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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Indonesia to move the capital from Jakarta to East Kalimantan province on Borneo island.

2. US Federal Trade Commission fines YouTube with \$170 million

- The US's Federal Trade Commission has fined Google's YouTube with \$170 million. YouTube will have to pay \$170 million to settle allegations of collecting personal information about children.

3. Typhoon Faxai hits Tokyo, Japan

With the winds of up to 210km/h (130mph), Faxai is one of the strongest typhoons to hit the Japanese capital in a decade. The Authorities have issued non-compulsory evacuation warnings to more than 390,000 people.

4. Vietnam has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm which has the capacity to produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually. It occupies 540 hectares in Tay Ninh province, Vietnam.

5. St. Vincent and Grenadines, 79th country to join India-led International Solar Alliance (ISA)

The International Solar Alliance is a group of 121 solar resource-rich countries with headquarters in Gurugram, India. The organisation aims to deploy over 1,000 gigawatts of solar energy and mobilise more than USD 1,000 billion into solar power by 2030, according to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

St Vincent and the Grenadines Capital: Kingstown

6. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launches Maritime Communication Services in India

The Maritime Connectivity will enable high-end support to those in the sea by providing access to Voice, Data and Video services while travelling on sailing vessels, cruise liners, ships in India, using satellite technology.

Nelco, India's leading VSAT solutions provider is the first Indian company that will now provide quality broadband services to the maritime sector

7. Sri Lanka unveils South Asia's tallest tower

Sri Lanka unveiled South Asia's tallest tower, costing over \$100 million, 80% of which has been funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The 350-metre-tall 17-storey **Lotus Tower**, located in the heart of Colombo city.

The tower spread over an area of 30,600 sq. metres.

8. Nepal Rastra Bank issues three commemorative coins of 100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees on 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev

9. Hurricane Dorian hits Bahamas: India announces USD 1 million disaster relief aid

10. PM Modi and Nepalese PM to inaugurate Motihari-Amlekhgunj oil pipeline

The 69 km long pipeline from Motihari in Bihar to Amlekhgunj in Nepal has been constructed by India. This is the first transnational petroleum pipeline from India and first South Asian oil pipeline corridor. The pipeline will ensure smooth, cost-effective and environment-friendly supply of petroleum products to Nepal.

11. Cryodrakon boreas is the largest flying animal of all time

Scientists have unveiled a newly discovered species of a pterosaur, the largest ever flying animal according to a study conducted by Queen Mary University in London.

12. Thailand became the first Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging to reduce the appeal of smoking and complied with the World Health Organisation's (WHO) guidelines.

(In 2012, Australia became the first country to require tobacco products to be sold without colourful brand logos.)

13. Sri Lanka flags off Pulathisi Express, a 'Make In India' train from Colombo Fort Railway station

14. American breast cancer survivor, swimmer Sarah Thomas became the first person to swim across the English Channel four times non-stop in a 54-hour feat of endurance.

15. A smiling panda and a walking Chinese lantern will be the mascots for the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Beijing, China.

The mascot, named Bing Dwen Dwen, is a chubby giant panda wearing a suit of ice was revealed as the official mascot for Beijing Winter Olympics 2022.

Chinese lantern Shuey Rhon Rhon was declared as the official mascot for Winter Paralympics 2022.

16. Bangladesh lifts ban on Hilsa fish export to India as a goodwill gesture during the Durga Puja.

Export of the popular Hilsa or 'Ilish' fish from Bangladesh was banned in 2012 after local business establishments called for controlling the price of fishes.

Bangladesh accounts for nearly 75 percent of world Hilsa production and nearly 2 million people get direct and indirect employment from its cultivation.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. Higher penalties for violating traffic rules come into force 2019

-The amended provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, which hike the penalty for traffic rules violation have come into force from 01st September 2019. As many as 63 clauses of the Act, which correspond to an increase in the fine for traffic rule violation came into force. The fine for jumping red-light has been revised from 1,000 rupees earlier to 5,000 rupees now. Driving without wearing the seat belt, which earlier invited a fine of 100 rupees will now attract a fine of 1,000 rupees.

2. Election Commission launches Electors Verification Programme across the country

The programme, which seeks to electoral rolls through crowd sourcing, will go on till 15th of October. Under the programme, a voter from each family will get a username and password, allowing a person to upload all documents related to electoral registration and tag similar details about his or her family members. The EVP programme can be effected both online and offline.

3. September month to be celebrated as 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah'

- This year's theme is Complementary Feeding.

(Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment- POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi- ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach by 2022.)

4. GoI announces contribution of 22 mn USD to GFTAM

The Government of India has announced a contribution of 22 million US Dollars to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22), an increase of 10% over the amount contributed in the 5th cycle.

5. Ministry of culture rolls out 25 new mobile science museums buses for the entire Ladakh Region in Leh

6. WHO South-East Asia Region to eliminate measles & rubella by 2023

The resolution to eliminate the highly infectious childhood killer **viral diseases** "measles and rubella" by 2023 was taken at the 72nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia in Delhi.

7. GoI to spend 3.5 lakh crore rupees on Jal Jeevan Mission to deliver potable water at every household across the country. Jal Jeevan Mission involves saving water and delivering water at one's doorstep.

8. 1st Helicopter summit 2019 held in Dehradun

9. MSDE laid the foundation stone of IIS in Mumbai

Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), laid the foundation stone for Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Mumbai. The objective of the institute is to provide skill training in highly-specialised areas to students who want to pursue technical education after completing Class X and XII.

10. India joins global antimicrobial resistance research (AMR) and Development hub as a new member

The Global AMR R&D Hub was launched in 2018.

11. India's 1st National Antimicrobial Resistance Hub set up in Kolkata



The Kolkata centre would be the hub for research on antibiotic resistance not only for the country but for the entire South Asia.

12. India has commenced a special training programme for Maldivian and Bangladeshi civil servants at Mussoorie in Uttarakhand.

13. 5th International Ramayan Festival organized in New Delhi

14. India Post expands speed post service to 6 new foreign countries

-6 countries are - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia.

15. Google has announced that it will open an artificial intelligence (AI) based research lab “Google Research India“. The lab will be opened in Bengaluru. The Indian AI lab will be led by Dr. Manish Gupta, a renowned computer scientist in the country.

16. India’s first central police university will be set up by the Union home ministry in Greater Noida

This university will help in improving police personnel training, skills, research and also policymaking with regard to policing in India.

17. Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank launches WAVE Summit 2019 at Jaipur

WAVE summit: Waste Management Accelerator for Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs summit.

This initiative stating that it will empower women and encourage entrepreneurship among youngsters.

18. Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly (Vidhan Sabha) Election 2019 Date, Scheduled on 21st October, while counting of votes will be held on October 24.

Maharashtra has a total of 288 assembly seats. Whereas, in Haryana has 90 assembly seats.

19. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates ‘6th India Water Week’ 2019 – on 24 september in New Delhi

Theme- ”Water cooperation-coping with 21st-century challenge’

20. Earthquake strikes in Pakistan & India (J&K) Border region

The earthquake was of the magnitude of 6.3 on the Richter scale and a depth of 40 km.

21. Reliance Power inks pact with JERA for power project in Bangladesh

Reliance Power has signed a partnership agreement with Japanese energy major ‘Japan’s Energy For a New Era’ (JERA). Reliance Power will hold 51 per cent stake, while JERA will hold 49 per cent stake in the joint venture company. They will jointly set up 750-megawatt gas-based combined cycle power project at Meghnaghat, Bangladesh.

22. Ola drivers to get healthcare benefits under Ayushman Bharat

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has partnered with Ola, a mobility platform, to extend the welfare to its drivers.

23. 100 cities to be covered under CGHS services by 2022

CGHS - Central Government Health Scheme

24. ‘Namaste Pacific’ Cultural Event held in New Delhi

The High Commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji jointly organised a cultural event ‘Namaste Pacific’ held in Delhi, India. This event is organised to showcase the culture of the Pacific countries.

25. Indian Army Team (18th battalion) summit Mt. Leo Pargyil (6773m)

-Leo Pargyil is the third highest peak of Himachal Pradesh and is considered to be among the most challenging and technically difficult peak to scale. It lies in the Zaskar range.

26. Rohit Sharma launches a campaign to save Rhinos in India

Indian Cricket team vice-captain Rohit Sharma is launching **Rohit4Rhinos** campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet. This campaign helps to build awareness for the need to conserve the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros or the Indian Rhino.



27. Skill India gets its first Batch of IES officers to the ISDS cadre

The fresh batch of the newest central government services, the Indian Skill Development Services (ISDS) commenced their training program at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) in Mysuru, Karnataka. These are the first batch which is joining the ISDS cadre from the Indian Engineering Service Examination conducted by UPSC. The aim for this is to attract young and talented administrators towards institutionalizing the Skill Development environment in the country.

28. Thaawarchand Gehlot launches MIS (Management Information System) portal under Accessible India Campaign

The portal is made fully accessible for Divyangjans. The MIS portal will bring all the nodal ministries and States and Union Territories on a single platform for monitoring the progress being made against each target of Accessible India Campaign.

29. Shondol dance, which is known as the royal dance of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance.

Shondol is a famous dance, which artistes used to perform for the king of Ladakh.

The event was held on the concluding day of the ongoing Buddhist carnival Naropa festival near the Hemis Monastery in Ladakh.

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.

30. UNESCO to publish anthology of Guru Nanak Dev's writing in world languages to mark his 550th birth anniversary.

31. Moti Bagh: Documentary film based on life of Uttarakhand farmer nominated for Oscars

The film, based on the life of Vidyadutt Sharma, a farmer living in Pauri Garhwal region, also won the 1st prize at the International short film festival in Kerala. This documentary film was directed by Nirmal Chandra Dandriyal.

32. The first ever "Jammu International Film Festival" will be held in Jammu.

37 short films and documentaries from 11 countries will be screened at the inaugural edition of Jammu International Film Festival.

The festival will also present an annual 'Inspiring Icon Award', which will be given to a person, who hails from the region and has made it big in the film industry.

APPOINTMENT

1. Rupa Gurunath appointed as first woman president of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association

2. Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal has won the men's singles title at the ATP Challenger Tournament held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

3. President Appointed New Governors in 5 Indian States

-Kalraj Mishra, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, was transferred and appointed as the Governor of Rajasthan.

-Bandaru Dattatreya- Himachal

-Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan – Telangana.

-Bhagat Singh Koshyari - Maharashtra.

-Arif Mohammed Khan - Kerala .

4. Lt. Gen. Mukund Naravane took charge as Vice Chief of Army Staff

-He succeeded Lieutenant General D. Anbu.

(Chief of the Army Staff: General Bipin Rawat.)

5. GOI accepts SBI MD Anshula Kant's resignation as she has been appointed as the managing director and chief financial officer of the World Bank.

6. IPS Vivek Kumar Johri takes charge as BSF DG



7. Jaideep Sarkar appointed as next High Commissioner of India to Lesotho

8. B Bala Bhaskar appointed as next Indian Ambassador to Norway

9. Vijay Kumar Chopra and Vineet Jain elected PTI chairman & vice-chairman respectively.

Press Trust of India(PTI) is the country's premier news agency.

10. Rajiv Kumar appointed as the new MD of Microsoft India Research and Development Pvt Ltd (MIRPL)

Note : CEO of Microsoft is Satya Nadella

11. Justice Vikram Nath appointed as Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court

12. Pramod Kumar Mishra appointed as the Principal Secretary to PM

He will replace Nripendra Mishra.

13. Former Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha appointed as the Principal Advisor to PM

14. Kapil Dev appointed as chancellor of newly established Rai Sports University, Sonapat, Haryana

15. Former judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court Justice P Lakshmana Reddy appointed as first Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh

16. UN appoints Lieutenant General (Retired, Indian Army) Abhijit Guha as head of the UN mission in Hodeidah, Yemen.

17. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy appointed as CMD of Cognizant India

18. Wing Commander Anjali Singh has joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as India's first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad.

19. ADB (Asian Development Bank) president Takehiko Nakao resigns

He became the president of ADB on April 28, 2013.

20. GoI Appoints Four Supreme Court Judges

The Centre has cleared four names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium for elevation as judges of the apex court. The four appointed judges are

Himachal Pradesh High Court: Chief Justice V. Ramasubramanian

Punjab and Haryana High Court: Chief Justice Krishna Murari

Rajasthan High Court: Chief Justice S. Ravindra Bhat

Kerala High Court: Chief Justice Hrishikesh Roy

Note : The Supreme Court vacancies had increased its judicial strength from **31 to 34** following the enactment of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Bill of 2019.

21. Robert O'Brien becomes National Security Adviser of US

He will replace John Bolton.

22. RKS Bhadauria is new IAF Chief

The central Government has appointed Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF) Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria as the next Chief of Air Staff (CAS). He succeed B.S. Dhanoa . He will have a two-year tenure.

23. Madhukar Kamath elected as chairman of the ABC- Audit Bureau of Circulations (2019-20)

24. Godavarthi Venkata appointed as next Indian Ambassador to Guinea Bissau

25. Kim Ji-Hyun steps down as National Women's badminton coach

She has played a vital role in helping P.V. Sindhu win the 2019 badminton World Championship gold.



26. Bulgarian economist Kristalina Georgieva has been selected as the new Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. She will succeed Christine Lagarde.

Kristalina Georgieva had previously served as the chief executive of the World Bank. She will also become the first person from an emerging economy to lead the IMF.

27. Adille Sumariwalla re-elected as member of IAAF Council (International Association of Athletics Federations council).

28. Payment technology company 'Visa' appoints PV Sindhu as brand ambassador for two years

29. Election Commission appoints Madhuri Dixit as goodwill ambassador for Maharashtra Assembly polls

She will be seen in a video titled 'Let's Vote' speaking about the democratic process and role of voters in the development of the country.

30. Air Marshal HS Arora appointed new IAF Vice Chief

He will succeed Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria who will take over as the Chief of Air Staff.

31. Suresh Chitturi appointed International Egg Commission chief

International Egg Commission(IEC) Founded: 1964; Headquarters: United Kingdom.

AWARDS

1. PM Narendra Modi receives Global Goalkeeper Award

He received the award for Swachh Bharat Mission from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on October 2, 2014, aims to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage in the country.

Global Goalkeeper Award is a "special recognition" by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The award celebrates a political leader who has "demonstrated their commitment to the Global Goals through impactful work in their country.

2. Vaishno Devi Shrine tops the list of 'Swachh Iconic Places' released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

3. Muhammad Yunus conferred 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' Award

Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus from Bangladesh was conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award by the Vatican. He has been awarded for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony. The award is a recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.

4. Odisha won the IT Excellence Award, 2019 in disaster management

The "SATARK" (System for Assessing, Tracking and Alerting Disaster Risk Information based on Dynamic Risk Knowledge) application has been chosen for the award. This app has been developed to provide real-time watch, alert and warning information for different natural disasters and hazards such as heatwave, lightning, agriculture risk, flood, tsunami, earthquake, cyclone or storm, road accident and snakebite.

5. "Oscars of science" awarded to Event Horizon Telescope Team

The Event Horizon Telescope Team consisting of 347 scientists who produced the world's first image of a black hole were felicitated with breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. The prize is known as the "Oscars of science", with prize money \$3 million. The team had published the image of black hole circled by a flame-orange halo of white-hot plasma on the Messier 87 (M87) galaxy on April 10, 2019.

6. Odia Writer Pradeep Dash to receive 40th Sarala Puraskar for his poetry work Charu Chibar O Charjya. The annual award, comprising a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a citation.

(Sarala Puraskar is recognised as the foremost literary award of Odisha.

7. Managing Director and Chairman of Hero MotoCorp, Pawan Munjal will be inducted into the 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame.



8. Navdeep Singh Suri, India's envoy to United Arab Emirates, has been honoured with the First Class Order of Zayed II award for his contribution to the development and strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation between India and UAE during his tenure.

9. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina receives Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award

The award has been instituted in the memory of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The award is given every year to honour statesmen or leaders who have shown excellence in respective fields to achieve the best for their countries.

10. Bangladesh School project wins Aga Khan Architecture Award

Arcadia Education Project which involves construction of **floating school** for marginalised children in South Kanarchor of Bangladesh, has been awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019.

The architect of the project Saif Ul Haque designed a school which remains on the ground during dry season and floats when the area is submerged in water during monsoon.

He utilised only the local material-bamboo, used tyres and steel drums for constructing the amphibious structure for school.

11. Neena Gupta wins two awards at Boston Film Festival

Bollywood actor Neena Gupta has won 2 awards at Indian International Film Festival of Boston.

The actress won the Best Actress award for 'Badhaai Ho' and her film 'The Last Color' emerged victorious in Best Feature Film category.

'The Last Color' was directed by chef Vikas Khanna. The film deals with taboo surrounding widows in Vrindavan and Varanasi in India.

12. Meghalaya-based rights activist Agnes Kharshiing, who survived an assault by the coal mafia almost a year ago, received the 11th International Hrant Dink Award.

She received the award along with Turkish activist against male violence, Nebahat Akkoc.

The Hrant Dink Award is presented every year to individuals, organisations or groups that work for a world free from discrimination, racism and violence.

This award commemorates the memory of Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink, who was killed in 2007, in Istanbul.

13. V K Yadav, Chairman of Railway Board awarded with Eminent Engineers Award

14. Super 30 founder and noted mathematician Anand Kumar has been felicitated in the US with a prestigious Education Excellence Award 2019.

Anand has been running a highly innovative Super 30 programme for the last 18 years. He mentors 30 students free off cost through a year-long residential coaching for India's premiere IIT-JEE.

15. 20th Edition of IIFA Awards 2019

Venue : Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

S. No.	Category	Winners
1.	Best Film	Raazi
2.	Best Actor in a leading role (Female)	Alia Bhatt (Raazi)
3.	Best Actor in a leading role (Male)	Ranveer Singh (Padmaavat)

16. 71st Emmy Awards 2019 declared

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES	Game of Thrones (HBO)
2.	OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES	Fleabag (Amazon)
3.	LEAD ACTOR, DRAMA	Billy Porter, Pose

Emmy award is an American award that recognizes excellence in television industry.



17. The Film Federation of India (FFI) has chosen 'Gully Boy' as India's official entry to the Oscars.

"Gully Boy", produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar and **directed by Zoya Akhtar**, featured Ranveer Singh as an up-and-coming rapper who sets out to achieve his dream by rhyming about his life on the Mumbai streets. (Assamese film "**Village Rockstars**", directed by Rima Das, was India's official submission to the Oscars **last year**.)

18. Mathematician Adam Harper to get SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019

Adam Harper is an Assistant Professor with the University of Warwick, England.

(The prize is conferred annually on mathematicians from across the world who are less than 32 years of age and working in an area influenced by the genius Srinivasa Ramanujan. The prize carries a citation and an award of \$10,000.

The award was instituted in 2005 and awarded by SASTRA University on its campus near Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu.)

19. Amitabh Bachchan to be honoured with Dada Saheb Phalke award (India's highest film honour)

This award is given for his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema.

The Dadasaheb Phalke award comprises a **Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus), a shawl and a cash prize of ₹10 Lakhs.**

The award very appropriately comes in the year that marks Mr Bachchan's golden jubilee in cinema. He made his debut in 1969 with **Saat Hindustani** (Directed by Khwaja Ahmad Abbas).

Mr Bachchan has been honoured with the Padma Shri in 1984, the Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2015.

(Dadasaheb Phalke award was introduced by the government in 1969 to commemorate the "father of Indian cinema" who directed Raja Harischandra (1913), India's first feature film, and it was awarded for the first time to Devika Rani, "the first lady of Indian cinema".)

20. Rajasthan's Payal Jangid becomes the first Indian to receive the Changemaker Award 2019 at the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019.

The Award was presented by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at a ceremony held in New York, United States. She is the President of her village's Children's Parliament (Bal Panchayat).

She was awarded for her work towards the abolition of child marriage in her village and other neighbouring areas.

21. Odisha's Tapan Kumar Mishra has been honoured with the National Tourism Award for the Category of "Best Tourist Guide" for the year 2017-18 during celebration of the World Tourism Day.

22. Kallie Puri awarded with "India's Most Powerful Women in Media"

She received the prestigious award at the British Parliament. She is the Vice-Chairperson of the India Today Group.

23. A documentary on Srinagar-based football club 'Real Kashmir FC' has nominated in the prestigious British Academy Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards.

24. Physicist Thanu Padmanabhan received the M P Birla Memorial Award 2019 for his contributions to the world of cosmology.

The award was introduced in 1993 in recognition to the excellence in research in Astronomy, Astrophysics, Space Science and related areas.

25. Five Indian women police officers honoured by UN for their commendable services in the world body's mission in South Sudan.

Reena Yadav (Inspector Chandigarh Police)

Gopika Jahagirdar (DSP, Maharashtra Police)

Bharati Samantray (DSP, Ministry of Home Affairs)

Ragini Kumari (Inspector, Ministry of Home Affairs)

Kamal Shekhawat (ASP, Rajasthan Police)

The Indian women police officers received the UN medal at a medal parade in the United Nations Mission in Juba in South Sudan.

SPORTS

1. Dinesh Mongia announces retirement from all form of cricket



Mongia is a member of the Indian team, which finished runner-up in the 2003 World Cup, his last appearance on the field was in 2007 for Punjab before he joined the Indian Cricket League (ICL) and was subsequently banned by the BCCI.

2. Indian shooter Yashaswini Deswal wins gold in the women's 10 meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

3. Jasprit Bumrah becomes 3rd Indian to register a hat trick in Test cricket

-He took 3 wickets in 3 successive balls in the 2nd test against West Indies, held in Kingston, Jamaica. He dismissed Darren Bravo, Shamarh Brooks and Roston Chase to claim the hat trick.

- This was the third test hat-trick by an Indian bowler **after Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan.**

4. India lift SAFF (south Asian football federation) Under-15 title after defeating Nepal at Kalyani Stadium in Kolkata

5. Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinches silver medal in Czech Republic

Note : He has been awarded the Arjuna Award this year.

6. Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza announces retirement from International Cricket

7. Senior India batswoman Mithali Raj retires from T20 International Cricket

Mithali is the first Indian cricketer to reach the landmark of 2000 T20I runs.

8. Qatar unveils 2022 FIFA World Cup logo

The design is a **stylised Arabic white unisex shawl with maroon patterning**, which is displayed in a figure-of-eight symbolising infinity while creating a heart shape above the words "FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar 2022".

(President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Headquarters of FIFA: Zurich, Switzerland.)

9. Pakistan names Misbah-ul-Haq as head coach and chief selector

10. Anupama Swain wins bronze in World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019

- The event was held in Chungju, South Korea. Now she qualified for 2022 Asian Games.

(Jiu-Jitsu is a form of martial art and combat sport and it puts the entire focus on grappling with particular emphasis on ground fighting.)

11. Rashid Khan (Afghanistani cricketer) breaks 15-Year-Old record to become youngest Test Captain

He is 20 years and 350 days old. Previously, the former Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu was holding this record who was 20 years and 358 days old.

12. Manu and Saurabh won gold medal in ISSF World Cup

- Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary won the gold medal in mixed 10m air pistol at the ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro.

13. World's highest marathon "Ladakh Marathon" held in Leh

-It is the highest marathon in the world as it is held at over 11,000 feet above the mean sea level.

- The Marathon was held in the categories of 42 Km Full Marathon, 21 Km half marathon and 7 km long Run for Fun. Over 6000 runners from 25 countries participated in the four categories of Ladakh Marathon.

14. India Red defeated India Green to clinch Duleep Trophy title (cricket)

15. US Open 2019

S. No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
2.	Women's Singles	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	Serena Williams (USA)



16. Kenya's Brigid Kosgei runs fastest-ever women's half-marathon

She won the Great North Run in a time of 1 hour, 44 minutes and 28 seconds. She took 23 seconds less than the world record set in 2017 by fellow Kenyan Joyciline Jepkosgei.

17. Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga becomes first T20I bowler to claim 100 wickets

He also surpassed Wasim Akram and set a record for the most number of hat-tricks in international cricket. Till now he has claimed 5 hat-tricks in his international career.

18. Paralympic Committee of India de-recognised for Sports Code violation

The Sports Ministry of India has de-recognised the Paralympic Committee of India.

The ministry has de-recognised the committee for violation of the National Sports Code. The committee violated the code by removing its elected president Rao Inderjit Singh.

19. Australian fast bowler Megan Schutt scripted history by becoming the first woman to claim two hat-tricks in one day (ODI) cricket.

20. Former England captain Andrew Strauss has been appointed as the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board's cricket committee.

21. Pankaj Advani defeated Nay Thway Oo to win the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship held in Mandalay, Myanmar.

22. Sourabh Verma clinches Vietnam Open Super 100 title (Badminton)

23. Indian Badminton star Lakshya Sen wins Belgian International Badminton title

24. India's Kaushal Dharmamer wins Myanmar International Series (Badminton)

25. Spain beats Argentina to win Basketball World Cup held in Beijing, China.

The next world cup will be held in 2023 in Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines.

With 32 teams, this was the biggest Basketball World Cup ever.

26. Anurag Thakur announces cricket and sports academy for Leh

27. Vinesh Phogat wins bronze medal in Wrestling World Championships held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

She defeated Maria Prevolaraki of Greece in the 53 kg freestyle event.

Vinesh Phogat has also won India an Olympic quota in the 53 kg freestyle event of Tokyo Olympics.

28. Sri Lankan bowler Akila Dananjaya banned (by ICC) from bowling for 1 year as his bowling action was found illegal.

ICC Chairman: Shashank Manohar; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

(The 13th edition of ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in India from February 9 to March 26, 2023.)

29. India Slip to 104th spot in Latest FIFA ranking)

Belgium managed to hold on to the top position, while France has surpassed Brazil to reach the second spot.

(Headquarters of FIFA: Zurich, Switzerland.)

30. Bajrang Punia won bronze medal at World Wrestling Championships (65 kg weight category) in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

31. Indian wrestler Rahul Aware wins bronze in 61 kg free-style category at the World Championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

32. Indian boxer (pugilist) Amit Panghal settles with historic silver in World Championships

He became the first Indian male boxer to win a silver in World Championships at Ekaterinburg in Russia.



33. Indian chess player Koneru Hampi wins the Skolkova Fides Grand Prix title 2019 in Skolkovo, Russia

34. Manipur defeated Railways by 1-0 to win the Senior Women's National Football Championship held in Pasihat, Arunachal Pradesh. This was Manipur's 20th National title.

35. The Indian team of Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta wins "IBSF World Snooker" title held in Mandalay, Myanmar

36. P.T. Usha honoured with International Association of Athletics Federations(IAAF) 'Veteran Pin'

She was given the Veteran Pin during the 52nd IAAF Congress.

P. T. Usha won five gold medals 100m, 200m, 400m, 400m hurdles and the 4x400m relay besides a bronze at the 1985 Asian Games in Jakarta.

Her most memorable performance came in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where she became the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles but lost the bronze by one-hundredth of a second.

-She is also called **Golden girl** and **Payyoli express**.

-she is often called '**Queen of Indian track and field**'.

36. Nadubhagam Chundan Lifts 67th Nehru Trophy in Alappuzha

- Nadubhagam Chundan, the snake boat of Pallathuruthy Boat Club, lifted the 67th edition of the Nehru Trophy at the Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha in Kerala. A total of 79 boats, including 23 snake boats, participated in the Nehru trophy. (Note : Sachin Tendulkar was the chief guest of the event).

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOK	WRITTEN BY
1. "A Short History of Indian Railways"	Rajendra B Aklekar
2. "India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan"	Raghendra Singh
3. Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924"	Vikram Sampath
4. Loktantra Ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic'	
5. Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India To Glory'- The book on India's 4 spin legends: Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekhar and S. Venkataraghavan	Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj
6. "Being Gandhi" (to mark Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary)	Paro Anand
7. Professor Ayushman' (a comic book) - This book is conceived by the National Medicinal Plants Board(NMPB) and it will raise awareness in children about the importance of medicinal plants and their usage. This book is available for free and could be bought by schools approaching NMPB.	by Ayush Ministry
8. 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy'	BJP MP Subramanian Swamy
9. "The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas"	Dhaval Kulkarni

10. 'Loktantra Ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic' books released by V. President

They are a compilation of 95 speeches delivered by the President during his second year in office (July 2018 to July 2019).

11. Vice president releases a book titled 'Glorious Diaspora – Pride of India'

The book contains the brief profiles of recipients of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA) from 2003 to 2019. It has been brought out by Indian Diaspora Club.

OBITUARIES / DEATH

1. Ram Jethmalani Passes Away at 95

-Ram Jethmalani, one of India's finest lawyers and a former union minister has passed away. He was 95.

- He was a six-time Rajya Sabha member, served as a Union Minister in the United Front and NDA governments.

- Mr. Jethmalani had also served as the chairman of the Bar Council of India.

2. Robert Mugabe - Former Zimbabwe President



He was the country's first post-independence leader and also considered as Zimbabwe's founding father. He served the country as its leader for 37 years.

3. Akilisi Pohiva - Climate change campaigner of the South Pacific and Prime Minister of Tongan

He was awarded the Defender of Democracy Award in 2013 by the Parliamentarians for Global Action, the first Pacific Islander to receive the prize.

4. Jacques Chirac - Former French President

He was two-term French president (1995-2007) who was the first leader to acknowledge France's role in the Holocaust and defiantly opposed the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. He also served as the Prime Minister of France

5. Viju Khote - Veteran actor best known as Kalia from Sholay

6. Kiran Nagarkar - Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer

7. Abdul Qadir - Pakistan's master leg-spinner

8. Sukhdev Singh Libra - Veteran Congress leader

9. Valerie Harper - Emmy Award-winning American actress

10. Veeru Krishnan - Actor, Kathak Dancer

11. Heeralal Sharma - Freedom fighter

12. Rajasekar - Tamil actor, cinematographer and director

13. B.N. Yugandhar - Former bureaucrat

B.N. Yugandhar was the father of Microsoft's present Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella.

14. Sanjib Kumar Datta - Film editor

15. Sivaraman Cheriyanad - Renowned writer of Kerala

16. Kodela Siva Prasada Rao - Former A.P. Assembly Speaker

17. Sathar - Veteran Malayalam Actor

18. Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali - Tunisia's former President

19. Fernando Ricksen - Former Dutch football player

20. Shyam Ramsay - Famous filmmaker

21. S.K. Padmadevi - Veteran actor and multi-faceted artiste

she was part of the first Kannada talkie film 'Bhakta Dhruva' (1934).

22. Robert S Boyd - Veteran American Journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner

23. Venu Madhav - Telugu actor, mimicry artist

24. J. Michael Mendel - American television producer & 4-time Emmy Award winner

25. KPS Menon (Junior) - Former Foreign Secretary

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) to be held in Kolkata from November 5-8

IISF is the largest science festival in the world.

2. ISRO loses contact with Moon lander "Vikram"

Indian Space Research Organisation has announced that it lost contact with the Moon lander "Vikram" which was scheduled to land on the moon between 1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. (IST).

- Further the roll out of the rover "Pragyan" was scheduled between 5.30 a.m and 6.30 a.m. Lander "Vikram" started its descent at about 1.38 a.m. from an altitude of 30 km at a velocity of 1,680 metres per second, but lost its communication with the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter when it was at an altitude of 2.1 Km from Moon's surface.

- According to ISRO, the performance of the lander was as per the plan till it was 2.1 km from the moon surface. Although, the 2,379 kg Chandrayaan-2 orbiter continues to fly around the moon. Its mission life is of one year.

- ISRO launched the Chandrayaan-2 (on July 22, 2019) into the space from India's heavy lift rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV Mk III). The Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft comprised three segments: the Orbiter, lander 'Vikram' and rover 'Pragyan'.

3. NTPC to build India's biggest solar park (5-gigawatt) in Gujarat

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a 50 kilowatt 'Gandhi Solar Park' at the UN headquarters, New York, United States

PM Modi and other leaders also released a commemorative postage stamp of Mahatma Gandhi, at the programme "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Contemporary World" at the UN headquarters.



The event was hosted to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which will underline the continuing relevance of Gandhian thoughts and values in today's world.

5. Japan Launches "World's Biggest Transport Space Ship" For Space Station

Japan launched an unmanned H-2B rocket towards the International Space Station (ISS).

The H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

The launch took place from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan.

This Rocket is considered as the world's biggest transport spaceship. It intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS.

6. First Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System launched on CSIR Foundation Day in New Delhi

The 5.0 kW fuel cell system generates power in a green manner using methanol / bio-methane, with heat and water as bi-products for further use; amounting to greater than 70% efficiency, which otherwise may not be possible by other energy sources.

7. International Astronomical Union names asteroid after Pandit Jasraj

The asteroid formally known as a minor planet, is located between Mars and Jupiter.

Sangeet Martand Pandit Jasraj is an exponent of Indian classical vocal music. Jasraj is the recipient of numerous awards, honours, and titles, including the prestigious Padma Vibhushan and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

8. Russia to train four Indian astronauts for Gaganyaan mission (December 2021)

Indian astronauts will be trained at Russian facilities. A special ISRO unit will be established in the embassy in Moscow to facilitate increased cooperation between India and Russia in view of the Gaganyaan mission.

9. The Telangana government has decided to declare 2020 as Artificial Intelligence year by organising various activities related to the emerging technology.

10. Water found on potentially habitable super Earth K2-18b

K2-18b, which is 8 times the mass of Earth, is now the only planet orbiting a star outside the Solar System, or 'exoplanet', known to have both water and temperatures that could be potentially habitable.

11. Agriculture Minister launches 'CHC Farm Machinery' and 'KrishiKisan' App for geotagging purposes

CHC Farm Machinery app will facilitate local farmers with the use of shared resources including tractors and other farm machinery at affordable prices.

Through **KrishiKisan App**, the farmer will be provided with information about high-yielding crops and seeds in their nearby area. It helps in geo-tagging and geo-fencing of crop and also gives weather forecast messages to farmers.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Day of Charity: 5 September

2. International Literacy Day: 08th September (Theme: Literacy and Multilingualism).

3. World Suicide Prevention Day: 10 September

4. **Hindi Diwas** - 14 September

5. International Day of Democracy: 15 September

6. International Day for the Preservation of the **Ozone Layer**: 16 September

Theme of the day for 2019: 32 Years and Healing.

(The theme for this year celebrates three decades of Montreal Protocol.)

7. World Bamboo Day : September 18

Note: India is the world's second-largest cultivator of bamboo after China, with 136 species and 23 genera spread over 96 million hectares, according to the State of Environment report 2018.

8. International Day of Peace 21 September

9. International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: 26 September

10. World Maritime Day: 26 September

11. World Tourism Day: 27 September (Theme for 2019: **Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future For All**).



12. International Day for Universal Access to Information: 28 September
13. World Rabies Day: 28 September
14. International Translation Day: 30 September
15. World Heart Day 2019 observed on September 29 (Theme : “My Heart, Your Heart”).

SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES

1. 1st National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics held in New Delhi

2. 14th Conference of Parties UNCCD begins in Greater Noida

The 14th Conference of Parties (COP) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification begins in **Greater Noida**. During the event, India also assumed the presidency of COP for two years and Union Minister for environment Prakash Javadekar took up the role of President of COP.

3. 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia held in New Delhi

- Dr Harsh Vardhan was unanimously elected as Chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia.

4. PM to launch a pension scheme for traders- Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maandhan Yojana

- The scheme is an extension of the PM Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana, will make all beneficiaries eligible for a monthly pension of Rs 3000 after the age of 60 at a miniscule monthly contribution.

5. 5th Eastern Economic Forum held in Vladivostok, Russia

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated as the Chief Guest at the Eastern Economic Forum.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the “Act Far East” policy for Russia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also announced a \$1 Billion line of credit to Russia for the development of the resource-rich region.

6. 4th Indian Ocean Conference 2019 held in Male, Maldives

Theme ‘Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges’.

7. 1st conference on military medicine for SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization)to be held in Delhi

8. The 22nd Session of UN Committee on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities was held at Geneva.

9. PM Narendra Modi launches National Animal Disease Control Programme in Mathura.

The programme aims at vaccinating over 500 Million livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against **foot and mouth disease**. The programme also aims at vaccinating 36 million female bovine calves annually in its fight against Brucellosis disease.

The programme has two components: to control the diseases by 2025 and eradication by 2030.

10. 24th World Energy Congress held in Abu Dhabi

The theme of this World Energy Congress is “**Energy for Prosperity**”.

11. Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Export Credit Guarantee Corporation has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme called NIRVIK.

The Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana (NIRVIK) has been launched to enhance loan availability to exporters and to ease the lending process. Under the new scheme NIRVIK, up to 90 per cent of the principal amount and interest will be covered through insurance.

12. Home Minister chair the 29th meeting of Northern Zonal Council in Chandigarh

The grouping comprises states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan besides union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar is the vice-chairman and host of the meeting.

Note : Five zonal councils were set up in 1957 under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956. The Union home minister is the chairman of each of these five councils.



13. Assam Govt launches “Aponar Apon Ghar” scheme - a housing loan subsidy scheme

14. Centre approves construction of 1.23 lakh houses under PMAY-Urban

The Indian government has approved the construction of 1.23 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). The approval was given by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC). With this approval, over 90 lakh houses have so far been sanctioned against the target of 1.12 crore by 2022 under PMAY (Urban).

15. 7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra

The theme of (WHEF) 2019 “Prosperous Society: Stronger Society” .

10. 1st National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics held in New Delhi

RANK AND REPORT

1. Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap’s Gangs Of Wasseypur has become the only Indian film to feature in “The Guardian” list of 100 Best Films of the 21st century. The film has bagged the 59th position.

2. Mumbai at 45th spot and Delhi at 52nd in World Safe Cities Index 2019

Tokyo taking the top spot, While Singapore and Osaka came 2nd and 3rd in the list.

3. India ranks 9th on “Global Happiness Survey” by Ipsos

Australia and Canada at the top spot (at 86 per cent) have emerged as the happiest nations of the world, While Russia (47 per cent) emerged at the bottom of the heap, among the 28 markets.

4. India : 9th nation in gold reserves

1st - U.S. , 2nd – Germany, 3rd – IMF , 9th- India, 10th- Netherlands

5. India moves up 6 places to 34th rank on world travel and tourism competitiveness index

- Spain tops the ranking index followed by France and Germany.

6. India ranked 44th in world digital competitiveness rankings

The US was ranked as the world’s most digitally competitive economy, followed by Singapore in the second place.

7. Indian diaspora largest in the world at 17.5 million: UN Report

Mexico constituted the second largest diaspora (11.8 million), followed by China (10.7 million).

(In India, the highest number of international migrants came from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal.

DEFENCE

1. 1st ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise (AUMX) begins

Venue : starting at the Sattahip Naval Base in Thailand and ending in Singapore.

2. Indian army to participate in joint exercise “TSENTR 2019” to be held in Russia

Armies of Pakistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russia will also participate in the exercise. This will be the first time that forces from India and Pakistan will participate in a multilateral exercise together since the Balakot airstrikes conducted by Indian forces.

3. India, US carried out joint Military Exercise “Yudh Abhyas 2019”

Venue: Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, the USA

4. SLINEX 2019: Indo-Sri Lanka maritime fleet exercise

Venue : Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

5. Indo-Thailand joint military exercise- Maitree 2019

Venue- Umroi (Meghalaya)

6. 23rd edition of “Malabar 2019” naval joint exercise of India, US and Japan begun at Sasebo, Japan



7. Indian army conducts exercise 'Chang Thang' in Eastern Ladakh bordering China.

8. INDO-KAZAKHSTAN Joint Military Exercise KAZIND 2019

Venue : Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

9. Trilateral Exercise "SITMEX" Commences at Port Blair

A maiden trilateral exercise SITMEX, involving Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) started at Port Blair.

10. The White water Rafting Expedition named 'RUDRASHILA' being undertaken by Kalidhar Battalion Flagged Off at Jaisalmer Military station. The expedition named 'Rudrashila' has been organised to commemorate the 75th Raising day of the Kalidhar Battalion.

'Rudrashila' takes its name from the famed Rudraprayag tributary of the Ganges River in the Mountains of Uttarakhand.

('Kalidhar Battalion' was raised on 01 November 1943 and has participated in all major operations of the Indian Army including two overseas assignments in Korea in 1953 and UN peacekeeping mission in Congo in 2005-06.)

11. IAF inducts 8 Apache AH-64E attack helicopters at the Pathankot Air Force station

The AH-64E Apache is one of the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopters.

- India has received the attack helicopters as per the deal signed by Indian Air Force with the US Government and Boeing Ltd, in September 2015. The Indian Air Force will operate a fleet of 22 Apaches by 2020.

12. Army to commission 1st batch of women soldiers in 2021

The Indian Army has announced that the first batch of 100 women soldiers in the Army is likely to be commissioned by March 2021. The women soldiers will be commissioned into the **Corps of Military Police** of the Indian Army. In the Corps of Military Police, women soldiers will take up duties of policing cantonments and other Army establishments. They will also work in co-operation with civil police of various state governments as well as the Centre and will also investigate cases of crime. (At present, women in the Army work only in engineering, medical, legal, signals and educational wings.)

13. DRDO successfully tests indigenous anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM)

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested an indigenously-developed low weight, fire and forget Man-Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in the ranges of Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. This is the third series of successful testing of MPATGM.

14. IAF resurrects 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows' for Rafale

The Indian Air Force (IAF) resurrected (revives) the Air Force Station (AFS) Ambala-based 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows', which will operate the first squadron of Rafale fighter jets.

15. India's 2nd Scorpene-class submarine, INS Khanderi to be commissioned into the Indian Navy

The conventional diesel-electric submarine has been manufactured by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in Mumbai. (The first Scorpene-class submarine INS Kalvari was commissioned into the Indian Navy in December 2017.)

16. The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has handed over the second airborne warning plane, Netra, to the Indian Air Force.

Netra is useful for surveillance, tracking, identification and classification of airborne and sea surface targets and is useful in detecting incoming ballistic missile threats. It had played a stellar role during the Balakot airstrikes.

17. India successfully flight-tested indigenous air-to-air missile Astra off the coast of Odisha.

The missile was launched from a Sukhoi Su-30 MKI combat aircraft.

The missile has been developed by DRDO.

18. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh becomes the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas. He flew in the Tejas fighter aircraft from the HAL airport in Bengaluru.

19. India-US Tri-Services "Exercise Tiger Triumph" to be held in November at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh .



(For the first time, the US and India will be holding the tri-service military exercise. India earlier conducted such tri-service exercise with Russia.)

The announcement for the 'Tiger Triumph' was made by US President Donald Trump during the 'Howdy Modi!' event in America.

20. Ponung Doming becomes Arunachal's first woman Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army.

21. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has formally commissioned the Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel 'Varaha' at the Chennai Port Trust.

22. Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat to be new Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC)

He succeeding Indian Air Force (IAF) chief, Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa, who retires from service by end of this month. The Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) comprises chiefs of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force and the senior-most member is appointed its chairperson.

The Chairman of COSC is tasked with ensuring synergy (cooperation) among the three services and evolve a common strategy to deal with external security challenges facing the country.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

1. Government to recapitalise Public Sector Insurance companies with Rs 12,000 crore

The 3 state-run general insurance companies list includes National Insurance, Oriental Insurance and United India Insurance.

2. CRISIL revises India's GDP growth to 6.3% (from 6.9%) in fiscal 2020

3. The Asian Development Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for fiscal year 2019-20 to 6.5% from 7%.

4. RBI orders banks to link lending rate to external interest rate benchmark from the 1st of October

Under this norm, banks have to link all of their new loan products, be it personal, housing or auto to an external benchmark rate.

- Banks have been allowed to choose any benchmark market interest rate published by the Financial Benchmarks India Private Ltd (FBIL). Banks can choose RBI's repo rate, the government of India's three-month treasury bill yield published by the FBIL, government's six-month treasury bill yield published by the FBIL or any other market interest rate published by the FBIL.

5. Cabinet approves Rs 4,557 crore capital infusion into IDBI Bank

6. RBI to launch a mobile app for visually impaired

For this, RBI has selected Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd.

7. Airtel Payments Bank launches 'Bharosa' savings account services

This service enables customers to withdraw cash, check their balance or access a mini statement of their account at over 6,50,000 Aadhaar-enabled payment system (AePS) enabled outlets across India.

Bharosa savings account would offer Rs 5 lakh personal accident insurance on maintaining the balance of Rs 500 along with one debit transaction per month. Customers would also be eligible for cashback, if they decided to receive government subsidies in their Bharosa account or if they made cash deposits in it.

(MD & CEO of Airtel Payments Bank: Anubrata Biswas.

Headquarters of Airtel Payments Bank: New Delhi.)

8. RBI places withdrawal curbs on depositors of PMC Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed restrictions on Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank, under which the depositors cannot withdraw more than Rs 1,000 from their accounts.

The depositors will be allowed to withdraw a sum not exceeding Rs 1,000 of the total balance in every savings bank account or current account or any other deposit account.

The curbs will remain for six months. PMC Bank has also been barred from making fresh loans and taking deposits.

(PMC Bank is a multi-State scheduled urban co-operative bank with operations in the states of Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, Goa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.)

9. The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) has decided to make Aadhaar authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from January 2020.

Those who do not want Aadhaar authentication, physical verification will be carried out, which will be completed in three days. The step has been taken to check malpractices in Goods and Services Tax. In the first phase, Aadhaar authentication will be mandatory for new dealers. Afterwards, all those enrolled on GSTN would be asked to provide their Aadhaar numbers.

10. Aadhaar for ITR filing, PAN will be auto-generated

- The Income Tax Department announced that it will automatically issue PAN to all taxpayers who do not have a Permanent Account Number and are using Aadhaar for filing income tax returns (ITR).

- Under this new Aadhaar-PAN rule, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) will obtain demographic information from the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and issue a new Permanent Account Number (PAN).

STATE NEWS

1. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched “Champions Campaign” to fight dengue and urged citizens to become ‘champions’ and encourage 10 friends to check their homes for mosquito larvae.

(Earlier, he had also launched 10Hafta 10Baje 10Minute campaign.)

2. Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal launched ‘Tatpar’ app, developed by the Delhi Police, which is a one-stop destination for access to over 50 citizen-centric services.

3. India’s first garbage cafe to be opened in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh

In this unique Cafe’ poor people and rag pickers will get free food in exchange for one kilogram of plastic, while breakfast will be provided if half a kilogram of plastic is brought to the cafe. The collected plastic waste would further be turned into granules and will then be used in the construction of roads in the city. **Ambikapur is Chhattisgarh’s first dustbin-free city.**

4. Kerala to set up India’s first international women’s trade centre (iWTC), in consonance with the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Kozhikode.

5. Rajasthan launches “Jan Soochna Portal-2019”

It is a public information portal to provide information about government authorities and departments to the public in the true spirit of the Right To Information Act.

6. Hyderabad-Karnataka Region Renamed ‘Kalyana Karnataka’

7. Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu dedicates Dikshi Hydroelectric Project to people of state

The **24 Mega Watt** Hydroelectric Project has been installed at Dikshi Village in West Kameng District.

8. Actor Govinda appointed as the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh

9. J&K becomes first state to issue highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)

10. UP govt. announces ₹6,000 annual aid for triple talaq victims till their rehabilitation and they will get free legal aid. The victims of triple talaq came under the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)** and govt also gives rights over waqf properties and also called for several welfare measures that should be undertaken for their rehabilitation.

11. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath announced that the metro rail in Bhopal will be named for Raja Bhoj.

Raja Bhoj was an 11th-century ruler from the Parmar dynasty which once ruled the area.

CM Kamal Nath laid the foundation stone of the Bhopal Metro Rail Project to be built at a cost of about Rs 6,941.4 crore rupees.