as against 27 in the year 2017.

Bank	Business size (Rs lakh cr)	PSB rank by size
PNB(Punjab National bank), Oriental Bank of Commerce(OBC), United Bank of India	17.94	2 nd largest
Syndicate Bank, Canara bank	15.20	4 th largest
Corporation Bank, Union bank of India, Andhra bank	14.59	5 th largest
Indian Bank, Allahabad Bank	8.08	7 th largest

✚ **After Merger Ranks of PSB Bank Rank**

Rank	Bank
1	SBI (1 st , Largest)
2	PNB
3	Bank of Baroda
4	Canara Bank
5	Union bank of India
6	Bank of India
7	Indian Bank
8	Central bank of India
9	Indian Overseas Bank
10	UCO Bank
11	Bank of Maharashtra
12	Punjab and Sind Bank

✚ **CBDT frames 5-member special cell "Startup Cell" to redress grievances of start-ups**

In a bid to redress the grievances of start-ups and reduce their tax-related issues, the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has constituted a 5-member special cell named "Startup Cell" led by the member (Income Tax and Computerisation) of CBDT, which will work towards the **issues with relation to angel tax and others** in case of Start-up entities with respect to administration of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

- **Member (Income Tax and Computerisation): Chairman (P.K. Dash (Addl. Charge))**
- **Joint Secretary (tax policy and legislation-II): Member**
- **Commissioner of I-T (ITA): Member**
- **Director (ITA-I): Member Secretary**
- **Under Secretary(ITA-I): Member**

✚ **India is the 7th largest economy in the world in 2018: World Bank**

The **World Bank** data for 2018 showed that **India** is the **7th** largest economy in the world in global GDP rankings at **\$2.73 trillion**.

Rank	Country	Value (\$ Trillion)
1	United States	20.5
2	China	13.6
3	Japan	5.0
4	Germany	4.0
5	United Kingdom	2.8
6	France	2.8
7	India	2.7
8	Italy	2.1
9	Brazil	1.9
10	Canada	1.7

✚ **Third Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Of RBI 2019-20 (6th August)**

Repo Rate	5.40 %
Reverse Repo Rate	5.15 %
Marginal standing facility (MSF) Rate	5.65 %
Bank Rate	5.65 %

Cash reserve Ratio(CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio(SLR)(will change on October 12, 2019)	18.75%

✚ **RBI forms Working group under Tapan Ray to review the regulatory guidelines on core investment companies**

The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has constituted a six-member working group to review the regulatory and supervisory framework for **core investment companies (CIC)**.

The group is to be headed by **Tapan Ray**, non-executive chairman, Central Bank of India and former Secretary in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and it will submit its report by 31 October 2019. The panel tasked with examining the current regulatory framework for CICs in terms of adequacy, efficacy, and effectiveness of every component thereof and suggests changes.

✚ **Punjab & Sind Bank sets up centralised hub 'Cen-MARG' to process retail and MSME loans**

Punjab & Sind Bank has set up a centralized hub named "**Centralised MSME & Retail Group**" (Cen-MARG) for processing retail and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans for better efficiency of branches in business acquisition. It is headquartered in **New Delhi**.

✚ **RBI's Central Board of Directors' 577th meeting held in New Delhi**

The **577th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India**(RBI) was held at **New Delhi**. Union Minister of Finance and

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Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, addressed the Directors of Central Board.

✚ **RBI board has finalized a three- year roadmap 'Utkarsh 2022' to improve regulation & supervision**

India's central bank, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has finalized a three-year road map for medium-term objective named "Utkarsh 2022" for strengthening regulation, supervision of the central bank in a meeting in New Delhi.

✚ **RBI gets the power to regulate housing finance companies instead of NHB**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that India's central bank, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will now be given power to take over as the regulator of **Housing Finance Firms (HFFs)** instead of **NHB (National Housing Bank)**.

✚ **Total deposits in Jan Dhan accounts cross Rs.1 lakh crore**

According to the Finance ministry, total deposits in over 36.06 crore bank accounts opened under the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** was at **Rs 1,00,495.94 crore**.

✚ **Exim Bank signs Loan Pact worth \$124 Mn For Infra, Health Projects In Papua New Guinea, Senegal**

The **Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)** has signed a loan agreement of providing **\$124 million** (over Rs 850 crore) to **Papua New Guinea and Senegal** governments to finance infrastructure and health care projects.

✚ **Govt infused over Rs.3.15 lakh crore into PSBs in 11 Years between FY09 and FY19**

Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of State for Finance stated that the **government** has infused over **Rs 3.15 lakh crore** into **public sector banks (PSB)** in the last 11 years up till 2018-19.

During the time period between **FY09 (Fiscal year)** and **FY19**, **PSU banks** have mobilized **Rs 2.81 lakh crore** of capital through sources other than the government, and have registered a net profit of **Rs 98,373 crore**, of which a sizeable proportion has contributed to internal capital generation.

The government infused capital of **Rs 3.15 lakh crore** in public sector banks during the same period. For a strong impetus to the economy, the Government also proposed to make provision for infusion of **Rs 70,000 crore** capital to **PSBs** to boost credit.

✚ **RBI slaps a penalty on SBI & Union Bank for violating various norms**

The central Banking institution, **RBI (Reserve Bank of India)** has penalized **Public Sector Banks** in India, **State Bank of India (SBI)** with **Rs. 7 crore** and **Union Bank of India (UBI)** with **Rs.10-lakh** for violating certain regulatory guidelines.

✚ **GPF rates reduced by 10 bps to 7.9% from 8%**

Ministry of Finance informed that the rates of the **General Provident Fund (GPF)** were reduced by **10 basis points (bps)** to **7.9%** from **8%** with effect from **July 1, 2019**, to **September 30, 2019**.

✚ **ADB lowers India's FY2020 GDP growth forecast to 7%**

According to a recent **Asian Development Bank's (ADB)** report titled '**Asian Development Outlook 2019**', India's **GDP (gross domestic product)** growth expected to grow by **7% in 2019 (FY-Fiscal Year 2020)** and **7.2% in 2020 (FY21)**. It revised downwards its outlook for **FY20** due to unexpected weak **FY2018** outturn

✚ **MSME Pulse Report: Gujarat tops**

According to **TransUnion Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited (CIBIL) - Small Industries Development Bank of India's (SIDBI) Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Pulse Report**, **Gujarat** was ranked first in terms of performance and credit growth potential for **MSME Corporate Lending** in India. It has maintained the top position since the past 4 years. **MSME corporate entities** are borrowers with aggregate credit exposure of up to **Rs 50 crore**. The market size of this category is **Rs 17.6 lakh crore** as of **March 31, 2019**.

✚ **Amit Shah will head ministerial panel on Air India sale**

Union Government reconstituted the **Group of Ministers (GoM)** called the **Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM)** on **Air India disinvestment**. The group is headed by Home minister **Amit Shah** and comprises of 3 other ministers namely finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, commerce, and railway minister **Piyush Goyal** and civil aviation minister **Hardeep Singh Puri**.

✚ **World Bank to continue the support to Andhra Pradesh with over \$1 Billion programme**

The **World Bank (WB)** reaffirmed the support to the state of **Andhra Pradesh** with over **\$1**

billion programs. It covers the health, agriculture, energy and disaster management sectors.

✚ **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**

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).

✚ **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**

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%**

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.

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

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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.

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

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

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.

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 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 recommends Commercial Banks to adopt Education Loan Scheme

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.**

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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**.

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

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%**.

✚ **SEBI Fines NSE Over Rs 1,000 crore in Co-Location Scandal**

Market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Tuesday, April 30, has ordered National Stock Exchange (NSE) to pay a fine of over Rs 1,000 crore in relation to a co-location scandal through which NSE favoured a set of brokers to make illegal gains through preferential access to the exchange servers.

✚ **World Bank to invest \$35 million in Manapurram Finance**

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member company of the World Bank group, will invest \$35 million in Manappuram Finance in a bid to tap the Indian gold loan market in their first such foray. "We are making our first investment in a gold-loan finance company to create opportunities for the rural and poor households to transition from informal to formal forms of credit," said Jun Zhang, IFC Country Head for India.

✚ **Indian Overseas Bank launches 'Bank on Wheels' facility**

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), on Monday, announced that it has launched 'Bank on Wheels' facility in 14 of its lead districts in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, besides Vijayawada. The bank said the mobile van facility will enable the public, especially

senior citizens, conveniently get door-step banking facility available at identified locations of the lead districts.

A dedicated banking correspondent will accompany the vehicle with a micro ATM inside the van to take care of services such as account opening, enrollment of customers in Social Security Scheme, passbook printing, and other financial inclusion activities. Chennai, Kanyakumari, Karur and Nagapattinam are some of the areas that will be covered in Tamil Nadu.

✚ **RBI extends RTGS timings from 4:30 pm to 6 pm**

To facilitate high-value fund transfers, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced an extension of timings for customer transactions through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) by one and half hours from 4:30 PM to 06 PM.

In a notification, issued from Mumbai yesterday, RBI said that new timing will be effective from **1st June**. The **RTGS** is an online fund transfer system, supported by the RBI, which enables money transaction on a real-time basis.

The minimum amount for the transaction under this system is Rs 2 lakh. There is no upper limit on the value of funds that can be transferred via the RTGS system.

✚ **Vodafone Idea announces multi-million dollar IT outsourcing deal with IBM**

India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd Friday announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM. This engagement will also contribute to Vodafone Idea's merger synergy objectives by reducing its IT related costs," the telecom firm said in a statement. The company did not divulge the size of the deal but some reports pegged it at about \$700 million.

✚ **ADB launches \$US5 billion ocean health initiative**

The plan was announced at the ADB board of governor's meeting, held last week in Fiji. The Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies targets maritime welfare in the Asia-Pacific.

ADB president Takehiko Nakao said it was part of a more, "resilient future, where humanity and oceans thrive together". Of the world's 10 rivers carrying the most plastic pollution to the ocean, the ADB said eight were in the region. Without immediate action, the ADB said about 90 percent of the region's coral reefs could be dead by 2050.

✚ **Bank credit grows 13.2% in FY19**

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Bank credit grew by 13.2% in financial year 2018-19 as compared to 10.3% in the previous financial year, mainly aided by loans to services and retail sector.

Deposit growth also gained momentum, growing by 10% as compared to 6.7% a year ago. "We have to be a bit careful while looking at this data because a bump-up has happened in the month of March. If you see, up to February, credit growth was not that strong," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, CARE Ratings.

Centre plans 3 CPSE ETFs in FY20 to meet Rs 90,000-cr disinvestment target

The Ministry of Finance's Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) is examining plans to launch three equity exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in the current fiscal year, Business Standard has learnt. DIPAM expects that the three ETFs will be attractive to investors who want to invest in specific sectors, and will help the Centre meet an ambitious Rs 90,000 crore disinvestment target for 2019-20 (FY20).

Nabard announces ₹ 700-cr venture capital fund for agri, rural startups

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on Monday announced a Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity investments in agriculture and rural-focused startups.

NABARD has been contributing to other funds till now and this is the first time that the rural development bank has launched a fund of its own. The fund has been launched by Nabventures, a subsidiary of NABARD, and has a proposed corpus of Rs 500 crore with an option to retain over-subscriptions of Rs 200 crore, called as the greenshoe option, an official statement said.

RBI's vision 2021 looks at a 'cash-lite' society, cyber security, and more

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday released its statement on 'Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019-2021', which outlined the measures that the central bank will undertake to foster innovation, cybersecurity, financial inclusion, customer protection, and competition.

The Payment Systems Vision 2021 envisages achieving a 'highly digital' and 'cash-lite' society through the goalposts of competition, cost-effectiveness, convenience, and confidence, said the RBI.

Nilekani-led panel on digital payments submits report to RBI

A Reserve Bank of India-appointed committee headed by Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani has submitted its suggestions on promoting digital payments to Governor Shaktikanta Das. In January, the RBI had set up the five-member panel on deepening digital payments with a view to encouraging digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion through digitisation. In a statement, the Reserve Bank said the committee held its deliberations including consultations with various stakeholders and submitted its report yesterday to Mr Das.

Tripura Gramin Bank among top banking performers in country

The Tripura Gramin Bank has emerged as one of the top performers in the banking sector in the 2018-19 financial year across the country, investing heavily to promote entrepreneurship.

Speaking to reporters, TGB Chairman Mahendra Mohan Goswami said the state Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) has registered a net profit of Rs. 125.44 crore in the last financial year. The Bank also registered business of Rs. 9,000 crores in last financial year, with net Non-Performing Asset (NPA) of zero percent and gross NPA of 8.94 percent, much below the mandate set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and NABARD.

RBI to buy Rs 15,000 crore of gilts via OMO; revises VRR route for FPI debt investment

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday said it will conduct the purchase of government securities (gilts) under open market operation to the tune of Rs 15,000 crore on June 13.

It also notified the revised voluntary retention route for foreign portfolio investors for debt investment.

Public sector banks recover Rs 1.2 trillion from stressed assets in FY19

Public sector banks (PSBs) have recovered close to Rs 1.2 trillion from stressed assets during the financial ended March, primarily helped by resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), an official said.

During the first half of the previous fiscal, banks recovered Rs 60,713 crore from bad loans.

Corporation Bank launches 'Corp SME Suvidha' for MSMEs

Corporation Bank has launched 'Corp SME Suvidha', a product for GST-registered MSMEs.

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A press release said that the product has been designed as part of the bank's efforts to provide best products to MSME sector.

PV Bharathi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank, launched the product in Mangaluru recently. Gopal Murli Bhagat, Executive Director, and general managers were present on the occasion, the release added.

RBI sets up panel to develop secondary market for corporate loans

The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday constituted a task force on development of secondary market for corporate loans.

The six-member task force will have T. N. Manoharan, Chairman of Canara Bank, as its chairperson and will submit its report by the end of August 2019.

The RBI said that the terms of reference of the task force would include review of the existing state of the market for loan sale or transfer in India as well as the international experience in loan trading.

Bank of Baroda becomes the 3rd largest bank after its merger with Dena Bank & Vijaya Bank

the merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank into Bank of Baroda has come into effect. With this amalgamation, **Bank of Baroda** becomes the **India's second largest public sector bank** and **third largest commercial bank** after State **Bank of India (SBI)** and **HDFC Bank**.

Consulting arm of Infosys will buy 75% stake in Dutch Bank Subsidiary

Consulting arm of Global IT Services major, **Infosys** will buy **75% stake** in **Starter NV** which is a subsidiary of Dutch based **ABN AMRO Bank** for **\$144 million (approx. Rs 999 crore)** in an all-cash deal.

This move is aimed at strategic partnership in Netherlands. **ABN Amro** which is the third largest bank of Netherlands will hold the remaining 25 per cent stake in **Starter NV**.

One97 Communications-owned Paytm Money Gets SEBI Approval for Stock Broking

On 2nd April 2019, **One97 Communications**-owned **Paytm Money**, the wealth management arm of **Paytm**, has got approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start offering a **stock broking service** such as the ability to trade in equities and cash segments, derivatives, and

exchange-traded funds (ETFs) among other exchange-traded products.

Government infused Rs 205 crore into Bank of Maharashtra

Government infused a capital of **Rs. 205 crore** into the state owned **Bank of Maharashtra** in lieu of preferential allotment of shares.

After the Capital infusion, the shareholding of government in Bank of Maharashtra has increased to **87.74 % from 87.01%**.

HDFC Bank ranked No. 1 in India by the survey of Forbes

as per the first edition of **Forbes World's Best Bank survey**, **HDFC Bank** has been recognized as **number 1 bank** by customers in India.

IDBI Bank launches NRI-Insta Online, A paperless account opening facility for NRIs

IDBI Bank has launched 'NRI-Insta Online' account opening process for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries to open an account in the Bank without visiting the branch or submitting paper documents such as physical documents as well as KYC proofs. This online facility is available in IDBI Bank's website.

BSE, India INX- the first ever Indian exchanges to sign MoU with MOEX

BSE (earlier called **Bombay Stock Exchange**) and **INX (India International Exchange)** are the first Indian exchanges to sign **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)** with **MOEX (Moscow Exchange)** in order to allow capital formation platform and connect investor community and companies in both India and Russia.

State Bank of India (SBI) launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles

On World Earth Day- April 22, 2019 the State Bank of India (SBI) has launched India's first '**Green Car Loan**' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles. The new scheme '**Green Car Loan**' will offer loan at **20 basis points lower** than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes.

RBI is going to issue new Rs 20 denomination banknote with greenish-yellow colour

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes having a base colour of greenish-yellow with size of 63 X 129 mm. The first

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Rs 20 notes were issued in the Mahatma Gandhi Series in August 2001.

Kotak Mahindra Bank becomes the first Destination Bank to launch debit card based e-mandates On NPCI's E-Mandate API Platform

Kotak Mahindra Bank (Kotak) has launched the first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's (National Payments Corporation of India) **e-Mandate** (electronic mandate) **API** (Application Program Interface) platform, thus being the first ever Destination Bank to go live with both Net Banking and Debit Card-based e-mandate authentication.

SBI signs its first ever co-origination loan agreement with PAISALO Digital Limited

With the profound vision of empowering the 'Agri', 'MSME segment' and small businesses, **PAISALO Digital Limited** signed the first co-origination loan agreement (designed at **Rs.10,000 to 2 lakh**) with **State Bank of India (SBI)**. The company expects to **pay out 200,000 loan applications in FY20**.

NTPC Inked Term-Loan Agreement of Rs.2,000 crore with Canara Bank

National Thermal Power Corporation(NTPC) has signed a term- loan Pact of **Rs.2,000 crore** with **Canara Bank**. The Loan facility prolonged at an interest rate linked to **3-Month MCLR** of Bank. The lent amount would be utilized to part finance company's capital expenditure.

ADB agreed to grant highest-ever USD 3 billion in sovereign loans to India

On 16th April 2019, **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** agreed to provide a total of **USD 3.88 billion** in sovereign loans to India in 2018, which is the highest ever loan amount since sovereign operations began in the country in 1986.

1) With this total **USD 21.6 billion** in loans, granted from ADB's own resources, which exceeded the target of USD 19.71 billion and up 10 percent from 2017.

2) ADB committed several projects like a **USD 100-million** loan to **Ostro Kutch Wind**, which is a renewable energy company for constructing and operating a 250-megawatt wind power project in Gujarat, also provided **USD 30 million** in equity and **USD 20 million** in debt security to Annapurna Finance, a microfinance company.

3) In 2018, ADB signed an arrangement with

the **International Solar Alliance** for promoting solar energy deployment across Asia, the Pacific, and South Asia.

4). ADB continued to deliver climate financing to **USD 3.6 billion** in 2018 and has a target to double its annual climate financing to **USD 6 billion** in approvals by 2020.

Exim Bank gives loans worth 267\$ million for projects in Rwanda

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified that Exim Bank has proffered soft loans worth **266.6\$ million** to Rwanda for various projects.

- for supporting agricultural projects
- for the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs)
- for financing road projects in Rwanda.

RBI will infuse Rs. 37,500 Crore into the system through OMO

On 26th February 2019, **The Reserve Bank of India** announced that in order to increase liquidity, it will infuse **Rs. 37,500 crore** into the system through purchase of government securities under **Open Market Operations (OMOs)** in February.

The infusion will be made through three auctions of **Rs 125 billion each** during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th week. The aggregate amount will be **Rs 375 billion**.

Cabinet approved Rs.1450 crore for share capital of RBI in NHB

Cabinet approved **Rs.1450cr** for the share capital of **RBI in National Housing Bank (NHB)**, which operate as the principal agency to promote housing finance institutions in India. The decision is the resultant of the amendments made to the NHB Act, 1987 in 2018.

RBI constituted a panel under Usha Thorat on Offshore Rupee markets

Reserve Bank of India has constituted a task force which will be headed by its former deputy governor, **Usha Thorat** to examine issues related to **offshore rupee markets** and recommend policy measures.

The **8-member task force** will aim to ensure stability of the external value of the domestic currency.

The motive behind this is to develop deep and liquid on-shore financial markets that will act as a price setter of the Rupee globally.

Bank of Baroda becomes the first PSBs to launch creche/day-care facility for

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employees' children

Bank of Baroda has become one of the first public sector banks to launch a crèche/child day-care facility for children of its employees.

i. The day-care facility has been launched at its **Mumbai** corporate office in **Bandra Kurla Complex** and is being mulled further on being implemented at the head office in Vadodara, Gujarat.

ii. The bank will bear **60%** of the cost incurred every month and rest **40%** will be borne by the parents.

iii. The bank has tied up with **Klay Prep Schools and Daycare** for launching this facility.

HDFC becomes the third Indian company to achieve a market value of more than Rs.6 trillion

HDFC Bank became the **third** Indian company after **Reliance Industries (Rs. 8.52 trillion)** and **TCS (Rs. 7.49 trillion)** to achieve a market value of Rs. 6 trillion, owing to a sudden upsurge in its share prices.

IDBI Bank categorized as Private Sector Lender by RBI

The Reserve Bank of India categorized **IDBI Bank** as a **Private Sector Bank** with effect from January 21, 2019 following Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is acquiring 51 per cent of the total paid-up equity share capital of the bank.

Following the appointment of MR Kumar as the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), **Hemant Bhargava** ceases to be the Non-Executive chairman of IDBI Bank as he no longer heads the parent company LIC.

I IDBI Bank has been **under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA)** framework of RBI which bans it from corporate lending, branch expansions, salary hikes and other regular activities.

II. IDBI has charted out a revival strategy to bring banking and insurance under one roof along with LIC. The bank also informed about **appointment of LIC as a corporate agent** under bancassurance channel.

SBI, ICICI and HDFC named as Systemically Important Banks by RBI

Reserve Bank of India named State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as **Domestic**

Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). The banks which are **too big to fail** are named by the RBI annually since 2015.

Exim Bank agreed to grant \$83 million line of credit to Congo for financing 3 solar power projects

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) signed a loan agreement on behalf of the government of **USD 83.11 million** (approx Rs.5,72,08,76,850) to Congo for financing **three** solar power **projects** in the central African country.

It aims to provide support for financing three solar photovoltaic power projects with a total capacity of **35 megawatts** in the three provinces — **Karawa, Mbandaka, and Lusambo**.

India extends Rs. 35.5 million financial grant to Nepal

India extended a financial grant of **35.5 million Nepalese rupees** to Nepal for the construction of an educational campus to boost the learning environment of the students. The educational campus was jointly inaugurated by District Coordination Committee and Campus management committee on 22nd March 2019.

Bank of Baroda inked MoU with 6 firms to develop "Baroda Kisan"

Bank of Baroda has signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **six** firms namely **Skymet Weather Services, Weather Risk Management Services, BigHaat, Agrostar India, EM3 Agri Services and Poorti Agri Services** to develop "Baroda Kisan". It will provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements through its holistic approach.

The execution of the platform will be done by **IT Centre of Excellence (ITCoE)** of Bank of Baroda in partnership with IBM India.

Govt decides to infuse Rs 5042 Cr into Bank Of Baroda ahead of the merger

On 28th March 2019, The government has decided to infuse a capital of **5,042 crore rupees** into state-owned **Bank of Baroda** ahead of its merger with two other public sector lenders Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank, with Bank of Baroda which would be effective from **1st April 2019**.

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
Expert panel to examine non-personal data regulation	Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

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		(Meity) has framed an 8-membered high-level panel headed by Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan to study issues related to non-personal data and suggest the ways to regulate non-personal data.
Set up of a federal body like GST council for the agriculture sector	Mahesh Kumar Jain	The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) panel has suggested creating an institution like the GST (Goods and Services Tax) Council to implement reforms in the agricultural sector. It was also recommended to transfer subsidy directly to the account and avoid debt waiver. i. The panel stated that subsidy on interest subvention or agricultural credit should be converted into direct benefit transfer (DBT) like LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas) and fertilizer with an overall limit of Rs 3 lakh per individual farmer through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) mode. ii. Banks should increase credit supply for agricultural activities and give consumption loans to farmers up to Rs 1 lakh
IBA's Managing Committee	Karnataka Bank MD & CEO MS Mahabaleshwara	The Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karnataka Bank, M S Mahabaleshwara was included in the Managing Committee of Indian Banks Association (IBA). He was elected unopposed from the private sector member banks category.
Development of housing	Harsh Vardhan	The panel headed by Harsh

<p>finance securitisation market</p>		<p>Vardhan, senior advisor, Bain and Co., for the development of housing finance securitisation market has submitted its report to the governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shaktikanta Das.</p> <p>i. The panel suggested that the National Housing Bank (NHB) should create an intermediary for standard-setting and market-making for the instruments. Intermediary could operate either directly through the NHB, the Indian Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC), or the RBI could set up a new organisation.</p> <p>ii. The new entity would have 51% ownership by the government through the NHB initially. The government ownership in the entity would then be gradually reduced to 26% over a period of 5 years. The remaining capital of 49% may be initially raised from multilateral agencies. It will start with Rs 500 crore of initial capital and it would be allowed to invest in each pool it securitizes to the extent of 5% of the pool, or 5% of its own capital base,</p>
<p>Assets, liabilities of J&K</p>	<p>Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra</p>	<p>Centre has appointed defence Secretary Shri Sanjay Mitra to head a 3-member panel to look into assets, liabilities of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) between two successor Union territories(UT) J&K and Ladakh, that comes into effect on October 31, 2019.</p> <p>Background: The centre, announced the withdrawal of the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under</p>

		Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcation of the state into two UTs on August 5, 2019.
Action against mob lynching/ mob violence	Amit Shah	Union home minister & BJP(Bharatiya Janata Party) President, Amit Shah will now head a 4-member panel of ministers, which was created in 2018 to propose action against mob lynching. T
RBI's Task Force on Offshore Rupee Markets	Usha Thorat	The Task Force formed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Offshore Rupee Markets headed by Usha Thorat has recommended the extension of onshore market hours to 9 am to 9 pm, from 9 am to 5 pm, to improve access of overseas users and allow Indian banks to freely offer prices to global clients around the clock
Economic Capital Frame Work	Bimal Jalan	
Elephant Bond	Surjit Bhalla	
ATM Interchange Free Structure	VG Kannan	
Currency Movement	DK Mohanty	
LPG Marketing	Kirit Parrikh	
MSME	UK sinha	
Frauds Detection in Ayushman Bharat by IRADIA & NHA	Dinesh Arors	
GOFM of States for GST Panel	Sushil Kumar Modi	
Goroup of CMs for Doubling Farmers Income	Devendra Fadnavis	

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Organization	2019-20	2020-21
Fitch (Updated- 17 JUNE)	6.6%	7.1% (7% FY- 2021-22)
UNCTAD report (Updated-26 September)	6%	
RBI forecasted	6.9%	
Moody (Updated- 23 August)	6.2% from the previous estimation of 6.8%- FY2019	6.7% - FY2020
ADB	6.5% (Updated-25 September 2019)	7.2%
World Bank (Updated- 5 JUNE)	7.5%	7.5%
World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)	7% (Updated-13 September 2019)	7.2%(Updated-13 September 2019)
FICCI (Updated -30 May)	7.1%	7.2%
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	5.9% (Updated 20 September)	6.3% (Updated 20 September)
DBS Bank		6.2% (Updated-2 Sep 2019)
Goldman Sachs		7.2% (Updated-7 th June 2019)
Central Statistics Office (CSO)	7.1% (Updated-30 May 2019)	7.2% (Updated-30 May 2019)
CRISIL		6.3 % (Updated-4 Sep 2019)
National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)	6.2% (Updated- 14 August)	

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Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)	6.2% - FY 2019 (Updated- 16 August)	6.5% (Also FY2021-6.5%)
India Ratings & Research		6.7% compared to its previous estimate of 7.3%- FY 2020. (Updated- 27 August)
Economy Survey	7%	

Payment Bank & Headquarter & Tagline & their Heads (Chapter-17)

Payment Bank	Headquarter	Tagline	MD/ CEO/ CMD	Chair man
Airtel Payment Bank (1st Payment Bank, April 1 2016)	New Delhi	Banking Is Now At Your Fingertips India's First Payment Bank	Anubrata Vishwas	Sunil Bharti Mittal
FINO Payment Bank	Mumbai	Qadar Aapki Mehnat Ki	Rishi Gupta	Mahendra Kumar Chouhan
Indian Post Payment Bank	New Delhi	Aapka Bank Aapka Dwar	Suresh Sethi	Suresh Sethi
Jiyo Payment Bank	Mumbai	YOUR EVERYDAY BANK For all of your payments, banking and financial needs	H Srikrishnan	Vivek Bhandari
Paytm Payment Bank	Noida	Simplifying Payments For India	Satish Kumar Gupta	Vijay Shekhar Sharma
Aditya Birla Payment Bank	Mumbai	Get To Know Us Better	Sudhakar Ramasubramanian	Himanshu Kapania
NSDL Payment Bank	Mumbai	Technology Trust and Reach	Mr. G. V. Nageswara Rao	Mr. B. A. Prabhakar
Vodafone M-Pesa Payment Bank	Mumbai	--	Sunil Sood	Suresh Sethi

Bank Name & CEO of Bank & Headquarter & Tagline (Chapter-17)

S.No.	Bank Name	CEO of Bank	Headquarter	Tagline
1.	Bank of Baroda	P. S. Jayakumar	Vadodara	India's International Bank
2.	Bank of India	Dinbandhu Mohapatra	Mumbai	Relationships beyond Banking
3.	Bank of Maharashtra	A. S. Rajeev	Pune	One Family One Bank
4.	Canara Bank	R.A Shankar Narayan	Bangalore	Together we can
5.	Central Bank of India	Pallav Mahapatra	Mumbai	Central To you Since 1911, Build A Better Life Around Us
6.	Indian Bank	Padmaja Chundururu	Chennai	Your Tech-friendly bank
7.	Indian Overseas Bank	Karnam Sekar	Chennai	Good people to grow with
8.	Punjab & Sind Bank	S. Hari Shanker	New Delhi	Where Service Is A Way Of Life
9.	Punjab National Bank	Sunil Mehta	New Delhi	The Name you can Bank Upon
10.	State Bank of India	Rajnish Kumar (Chairman)	Mumbai	With you all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation's banks on us
11.	UCO Bank	Atul Kumar Goel	Kolkata	Honors Your Trust
12.	Union Bank of India	Rajkiran Rai G.	Mumbai	Good people to bank with

Private Sector Banks and their CEOs & MDs (Chapter-17)

Bank	CEO / CMD / Head	Headquarter	Tagline
Axis Bank	Chairman of Axis Bank Rakesh Makhija	Mumbai	Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

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Bandhan Bank	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh (MD & CEO) Anup Kumar Sinha (Part time Chairman)	Kolkata, West Bengal, India.	Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai
Catholic Syrian Bank	S. Anantharaman (Chairman) C. VR. Rajendran (MD & CEO)	Thrissur	Support all the way
City Union Bank	Mahalingam (Non-Executive Chairman) Dr. N. Kamakodi (MD & CEO)	Tamilnadu	Trust and Excellence since 1904
Dhanalakshmi Bank	T Latha (MD & CEO)	Thrissur, Kerala	Tann. Mann. Dhan
Federal Bank	Shyam Srinivasan (MD & CEO)	Kerala	Your perfect banking partner
HDFC Bank	Aditya Puri (MD)	Mumbai	We understand your world
ICICI Bank	Girish Chandra Chaturvedi (Chairman) Mr. Sandeep Bakhshi (MD & CEO)	Mumbai	Khayaal Apka
IDFC First Bank	Vaidhnathan	Mumbai	Banking Hatke
IndusInd Bank	R Seshasayee (Chairman) Romesh Sobti (MD & CEO)	Mumbai	We make money simple
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	Parvez Ahmed (Chairman & CEO)	Srinagar	Serving to Empower
Karnataka Bank	Jayarama Bhat (Non-Executive Chairman) Mahabaleshwara M. S (MD & CEO)	Mangalore	Your family bank across India
Karur Vysya Bank	Swaminathan (Non-Executive Chairman) P. R. Seshadri (MD & CEO)	Tamilnadu	Smart way to bank
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Dr. Shankar Acharya (Non-Executive Chairman) Uday Kotak (MD & CEO)	Mumbai	Lets make money simple
Lakshmi Vilas Bank	Parthasarathi Mukherjee (MD & CEO)	Tamilnadu	The Changing Face of prosperity
Nainital Bank	Mukesh Sharma (Chairman & CEO)	Nainital	Banking with personal touch
RBL Bank	Prakash Chandra (Non-Executive Chairman) Vishwavir Ahuja (MD & CEO)	Maharashtra	Apno ka Bank

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South Indian Bank	Salim Gangadharan (Non-Executive Chairman) V. G. Mathew (MD & CEO)	Kerala	Experience next generation banking
Yes Bank Ltd.	Ravneet Singh Gill (frontrunner for MD & CEO) Brahm Dutt (Non-Executive Chairman)	Mumbai	Experience our expertise
DCB BANK		Mumbai	We Value You

Small Finance Banks and their Headquarters, Heads and Taglines:

Name of Small Finance Bank	Headquarters	MD & CEO	Taglines
AU small finance Bank Limited	Jaipur ,Rajasthan	Sanjay Agarwal	'Chalo Aage Badhe'
Equitas small Finance Bank	Chennai,Tamilnadu	P N Vasudevan Arun Ramanathan(Chairman)	'Its Fun Banking'
Capital Lab Small Finance bank	Jalandar,Punjab	Sarvajit Singh Samra Inder Krishan sardana(Chairman)	Viswas se Vikas tak'
ESAF Small Finance Bank	Thrissur,Kerala	K Paul Thomas Raveendranathan Prabha (chairman)	Joy of Banking'
FINCARE small finance Bank	Bengaluru,Karnataka	Rajeev Yadav	'a new era in smartbanking begins'
Janalakshmi small Finance Bank (Jana SFB)	Bengaluru,Karnataka	Ajay Kanwal	Likho Apni Kahaani
North East Small Finance Bank	Guwahati,Assam	Rupali Kalita	Your Door step Banker'
Suryodaya Small Finance Bank	Navi Mumbai,Maharashtra	R Bhaskar Babu	A bank of smiles
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	Varanasi,U.P	Raghvendra Singh	Aapki Umeed Ka Khata'
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	Bengaluru,Karnataka	Samit Ghosh	We belive in your belief

Obituary (Chapter-18)

<u>Persons</u>	<u>About</u>
▪ Babu Narayanan	▪ Director Babu Narayanan , a notable director in Malayalam film industry passed away at Thrissur, Kerala due to cancer. He was born in Kozhikode(also known as Calicut), Kerala.
▪ Dr. Jaya Arunachalam	▪ Working Women's Forum (WWF) founder Dr. Jaya Arunachalam , aged 87, passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu after a brief illness. She hailed from Tamil Nadu.
▪ Basant Kumar Birla	▪ Basant Kumar Birla, Indian businessman and Birla group patriarch passed away recently in Mumbai at the age of 98. He was born in Kolkata, West Bengal.
▪ Fernando Corbato	▪ The inventor of computer password
▪ Sheila Dikshit	▪ Former 3 time Delhi CM
▪ Ramchandra Paswan	▪ Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) Member of Parliament from Bihar's Samastipur Ramchandra Paswan , ▪ He was the younger brother of Union minister and LJP chief Ram Vilas Paswan.
▪ 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.
▪ Kader Khan	▪ Veteran actor-writer
▪	▪
▪ CH Loknath	▪ Veteran Kannada actor
▪ Dibyendu Palit	▪ Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee
▪ Ramakant Achrekar	▪ Dronacharya awardee and cricketer
▪ Lenin Rajendran	▪ Malayalam Director
▪ Sir Michael Atiyah	▪ Fields Medal-Winning Mathematician
▪ Vishnu Hari Dalmia	▪ Vishwa Hindu Parishad

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▪ Mary Oliver	▪ Pulitzer Prize-winning
▪ Sitanshu Yashaschandra	▪ Gujarati poet awarded Saraswati Samman ('Vakhar)
▪ Krishna Sobti	▪ Jnanpith awardee , Hindi fiction writer
▪ George Fernandes	▪ Former defence minister
▪ Albert Finney	▪ Actor (five time oscar nominee)
▪ Mahesh Anand	▪ Bollywood actor
▪ Manfred Eigen	▪ German Nobel Prize winning Chemist
▪ Andrea Levy	▪ Best-selling British Author
▪ Namwar Singh	▪ Hindi author and literary
▪ Zhores Alferov	▪ Russian Nobel Prize winner for physics in 2000
▪ Bill Playle	▪ Former New Zealand batsman
▪ V. Dhananjaya Kumar	▪ Former Union minister
▪ Jerry Merryman	▪ co-inventor of the World's First Handheld Electronic Calculator Dies at 86
▪ Kane Tanaka	▪ 116-year-old Japanese woman The world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records.
▪ Manohar Parrikar	▪ Goa CM
▪ L V Sharada Rao	▪ Veteran Kannada actress
▪ Ashita	▪ Veteran Malayalam writer and poet
▪ Valery Bykovsky	▪ Russian cosmonaut, who made the first of his three flights to space in 1963, passed away at the age of 84 years.
▪ Viharidas Gopaldas Patel	▪ Padma Shri awardee, Noted economist and 'Father of Entrepreneurship Movement'
▪ Sydney Brenner	▪ Biologist ,Nobel Prize in 2002 in Physiology
▪ Nadja Regin	▪ James Bond Actress
▪ SK Shivakumar	▪ Former Director of Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite Centre (ISAC).
▪ Jerrie Cobb	▪ NASA's first female astronaut candidate
▪ Amar Paul	▪ Famous Bengali Folk Singer
▪ Negasso Gidada	▪ Former Ethiopian president
▪ Justice Subhashan Reddy	▪ Former chief justice of the Kerala and Madras High Courts
▪ Hirannaiah	▪ Kannada theatre personality Master
▪ Dr.NR Madhava Menon	▪ Father of modern legal education in India
▪ Y.C. Deveshwar	▪ Industry leader and ITC Chairman
▪ Bob Hawke	▪ Former Australian Prime Minister
▪ Veeru Devgan	▪ father of Ajay Devgn, Action Director
▪ Murray Gell-Mann	▪ Nobel prize winner for physics

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▪ Nimu Bhowmik	▪ Veteran Bengali actor
▪ Babulal Gaur	▪ Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh
▪ Jagannath Mishra	▪ Former Bihar CM
▪ Neelam Sharma	▪ Former DD news anchor passed away
▪ Vidya Sinha	▪ Veteran actress
▪ J. Om Prakash	▪ Veteran Bollywood filmmaker
▪ Sushma Swaraj	▪ Former external affairs minister
▪ V. G. Siddhartha Hegde	▪ founder of the largest coffee chain in India, Cafe Coffee Day(CCD)
▪ Arun Jaitley	▪ Former Finance Minister
▪ Shyam Ramsay	▪ Bollywood's famous horror film producer
▪ Ram Jethmalani	▪ lawyer and former Union minister
▪ Veeru Krishnan	▪ Bollywood actor and renowned Kathak dancer
▪ Robert Mugabe	▪ Former Zimbabwean president

BOOKS- AUTHOR (Chapter-19)

Books	Author
▪ 'Whispers of Time'	▪ Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani launched new book ' Whispers of Time ' written by Dr. Krishna Saksena (91) at India International Centre in New Delhi.
▪ "War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960"	▪ Devika Sethi
▪ Vivekadeepini	▪ The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled Vivekadeepini , a summary of

	Prashnottara Ratnamalika written by Adi Shankaracharya , one of India's greatest spiritual and literary geniuses.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Kargil: Untold stories from the War" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rachna Bisht Rawat's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ashis Ray
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'My Life, My Mission' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoga guru Baba Ramdev to release an Autobiography (co-authored with senior journalist Uday Mahurkar)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veteran Actor Anupam Kher pens an Auto-Biography
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "A Prime Minister to Remember, Memories of a Military Chief" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Game Changer' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shahid Afridi Released His Autobiography
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Every Vote Counts' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Navin Chawla Launched
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Mann Ki Baat - A Social Revolution on Radio' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arun Jaitley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Quality, Accreditation & Ranking' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. H Chaturvedi's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Simplicity & Wisdom' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Dinesh Shahra
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Undaunted: Saving the Idea of India" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P Chidambaram's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World,' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malala Yousafzai
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Changing India' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal PM Manmohan Singh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "The Republican Ethic" in English and "Loktantra ke Swar" in Hindi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vice President of India Shri M.Venkaiiah Naidu
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Blue Waters Ahoy!' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admiral Sunil Lanba
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Making of New India" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arun Jaitley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Law, Justice and Judicial Power - Justice P N Bhagwati's Approach" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mool Chand Sharma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jallianwala Bagh massacre, 'Khooni Vaisakhi' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abu Dhabi, UAE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Indian Fiscal Federalism" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Y.V. Reddy and G.R. Reddy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Timeless Laxman" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday released a book "Timeless Laxman", based on the life and times of legendary cartoonist, the late R.K. Laxman. ▪ "I am very happy to be part of Laxman's journey in time," the PM remarked and added that he is also happy that Laxman's cartoons are being made available to all.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Obama: The Call of History" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Written by Peter Baker, A book on Barack Obama, former United States (US) President, titled.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Kashmir's untold story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Book on the History of Jammu & Kashmir from 1889 to 2019 ▪ The book portrays the time of political

	and geographical consolidations of Jammu & Kashmir(J&K), beginning from the era of Maharaja Gulab Singh till the present day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Sridevi: Girl Woman Superstar" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The book is written by author-screenwriter Satyarth Nayak. ▪ The life of the actor, Sridevi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Listening, Learning and Leading' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The book 'Listening, Learning and Leading' marking Shri Venkaiah Naidu's two years of service as vice president was launched by Union Home minister Amit Shah at Kalaiwanar Arangam, Chennai during the function organized by Information and Broadcasting Ministry.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Resurgent India' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, Bimal Jalan's new Book 'Resurgent India'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Gutsy Women' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American politician, diplomat, lawyer, writer and public speaker Hilary Rodham Clinton (called as Hilary Clinton) and her daughter Chelsea Clinton are teamed up to write a book called "The Book of gutsy Women" to honour famous women personalities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years', 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan set to release
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Written by the journalist Dhaval Kulkarni
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vikram Sampath's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' & 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu will release 2nd edition of 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)' on September 6, 2019, at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi. It will be released with the aim to promote and

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	diffuse selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind, President of India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “India’s Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written by veteran civil servant Raghvendra Singh

Sports News (Chapter-20)

Tennis

Australian Open 2019

Event	Winner	Runner-Up
Men’s Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Rafael Nadal (Spain)
Women’s Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)

French Open 2019

Event	Winners	Runners
Men’s Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Dominic Thiem (Austria)
Women’s Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic)

Wimbledon Championships 2019

Title	Winner	Runner up
Men’s Singles	Novak Djokovic(Serbia)	Roger federer(Switzerland)
Women’s Singles	Simona Halep(Romania)	Serena Williams(United States of America)

US Open 2019

Category	Winner	Runner
Men’s Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women’s Singles	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	Serena Williams (USA)

2019 BWF World Championships

Total 2019 Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Championships, an annual tournament was held from August 19-25, 2019 at **St. Jakobshalle** in **Basel, Switzerland**. It was the **25th** Edition.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men’s Singles	Kento Momota (Japan)	Anders Antonsen (Denmark)
Women’s Singles	PV Sindhu (India)	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)

2019 Rogers Cup/Canadian Open

Category	Winner	Runner
Men’s Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Sergeyevich Medvedev (Russia)
Women’s Singles	Bianca Vanessa Andreescu (Canada)	Serena Williams (America)

YONEX-SUNRISE Vietnam Open 2019

The 2019 Vietnam Open, officially the **YONEX-SUNRISE Vietnam Open 2019**, an annual badminton tournament, was held at **Nguyen Du Cultural Sports Club** in **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** from September 10-15, 2019.

List of winners:

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Sourabh Verma (India)	Sun Fei Xiang (China)
Women's Singles	Zhang Yi Man (China)	Asuka Takahashi (Japan)

YONEX Belgian International 2019

List of winners:

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Lakshya Sen (India)	Victor Svendsen (Denmark)
Women's Singles	Line Christophersen (Denmark)	Neslihan Yiğit (Turkey)

F1 Race Winner List 2019

Grand Prix	Winning driver	Winning constructor
Australian Grand Prix	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes
Bahrain Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Chinese Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes
Spanish Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Monaco Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Canadian Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
French Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Austrian Grand Prix	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda
British Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
German Grand Prix	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda
Hungarian Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Belgian Grand Prix	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari
Italian Grand Prix	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari
Singapore Grand Prix	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari

ISSF world Cup pistol/ Rifle

Held - Beijing, China

Dates- 21 April to 29 April

Note- India Finishes Top of Medal tally with 4 Medals

Event	Name	Medal	Info
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10m Air Rifle Mixed	Anjum Moudgil Divyansh Singh Panwar	Gold	Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar won India's first gold medal in 10m Air Rifle mixed event at ISSF World Cup in Beijing. They beat Chinese pair of Liu Ruxuan and Yang Haoran by 17-15.
10m Air Pistol Mixed	Manu Bhaker Saurabh Chaudhary	Gold	Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary won India's second gold in 10m Air Pistol mixed event. They beat their Chinese opponent by 16-6.
10m Air Pistol	Abhishek Verma	Gold	Abhishek Verma won India's third gold medal in 10m Air Pistol. Abhishek Verma secured Olympic Quota in 10m Air Pistol.
10m Air Rifle	Divyansh Singh Panwar	Silver	Teenager Divyansh Singh Panwar won a silver medal in 10m Air Rifle event.

2019 ISSF World Cup 3 (Munich, Germany) (24 to 31 May)

Name of the Shooter	Event Name	Medal won
▪ Saurabh Chaudhary(World Record)	▪ 10 metre air pistol	▪ Gold
▪ Apurvi Chandela	▪ 10 metre air rifle	▪ Gold
▪ Rahi Sarnobat	▪ 25 metre pistol	▪ Gold
▪ Divyansh Singh Panwar & Anjum Moudgil	▪ 10 metre air rifle(Mixed Team)	▪ Gold
▪ Saurabh Chaudhary & Manu Bhaker	▪ 10 metre air pistol(Mixed Team)	▪ Gold
▪ Apurvi Chandela & Deepak Kumar (sport shooter)	▪ 10 metre air rifle(Mixed Team)	▪ Silver

Tatyana Kolpakova international athletics meet 2019 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from 13th July to 14th July 2019.

Winners	Medal won
▪ Sahil Silwal	▪ Men's javelin throw(Gold)
▪ Archana Suseentran	▪ Women's 100m race(Gold)
▪ Lili Das	▪ Women's 400m race(Gold)
▪ Harsh Kumar	▪ Men's 400m race (Gold)
▪ Jisna Mathew	▪ Women's 400m(Silver)

30th Summer Universiade Games 2019, Held in Naples, Italy

Winners	Medal Won
▪ Dutee Chand	▪ Women's 100-metre sprint(Gold)
▪ Elavenil Valarivan	▪ Women's 10m Air Rifle(Silver)
▪ Nina Chandel, Elavenil Valarivan and Aayushi Gupta	▪ Women's team Air Rifle(Bronze)
▪ Angad Vir Singh Bajwa	▪ Men's skeet(Bronze)

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Event	Madel
Paznan Athletics Grand Prix, Poland	200 meters ,Gold (2 nd July)
Kutno Athletics Meet, Poland	200 Meters, Gold (8 th July)

Kladno Athletics Meet, Crez-Republic	200 Meters, Gold (13 th July)
Tabor Athletics Meet, Crez-Republic	200 Meters, Gold (17 th July)
Nove Mesto nad Metuji Grand Prix, Crez-Republic	400 Meters, Gold (20 th July)

2019 ISSF World Cup Rifle / Pistol Held In Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

2019 International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle / Pistol event was held in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** from August 26-September 3, 2019.

India finished the tournament at the **top spot** with 5 Gold, 2 Silver & 2 Bronze medals, with 9 medals altogether.

Medals won by Indian Shooters in 2019 ISSF World Cup Rifle / Pistol

Event	Winners	Medal
Mixed 10m air pistol	Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary	Gold
Women's 10m air rifle	Elavenil Valarivan	Gold
Men's 10m Air Pistol	Abhishek Verma	Gold
Women's 10m air pistol	Yashaswini Singh Deswal	Gold
Mixed 10M Air Rifle	Apurvi Chandela & Deepak Kumar	Gold
Men's 50m rifle	Sanjeev Rajput	Silver
Mixed 10m air pistol	Yashaswini Deswal & Abhishek Verma	Silver
Men's 10m Air Pistol	Saurabh Chaudhary	Bronze
Mixed 10m air pistol	Anjum Moudgil & Divyansh Singh Panwar	Bronze

India clinched SAFF U-15 Championship 2019 title for the 3rd time by beating Nepal

The **India** Under-15 team has defeated Nepal with 7-0 score in the final of the **SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship 2019** held in **Kalyani Stadium, West Bengal** from August 21 – 31, 2019. This victory means that India has now become the most successful team in the history of the tournament as it won the title for the 3rd time. Earlier, India won the trophy in 2013 and 2017 in Nepal.

India Red wins 2019 Duleep Trophy at Chinnaswamy stadium, Bengaluru

India Red defeated India green by an innings and 38 runs to win the **2019 Duleep trophy** held at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. Akshay Wakhare (India red) of Vidarbha, Maharashtra took a 5 wicket haul leading to the team's victory while Abhimanyu Easwaran (India red) was awarded player of the match title.

Hero MotoCorp Chairman, MD and CEO Pawan Munjal to be inducted in 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame

Pawan Munjal, the Chairman, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Hero MotoCorp** was selected to be inducted in the **2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame** for his support in sports in India as well as globally. The award ceremony will be held on November 6, 2019 at DLF (Delhi Land & Finance) Golf & Country Club in Gurugram, Haryana with his induction permanently installed at Dr David Chu Golf Museum at Shenzhen in China. This museum will be the new home of hall of fame.

India won ACC U-19 Asia Cup 2019 by beating Bangladesh

India won **ACC (Asian Cricket Council) Under-19 Asia Cup 2019** by beating **Bangladesh** for 5 runs. The final was held at **R. Premadasa International Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka**. This was India's seventh triumph in the continental tournament for junior cricketers.

India to host 2020 FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup from Nov 2-21, 2020

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The biennial international women's youth football championship, **2020 FIFA Women's Under-17 World Cup**, will be held in **India** from **November 2-21, 2020**. It will be the **7th** edition and India will host the FIFA women's football tournament for the first time. In the football tournament, 16 national teams of the member associations of Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) are expected to participate.

✚ **Pankaj Advani wins IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019 title, becomes world champion for 22nd time**

India's top billiards and snooker player, **Pankaj Advani** (34) of Bangalore, Karnataka has won the 22nd world title of his career with the fourth consecutive **IBSF (International Billiards & Snooker Federation) World Billiards title 2019** in the 150 up format held in Mandalay, Myanmar. This is his fifth title in the last 6 years in the short billiards format. Like 2018, this year too, Advani won the final with 6-2 scores against Nay Thway Oo of Myanmar.

✚ **Spain wins 18th Men's World Basketball Championship 2019 held in Beijing after 13 years**

Spain defeated Argentina to win the **18th Men's FIBA (Federation Internationale de Basketball) World Basketball Championship 2019** in the final played at Wukesong Sports Arena in **Beijing, China** from 31 August 2019 to 15 September 2019.

✚ **Vinesh Phogat wins bronze medal in World Wrestling Championships 2019 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**

Indian wrestler **Vinesh Phogat**, defeated Greece's two-time world bronze medalist Maria Prevolaraki and won a **bronze** medal in the women's **53kg** category at the "2019 World Wrestling Championships" held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

✚ **Asia's first Rugby World Cup in Japan**

The 2019 Rugby World Cup is the ninth Rugby World Cup, and is being held in Japan from 20 September to 2 November. This is the first time the tournament is being held in Asia.

The opening match of the 2019 Rugby World Cup took place at the Ajinomoto Stadium in Chōfu, Tokyo, and the final match will be held at the Nissan Stadium in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture.

✚ **Bangalore will host the 10th AASF Asian Age Group Championships 2019 for the 1st time**
For the first time, **Bangalore (Karnataka)** will host the **10th AASF (Asia Swimming Federation) Asian Age Group Championships 2019** starting from September 24, 2019, to October 2, 2019, will give the country's swimming enthusiasts an opportunity to witness the aquatic event.

✚ **Archery Association of India suspended by World Archery**

The World Archery (**WA**) has suspended the Archery Association of India (**AAI**) due to the internal factionalism (dispute and disagreements within the body)..

✚ **Bajrang Punia wins gold in 65kg at Tbilisi Grand Prix 2019**

Indian Wrestler **Bajrang Punia** won gold in 65kg men's freestyle competition at **Tbilisi Grand Prix 2019** against **Iran's Peiman Bibyani** by 2-0. The event was held at the New Sports Palace, Tbilisi, Georgia and was organised by the Georgian Wrestling Federation. It is the fourth gold medal for Punia after winning gold at Dan Kolov, Asian Championship and Ali Aliev tournament.

✚ **Aishwarya Pissay creates history by becoming the first Indian woman to win FIM Bajas World Cup 2019**

23-year-old Indian motorsport rider, **Aishwarya Pissay** from Bengaluru became the first woman from India as well as the first Indian to win the **FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) Bajas World cup 2019** with a tally of 65 points. The final round of the championship was held at Varpalota, **Hungary**.

✚ **Wrestler Deepak Punia wins gold at the Junior World Championships 2019 in Estonia**

Wrestler **Deepak Punia** won gold in 86-kg junior freestyle category by beating Alik Shebzukhov of Russia at the **Junior World Championships 2019** at Tallinn, Estonia. With this, he became the first Indian in 18 years to win the title.

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✚ **Hima Das and Mohammad Anas clinched gold in 300m races at the Athleticky Mitink Reiter Event 2019 in Czech Republic**

In the **300m** races held at the **Athleticky Mitink Reiter Event 2019** in the Czech Republic, Indian sprinters **Hima Das** and **Mohammad Anas** won gold in the women's and men's category respectively.

It was the sixth gold in European races by Hima Das since July 2, 2019.

✚ **Former Australian fast bowler Mitchell Johnson has been made an honorary life member of MCC**

The **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)** stated that Former **Australian** fast bowler **Mitchell Johnson (37)** has been elected as an Honorary Life Member of the MCC, the custodian of the rules of cricket, during the second Test between Australia and England of **2019 Ashes Series** at Lords's London.

✚ **CISF sports personnel felicitated with 10 medals in 18th World Police & Fire Games 2019 held at Chengdu, China**

CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) have won 10 medals (5 Gold, 3 Silver & 2 Bronze medals) for India at the recently-concluded **18th edition of World Police and Fire Games (WPF) 2019**, held at **Chengdu** in **China** from August 8-18, 2019.

✚ **Paytm to continue as BCCI title sponsor till 2023 for Rs 326.8 crore**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), **Rahul Johri** announced that **Paytm** will continue as the **title sponsor** of the Indian cricket board's domestic and international matches for the next five years i.e till **2023**. The bid from One 97 Communications, holding company of Paytm, was the winning bid for **Rs 326.80 crore**. At Rs 3.80

✚ **Australian Olympian, Graham Reid Appointed as Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach**

former Australia Coach, **Graham Reid** was appointed as the **Chief Coach of Indian men's hockey team**. Reid's occupancy as the coach of Indian men's hockey team **is till the end of**

crore per match, Paytm's bid was at 58% incremental value in comparison to the previous per match value of Rs 2.4 crore.

✚ **Gokulam Kerala FC wins 129th edition of Durand Cup (2019) defeating Mohun Bagan to win the title**

Gokulam Kerala Football club(FC) defeated Mohun Bagan team at the finals of the **2019 Durand cup** (129th edition) match held at Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata. Kerala lifted the title for the second time in the **131** year history of the oldest football tournament in Asia by defeating Mohun bagan team with a 2-1 score.

✚ **Feroz Shah Kotla Cricket Ground in Delhi is set to be renamed as Arun Jaitley Stadium**

The governing body of Cricket activities in the Delhi state, the **Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA)** has decided to rename the **Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in Delhi** as **Arun Jaitley Stadium** in the memory of the cricket body's former president who passed away on August 24, 2019. He served as the president of the DDCA from 1999 to 2013.

✚ **Alex Rins wins 2019 British MotoGP race**

On August 25, 2019, Spain born motorcycle racer **Alex Rins** of Suzuki motors won the **2019 GoPro British Grand Prix MotoGP** race at Silverstone circuit, United Kingdom(UK) overthrowing Honda's Marc Marquez to second place by 0.013 seconds.

✚ **V K Vismaya wins gold in women's 400m held at MJS athletics, Czech Republic**

Indian sprinter **VK Vismaya**, aged 22, clinched gold in women's 400m race which was held at the International Athletic Meeting – **Josef Seckar Memorial (MJS)** in **Brno, Czech Republic**. She finished the race in 52.12s which was her personal best.

2020. He, 54, is succeeding **Harendra Singh**, former Indian Hockey player.

✚ **Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana named Wisden's leading cricketers of the year 2019**

Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2019 has named **Virat Kohli** and **Smriti Mandhana** as the **Leading male and female cricketer of the year 2019** respectively.

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ICC partners with UNICEF to deliver '#OneDay4Children' at Men's Cricket World Cup 2019

International cricket council (ICC) cricket for good in partnership with UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), launched #OneDay4Children, a tournament-wide campaign to help construct a better world for all children, at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019.

Services bags the 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title against Punjab at Guru Nanak Stadium

With a second-half strike by Bikash Thapa at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana, Services won their 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title with a 1-0 victory over Punjab. The Services football team represents the Indian defense services in the Santosh Trophy.

USA secure ODI status for the first time

On 24th April 2019, United States Cricket Team won their first one-day international status with a third straight victory at the World Cricket League Division Two event in Namibia. The Americans defeated Hong Kong by 84 runs.

Pankaj Advani, India's cueist defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran to clinch Asian Snooker Tour title

India's Pankaj Advani, the 21-time world snooker and billiards champion has defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran by 6-4 to clinch the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title, in Bengaluru.

Australia's Claire Polosak became first female umpire to stand in men's ODI

The 31-year-old, Australia's Claire Polosak became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI in the final match of ICC World Cricket League 2 on April 27. Previously, she stood in 15 women's ODI matches, the first one played between Australia and South Africa in November 2016.

Bajrang Punia became First Indian Wrestler to fight at New York's Iconic Madison Square Garden

25 years old Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia became the first Indian wrestler to fight at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden.

Raheem Sterling named 2019 FWA footballer of the year

Raheem Sterling has been named the 2019 footballer of the year by the Football Writers' Association (FWA). The Manchester City and England forward topped the poll of the 400-strong

FWA membership as a clear winner, with 62 percent of the votes.

Kumar Sangakkara named as first non-British President of MCC

Kumar Sangakkara, the former Sri Lanka captain, has been announced as the first non-British President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), and will take up his one-year post on October 1, 2019.

Apurvi Chandela becomes world No 1 in 10m air rifle event

Apurvi Chandela achieved a new milestone in her career as the shooter became the new world No 1 in women's 10m air rifle event. Chandela has been in good form and won the gold medal with a world record score in the 10m air rifle event at the season-opening shooting World Cup in New Delhi earlier this year.

Jaipur to host Asian youth Women Handball Championship

Jaipur will host the 8th Asian Youth Women Handball Championship in which 10 teams, including defending champions South Korea, will be participating.

The general secretary of the Handball Federation of India, Anandeshwar Pandey, said here that it is the first time that the prestigious tournament would be played in the city from August 21 to 30.

Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa emerged champions in the Asian squash championship

Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa emerged champions in the Asian squash championship here on Sunday. This is the first time two Indians have finished on top in the same tournament.

An unprecedented feat that eluded the Indians in Chennai two years ago became a reality in Malaysia when Joshna, the second seed, successfully defended her title shocking the top seed Annie Au of Hong Kong 11-5, 8-11, 11-6, 11-6.

Solanki, Kaushik won gold at the XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament

Gaurav Solanki and Manish Kaushik bagged a gold each as Indian boxers finished with a rich haul of six medals at the XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament in Warsaw, Poland.

Besides two gold medals, Indians boxers also clinched a silver and three bronze to wrap off their campaign on a high.

Amul is official sponsor of the Afghanistan Cricket team for ICC World Cup 2019

Amul is the principal sponsor of the Afghanistan cricket team for the upcoming ICC Cricket World

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Cup hosted by England and Wales. Amul's logo will appear on the leading arm of Afghanistan team playing jerseys as well as on the training kits throughout the World Cup from May 30 to July 14, 2019.

🚩 **Novak Djokovic beats Stefanos Tsitsipas to win his third Madrid Open title**

Novak Djokovic celebrated a lot more than a record-tying 33rd Masters 1000 title at the Madrid Open. Djokovic left the Spanish capital feeling pretty good about his game, too, carrying a lot of confidence into the rest of the clay-court season. The top-ranked Djokovic earned a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 win over Stefanos Tsitsipas on May 12 to join Nadal as the most successful players in Masters 1000 tournaments, moving five ahead of Roger Federer, who is third in the all-time list.

🚩 **CEAT Cricket Rating Awards: Kohli, Bumrah among winners**

In the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year category, India captain, Virat Kohli was declared the winner, while Jasprit Bumrah bagged the International bowler of the Year award. Former India all-rounder and a key member of the country's World Cup-winning team of 1983, Mohinder Amarnath, was on Monday bestowed with the Lifetime achievement award at the CEAT Cricket Rating Awards.

🚩 **China to host 2023 Asian Cup after Korea withdraw bid**

South Korea has abandoned its bid to stage football's Asian Cup in 2023, authorities said, leaving the sole other bidders China with a free run to become host.

The Korea Football Association (KFA) said in a statement it had pulled out to "strategically focus" on a joint bid with North Korea to host the Women's World Cup in the same year.

The KFA announced the joint bid in March, but diplomatic contacts between Pyongyang and Seoul have since dwindled with North Korea-US nuclear talks deadlocked.

🚩 **India bags 57 medals at India Open International tournament**

India bags a total of 57 medals including 12 Gold, 18 Silver and 27 Bronze at India Open International Boxing tournament in Guwahati.

MC Mary Kom, Shiva Thapa, L Sarita Devi and Naman Tanwar won gold in their respective finals. The London Olympic bronze medallist blew away the challenge of Vanlal Duati in a facile 5-0 win.

🚩 **Kento Momota Stunned As China Win Sudirman Cup With Japan Whitewash**

Shi Yuqi stunned world champion Kento Momota as hosts China whitewashed Japan for an 11th Sudirman Cup title on Sunday. Japan have never won the badminton world mixed-team championship and their search goes on after they were well beaten 3-0 in the Chinese city of Nanning. China's dominant victory over the top seeds is an ominous indication of the depth they possess in their ranks with next summer's Tokyo Olympics on the horizon.

🚩 **2020 Asia Cup hosting rights awarded to Pak, tournament set to be held at neutral venue**

The next edition of the Asia Cup could also be UAE-bound with Pakistan given the hosting rights of the tournament in 2020, as organising it in its own country will cast serious doubts on India's participation owing to diplomatic tensions.

🚩 **Indian junior women Hockey team clinched Cantor Fitzgerald U21 by beating Ireland**

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**.

🚩 **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, Maharashtra**. 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**

Asian champion **PU Chitra** (Palakkeezhil

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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.

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.

Veer Chotrani won Asian U-19 champion in Squash

Veer Chotrani became third Indian after he won **26th Asian junior Individual squash championship 2019** in the U-19 category at Macau, China. It was organized by Macau Squash Association.

Odisha to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019

The Department of Sports and Youth Service of the Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and Odisha State Table Tennis Association (OSTTA) to host the **21st Commonwealth Championship** for the year 2019. It will be held from July 17-22, 2019 at the **Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium** in Cuttack, Odisha.

Vaibhav Yadav, Indian pro boxer won World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver welterweight title 2019

Vaibhav Yadav, Indian pro boxer won the **World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver welterweight championship 2019** that held in Pattaya, Thailand.

Mexico won CONCACAF Gold Cup title 2019 by beating USA

In the 15th edition of the CONCACAF (Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football) **Gold Cup** for the year 2019, Mexico's men's soccer team won the title by defeating United Statesmen, the defending champions, with 1-0 in the final. It was the 8th title for Mexico. The biennial international men's tournament was held from June 15 to July 7, 2019, and the host countries were the United States, Costa Rica & Jamaica.

Elavenil Valarivan clinched women's 10m Air Rifle silver medal in the 30th Summer Universiade Games 2019

Elavenil Valarivan (19), a three-time junior World Cup medallist strikes her silver medal in 10m Air Rifle Women's event in the **30th World University Summer Games 2019** held in Napoli, Italy.

FIFA Women's World Cup 2019

From 7th June to 7th July, **FIFA Women's World Cup 2019** or 8th edition of the **FIFA Women's World Cup** was held in France in 9 cities. United States(US), the defending champion won the **FIFA Women's World Cup 2019** by defeating the Netherlands. 24 teams participated in the tournament. The prize money was \$30 million.

Brazil beats Peru in the final to lift the Copa America 2019 title

At the **46th** Edition of **Copa America** held between 14 June to 7 July 2019 at 6 venues, the host country, **Brazil** defeated **Peru** with 3-1 scores to clinch the **Copa America Title 2019** in the finals held at Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was the 9th title for Brazil and first since 2007.

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🚩 **FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019 to be hosted by Brazil**

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) U-17 World Cup draw was held in the Home of FIFA in Zurich, Switzerland. The **18th** edition of the FIFA U-17 World Cup for the year 2019 will be hosted by **Brazil** between 26 October and 17 November 2019.

🚩 **Amir Khan won the WBC International Welterweight Title in the Super Boxing League 2019**

Britain's **Amir Khan**, Olympic silver medallist, won the **World Boxing Council (WBC) International Welterweight Title** defeating Australian **Billy Dib** in the fourth round of his bout at the inaugural **Super Boxing League 2019** held at King Abdullah Sports City, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

🚩 **India to host ISSF World Cup from March 15 to 26, 2020 in New Delhi International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) approved**

India's application to host the **ISSF World Cup** stages. ISSF World Cup in rifle/pistol/shotgun events to be held at the **Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad, New Delhi** from **March 15 to 26, 2020**.

🚩 **Ashleigh Barty, Novak Djokovic got top spot at World Tennis Ranking 2019**

In the latest Women's Tennis Association (WTA) 2019 and Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings 2019, **Ashleigh Barty of Australia** got the top position in women's ranking while **Novak Djokovic of Serbia** remained at world number one in men's ranking.

🚩 **Sachin Tendulkar became the 6th Indian to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame**

Indian cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** was inducted into **International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame** along with South African pace legend **Allan Donald** and Australian woman cricketer **Cathryn Fitzpatrick**. With this, Tendulkar became the 6th Indian cricketer to be inducted into ICC's Hall of Fame after Bishen Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar, Anil Kumble, and Rahul Dravid.

🚩 **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship commenced at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha**

The **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis**

Championship (CTTC) for the year 2019 began at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha**. It will be held from July 17- 22, 2019 and it was inaugurated by the Governor of Odisha, Professor Ganeshi Lal. 12 nations are participating in the tournament.

🚩 **Zimbabwe Cricket suspended by ICC with immediate effect**

On July 19, 2019, **Zimbabwe cricket** has been suspended by the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** with immediate effect after it breached the ICC Constitution by failing to provide free and democratic elections and ensuring that there is no government interference in its administration.

🚩 **Li Na, Mary Pierce and Yevgeny Kafelnikov inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame**

Chinese tennis great **Li Na**, **France's Mary Pierce** and **Yevgeny Kafelnikov** of **Russia** were inducted into **Tennis Hall of Fame**. They all are two-time Grand Slam singles champions.

🚩 **Prithu Gupta of Delhi is India's 64th Grandmaster**

Prithu Gupta of **Delhi**, aged 15 years, became India's **64th Grandmaster (GM)**. He achieved the rating stipulation of 2500 points by beating Germany's **Lev Yankelevich** in the fifth round of the **Portuguese League 2019**.

🚩 **Indian bodybuilder Ravinder Kumar Malik bagged the "Mr. South Asia" award at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2019**

India's proud bodybuilder **Ravinder Kumar Malik** has bagged the "Mr. South Asia" award. He achieved this feat at the **12th South Asia Bodybuilding and Physic Sports Championships 2019** held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.

🚩 **Nigeria set to host 2020 FIFA women U-20 World cup**

Federation of International Football Federation has awarded **FIFA under 20 Women World Cup 2020 (10th edition)** hosting right to **Nigeria** after 10 years.

National Sports Awards -2019

Selection Committee for the **Sports Awards 2019** was **headed by** Retired Judge, Supreme Court **Mukundakam Sharma**.

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD

S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Sh. Bajrang Punia	Wrestling
2.	Ms. Deepa Malik	Para Athletics

DRONACHARYA AWARD**Regular Category**

S.No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Sh. Vimal Kumar	Badminton
2.	Sh. Sandeep Gupta	Table tennis
3.	Sh. Mohinder Singh Dhillon	Athletics

Life-Time Category

S.No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Sh. Merzban Patel	Hockey
2.	Sh. Rambir Singh Khokhar	Kabaddi
3.	Sh. Sanjay Bhardwaj	Cricket

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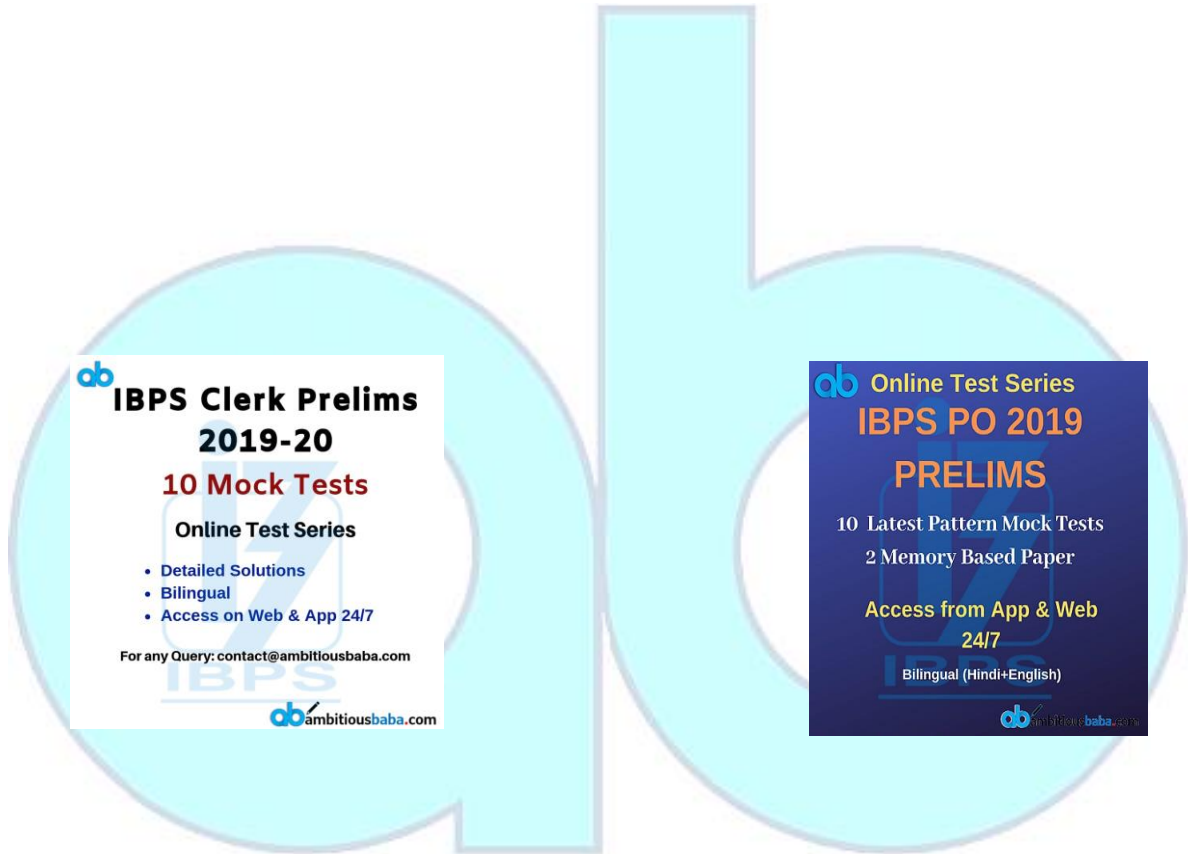
S.No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Sh. Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Athletics
2.	Mohammed Anas Yahiya	Athletics
3.	Sh. S. Bhaskaran	Body Building
4.	Ms. Sonia Lather	Boxing

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5.	Sh. Ravindra Jadeja	Cricket
6.	Sh. Chinglensana Singh Kangujam	Hockey
7.	Sh. Ajay Thakur	Kabaddi
8.	Sh. Gaurav Singh Gill	Motor Sports
9.	Sh. Pramod Bhagat	Para Sports (Badminton)
10.	Ms. Anjum Moudgil	Shooting
11.	Sh. Harmeet Rajul Desai	Table Tennis
12.	Ms. Pooja Dhanda	Wrestling
13.	Sh. Fouaad Mirza	Equestrian
14.	Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu	Football
15.	Ms. Poonam Yadav	Cricket
16.	Ms. Swapna Barman	Athletics
17.	Sh. Sundar Singh Gurjar	Para Sports (Athletics)
18.	Sh. Bhamidipati Sai Praneeth	Badminton
19.	Sh. Simran Singh Shergill	Polo

DHYANCHAND AWARD

Name	Discipline
Sh. Manuel Fredricks	Hockey
Sh. Arup Basak	Table Tennis
Sh. Manoj Kumar	Wrestling
Sh. NittenKirrtane	Tennis
Sh. C. Lalremsanga	Archery



Up-coming Sport Event (Chapter-21)

8th FIFA women's World Cup [2019]	France
(AFC) Asian Football Cup [2019]	UAE
IWF World championship [2019]	Pattaya (Thailand)
30th Southeast Asian Games [2019]	Philippines (Manila)
13th SAG Games (South Asian Games) [2019]	Nepal (Kathmandu)
12th Cricket World Cup (Men) (2019)	England
18th Fina World Aquatics (Swimming) Championship [2019]	South Korea (Gwangju)
18th FIBA Basket Ball World Cup [2019]	China
32 Olympic games [2020]	Japan (Tokyo) Motto -Discover Tomorrow
16th Summer Paralympic [2020]	Japan (Tokyo)
3rd Winter Youth Olympic [2020]	Switzerland (Lausanne)
7th T-20 women World Cup [2020]	Australia
13th Under-19 Cricket World Cup [2020]	South Africa
4th Youth Asian Games [2021]	Indonesia (Surabaya)
31st Southeast Asian Games [2021]	Vietnam (Hanoi)
12th Cricket World Cup (Women) [2021]	New Zealand
19th Fina World Aquatics (Swimming) Championship [2021]	Japan (Fukuoka)
22th FIFA (Men) World Cup football [2022]	Qatar (Doha)
34 Winter Olympics [2022] Note: Beijing is the only city to host both winter and Summer Olympic games	(China, Beijing) Motto -A pure passion for Ice & Snow
19th Asian games [2022]	China (Hangzhou)
22nd Commonwealth games [2022] [Motto of commonwealth games: Humanity Equality Destiny] Head Quarter of Common Wealth Games England (London) Note: Paralympics game is for athletes with a range of Physical Disabilities	South Africa (Durban)
IVth Asian Para Games [2022]	China (Hangzhou)
8th T-20 women World Cup [2022]	South Africa
14th Under-19 Cricket World Cup [2022]	West Indies
32th Southeast Asian Games [2023]	Cambodia (Phnom Penh)
13th Cricket World Cup (Men) [2023]	India
20th Fina World Aquatics (Swimming) Championship [2023]	Qatar (Doha)
1st Asian games [1951]	New Delhi
11th Winter Paralympic [2014]	Russia (Sochi)

1st Youth Asian Games [2009]	Singapore
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Important Day (Chapter-22)

Dates	Day	Theme
1 st January	Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO) Day	
4 th January	World Braille Day	
9 th January	Bharatiya Pravasi Day or Non Resident Day	'role of Indian diaspora in building new India'
10 th January	World Hindi Day	
10 th January	26th Army Air Defence Day	
12 th January	National Youth Day	Be The Voice of New India”
14 th January	Armed Forces Veterans Day	
15 th January	71st Army Day	
24 th January	National Girl Child Day	“Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow”.
24 th January	International Day of Education	
25 th January	National Voters Day	‘No voter to be left behind’
26 th January	70th Republic Day	Chief Guest South Africa’s President Cyril Ramaphosa
26 th January	International Customs Day	“SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport.”
30 th January	National Martyr’s Day or Sarvodaya Day	
2 nd February	World Wetlands Day	Wetlands and Climate Change
4 th February	World Cancer Day	“I Am and I Will.”
6 February	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	#EndGFM.
10 th February,	World Pulses Day	
11 th February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	
13 th February	“World Radio Day”	“Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace”.
20 TH February	World Day of Social Justice	‘If you want Peace and Development, Work for Social Justice’
21 st February	International Mother Language day	“Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation”.
28 th February	National Science day	
1 st March	World civil defence day	“Children’s safety, our responsibility”.
1 st March	Zero Discrimination day	“Act to change laws that

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		Discriminate”.
3rd March	World Hearing Day	“Check your Hearing”
3rd March	World Wildlife Day	‘Life below water: for people and planet’,
4th March	National Safety Day	- “Cultivate and Sustain a safety culture for building nation”.
8th March	International Women’s Day	Think equal, build smart, innovate for change.
14th March	World Kidney Day	Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere.
15th March	World Consumer Rights Day	“Trusted Smart Products”
18th March	Global Recycling Day	“Recycling into the Future”.
20th March	World Sparrow day	“I love sparrows”.
20th March	International Day of Happiness	International Day of Happiness 2019 is ‘Happier Together’.
21st March	World Poetry Day	
21st March	International Day of Forests observed	“Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests”.
22nd March	World Water Day (WWD)	“Leaving no one behind”.
23rd March	World Meteorological Day	“The Sun, the Earth and the Weather”.
24th March	World Tuberculosis Day	‘Its time’
26th March	World Purple day	
27th March	World Theatre Day	
2nd April	World Autism Awareness Day	“Assistive Technologies, Active Participation”.
5th April	National Maritime Day	“Indian Ocean- An Ocean of Opportunity”.
7th April	World Health Day	“Universal health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere”
10th April	World Homoeopathy Day	“Linking Education and Clinical Practice with Research: Advancing Scientific Collaborations”.
11th April	“National Safe Motherhood Day”	‘Midwives for Mothers’
12th April	World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day	
17th April	World Haemophilia Day	Outreach and Identification’

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18th April	World Heritage Day	"Rural Landscapes"
19th April	World Liver day	
21st April	National Civil Service Day	
22nd April	Earth Day	'Protecting Our Species'
22nd April	International Mother Earth Day	
23rd April	World Book and Copyright Day	
25th April	World Malaria Day	"Zero malaria starts with me".
24th April	National Panchayati Raj Day	
26th April	World Intellectual Property Day	"Reach for Gold: IP and Sports"
28th April	World Day for Safety and Health	"Safety and Health and the Future of Work"
29th April	International Dance Day	"Dance and Spirituality".
1 May	Labour Day/May day	(Sustainable partner for all: The Role of social partner)
1 May	Maharashtra/Gujarat day	
2 May	World Password Day	
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Theme 2019- "Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times for Disinformation."
7 May	World Athletics Day	
8 May	World Red Cross Day	Theme 2019- #Love
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	"Universal access to quality Thalassaemia healthcare services: Building bridge with and for patient".
6-12 May	Fifth United Nations Global Road Safety Week	'Leadership for Road Safety'
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	Theme2019- "Universal access to quality Thalassaemia healthcare services: Building bridge with and for patient".
11 May	National Technology Day	
11 May	World Migratory Bird Day	'Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution.'
15 May	International Day of Families	International Day of Families is "Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13".
18 May	International Museum Day	Theme- "Museums as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition"
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	
20 May	World Metrology Day	Theme 2019- The International System of Units – Fundamentally better.
21 May	Anti-Terrorism Day	Death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi

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29 May	International Everest Day	Theme 2019- "Save the Himalayas"
31 May	Anti-Tobacco Day / No Tobacco Day	"Tobacco and lung health."
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	
29 June	National Statistics Day	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
1st July	National Doctors day	"Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment"
1st July	2nd anniversary of GST	
1st July	CA Day	
6th July	International Day of Cooperatives	"Coops 4 decent work".
11th July	World Population Day	
12th July	International Malala Day	
15th July	World Youth Skills Day	"Learning to learn for life and work".
17th July	International Criminal Justice Day or International Justice Day	
18th July	Nelson Mandela International Day	
23rd July	National broadcasting day	

26th July	Kargil Vijay Diwas	"Remember, Rejoice and Renew".
28th July	World Hepatitis Day 2019	"Invest in Eliminating Hepatitis".
29th July	World Tiger Day 2019	

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30th July	World day against trafficking in persons	"Human Trafficking: call your government to action"
6th August	Hiroshima Day	
7th August	5 th National Handloom Day	
9th August	Nagasaki Day	
12th August	International Youth Day	"Transforming education".
13th August	World organ donation	
19th August	World Humanitarian Day	Women Humanitarians'
19th August	World photography day	
20th August	Sadbhavana Divas or Harmony Day	75th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi
21st August	World Senior Citizen Day	
26th August	Women's Equality Day	
29th August	National Sports Day	Birth anniversary of India's hockey legend, Major Dhyhan Chand.
2nd September	World Coconut Day	
5th September	National teachers' day	Birth anniversary Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
8th September	International Literacy Day	'Literacy and Multilingualism'.
14th September	Hindi Diwas	
15th September	Engineers Day	Birth anniversary of the greatest Indian engineer Bharat Ratna (1955) Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya (Sir MV)
16th September	Ozone Layer or World ozone day	"32 Years and Healing".
21st September	International Day of Peace or World Peace Day	'Climate Action for Peace'.
22nd September	World rose day	
27th September	World Tourism Day	"Tourism and jobs: a better future for all"
October 1	International Day For Older Persons	

October 2	International Day Of Non Violence
October 5	World Teachers Day
October 9	World Post Day
October 11	International Day Of Girl Child
October 15	International Day For Rural Women
October 15	Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas
October 20	National Solidarity Day
October 24	World Polio Day
October 24	United Nation's Day
October 31	Ekta Diwas
November 1	World Vegan Day
November 5	Ayurveda Day
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day
November 7	National Cancer Awareness Day
November 11	National Education Day
November 12	World Pneumonia Awareness Day
November 14	Children's Day
November 14	World Diabetes Day
November 16	National Press Day
November 18	The World Day For Remembrance Of Road Traffic Victims
November 19	World Toilet Day
November 21	World Television Day
November 26	National Constitution Day/National Law Day
December 1	World AIDS Day
December 2	National Pollution Control
December 3	World Day of Handicapped
December 4	Indian Navy Day
December 10	Human Rights Day
December 11	International Mountain Day
December 14	World Energy Conservation Day
December 16	Vijay Diwas
December 22	National Mathematics Day
December 23	Kisan Divas
December 24	National Consumers Day

STATE CHIEF MINISTERS AND GOVERNORS (Chapter-23)

S. NO	State and U.T.	Chief Minister	Governor
1	Andhra Pradesh	JaganMohan Reddy	Biswa Bhushan Harichandran

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2	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	U.T	Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Shri Pema Khandu	Retired Brigadier BD Mishra
4	Assam	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Shri Jagdish Mukhi
5	Bihar	Shri Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
6	Chandigarh (UT)	U.T	Shri V.P. Singh Badnore
7	Chhatisgarh	Shri Bhupesh Baghel	Anusuiya Uikey
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli (UT)	U.T	Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, IAS
9	Daman and Diu (UT)	U.T	Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, IAS
10	Delhi (NCT)	Shri Arvind Kejriwal	Anil Baijal
11	Goa	Shri Pramod Sawant	Smt. Mridula Sinha
12	Gujarat	Shri Vijaybhai R. Rupani	Acharya Dev Vrat
13	Haryana	Shri Manohar Lal	Satyadev Narayan Arya
14	Himachal Pradesh	Shri Jairam Thakur	Bandaru Dattatrya
15	Jammu and Kashmir	UT	Shri Satya Pal Malik
16	Jharkhand	Shri Raghubar Das	Smt. Draupadi Murmu
17	Kerala	Shri Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
18	Lakshadweep (UT)	U.T	Shri Vijay Kumar IAS
19	Madhya Pradesh	Shri Kamal Nath	Lalji Tandon

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20	Maharashtra	Shri Devendra Fadnavis	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
21	Manipur	Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla
22.	Jharkhad	Shri Raghubar Das	Smt. Draupadi Murmu
23	Meghalya	Conrad Sangma	Shri Tathgata Roy
24.	Mizoram	Pu Zoramthanga	Jagidish Mukhi
25.	Nagaland	Shri. Neiphiu Rio	R.N Ravi
26.	Odisha	Shri Naveen Patnaik	Shri Ganeshi Lal
27.	Puducherry (UT)	Shri. V. Narayanasamy	Dr. Kiran Bedi
28.	Punjab	Capt. Amrinder Singh	Shri V.P. Singh Badnore
29	Rajasthan	Shri Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
30	Sikkim	Prem Singh Tamang	Shri Ganga Prasad
31	Tamil Nadu	Edappadi K Palaniswami	Shri. Barnwarilal Purohit
32.	Telangana	Shri K Chandrasekhar Rao	Tamilisai Soundrararanjan
33.	Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Ramesh Bais
34	Uttar Pradesh	Shri Yogi Aadityanath	Anandiben Patel
35	Uttarakhand	Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat	Baby Rani Maurya
36	West Bengal	Km. Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankar
37.	Karnataka	BS Yeddyuraapa	Vijubhai vala

Cabinet ministers of India with their constituency (Chapter-24)

Council of Ministers



Shri Narendra Modi

- Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Atomic Energy
- Department of Space

All important policy issues and all other portfolios not allocated to any Minister

Constituency: Varanasi, UP

Cabinet Ministers

Shri Raj Nath Singh



- Ministry of Defence
Constituency: Lucknow, UP

Shri Amit Shah



- Ministry of Home Affairs
Constituency: Gandhi Nagar, GUJRAT

Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari



- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Constituency: Nagpur, MAHARASHTRA

Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda



- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Constituency: Bangluru, KARNATKA

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman



- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Constituency: Rajhya Sabha (Karnatka)

Shri Ramvilas Paswan



- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Constituency: NA

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar



- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers
- Welfare Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Constituency: Morena, MP

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad



- Ministry of Law and Justice
- Ministry of Communications

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- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Constituency: Patna Sahib, BIHAR

Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal



- Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Constituency: Bathinda, PUNJAB

Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot



- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, MP

Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar



- Ministry of External Affairs

Constituency: NA

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'



- Ministry of Human Resource Development

Constituency: Haridwar, UK

Shri Arjun Munda



- Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Constituency: Khunti (Jharkhand)

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Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani



- Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Ministry of Textiles

Constituency: Amethi, UP

Dr. Harsh Vardhan



- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Ministry of Science and Technology
- Ministry of Earth Sciences

Constituency: Chandni Chowk, DELHI

Shri Prakash Javadekar



- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, MP

Shri Piyush Goyal



- Ministry of Railways
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, MAHARASHTRA

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan



- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- Ministry of Steel

Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, MP

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi



- Ministry of Minority Affairs
Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, JHARKHAND

Shri Pralhad Joshi



- Ministry of Parliamentary
• Affairs Ministry of Coal
• Ministry of Mines
Constituency: Dharwaad, KARNATKA

Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey



- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Constituency: Chandauli, UP

Shri Arvind Ganpat Sawant



- Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
Constituency: South Mumbai, MAHARASHTRA

Shri Giriraj Singh



- Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

Constituency: Begusarai, BIHAR

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat



- Ministry of Jal Shakti
Constituency: Jodhpur, RAJASTHAN

Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar



- Ministry of Labour and Employment
Constituency: Bareilly, UP

Shri Rao Inderjit Singh



- Ministry of Statistics and Programme
- Implementation Ministry of Planning
Constituency: Gurugram, HARYANA

Shri Shripad Yesso Naik



- Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)
Constituency: North Goa, GOA

Dr. Jitendra Singh



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- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
Constituency: Udhampur, J&K

Shri Kiren Rijju



- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Constituency: Arunachal West, ARUNACHAL PARDESH

Shri Prahalad Singh Patel



- Ministry of Culture
Constituency: Damoh, MP

Shri Raj Kumar Singh



- Ministry of Power
- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Constituency: Aarah, BIHAR

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri



- Ministry of Housing and Urban
- Affairs Ministry of Civil Aviation
Constituency: Lost from Amritsar

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya



- Ministry of Shipping
Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, GUJRAT

Ministers of State

Shri Shripad Yesso Naik



- Ministry of Defence
Constituency: North Goa, GOA

Dr. Jitendra Singh



- Prime Minister's Office
- Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- Department of Atomic Energy
- Department of Space
Constituency: Udhampur, J&K



Rijiju

- Ministry of Minority Affairs
Constituency: Arunachal West, ARUNACHAL PARDESH

Shri Prahalad Singh Patel



- Ministry of Tourism
Constituency: Damoh, MP

Shri Raj Kumar Singh



- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Constituency: Aarah, BIHAR

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Shri Hardeep Singh Puri



- Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Constituency: Lost from Amritsar

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya



- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, GUJRAT

Shri Faggansingh Kulaste



- Ministry of Steel
Constituency: Mandla, MP

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey



- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Constituency: Bauxer, BIHAR

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal



- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
Constituency: Bikaner, RAJASTHAN

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General (Retd.) V.K. Singh



- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Constituency: Gaziabad, UP

Shri Krishan Pal



- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Constituency: Faridabad, HARYANA

Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao



- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Constituency: Jaalna, MAHARASHTRA

Shri G. Kishan Reddy



- Ministry of Home Affairs
Constituency: Secundrabaad, TELANGNA

Shri Parshottam Rupala



- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Constituency: Rajhya Sabha , GUJRAT

Shri Ramdas Athawale



- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Constituency: Rajhya Sabha, MAHARASHTRA

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Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti



- Ministry of Rural Development

Constituency: Fatehpur, UP

Shri Babul Supriyo



- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Constituency: Asansol, WEST BENGAL

Shri Sanjeev Kumar Balyan



- Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

Constituency: Muzzafarnagar, UP

Shri Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao



- Ministry of Human Resource Development
- Ministry of Communications
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Constituency: Akola, MAHARASHTRA

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur



- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Constituency: Hamirpur, HIMACHAL PARDESH

Shri Angadi Suresh Channabasappa

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- Ministry of Railways
Constituency: Belgaon, KARNATKA

Shri Nityanand Rai



- Ministry of Home Affairs
Constituency: Ujiapur, BIHAR

Shri Rattan Lal Kataria



- Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Constituency: Ambala, HARYANA

Shri V. Muraleedharan



- Ministry of External Affairs
- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
Constituency: Rajya Sabha, KERLA

Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta



- Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Constituency: Sarguja, CHHATISHGARAH

Shri Som Parkash



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- Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Constituency: Hoshiarpur, PUNJAB

Shri Rameswar Teli



- Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Constituency: Dibrugarh, ASSAM

Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi



- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
Constituency: Balasor, ODISHA

Shri Kailash Choudhary



- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Constituency: Barmer, RAJSTHAN

Sushri Debasree Chaudhuri



- Ministry of Women and Child Development
Constituency: Raiganj, WEST BENGAL

List of Union Ministry Secretary

Department	Secretary
▪ Home Secretary	▪ Ajay Kumar Bhalla
▪ Defence Secretary	▪ Ajay Kumar
▪ Cabinet Secretary	▪ Rajeev Gauba

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▪ Secretary of Economic Affairs	▪ Atanu Chakrabirty
▪ Civil Aviation Secretary	▪ Pradeep Singh Kharola
▪ Foreign Secretary	▪ VK Gokhle
▪ Parlimentary Affairs Secretary	▪ R.S Shukla
▪ Textile Department Secretary	▪ Ravi Capoor
▪ Health Department Secretary	▪ Preeti Sudan
▪ Principal Secretary to PM	▪ Promod Kumar Mishra
▪ Joint Secretary to President	▪ Ajay Bhadoo
▪ Department of Telecommnucation Secretary	▪ Anshu Prakash
▪ Agriculture & Farmar Welfare Secretary	▪ Siobhan K. Pattanayak

PM, President and Vice President Foreign Visit List (1st Jan- 27th September) (Chapter-25)

Prime Minister

Visit of Prime Minister to the Republic of Korea (February 21-22, 2019)

President: Moon Jae-in

Capital: Seoul

Currency: South Korean won

Continent: Asia (East)

Visit of Prime Minister to Maldives and Sri Lanka (June 08-09, 2019)

Maldives:

Capital: Malé

Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa

President: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Continent: Asia (South)

Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee

Prime minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Continent: Asia (South)

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Visit of Prime Minister to Bishkek to attend the SCO Summit (June 13-14, 2019)

Kyrgyzstan:

Capital: Bishkek

Currency: Kyrgyzstani som

President: Sooronbay Jeenbekov

Continent: Asia (Central)

Visit of Prime Minister to Japan to attend G20 Summit (June 27-29, 2019)

Capital: Tokyo Trending

Currency: Japanese yen

Prime minister: Shinzō Abe

Continent: Asia (East)

State Visit of Prime Minister to Bhutan (August 17-18, 2019)

Capital: Thimphu

Prime minister: Lotay Tshering

Currency: Ngultrum

Continent: Asia (South)

Visit of Prime Minister to France, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain (August 22 - 26, 2019)

France:

Capital: Paris

President: Emmanuel Macron

Currencies: Euro, CFP franc

Continent: Europe (Western)

United Arab Emirates:

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham

Continent: Asia (Middle East)

Bahrain:

Capital: Manama

Currency: Bahraini dinar

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Continent: Asia (Middle East)

Visit of Prime Minister to Vladivostok, Russia (September 04-06, 2019)

Capital: Moscow

Currency: Russian ruble

President: Vladimir Putin

Continent: Europe (Eastern)

Visit of PM to US (UN, September 21-27 2019)

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Donald Trump

Currency: Dollar

President

State Visit of President to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile (March 25 - April 2, 2019)

Croatia:

Capital: Zagreb

Currency: Croatian kuna

President: Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović

Continent: Europe (Central and Southeast)

Bolivia:

Capital: Sucre

Currency: Bolivian boliviano

President: Evo Morales

Continent: South America

Chile:

Capital: Santiago

Currency: Chilean peso

President: Sebastian Pinera

Continent: South America

State Visit of the President of India to Benin, The Gambia and Guinea (July 28 -3 August 2019)

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Benin:

Capital: Porto-Novo

Currency: West African CFA franc

President: Patrice Talon

Continent: Africa (West)

Gambia:

Capital: Banjul

Currency: Gambian dalasi

President: Adama Barrow

Continent: Africa (West)

Guinea:

Capital: Conakry

Currency: Guinean franc

President: Alpha Conde

Continent: Africa (West)

Visit of President to Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia (September 9-17, 2019)

Iceland:

Capital: Reykjavík

Currency: Icelandic króna

President: Guðni Thorlacius Jóhannesson

Switzerland:

Currency: Swiss franc

Capital: Bern

President: Ueli Maurer

Continent: Europe (Central)

Slovenia:

Capital: Ljubljana

Currency: Euro

President: Borut Pahor

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Continent: Europe (Central)

Vice- President

Visit of Vice President to Paraguay and Costa Rica (March 05-09, 2019)

Paraguay:

Capital: Asunción Trending

Currency: Paraguayan guaraní

President: Mario Abdo Benítez

Continent: South America

Costa Rica:

Capital: San José

Currency: Costa Rican colón

President: Carlos Alvarado Quesada

Continent: Central American

Official Visit of Vice President to Vietnam (May 9-12, 2019)

Capital: Hanoi

Currency: Vietnamese dong

President: Nguyen Phu Trong

Continent: Asia (Southeast)

Visit of Vice President to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia (August 17-22, 2019)

Lithuania:

Capital: Vilnius

Currency: Euro

President: Gitanas Nausėda

Continent: Europe

Latvia:

Capital: Riga

Currency: Euro

President: Egils Levits

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Continent: Europe

Estonia:

Capital: Tallinn

Currency: Euro

President: Kersti Kaljulaid

Continent: Europe

PART -2 STATIC AWARENESS

Dam (Chapter-1)

Dam	River	State
Idukki Dam	Periyar	Kerala
Tehri Dam	Bhagirathi	Uttarakhand
Sardar Sarovar Dam	Narmada	Gujarat
Nagarjun Sagar Dam	Krishna	Telangana
Bhakra Dam	Satluj	Himachal Pradesh
Lakhwar Dam	Yamuna	Uttarakhand
Srisaïlam Dam	Krishna	Telangana
Pakal Dul Dam	Marusudar	J&K
Salal Dam	Chenab	J&K
Madupetty Dam	Palar	Kerala
Indira Sagar Dam	Narmada	Madhya Pradesh
Rihand Dam	Rihand	Uttar Pradesh
Pong Dam	Beas	Himachal Pradesh
Ranjit Sagar Dam	Ravi	Punjab
Baglihar Dam	Chenab	J&K
Supa Dam	Kali Nadi	Karnataka
Koteshwar Dam	Bhagi Rathi Nadi	Uttra Khand
Pillur Dam	Bhavani	Tamil Nadu
Parbati Dam	Parbati	himachal Pradesh
ukai Dam	Tapi Nadi	Gujarat
Chakra Dam	Chakra	Karnataka

MAJOR SEA PORTS (Chapter-2)

Major Sea Ports	Location
Kandla Port	Gujarat
Nhava Sheva Port	Maharashtra
Marmugao Port	Goa
Mangalore Port	Karnataka
Madras Port	Tamil Nadu
Cochin Port	Kerala
Visakhapatnam Port	Andhra Pradesh
Paradip Port	Odisha
Haldia Port	West Bengal
Mumbai Port	West Mumbai
Port Blair	Andaman Islands
Tuticorin Port	Tamil Nadu
Mundra Port	Gujarat
Ennore Port	Chennai

LAKES (Chapter-3)

Name of the State	Name of the Lake
▪ Andhra Pradesh	▪ Kolleru Lake
	▪ Pulicat Lake
▪ Assam	▪ Chandubi Lake
	▪ Chapanala Lake
	▪ Haflong Lake
	▪ Son Beel Lake
▪ Bihar	▪ Kanwar Lake
▪ Gujarat	▪ Hamirsar Lake
	▪ Kankaria Lake
	▪ Lakhota Lake
	▪ Sursagar Lake
	▪ Thol Lake
	▪ Vastrapur Lake
▪ Himachal Pradesh	▪ Brighu Lake
	▪ Dashair and Dhankar Lake
	▪ Kareri and Kumarwah lake
	▪ Khajjiar Lake
	▪ Macchial Lake

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manimahesh Lake ▪ Nako Lake ▪ Pandoh Lake ▪ Prashar Lake ▪ Renuka Lake ▪ Rewalsar Lake ▪ Seruvalsar and Manimahesh Lake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Haryana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Badkhal Lake ▪ Beauty lake ▪ Blue Bird Lake ▪ Brahma Sarovar ▪ Current lake ▪ Karna Lake ▪ Sannihit Sarovar ▪ Surajkund ▪ Tilyar Lake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jammu and Kashmir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dal Lake ▪ Manasbal Lake ▪ Mansar Lake ▪ Pangong Tso ▪ Sheshnag Lake ▪ Tso Moriri ▪ Wular Lake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karnataka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agara Lake ▪ Bellandur Lake ▪ Byrasandra Lake ▪ Hebbal Lake ▪ Kempambudhi Lake ▪ Lalbagh Lake ▪ Madiwala Lake ▪ Puttenahalli Lake ▪ Sankey Lake ▪ Ulsoor Lake ▪ Dalavai Lake ▪ Devanoor Lake ▪ Karanji lake ▪ Kukkarahalli lake ▪ Lingambudhi Lake ▪ Honnamana Kere ▪ Pampa Sarovar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kerala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ashtamudi Lake ▪ Kuttanad Lake ▪ Maanaanchira, Kozhikode ▪ Manakody Kayal ▪ Padinjarechira, Thrissur city ▪ Paravur Kayal ▪ Punnamada Lake

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shasthamkotta lake ▪ Vadakkechira, Thrissur city ▪ Vanchikulam, Thrissur ▪ Vellayani Lake ▪ Vembanad Lake
▪ Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bhoj Wetland ▪ Lower Lake ▪ Moti lake ▪ Sarang pani lake ▪ Shahpura lake ▪ Tawa Reservoir ▪ Upper Lake
▪ Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gorewada Lake ▪ Khindsi Lake ▪ Lonar Lake ▪ Mehrun Lake ▪ Pashan Lake ▪ Powai Lake ▪ Rankala Lake ▪ Salim Ali Lake ▪ Shivasagar lake ▪ Talao Pali ▪ Upvan Lake ▪ Venna Lake
▪ Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Umiam Lake
▪ Manipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loktak Lake
▪ Mizoram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Palak dil ▪ Tam Dil
▪ Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anshupa Lake ▪ Chilika Lake ▪ Kanjia lake
▪ Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Harike Lake ▪ Kanjli Lake ▪ Ropar Lake
▪ Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ana Sagar Lake ▪ Balsamand lake ▪ Dhebar Lake ▪ Jaisamand Lake ▪ Jal Mahal, Man Sagar lake ▪ Kaylana Lake ▪ Nakki Lake ▪ Pushkar Lake ▪ Rajsamand Lake ▪ Ramgarh Lake ▪ Talwara Lake

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sambhar Salt Lake ▪ Fateh Sagar Lake ▪ Rangsagar lake ▪ Uday sagar Lake
▪ Sikkim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gurudongmar Lake ▪ Khecheopalri Lake ▪ Lake Tsongmo ▪ Lake Cholamu
▪ Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alwal Cheruvu Lake ▪ Durgam Cheruvu (Secret Lake) ▪ Himayat Sagar ▪ Hussain Sagar ▪ Osman Sagar ▪ Safilguda Lake ▪ Saroornagar Lake ▪ Shamirpet Lake
▪ Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Berijam Lake ▪ Chembarambakkam Lake ▪ Kaliveli Lake ▪ Kaveripakkam Lake ▪ Kodaikanal Lake ▪ Ooty Lake ▪ Perumal Eri ▪ Red Hills Lake ▪ Sholavaram Lake ▪ Singanallur Lake ▪ Veeranam Lake
▪ Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amakhera Lake ▪ Barua Sagar Tal ▪ Belasagar Lake ▪ Bhadi Tal ▪ Chando Tal Lake ▪ Keetham Lake ▪ Nachan Tal ▪ Ramgarh Tal Lake ▪ Sheikha Jheel
▪ Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skeleton Lake (Roopkund Lake) ▪ Bhimtal Lake ▪ Dodital ▪ Nainital Lake ▪ Naukuchiatal ▪ Sat Tal
▪ West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debar Lake ▪ East Calcutta Wetlands ▪ Jore Pokhri ▪ Mirik Lake

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	▪ Rabindra Sarobar
	▪ Rasikbil
	▪ Santragachhi Lake
	▪ Senchal Lake

NATIONAL PARK (Chapter-4)

Name	State
1. Bandhavgarh National Park	Madhya Pradesh
2. Kanha National Park	Madhya Pradesh
3. Panna National Park	Madhya Pradesh
4. Pench National Park	Madhya Pradesh
5. Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary	Kerala
6. Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary	Kerala
7. Eravikulam National Park	Kerala
8. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary	Kerala
9. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary	Kerala
10. Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary	Rajasthan
11. Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary	Rajasthan
12. Keoladeo National Park	Rajasthan
13. Nagarhole National Park	Rajasthan
14. Ranthambore National Park	Rajasthan
15. Sambhar Wildlife Sanctuary	Rajasthan
16. Rajaji National Park	Uttarakhand
17. Corbett National Park	Uttarakhand
18. Manas National Park	Assam
19. Kaziranga National Park	Assam
20. Sanjay Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary	Maharashtra
21. Mahim Nature Park	Maharashtra
22. Dachigam National Park	J&K
23. Hemis High Altitude Park	J&K
24. Chilka Lake Bird Sanctuary	Odisha
25. Nandankanan Zoo	Odisha
26. Similipal National Park	Odisha
27. Bandipur National Park	Karnataka
28. Dandeli National Park	Karnataka
29. Dudhwa National Park	Uttar Pradesh
30. Gir National Park	Gujarat
31. Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary	Tamilnadu
32. Nagarjunasagar Wildlife Sanctuary	Telangana
33. Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary	Himachal Pradesh
34. Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary	Haryana (Gurgaon)
35. Sunderbans Tiger Reserve	West Bengal

STADIUM (Chapter-5)

Stadium Name	Location	Associated Sport Game
▪ Wankhede Stadium	▪ Mumbai, Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ HPCA Stadium	▪ Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Feroz Shah Kotla Ground	▪ Delhi	Cricket
▪ M.A. Chidambaram Stadium	▪ Chennai , Tamil Nadu	Cricket
▪ Eden Gardens	▪ Kolkata , West Bengal	Cricket
▪ Gymkhana Ground	▪ Mumbai , Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ Jscs Stadium	▪ Ranchi, Jharkhand	Cricket
▪ Khanderi Cricket Stadium	▪ Rajkot , Gujarat	Cricket
▪ Subrata Roy Sahara Stadium	▪ Pune , Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ Dr. D.Y. Patil Stadium	▪ Navi Mumbai , Maharashtra	Football & Cricket
▪ New Vca Stadium	▪ Nagpur, Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ Maharani Usharaje Trust Cricket Ground	▪ Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium	▪ Hyderabad , Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
▪ APCA-Vdca Stadium	▪ Visakhapatnam , Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Indira Gandhi Stadium	▪ Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Barkatullah Khan Stadium	▪ Jodhpur, Rajasthan	Cricket
▪ Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium	▪ Kochi, Kerala	Multipurpose
▪ IPCL Sport Complex	▪ Vadodara, Gujarat	Cricket
▪ K.D. Singh Babu Stadium	▪ Lucknow , Uttar Pradesh	Multipurpose
▪ Fatorda Stadium	▪ Margao, Goa	Football & Cricket
▪ Maulana Azad Stadium	▪ Jammu , Jammu & Kashmir	Cricket
▪ Indira Priyadarshini Stadium	▪ Visakhapatnam , Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Roop Singh Stadium	▪ Gwalior , Madhya Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Nahar Singh Stadium	▪ Faridabad, Haryana	Cricket
▪ Madhav Rao SC India Ground	▪ Rajkot, Gujarat	Cricket
▪ Sector 16 Stadium	▪ Chandigarh	Cricket
▪ Nehru Stadium	▪ Pune, Maharashtra	Cricket (Multipurpose)
▪ University Stadium	▪ Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Football (Multipurpose)
▪ Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium	▪ Delhi	Multipurpose
▪ Keenan Stadium	▪ Jamshedpur , Jharkhand	Cricket And Football

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▪ Sardar Patel Stadium	▪ Ahmedabad , Gujarat	Cricket
▪ Moti Bagh Stadium	▪ Vadodara , Gujarat	Cricket
▪ Sher-I-Kashmir Stadium	▪ Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir	Cricket
▪ Sawai Mani Singh Stadium	▪ Jaipur , Rajasthan	Cricket
▪ Gandhi Sports Complex Ground	▪ Amritsar , Punjab	Cricket
▪ Barabati Stadium	▪ Cuttack, Orissa	Cricket
▪ M. Chinnasawami Stadium	▪ Bangalore , Karnataka	Cricket
▪ Vca Ground	▪ Nagpur , Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium	▪ Hyderabad , Andhra Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Green Park Stadium	▪ Kanpur , Uttar Pradesh	Cricket
▪ Brabourne Stadium	▪ Mumbai , Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ Guru Gobind Singh Stadium	▪ Nanded, Maharashtra	Cricket
▪ Fort Maidan	▪ Palakkad, Kerala	Football
▪ Dilip Tirkey Stadium	▪ Ranchi, Jharkhand	Hockey
▪ Birsa Munda Stadium	▪ Ranchi, Jharkhand	Hockey
▪ Kalinga Stadium	▪ Bhuvaneshwar, Odisha	Hockey
▪ Mahindra Stadium	▪ Mumbai, Maharashtra	Hockey
▪ Dhyan Chand Astroturf	▪ Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Hockey
▪ Dadaji Kondadev Stadium	▪ Thane, Maharashtra	Football
▪ Guru Nanak Stadium	▪ Ludhiana, Punjab	Football

TEMPLE (Chapter-6)

S. No.	Temples	States
1.	▪ Kamakhya Temple	▪ Guwahati, Assam
2.	▪ Sukresvara temple	▪ Assam
3.	▪ Mahabalipuram Temple	▪ Tamil nadu
4.	▪ Meenakshi temple	▪ Madurai, Tamil Nadu
5.	▪ Brihadeeswarar Temple	▪ Tamil Nadu
6.	▪ Kanchipuram Temple	▪ Tamil Nadu
7.	▪ Srisailam Temple	▪ Andhra Pradesh
8.	▪ Tirupathi Temple	▪ Andhra Pradesh
9.	▪ Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple	▪ Kerala
10.	▪ Shabarimala ayyappa temple	▪ Kerala
11.	▪ Gomateshwra Temple	▪ Karnataka
12.	▪ Virupaksha Temple	▪ Bangalore (Karnataka)
13.	▪ Golden temple -	▪ Amritsar, Punjab

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14.	▪ Somnath temple	▪ Gujarat
15.	▪ Siddhivinayak Temple	▪ Maharashtra
16.	▪ Mahabodhi Temple	▪ Gaya, Bihar
17.	▪ Amarnath Temple	▪ Jammu & Kashmir
18.	▪ Markandeshwar Temple	▪ Haryana
19.	▪ Konark Sun Temple	▪ Odisha
20.	▪ Birla Mandir	▪ Jaipur

WEBSITES FOUNDER (Chapter-7)

Websites Name	Founders
Blogger	Evan Willam Belli
Email	Shiva Ayyadurai
Ebay	Pierre Omidyar
Facebook	Mark Zuckerberg
Flipkart	Sachin and Binny Bansal
Google	Larry Page & Sergey Brin
Gtalk	Richard Wah kan
Hi5	Ramu Yalamanchi
Hotmail	Sabeer Bhatia
Ibibo	Ashish Kashyap
Internet	Tim Berners Lee
Kosmix	Venky Harinarayan and Anand Rajaraman
Linkdin	Reid Hoffman, Allen Blue & Koonstantin Guericke
Mozilla Firefox	Dave Hyatt & Blake Ross
Myspace	Chris Dewolfe & Tom Anderson
Nimbuzz	Martin Smink & Evert Jaap Lugt
OLX	Alec Oxenford & Fabrice Grinda
Orkut	Buyukkokten
Opera	Jon Stephenson von Tetzchner & Geir Ivarsoy
Paypal	Max Levchin and Peter Thiel
Paytm	Vijay Shekhar Sharma
Rediffmail	Ajit Balakrishnan
Skype	Niklas Zennstrom, Janus Friis & Reid Hoffman
Twitter	Jack Dorsey & Dick Costolo
Yahoo	David Filo & Jerry Yang

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YouTube	Steve Chen, Chad Hurley & JawedKarim
WhatsApp	Laurel Kirtz
Wikipedia	Jimmy Wales
Wikileaks	Julian Assange
WordPress	Michel Valdrighi

LIST OF COUNTRIES, CAPITALS, CURRENCIES (Chapter-8)

List of Countries having Rupee/Rupiah as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
India	New Delhi	Rupee
Indonesia	Jakarta	Rupiah
Nepal	Kathmandu	Nepalese Rupee
Sri Lanka	Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte	Sri Lankan Rupee
Seychelles	Victoria	Seychellois Rupee
Pakistan	Islamabad	Pakistani Rupee
Maldives	Male	Maldivian Rufiyaa
Mauritius	Port Louis	Mauritian Rupee

List of Countries having Dinar/Dirham as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
Algeria	Algiers	Algerian Dinar
Bahrain	Manama	Bahraini Dinar
Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Dinar
Jordan	Amman	Jordanian Dinar
Kuwait	Kuwait City	Kuwaiti Dinar
Libya	Tripoli	Libyan Dinar
Macedonia	Skopje	Macedonian Denar
Serbia	Belgrade	Serbian Dinar
Tunisia	Tunis	Tunisian Dinar
UAE	Abu Dhabi	UAE Dirham

List of Countries having Euro as their Currency

Country	Capital	Country	Capital
Andorra	Andorra la Vella	Latvia	Riga
Austria	Vienna	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Belgium	Brussels	Malta	Valletta
Cyprus	Nicosia	Monaco	Monaco
Estonia	Tallinn	Montenegro	Podgorica
Finland	Helsinki	Netherlands	Amsterdam
France	Paris	Portugal	Lisbon
Germany	Berlin	San Marino	San Marino
Greece	Athens	Slovakia	Bratislava
Ireland	Reykjavik	Slovenia	Ljubljana
Italy	Rome	Spain	Madrid
Lithuania	Vilnius	Vatican City	Vatican City

List of Countries having Dollar as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
Antigua and Barbuda	Saint John's	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
Australia	Canberra	Australian Dollar
Bahamas	Nassau	Bahamian Dollar
Barbados	Bridgetown	Barbadian Dollar
Belize	Belmopan	Belize Dollar
Brunei	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Dollar
Bermuda	Hamilton	Bermudian Dollar
Canada	Ottawa	Canadian Dollar
Dominica	Roseau	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
Fiji	Suva	Fijian Dollar
Grenada	Saint George's	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
Guyana	Georgetown	Guyanese Dollar
Jamaica	Kingston	Jamaican dollar
Kiribati	Tarawa	Kiribati dollar
Liberia	Monrovia	Liberian dollar
Namibia	Windhoek	Namibian Dollar
Nauru	Yaren District	Australian Dollar
New Zealand	Wellington	New Zealand Dollar
Palau	Ngerulmud	United States Dollar
Panama	Panama City	United States Dollar

Singapore	Singapore	Singapore Dollar
Taiwan	Taipei	New Taiwan Dollar
Trinidad and Tobago	Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
Tuvalu	Funafuti	Australian dollar, Tuvaluan dollar
United States	Washington, D.C.	United States Dollar
Zimbabwe	Harare	Zimbabwe Dollar

Countries having Peso as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Argentine peso
Chile	Santiago	Chilean peso
Colombia	Bogotá	Colombian peso
Cuba	Havana	Cuban convertible peso
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Dominican peso
Mexico	Mexico City	Mexican peso
Philippines	Manila	Philippine peso
Uruguay	Montevideo	Uruguayan peso

Countries having Rial/Riyal as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Riel
Iran	Tehran	Rial
Oman	Muscat	Rial
Qatar	Doha	Riyal
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	Saudi Riyal

Countries having Pound as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
United Kingdom	Currency	Pound sterling
Egypt	Cairo	Egyptian pound
Lebanon	Beirut	Lebanese pound
South Sudan	Juba	South Sudanese pound
Sudan	Khartoum	Sudanese pound
Syria	Damascus	Syrian pound

Countries having Currency same as their Country name

Country	Capital	Currency
Afghanistan	Kabul	Afghan Afghani
Bangladesh	Dhaka	Bangladeshi taka
Georgia	Tbilisi	Georgian lari
Israel	Jerusalem	Israeli new shekel
Japan	Tokyo	Japanese yen
Kazakhstan	Astana	Kazakhstani Tenge
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstani Som
Laos	Vientiane	Lao kip
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysian ringgit
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian Togrog
Myanmar (Burma)	Naypyidaw	Burmese kyat
North Korea	Pyongyang	North Korean won
South Korea	Seoul	South Korean won
Tajikistan	Dushanbe	Tajikistani Somoni
Thailand	Bangkok	Thai baht
Turkey	Ankara	Turkish lira
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Turkmenistan Manat
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Uzbekistani Som
Nicaragua	Managua	Nicaraguan Cordoba
Bolivia	Sucre La Paz	Bolivian boliviano
Paraguay	Asunción	Paraguayan Guarani
Venezuela	Caracas	Venezuelan bolivar
Albania	Tirana	Albanian Lek
Belarus	Minsk	Belarusian Ruble
Bulgaria	Sofia	Bulgarian lev
Croatia	Zagreb	Croatian Kuna
Czech Republic	Prague	Czech koruna
Denmark	Copenhagen	Danish krone
Hungary	Budapest	Hungarian forint
Iceland	Reykjavik	Icelandic krona
Norway	Oslo	Norwegian krone
Poland	Warsaw	Polish zloty
Romania	Bucharest	Romanian Leu

Russia	Moscow	Russian Ruble
Sierra Leone	Freetown	Sierra Leonean Leone
Rwanda	Kigali	Rwandan Franc
Madagascar	Antananarivo	Malagasy Ariary
Kenya	Nairobi	Kenyan shilling
Ghana	Accra	Ghanaian cedi
Gambia	Banjul	Gambian dalasi
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Ethiopian birr
Angola	Luanda	Angolan kwanza

Countries having Different Currencies

Country	Capital	Currency
China	Beijing	Renminbi
Peru	Lima	Sol
Mozambique	Maputo	Metical
Mali	Bamako	West African CFA franc
Bhutan	Thimphu	Bhutanese ngultrum

IMPORTANT STOKE EXCHANGES IN WORLD (Chapter-9)

Stoke Exchange	Country
New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)	New York City, US
NASDAQ OMX	New York City, US
Tokyo Stock Exchange	Tokyo, Japan
London Stock Exchange	London, UK
Shanghai Stock Exchange	Shanghai, China
BM&F Bovespa	Sao Paul, Brazil
Deutsche Börse	Frankfurt, Germany
JSE Limited	Johannesburg, South Africa.
Borsa Italia	Milan, Italy
Montreal Exchange (MSE)	Montreal, Canada
Nordic: Baltic market (OMX)	Stockholm, Sweden
Bolsa de Madrid (Madrid Stock Exchange)	Madrid, Spain
Royal Securities Exchange of Bhutan	Bhutan
NIKKEI	Japan
National Stoke Exchange	India

CENSUS 2011 (Chapter-10)

1) The population of the country as per the provisional figures of Census 2011 is 1210.19 million of which 623.7 million (51.54%) are males & 586.46 million (48.46%) are females.

The major highlights of the Census 2011 (Provisional figures) are as under:

*The population of India has increased by more than 181 million during the decade 2001-2011.

2) %age growth in 2001-2011 is 17.64; males 17.19 & females 18.12.

3) *Uttar Pradesh (199.5 million) is the most populous State in the country followed by Maharashtra with 112 million.

Slogan	Our census, Our Future
India's 1st Census	1872
2011 Census is	15th Census
Total Population	1,21,01,93,422
India's Rank in population	2nd with 17.5% (1st China with 19%)
Most Populous State	Uttar Pradesh
Least Populous State	Sikkim
Most Literate State	Kerala (93.9%)
Least Literate State	Bihar (63.82%)
National Sex Ratio	Female : Male (940 : 1000)
Highest Sex Ratio (State)	Kerala (1084 : 1000)
Lowest Sex Ratio (State)	Haryana
Highest Sex Ratio (UT)	Puducherry
Least Sex Ratio (UT)	Damn & Dayyu (61 : 1000)
Literacy of Male	82.14%
Literacy of Female	65.46%
Population Growth Rate	17.64%
Highest fertility Rate	Meghalaya
Most literate union territory	Lakshadweep (92.2%)
Least literate Union Territory	Dadra Nagar & Haweli
Least literate Union Territory	Dadra Nagar & Haweli
Highest Density of Population	Bihar (1102 sq.km)
Lowest Density of Population	Arunachal Pradesh (17)
Total number of districts	640
Density of Population in India	382 sq. km
Increase in population (during 2001-2011)	181 million

REVOLUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE IN INDIA (Chapter-11)

Black Revolution	Petroleum Production
Blue Revolution	Fish Production
Brown Revolution	Leather/Non-conventional (India)/Cocoa production
Golden Fiber Revolution	Jute Production
Golden Revolution	Fruits/Overall Horticulture development/Honey Production
Green Revolution	Food grains
Grey Revolution	Fertilizer
Pink Revolution	Onion production/Pharmaceutical (India)/ Prawn production
Red Revolution	Meat & Tomato Production
Round Revolution	Potato
Silver Fiber Revolution	Cotton
Silver Revolution	Egg/Poultry Production
White Revolution (In India: Operation Flood)	Milk/Dairy production
Yellow Revolution	Oil Seeds production
Evergreen Revolution	Overall development of Agriculture

INTERNATIONAL BORDERS/BOUNDARY LINES (Chapter-12)

Borders/Boundary Lines	Between two Countries
Durand Line	Afghanistan & Pakistan
Hindenburg Line	Germany & Poland.
Mason-dixon Line	Line of demarcation between four states in the United States.
Mannerheim Line	Russia-Finland border.
Macmahon Line	India & China
Medicine Line	Canada & the United States
Order-neisse Line	Poland & Germany
Radcliffe Line	India & Pakistan.

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Siegfried Line	Germany on its border with France.
17th Parallel	North Vietnam & South Vietnam
26th Parallel south	Africa, Australia & South America
30TH PARALLEL	Equator & the North Pole
38th Parallel	Separates North Korea&South Korea.
42nd Parallel north	New York – Pennsylvania Border.
49th Parallel	USA&Canada

STATES FESTIVELS (Chapter-13)

State	Festival
Andhra Pradesh	Brahmotsavam, Ugadi or the Telugu New Year, Dasara, Sri Rama Navami, Deccan festival, Durga festival.
Arunachal Pradesh	Solung, Losar Festival, Murung, Reh, Mopin, Boori Boot, Monpa festival.
Assam	Ambubasi festival, Bohag Bihu, Baishagu festival, Majuli festival, Dehing Patkai festival, Pragjyothi dance festival.
Bihar	Bihula, Chhath Puja, Madhushravani, Rajgir Dance festival.
Goa	Fontainhas Festival of Art, sunburn festival, Ladainha, Mando Festival, Ghumot fest, Chikalkalo.
Gujarat	Kite Festival, Holi, Modhera Dance Festival, Saptak Music Festival.
Haryana	Baisakhi festival.
Jammu and Kashmir	Dosmuchey festival, Matho Narang, Gemis Festival, Galdan Namchot.
Jharkhand	Sarhul, Dansi, Karma, Hal Punhya, Rohin, Bandna.
Karnataka	Pattadakal Dance festival, Gudi Padwa.
Kerala	Onam, Nishagandhi festival, vaikathashtami festival.
Madhya Pradesh	Tejaji Fair, Khajuraho festival.
Maharashtra	Kalidas festival, Chikoo Utsav.
Manipur	Yaoshang, Chavang Kut.
Meghalaya	Nongkrem Dance Festival, Wangala Festival, Bob Dylan festival, Ahaia

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	festival.
Mizoram	ChapcharKut Festival
Nagaland	Hornbill Festival, Moatsu festival, Hornbill festival.
Odisha	Konark festival, International sand art festival.
Punjab	Lohri.
Rajasthan	Gangaur Festival, Bundi Utsav, Desert festival, Braj festival, Shekhawati festival, Matasya festival.
Sikkim	Saga Dawa
Tamil Nadu	Pongal, Thaiposam, Jallikattu festival, Natyanjali festival.
Telangana	Bonalu
Tripura	Kharchi Puja
Uttar Pradesh	Kumbh Mela, Ram Leela.
Uttarakhand	Ganga Dusshera
West Bengal	Durga Puja, Nandikar National Theatre festival.

International Organizations & Headquarter (Chapter-14)

International Organizations	Headquarter
United Nations Organization (UN)	New York, US
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	New York, US
United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA)	New York, US
United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD)	Geneva, Switzerland
World Health Organization (WHO)	Geneva, Switzerland
World Economic Forum	Geneva, Switzerland
International Labour Organisation (ILO)	Geneva, Switzerland
World Trade Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
World Meteorological Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland

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World Intellectual Property Organisation	Geneva, Switzerland
International Committee of the Red Cross	Geneva, Switzerland
United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)	Paris, France
Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD)	Paris, France
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)	Vienna, Austria
International Atomic Agency	Vienna, Austria
Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Vienna, Austria
Amnesty International	London, UK
International Maritime Organisation	London, UK
Commonwealth of Nations	London, UK
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	Kathmandu, Nepal
Association of South East Nations (ASEAN)	Jakarta, Indonesia
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	Singapore
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)	Brussels, Belgium
International Cricket Council (ICC)	Dubai, UAE
Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO)	Rome, Italy
International Court of Justice	The Hague, The Netherland
International Olympic Committee	Lausanne, Switzerland
The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)	Zurich, Switzerland

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)	The Hague, The Netherlands
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	Avenue du Mont-Blanc, Gland, Vaud, Switzerland
Asian Infrastructure	Beijing, China

Investment Bank (AIIB)	
New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank)	Shanghai, China
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Manila, Philippines
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Washington DC, US
World Bank	Washington DC, US

LIST OF IMPORTANT AIRPORTS IN INDIA (Chapter-15)

Airport	City	State/UT
Kempegowda International Airport	Bangalore	Karnataka
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Intl. Airport	Kolkata	West Bengal
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Hyderabad	Telangana
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
Chaudhary Charan Singh Intl. Airport	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Intl. Airport	Guwahati	Assam
Srinagar Airport	Srinagar	J&K
Biju Patnaik International Airport	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
Visakhapatnam Airport	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Intl. Airport	Nagpur	Maharashtra
Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Airport	Patna	Bihar
Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport	Amritsar	Punjab
Swami Vivekananda Airport	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
Bagdogra Airport	Bagdogra	West Bengal
Veer Savarkar International Airport	Port Blair	andaman&Nicobar Islands
Birsa Munda Airport	Ranchi	Jharkhand
Maharana Pratap Airport	Udaipur	Rajasthan
Raja Bhoj International Airport	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
Jolly Grant Airport	Dehradun	Uttrakhand

Rajahmundry Airport	Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh
Silchar Airport	Silchar	Assam
Lengpui Airport	Aizwal	Mizoram
Zaruki International Airport	Shillong	Meghalaya
Daporijo Airport	Daporijo	Arunachal Pradesh
Tezu Airport	Tezu	Arunachal Pradesh
Kandla Airport	Kandla	Gujarat
Sonari Airport	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand
Birsa Munda Airport	Ranchi	Jharkhand
Agatti Aerodrome	Agatti	Lakshadweep

FOLK DANCE (Chapter-16)

States/UT	Folk Dance
Jharkhand	Chhanu, Sarahul, Jat-Jatin, Karma, Danga, Bidesia, Sohrai.
Uttarakhand	Gadhwali, Kumayuni, Kajari, Jhora, Raslila, Chappeli.
Andhra Pradesh	Kuchipudi (Classical), Ghantamardala, (Ottam Thedal, Mohiniattam, Kummi, Siddhi, Madhuri, Chhadi.
Chhattisgarh	Goudi, Karma, Jhumar, Dagla, Pali, Tapali, Navrani, Diwari, Mundari.
Arunachal Pradesh	Mask dance (Mukhauta Nritya), War dance.
Himachal Pradesh	Jhora, Jhali, Chharhi, Dhaman, Chhapeli, Mahasu, Nati, Dangi, Chamba, Thali, Jhainta, Daf, Stick dance etc.
Goa	Mandi, Jhagor, Khol, Dakni etc.
Assam	Bihu, Bichhua, Natpuja, Maharas, Kaligopal, Bagurumba, Naga dance, Khel Gopal, Tabal Chongli, Canoe, Jhumura Hobjanai etc.
West Bengal	Kathi, Gambhira, Dhali, Jatra, Baul, Marasia, Mahal, Keertan etc.
Kerala	Kathakali (Classical), Ottam Thulal, Mohini-attam, Kaikottikali, Tappatikali, Kali Auttam.
Meghalaya	Laho, Baala etc.
Manipur	Manipuri (Classical), Rakhhal, Nat Rash, Maha Rash, Raukhat etc.
Nagaland	Chong, Khaiva, Lim, Nuralim etc.
Orissa	Odissi (Classical), Savari, Ghumara, Painka, Munari, Chhau, Chadya Dandanata etc.
Maharashtra	Lavani, Nakata, Koli, Lezim, Gafa, Dahikala Dasavtar or Bohada, Tamasha, Mauni, Powara, Gouricha etc.
Karnataka	Yakshagan, huttar, Suggi, Kunitha, Karga, Lambi
Gujarat	Garba, Dandiya Ras, Tippani Juriun, Bhavai.
Punjab	Bhagra, Giddha, Daff, Dhaman etc.

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Rajasthan	Ghumar, Chakri, Ganagor, Jhulan Leela, Jhuma, Suisini, Ghapal, Panihari, Ginad etc.
Mizoram	Khanatm, Pakhupila, Cherokan etc.
Jammu & Kashmir	Rauf, Hikar, Mandjas, kud Dandi nach, Damali.
Tamil Nadu	Bharatnatyam, Kumi, Kolattam, Kavadi,
Uttar Pradesh	Nautanki, Raslila, Kajri, Jhora, Chappeli, Jaita.
Bihar	Jata-Jatin, Bakho-Bakhain, Panwariya, Sama-Chakwa, Bidesia, Jatra etc.
Haryana	Jhumar, Phag Dance, Daph, Dhamal, Loor, Gugga, Khor, Gagor etc.

▶City—River—State◀ (Chapter-17)

- ◆ Agra—Yamuna—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Ahmedabad—Sabarmati—Gujarat
- ◆ Allahabad—At the confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Ayodhya—Saryu—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Badrinath—Alaknanda—Uttarakhand
- ◆ Banki—Mahanadi—Odisha
- ◆ Brahmapur—Rushikulya—Odisha
- ◆ Chhatrapur—Rushikulya—Odisha
- ◆ Bhagalpur—Ganga—Bihar
- ◆ Kolkata—Hugli—West Bengal
- ◆ Cuttack—Mahanadi—Odisha
- ◆ New Delhi—Yamuna—Delhi
- ◆ Dibrugarh—Brahmaputra—Assam
- ◆ Ferozpur—Sutlej—Punjab
- ◆ Guwahati—Brahmaputra—Assam
- ◆ Haridwar—Ganga—Uttarakhand
- ◆ Hyderabad—Musi—Telangana
- ◆ Jabalpur—Narmada—Madhya Pradesh
- ◆ Kanpur—Ganga—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Kota—Chambal—Rajasthan
- ◆ Kottayam—Meenachil—Kerala
- ◆ Jaunpur—Gomti—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Patna—Ganga—Bihar
- ◆ Rajahmundry—Godavari—Andhra Pradesh
- ◆ Srinagar—Jhelum—Jammu & Kashmir
- ◆ Surat—Tapi—Gujarat
- ◆ Tiruchirapalli—Kaveri—Tamil Nadu

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- ◆ Varanasi—Ganga—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Vijayawada—Krishna—Andhra Pradesh
- ◆ Vadodara—Vishwamitri—Gujarat
- ◆ Mathura—Yamuna—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Mirzapur—Ganga—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Auraiya—Yamuna—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Etawah—Yamuna—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Bangalore—Vrishabhavathi—Karnataka
- ◆ Farrukhabad—Ganga—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Fatehgarh—Ganga—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Kannauj—Ganga—Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Mangalore—Netravati, Gurupura—Karnataka
- ◆ Shimoga—Tunga River—Karnataka
- ◆ Bhadravathi—Bhadra—Karnataka
- ◆ Hospet—Tungabhadra—Karnataka
- ◆ Karwar—Kali—Karnataka
- ◆ Bagalkot—Ghataprabha—Karnataka
- ◆ Honnavar—Sharavathi—Karnataka
- ◆ Gwalior—Chambal—Madhya Pradesh
- ◆ Gorakhpur—Rapti—Uttar Pradesh
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