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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **1. US ends special trade treatment for India amid tariff dispute**

India had been the largest beneficiary of a scheme that allows some goods to enter the US duty-free. (protectionism)

### **2. Jay-Z Named World's 1st Billionaire Rapper By Forbes Magazine**

### **3. Indian retail tycoon becomes UAE's first permanent expat resident**

-Abu Dhabi-based Indian retail tycoon MA Yusuff Ali has become the first expat to get the UAE's first gold card permanent residency.

### **4. Russia Launches 1st Arctic Train Service**

In Russia, the first tourist train traveling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway set off from St. Petersburg station with 91 passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey. The train is named, Zarengold.

### **5. Canada To Ban Single Use Plastics From 2021**

-Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau declared it a global challenge to phase out the plastic bags, straws and cutlery clogging the world's oceans. Each year a million birds and more than 100,000 marine mammals worldwide suffer injury or death by becoming entangled in plastic or ingesting it through the food chain.

**6. The UAE has become the first country in the Gulf to launch 'goAML',**- a new anti money laundering reporting platform developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to curb organised crimes. All financial entities and Designated Non Financial Businesses or Professions have to register on 'goAML'.

### **7. Saudi Arabia becomes 1st Arab country to be granted full FATF membership**

-It becomes the 39th member of FATF (Financial Action Task Force ( FATF, established in 1989 is headquartered at Paris, France is responsible for issuing international standards, policies and best practices to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation.)

## NATIONAL NEWS

### **1. PM Modi hikes National Defence Fund scholarship assistance**

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved changes to the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for wards (children) of deceased (died) defense personnel under the National Defence Fund. The quota of new scholarships for children of state police officials will be 500 in a year. The rates of scholarship have also been increased from Rs. 2000 per month to Rs. 2500 per month for boys and from Rs. 2250 per month to Rs. 3000 per month for girls.

- Under the scheme, every year new scholarships are given for 5500 wards of armed forces controlled by Ministry of Defence, for 2000 wards of paramilitary forces controlled by Ministry of Home Affairs and for 150 wards of forces controlled by Ministry of Railways.

**2. Assam government has waived admission fees for students taking admission up to Post Graduate level whose parental income is less than 2 lakh rupees per year.**

**3. 25-year-old engineering graduate from Odisha Chandrani Murmu became the youngest MP in India's history (17th Lok Sabha) -She belongs to Biju Janata Dal (BJD).**

(Odisha has a total of seven women MPs, making it the first state ever to have 33 percent or the largest share of women MPs of its total of 21 seats.)

#### **4. Tripura to host 10th National Science Film Festival of India in 2020**

#### **5. MP Cabinet passes resolution to increase reservation for OBCs to 27%**

-Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has passed a resolution to increase reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from existing 14% to 27%.

- The move will lead to the reservation in the state breaching the Supreme Court-mandated 50 percent cap to reach 63 percent. If implemented, Madhya Pradesh will become the only state in the country to have a 27% quota for OBCs.

#### **6. L&T Financial Services Launches 'Digital Sakhi' in Tamil Nadu**

- 'Digital Sakhi' is an educational programme aimed at digital financial inclusion of rural women. It was launched in two villages of Villupuram district in Tamil Nadu.

- LTFS in association with Sri Aurobindo Society will train and develop a team of 100 rural women (Digital Sakhis) as digital enablers, who in turn, will train about 40,000 others in using digital modes of payments.

#### **7. Delhi Metro Becomes India's 1st Project To Receive Power generated From Waste-To-Energy plant.**

-It has started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.

#### **8. All States Can Now Constitute Foreigners Tribunals**

-The Ministry Of Home Affairs (MHA) has amended the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, and has empowered district magistrates in all States and Union Territories to set up tribunals to decide whether a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or not. Earlier, the powers to constitute tribunals were vested only with the Centre.

#### **9. Cyclonic Storm 'VAYU'**

It was a strong tropical cyclone that caused moderate damage in India during June 2019. It was the strongest tropical cyclone to affect the Saurashtra (Gujarat) peninsula of northwestern India in 21 years.

#### **10. Japan To Invest Rs13,000 cr In Northeast**

- This was disclosed after a meeting which the DoNER Minister Dr Jitendra Singh had with the Japanese delegation led by Ambassador Mr Kenji Hiramatsu.

#### **11. India accounts for 12% of the world's internet users**

- China has the largest base, accounting for 21% of all internet users globally, and the US comes third at 8%.

#### **12. New app to help students wishing to study in the U.S.**

-The U.S. Embassy organised its fifth annual 'Student Visa Day' and launched 'EducationUSA India'. It is a mobile application to provide Indian students with "current, comprehensive and accurate information about studying in the U.S.". It was launched by the Embassy in collaboration with the United States-India Educational Foundation.

**13. HCL to roll out "Tech Bee" programme-** a company initiative under which it trains and hires students who have completed XII th standard, across several states. Enrolled students are paid stipend of Rs 10,000 per month.

( HCL Technologies Limited is an Indian Multinational informational technology service and consulting company.)

#### **14. Government Reduces the Rate of ESI Contribution from 6.5% to 4%**

ESI - Employees' State Insurance scheme

### **15. 1st session of 17th Lok Sabha has begun**

First session of 17th Lok Sabha has started. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the first MP to take oath in the 17th Lok Sabha. All the members will be administered the oath by the protem Speaker Virendra Kumar.

### **16. Assam govt to set up Skill University at Darrang district ( cost 850 crore)**

-This will be perhaps the first skill university of the country with a capacity of 10 thousand seats.

**17. Deputy Prime Minister of Russia 'Yury Trutnev' Visits India** and addressed a gathering of businesspersons and industrialist in Mumbai and invited Indian Investments in the Russian Far East.

### **18. Unemployed Graduates To Get Up To Rs 3,500 In Rajasthan**

-Unemployed youth having graduation or equivalent degree will be given unemployment allowance by Rajasthan government.

-Male applicants will get Rs 3,000/month, while the women and differently-abled will get Rs 3,500/month under Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana . The applicants must be natives of Rajasthan and the amount will be given for two years or until they get employed.

### **19. Himachal Pradesh makes GPS device must for trekkers**

The Himachal Pradesh government makes mandatory for trekkers to carry a GPS device so that they can be provided all possible help in case of any emergency.

( -Kullu and Dalhousie have been identified for installation of early warning system.

-Rampur and Mandi towns have been zeroed in for setting up the relief and rescue base of National Disaster Response Force.)

### **20. NCERT organises National Yoga Olympiad of school children in New Delhi**

### **21. 35000 km of highways to be built by 2022 under 'Bharatmala Project'**

( Also under the 'Sagarmala Project', a network of good quality roads are to be constructed in coastal areas and areas adjoining ports.)

### **22. Telangana CM inaugurates Kaleshwaram project**

The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project is one of the world's largest multi stage and multi purpose lift irrigation scheme in Jayashankar-Bhupalapally district of Telangana.

### **23. Namma Kolhapuri chappal gets GI (Geographical indication ) tag Intellectual Property India.**

-The approval for GI tag was jointly received by Karnataka and Maharashtra.

- These leather chappals are hand-crafted and tanned using vegetable dyes. The art of making them is passed down one generation to another.

### **24. India has opened its first specialised hydrotherapy treatment for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.**

**25. Japan gifts Manipur a "Peace Museum"** which is built on the memories of one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War. The inauguration of the Imphal Peace Museum at Red Hill, about 20 km southwest of Manipur's capital Imphal, marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal ( 26 july 1944).

### **26. Samagra Shiksha - Self Defence Training for Girls in Schools by MHRD**

-Self Defence training will be imparted to girls of class VI to XII belonging to Government Schools to ensure their safety and security.

### **27. Mata Vaishno Devi shrine to get disaster response force by September,2020**

### **28. Maharaja Ranjit Singh honoured on his 180th death anniversary**

-A statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the legendary ruler of Punjab, was unveiled at the Lahore Fort on his 180th death anniversary. Around 500 people crossed the Wagah border to attend the unveiling event.

### **29. The Department of Higher Education of HRD Ministry has finalized and released a five year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP).**

### **30. Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announces Rs 5 lakh annual health assistance to 'loktantra senanis'**

- "Loktantra senanis" are those people who were imprisoned during the 1975-77Emergency under preventive detention laws.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. CAG Rajiv Mehrishi chosen External Auditor for WHO**

The election was held in the 72nd WHO Assembly in Geneva where the Indian CAG Rajiv Mehrishi was elected with a majority (90 out of 162 votes) in the first round of voting itself. ( Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.)

### **2. Renowned scientist and cyclone warning specialist ('Cyclone Man' ) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD).**

### **3. Ajit Doval Stays As NSA, Gets Cabinet Rank With 5-Year Term**

Ajit Doval has been granted cabinet status and five more years as the National Security Adviser (NSA). He has been given cabinet rank in recognition of his contribution in the national security domain. Ajit Doval has been granted cabinet status and five more years as the National Security Adviser (NSA).

11. Satish Chandra Verma is new Advocate General of Chhatisgarh

### **4. Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel Takes Oath As New CJ Of Delhi High Court**

### **5. Azim Premji To Retire As Executive Chairman of Wipro in July**

- His son Rishad Premji will replace him.

### **6. Sharad Kumar named interim Vigilance Commissioner as current (CVC) K V Chowdary completed his tenure at Central Vigilance Commission.**

### **7. I V Subba Rao to continue as secretary to vice president M Venkaiah Naidu.**

### **8. BJP MP Virendra Kumar to be pro-tem speaker of Lok Sabha**

-Virendra Kumar, a seven-term member of Parliament will be the pro-tem speaker of the Lok Sabha. As pro-tem speaker, he will preside over the first sitting of the Lok Sabha and administer the oath of office to the newly elected MPs.

**9. Nripendra Misra and PK Mishra were re-appointed as Principal Secretary and Additional Principal Secretary, respectively, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Cabinet minister rank.**

**10. British consumer goods giant Reckitt Benckiser named PepsiCo executive Laxman Narasimhan to succeed Rakesh Kapoor as chief executive officer.**

**11. RBI's new executive director - Dr. Rabi N. Mishra**

**12. Om Birla Elected As 17th Lok Sabha Speaker**

-Om Birla, a two-time Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member of Parliament (MP) from Rajasthan, is set to be unanimously elected as the 17th Lok Sabha Speaker.

- Om Birla was elected to the 17th Lok Sabha from the Kota-Bundi constituency, Rajasthan.. ( Sumitra Mahajan was 16th Lok Sabha Speaker.)

**13. World Archery appointed Abhinav Bindra as an independent person to sort out the ongoing mess in the Archery Association of India (AAI).** AAI violated the constitution by unanimously electing two parallel bodies in Chandigarh and New Delhi.

**14. Shefali Juneja appointed India's representative to ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation).**

Headquarters of ICAO- Montreal, Canada.

**15. Amitabh Kant gets two year extension as NITI Aayog CEO.**

**16. ACC appoints New heads for the country's premier spy agencies IB & RAW**

-Arvind Kumar will head the Intelligence Bureau, the main internal intelligence unit of the government. He will succeed Rajiv Jain.

-Samant Goel will take charge of the RAW, which looks after the external intelligence of the country. He will succeed Anil Dhasmana.

( Prime Minister is the head of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet /ACC.)

**17. Krishnaswamy Natarajan to be the new director general of Indian Coast Guard**

**18. Ann Sarnoff becomes the first female CEO of Warner Bros (US entertainment company)**

**19. Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra has been elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee.** He secured 58 votes out of 62. He is the first Indian to have this distinction.

**20. Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya sworn in as Governor of Manipur.**

-The Nagaland Governor Acharya will serve as Governor of Manipur as an additional charge during the absence, on leave, of Dr Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur.

**21. Exporters body, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has elected Sharad Kumar Saraf as its new president.**

**22. Indian-origin Anita Bhatia appointed UN Deputy Executive Director for UN women**

**23. RBI approves appointment of Rakesh Makhija as chairman of Axis Bank**

**24. In Slovakia, anti-corruption campaigner Zuzana Caputova was sworn in as country's first female president**

**25. Nayib Bukele sworn in as president of El Salvador**

**26. Military Government Chief Prayuth Chan-ocha Elected Thailand's PM**

**27. Lt General Faiz Hameed Appointed Pakistan ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) Chief**

**28. Qu Dongyu becomes first chinese to head FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of UN)**

**29. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani elected as the president of Mauritania (country in Africa) .**

-Capital of Mauritania is Nouakchott.

## **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

**1. Ex-President Pratibha Patil Awarded With Mexico's Highest Civilian Award for foreigners**

-The ambassador of Mexico to India, Melba Pria, presented "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle) to Mrs Patil.

**2. WHO award for Rajasthan Health Department**

The World Health Organization has selected the Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department for its award this year in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.

**3. 2019 Global Leadership Award recipients :**

-Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai

-Nasdaq president Adena Friedman

-Award is given by Washington-based US-India Business Council (USIBC) in recognition of the two companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.

**4. Malayalam Actor Sheela J.C. Honoured With J.C. Daniel Award the highest honour in Malayalam cinema.** She is only the second woman to get it, after Aranmula Ponnamma in 2005.

**5. 44th Matri Shree Media Awards given to Twenty-nine journalists and a social activist** ( names of awardee are not important)

( The Matri Shree Media Awards was constituted during the Emergency to felicitate people for their contribution towards journalism. The first award was presented to journalist Lala Jagat Narayan.)

**6. Suman Rao from Rajasthan Crowned Miss India 2019**

**7. Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun) have become the first Indian film to won 'Outstanding Artistic Achievement' award at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Shanghai International Film Festival.** ( The film is directed by Bijukumar Damodaran.)

**8. The Tribune's reporter Rachna Khaira wins the 'Journalist of the Year' RedInk Award**



**9. India born Priya Serrao has won the Miss Universe Australia title for 2019.**

**10. IIT Kanpur honours India's chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand with honorary doctorate**

(Former President APJ Abdul Kalam and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh are past recipients of the honour.)

11. Maldives to confer its highest award 'Nishan Izzuddin' on PM Modi

**12. Amitav Ghosh becomes the first English writer to get Jnanpith award**

Renowned author Amitav Ghosh was awarded the 54th Jnanpith Award for his contribution to the enrichment of Indian Literature in English.

( Jnanpith Award is an Indian Literary Award presented to an author for his outstanding contribution towards literature. The award consists of a shawl, citation, statue of goddess Saraswati and Rs 11 lakh.)

**13. Priyanka Chopra to be honoured with a humanitarian award by UNICEF**

-Priyanka Chopra, a global UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights is going to be honoured with 'Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award' by UNICEF at the UNICEF SNOWFLAKE BALL.

( UNICEF: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund  
Headquarter: New York, USA, Founded on 11th Dec 1946)

**14. JNU to confer alumni award to Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar**

-Ms. Sitharaman had completed her MA and M Phil degrees while Mr. Jaishankar completed his M Phil and doctoral research form JNU.

( -S Jaishankar is the current Minister of External Affairs.

-Nirmala Sitharaman is the Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs. She is Rajya Sabha MP from Andhra Pradesh.)

**15. Akshaya Patra wins BBC award**

-Akshaya Patra, a non-profit organization, has been awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award. It runs one of the world's largest school meals project in India.

**16. Nitesh Kumar Jangir , an Indian engineer wins Innovation Award in UK**

-Nitesh Kumar Jangir created Saans, a breathing support device to tackle avoidable deaths of premature babies from respiratory distress syndrome.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

**1. Telangana Formation Day: 02nd June**

**2. World Milk Day: 01st June** ( Theme - "Drink Milk: Today & Everyday." )

**3. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 4th June**

**4. World Bicycle Day: 03rd June**

**5. World Environment Day: 5th June** ( Theme - 'Beat Air Pollution'.)

**6. International Day For The Fight Against Illegal, Unreported And Unregulated Fishing: 5 June**

**7. World Food Safety Day: 7 June** ( Theme - 'Food Safety, Everyone's Business'. )

**8. World Oceans Day: 8th June**

Theme- 'Gender and the Ocean'.

**9. World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June**

Theme - *Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams!*

**10. World Blood Donor Day: 14th June**

The host country for World Blood Donor Day 2019 is Rwanda.

**11. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15th June**

**12. World Day to Combat Desertification- 17 June**

**13. Autistic Pride Day: 18th June**

**14. Sustainable Gastronomy Day: 18 June**

**15. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict- 19th June**

**16. World Refugee Day: 20 June**

Theme - Step With Refugees — Take A Step on World Refugee Day

**17. International Day of Yoga: 21 June**

-This is the 5th Edition of International Day of Yoga.

- Theme: Yoga for Climate Action

( On 11 December 2014, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga.)

**18. World Music Day: 21 June**

**19. United Nations Public Service Day: 23 June**

**20. International Widow's Day: 23 June**

**21. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: 26 June**

- Theme: Health for Justice, Justice for Health.

**22. Day of the Seafarer: 25 June**

**23. Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises Day: 27 June**

**24. International Day of the Tropics : 29 June**

**25. Statistics Day: 29 June**

## **OBITUARIES / DEATHS**

**1. Actor-Singer Ruma Guha Thakurta Passes Away**

-Ruma was the first wife of actor-singer Kishore Kumar.

**2. Veteran Comedian And Theatre Actor Dinyar Contractor Passes Away**

**3. Champions League football Architect Lennart Johansson Passes Away**

-He oversaw the introduction of the Champions League in football.

**4. Six-Time Grammy-Winning Musician Dr John Passes Away**

**5. Noted Playwright, Actor and Filmmaker, Girish Karnad Passes Away**

**6. Tamil writer, comedian and actor, Crazy Mohan passed away**

**7. Former Puducherry Chief Minister, R V Janakiraman passed away**

**8. Poet, lyricist Pazhavila Ramesan passes away**

**9. Former BJP MP and senior journalist Rajnath Singh Surya passes away**

**10. Former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsy passes away**

**11. Goa freedom fighter Mohan Ranade passes away**

- Mohan Ranade was a member of the Azad Gomantak Dal, a group of revolutionaries who believed in the doctrine of armed attacks against the Portuguese colonial rule and participated in ambushes on several Portuguese installations in Goa.

**12. Actor- filmmaker Vijaya Nirmala passes away**

**13. Eminent Gandhian Jharna Dhara Chowdhury (Bangladeshi social activist) Passes Away**

-She was secretary of the Gandhi Ashram Trust in Jayag, Noakhali, Bangladesh.

- She devoted her whole life to promoting peace, communal harmony and social justice. In recognition of her work, she was honored with Padma Shri in 2013. She was awarded Jamnalal Bajaj award in 1998.

**14. Malayalam director Babu Narayanan passes away**

**15. Telugu story writer and the Sahitya Akademi award winner Abburi Chaya Devi passes away**

**16. Former Bengal cricketer Shyam Sundar Mitra passes away.**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**1. Football : Liverpool beat Tottenham Hotspur to win Champions League trophy**

**2. Indian Jr. Women's Hockey Team Clinched Cantor Fitzgerald U21 4-Nations title after beating Ireland 1-0 in the final at Dublin, Ireland.**

-With three goals in four games, Mumtaz Khan finished as the highest goal scorer of the tournament.

**3. Sidharth Rawat defeated Rio Noguchi of Japan to clinch his maiden title in the \$25,000 ITF men's Futures tennis tournament. The tournament was held in Thailand.**

**4. Sunil Chhetri Becomes Most Capped India Player**

-Sunil Chhetri became the most capped India player by surpassing Bhaichung Bhutia's 107 international matches.

( in sports, a cap is a metaphorical term for a player's appearance in a game at international level.)

#### **5. 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup Starts In France (8th edition)**

-The Championship will be held in nine cities across France.

( it is first time, France is hosting the tournament.)

#### **6. Novak Djokovic Tops ATP Rankings**

Serbia's Novak Djokovic has topped in the recently released ATP Rankings. Rafael Nadal who has recently won the 12th Roland Garros title is at 2nd position.

#### **7. Cancer-hit Malaysian Badminton star Lee Chong Wei announces his retirement**

#### **8. FIH Series Finals: India beat South Africa 5-1 in title clash at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar**

#### **9. Joshna Chinappa wins record 17th National Title in Squash**

#### **10. Gary Woodland won the 119th US Open (golf)**

**11. Afghanistan leg spinner Rashid Khan becomes most expensive bowler in World Cup history** as he recorded the worst bowling figures in a ICC World Cup Match after conceding 110 runs in 9 overs against England.

( The International Cricket Council is the global governing body for cricket.

ICC Chief Executive: Manu Sahney, Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.)

#### **12. Pankaj Advani clinches men's Asian Snooker Championship**

**13. IOC lifts (removed) sanctions imposed on India to host international sporting events.** The sanctions were imposed on India when Pakistani shooters were not issued visas for the World Cup held in Delhi in February 2019.

( Japan's capital Tokyo will host 2020 Summer Olympics from 24 July to 9 August 2020.)

**14. India's gymnast Pranati Nayak has won a bronze medal in the vault event at the Senior Asian Artistic Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**

#### **15. The spanish footballer Fernando Torres retires from football**

#### **16. Ashleigh Barty of Australia becomes world No.1 women tennis player**

**17. Indian women's hockey team defeats Japan in FIH Series Finals held in Japan.**

-The best player title was clinched by Rani Rampal.

#### **18. IOC (International Olympic Committee ) opens new headquarters in Switzerland**

**19. Former England batsman Marcus Trescothick is to retire from professional cricket.**

#### **20. Virat Kohli becomes the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs**

He took just 417 innings to reach the milestone and bettered the time taken by legends such as Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara.

### **21. Yuvraj Singh Announces Retirement From International Cricket**

He played 40 Tests, 304 ODIs and 58 T20Is for India. He put together 1900 runs in test cricket, and 8701 in the one-dayers.

### **22. French Open (also known as Roland Garros) 2019 Concludes**

-French Open is a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts. - Rafael Nadal was the defending champion in the Men's Singles and won his 12th French Open title. -Ashleigh Barty of Australia won the Women's Singles Category after defeating Marketa Vondrousova.

### **23. Japan defeated Mexico In the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Men's Hockey Series Finals match played at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.**

### **24. IAAF To Be Renamed World Athletics**

**25. Annu Rani won the women's javelin bronze in the 58th Ostrava Golden Spike athletics meet**, an IAAF World Challenge event at CZECH Republic.  
( Annu Rani is a Javelin thrower from Uttar Pradesh.)

## **ECONOMY AND BANKING**

### **1. Financial Literacy Week June 3-7**

Theme - "Farmers" and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system. Financial Literacy Week is an initiative of RBI to promote awareness of key topics every year through a focused campaign.

### **2. ONGC surpasses IOC to regain most profitable public sector company.**

### **3. In its Global Economic Prospects report , World Bank Retains Growth Forecast For Indian Economy At 7.5% for the current financial Year 2019/20.**

### **4. India's TCS Now Has Higher Market Value Than IBM at \$120.5 bn**

-India's largest software services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has surpassed US technology giant IBM in terms of market capitalisation.

### **5. Facebook launches cryptocurrency (a digital currency ) "Libra"**

### **6. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of the Indiabulls Housing Finance and Lakshmi Vilas Bank.**

### **7. RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya resigns six months before the scheduled end of his term**

### **8. RBI launches Complaint Management System**

-The Complaint Management System (CMS) is a software application launched by Reserve Bank of India on its website. It will be used for lodging complaints against banks and NBFCs with a view to improve customer experience in timely redressal of grievances. Customers can lodge complaints against any regulated entity on the platform. These complaints will be directed to the appropriate office of the Ombudsman/Regional Office of the RBI.

### **9. Rating agencies will now have to disclose the probability of defaults: SEBI**

### **10. Govt cuts interest rate on small savings schemes: new interest rates are**

-Kisan Vikas Patra (7.6%), Public Provident Fund (7.9%), Sukanya Samridhi Account (8.4%).

## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

**1. Anupam Kher pens his autobiography: "Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly"**

**2. Meenakshi Lekhi's first novel: The New Delhi Conspiracy**

**3. "Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge"- by Ashis Ray**

## **SCIENCE**

**1. The Indian Space Research Organisation has distributed 250 NavIC Messaging Receivers to fishermen of Kerala on a trial basis.**

- The device will provide Emergency Warning Alerts like cyclone, high waves and Tsunami and also provides information on Potential Fishing Zone and International boundary crossing based on the position information from NavIC.  
( ISRO Director: K Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru, Established in: 1969.)

**2. NASA's First Astrobee Robot "Bumble" Starts Flying in Space**

-Astrobee is a free-flying robot system that will help researchers test new technologies in zero gravity and perform routine work alongside astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Astrobee robots can move in any direction and turn on any axis in space.  
( NASA was Founded on 29 July 1958 with its Headquarters at Washington)

**3. DU scientists discover frog in Assam and name it after Northeast**

-The new species has been named 'aishani', derived from the Sanskrit word 'aishani' or aisani meaning Northeast.

**4. ISRO opens its laboratories for Indian school students**

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has, for the first time, opened its laboratories for Indian school students to undergo two-week training from this year.  
-The training module has been devised as part of its new Young Scientists Programme, or Yuva Vigyanik Karyakram, YUVIKA.

**5. World's Highest Weather Stations Installed Atop Mount Everest**

A team of Tribhuvan University Nepal and National Geographic Society scientists and researchers have installed the world's highest, fully automated weather stations atop Mount Everest.

-It will provide researchers, climbers and public with near real time information about mountain conditions.

-The stations installed will also help in understanding climate change .

(National Geographic Society is a US based non profit scientific and educational organization )

**6. WHO offers a new tool for action against antimicrobial resistance**

-WHO offers a new tool "AWaRe" to contain rising antimicrobial resistance and make antibiotic use safer and more effective.

-AWaRe classifies antibiotics into three groups:

a."Access" specifies which antibiotics to use for the most common and serious infections.

b."Watch" specifies which ones should be available at all times in the healthcare system.

c."Reserve" are those that must be used sparingly or preserved and used only as a last resort.

## DEFENCE

### **1. India Test Fires Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile From Chandipur in Odisha**

( Described as the world's fastest supersonic cruise missile with high rate of precision and accuracy, BrahMos can be fired from land, sea and air. )

### **2. Indian Navy launched Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman to reassure Indian flagged vessels safe transit through the area.**

-INS Chennai and INS Sunayna have been deployed in the region to undertake maritime security operations. In addition, aerial surveillance in the area is also being done by IN aircraft.

### **3. India successfully test fires HSTDV**

-India successfully conducted a first test flight of the indigenously (DRDO) developed Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) from a base off the Odisha coast. The only other countries that possess this technology are the US, Russia, and China.

-The HSTDV is an unmanned scramjet (allowing supersonic combustion) demonstration vehicle that can cruise up to a speed of Mach 6 (or six times the speed of sound) and rise up to an altitude of 32 km in 20 seconds. It has a range of uses, including missiles of the future, and energy-efficient, low cost and reusable satellite-launch vehicle.

### **4. Diamond Jubilee of the Oldest Naval Air Squadron**

Indian Navy's first Naval Air Squadron 550 celebrated its Diamond Jubilee at naval base Kochi after Completing 60 glorious years of yeoman service to the nation.

## SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

### **1. 14th Summit of 'Organisation of Islamic Cooperation' Held In Mecca, Saudi Arabia**

It was hosted by Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

### **2. '2nd Global Disability Summit' Held In Buenos Aires, Argentina**

The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot.

( The '1st Global Disability Summit' was held in London in July 2018.)

### **3. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Attends G20 meeting of Finance Ministers' and central bank governors in Japan (at Fukuoka)**

( Saudi Arabia will host the G20 summit in November 2020. )

### **4. G-20 summit held in Osaka, Japan.**

-The theme of the summit is Human centred future society.

-The 2019 G20 Osaka summit was the fourteenth meeting of the G20, a forum of 19 countries and the EU that together represent most of the world economy. It was held on 28-29 June 2019 at the International Exhibition Center in Osaka. **It was the first G20 summit to be hosted by Japan.**

- PM Narendra Modi represented India in the summit.

( The next G20 Summit will be hosted by Saudi Arabia in November 2020.)

### **5. India grants \$15mn to Niger for African Union Summit as Niger is hosting the African Union Summit for the first time**

## 6. Telangana hosts 32nd International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) congress

### RANKS AND REPORTS

#### 1. Global Gender Equality Index Released

- India ranked 95th out of 129.
- The list was topped by Denmark.
- Chad was placed at bottom most position (129th).

The index measures global gender equality looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace.

#### 2. United Nation released 'World Population Prospects Report 2019'

Findings of the report are:

- India will overtake China as the most populous country by 2027 and will have almost 1.64 billion inhabitants by 2050.
- The Central and the Southern Asia region is expected to see a 25% increase in population till 2050.
- The rate of population growth is the highest in sub-Saharan Africa, where the fertility rate stand at 4.6 births per woman over a lifetime.
- India is still among the countries where the working-age population (25-64 years) is growing faster than other groups.
- People aged above 65 are the fastest growing age group.

#### 3. 31.4% of Indian children will be stunted by 2022: Food and Nutrition Security Report

-The report is prepared by the UN World Food Programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).

#### 4. Kerala has topped in NITI Aayog's Health Index ( report ) followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra

( NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant, Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar. )

#### 5. Global Peace Index 2019

- India Ranks 141st,
- Iceland Tops the list
- Afghanistan is the least peaceful nation

#### 6. The Indian football team remained static at 101st in FIFA rankings

Belgium continued to top overall world rankings, followed by France, Brazil, England, and Portugal.

#### 7. Virat Kohli (ranked 100th) is the sole Indian in the FORBES list of top-paid athletes with estimated annual earnings of \$25 million.

The list is headed by Barcelona and Argentina football superstar Lionel Messi.  
( FORBES: Forbes is an American business magazine.)

### COMMITTEES AND PANELS

#### 1. Kasturirangan committee submits new draft education policy to HRD Ministry

-The policy draft recommends incorporation of Indian knowledge systems in the curriculum, constituting a National Education Commission and curbing arbitrary fees hikes by private schools.

( The existing NEP was framed in 1986 and revised in 1992.)



## **2. Nilekani panel suggests 24x7 RTGS, NEFT with elimination of all charges**

- NEFT ( National electronic fund transfer) is a nation-wide payment system.
- RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) is the fastest possible money transfer system through the banking channel. The minimum amount of transfer required for RTGS is Rs. 2 lakh.

## **3. PM Modi Forms 2 Cabinet Panels For Growth & Jobs :**

- a) The Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth
  - b) The Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development
- ( Both the panels will be headed by the prime minister)

## **4. RBI's committee recommendations for MSME sector**

- RBI's U.K. Sinha led committee give the following recommendations for MSME sector:
- The creation of a distressed asset fund, with a corpus of Rs 5,000 crore, structured to assist MSME units in clusters.
- The formation of a government sponsored Fund of Funds of Rs 10,000 crore to support venture capital and private equity firms investing in MSMEs.
- SIDBI should deepen credit markets for MSMEs in underserved districts and regions.
- SIDBI should develop additional instruments for debt and equity to crystallize new sources of funding for MSMEs and MSME lenders.
- The PSBLoansIn59Minutes.com portal should cater to new entrepreneurs, who lacks information like GSTIN, income-tax returns and bank statement
- The threshold of loan should be enhanced up to Rs 5 crore.
- The introduction of adjusted priority sector lending guidelines for banks to specialize in lending to a specific sector, doubling the collateral free loan limit to Rs 20 lakh and providing insurance coverage to MSME employees by the government.