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BANKING CURRENT AFFAIRS

Samsung India inks with Mastercard RBL Bank for mobile payments through Samsung Pay

- RBL Bank and Samsung India jointly launched the Samsung Pay for RBL Bank's Mastercard credit card customers.
- The tie-up will allow the customers of RBL bank to make contactless transactions with enhanced security on their Samsung Pay-compatible smart phones efficiently.

ICICI Bank installs Robotic-arm to count currency notes

- India's ICICI Bank declared to be the first bank in the country to deploy industrial robotic arms to count currency notes.
- The main aim is to bring in a frictionless and completely mechanized process of note-sorting, leading to higher accuracy and flexibility to handle large volumes continuously.

IDBI Bank to be recapitalised with infusion from govt, LIC

- Cabinet has approved recapitalization of IDBI Bank with a one-time infusion of funds by both Government and LIC.
- It will help both IDBI and LIC and shows the Government's commitment to take banking to a sound level.
- IDBI Bank will resume all the facilities of housing loans, auto loans etc.

ECL Finance and Central Bank of India entered into an agreement to co-lend to MSME

- ECL Finance Ltd, a subsidiary of Edelweiss Financial Services, and Central Bank of India has signed an agreement for priority sector lending to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers.
- The partnership aims to facilitate speedy disbursement of credit across a bouquet of products, including machinery and business loans.
- Many MSMEs face challenges of high interest rates or are excluded from access to banking services, given geographical inaccessibility.

ESIC Signs an Agreement with SBI

- Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with State Bank of India for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders.
- As per an agreement signed between the two, SBI will provide e-payment services directly to bank accounts of all ESIC beneficiaries and payees.

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

- The Cabinet has approved a capital infusion of Rs 4,557 crore into IDBI Bank.
- The capital infusion process will be done through recapitalisation bonds under which the government will infuse the capital into the bank and the bank will buy the recapitalisation bonds from the government on the same day.
- The capital infusion aims to help the bank in its return to profitability.
- The capital infusion is also expected to help IDBI to come out of Prompt Corrective Action framework of the Reserve Bank of India.

Wipro bags USD 300 million contracts from ICICI Bank

- Wipro has won a 7-year contract worth \$300 million from ICICI Bank.
- The project is to provide a range of services.
- For this project, Wipro is to hire 3,800 employees of Vara Infotech.
- Vara Infotech is currently providing these services to ICICI. It provides facilities and assets for Rs.321 crore.
- In 2018-2019, Vara Infotech's revenue from these services stood at Rs.221.5 crore.

RBI to launch a mobile app to aid the visually impaired

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is to implement the idea to develop a mobile application with an aim to help the visually impaired people to identify currency notes.

- For this, RBI has selected Daffodil Pvt Ltd.
- Features of the app as per RBI guidelines:
- The application should be able to identify the denomination of legal tender banknotes of Mahatma Gandhi Series and Mahatma Gandhi (New) series by capturing the image of the notes that are placed in front of the mobile camera or scrolled across it.
- The mobile application should be searchable via voice option in all app stores.
- The mobile application should be able to identify the banknote denomination in 2 seconds or less.
- It shall provide multilingual support as well as audio notification.

PNB puts up 11 NPA accounts for sale to recover dues of Rs 1,234 crores

- Punjab National Bank, a government-run put up for sale nearly a dozen Non Performing Assets (NPA) to recover dues of over Rs 1,234 crore.
- The bank invited bids from Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)/ NBFCs/ banks/ financial institutions for 11 NPA accounts.
- The PNB given in-principle approval for amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India with the lender.

SBI cuts lending rates 10 bps

- SBI announced its fifth-rate cut on its marginal cost of funds based lending rate by 10 basis points (bps) across all tenors.
- The interest rate is now 8.15%. It will be effective from 10 September 2019.
- The reduction in the lending rate is expected to profit all the current SBI clients who have a home, auto and other category loans of MCLR.
- SBI has also reduced term deposit (TD) rates by up to 25 basis points.
- The aim of the rate cut is for boosting credit requests in the festival season.

UK Sinha committee recommends Telangana startup policy for startups in other states

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) backed UK Sinha committee has recommended that Telangana's innovative model for start-ups should be assessed for possible replication in other states.
- UK Sinha, the former Chairman of SEBI, led committee submitted its report in June.

IPPB launched AePS services

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) rolled out Aadhaar enabled payment system (AePS) services.
- IPPB become the single largest platform in the country for providing interoperable banking services to the customers of any bank.
- The AePS services linked to Aadhaar can perform basic banking services such as cash withdrawals and balance inquiry irrespective of the bank.
- The launch of AePS by India Post Payments Bank enhances the last mile interoperable banking infrastructure by 2.5 times.

IDBI to launch co-branded credit card with LIC

- The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank) and Life Insurance Corporation of India Credit Cards Services (LIC CSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of LIC, will launch a co-branded credit card.
- It will be marketed to customers, agents, and employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

World Bank to sanction Rs 3,000 crore for food parks

- The World Bank will provide Rs 3,000 crore assistance to finance mini and mega food parks across India.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries during the 15th Indo-US Economic Summit.
- The 15th Indo-US Economic Summit was organized by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce-North India Council (IACC-NIC) in New Delhi.

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Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) for the micro-credit industry launched by MFIN, Sa-Dhan and FIDC

- In order to bring more transparency & address customer-centric issue, the Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) for the microcredit industry was jointly launched by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN),
- The RBI-recognised self-regulatory organization & and industry association for the microfinance industry, Sa- Dhan along with FIDC(Finance Industry Development Council) at Sa-Dhan's 15th Annual National Conference 2019 held in New Delhi.

Government exempts 2% TDS on cash payments of over Rs 1 crore made through APMCs

- Finance Minister of India Smt Nirmala Sitharaman notified that 2% Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on cash payments above Rs 1 crore made through Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) will be exempted and it is set to be effective from October 1, 2019.
- This is aimed to discourage cash transactions and move towards a less-cash economy.

RBI allows all recurring bill payments through BBPS

- Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has extended the use of the Bharat Bill Payment System(BBPS) for all recurring(repetitive) payments such as school fees, insurance premiums and municipal taxes, Equated Monthly Installments (EMI) on a voluntary basis except for prepaid recharges to extend the scope and coverage of BBPS.

EPFO to credit 8.65% interest in over 6 crore accounts for 2018-19

- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar notified that over 6 crore members of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will get 8.65% interest on deposits, which will be credited to the accounts, for 2018-19 after the approval from the Ministry of Finance.

Airtel Payments Bank launched 'Bharosa' savings account

- Airtel Payments Bank, a public limited company with its headquarters in New Delhi has launched "Bharosa" savings account services with the aim of deepening the financial inclusion in India.
- Customers of Airtel Payments Bank will get personal accident insurance up to Rs 5 Lakh, even with the minimum balance of 500. However, the customer will need to make a debit transaction at least once a month.

Visa in partnership with BillDesk to launch interface for recurring payments , "standing instructions (SI) Hub"

- Visa Inc, the world's leader in digital payments technology and BillDesk, an Indian online payment gateway company have partnered for the launch of SI(standing instructions)-Hub which is a smooth and secure way to make recurring payments using cards with a one-time enrollment.
- This comes after the introduction of guidelines for e-mandate on cards for recurring transactions by RBI(Reserve Bank of India).

ZestMoney join hands with PayU for cardless EMI payment

- ZestMoney has partnered with PayU, a fintech firm that provides payment technology to online merchants to offer cardless EMI (equated monthly installment) payment option to consumers.
- ZestMoney, which has diverse customer base spread across different segments and risk profiles, aims to offer loans of amount starting from Rs 1,000 - Rs 5 lakh as per the demand of the customer anywhere.

Reserve Bank bars unregulated fintech firms from accessing the consumer credit data

- The country's central Bank, Reserve Bank Of India(RBI) has directed the banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to stop sharing the pattern of consumer's credit information held by credit information companies (CICs) with analytics firms , IT (Information Technology) companies, institutional agents and unregulated parties.
- The banking bodies have been given 15 days time period to implement the measure.

Indian Banks' 2018-19 Savings Deposits Stood At Rs 39.72 Lakh Crore

- According to the Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy 2018-19 released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the aggregate savings deposits in the Indian private and public sector banks (PSBs) reached Rs 39.72 lakh crore as on March 31, 2019.
- The foreign banks had a share of Rs 58,630 crore. Read full details here: Indian Banks' 2018-19 Savings Deposits Stood At Rs 39.72 Lakh Crore

Bharti Airtel & Bharti AXA Life Insurance tie up to offer pre-paid plan with insurance protection cover

- An Indian global telecommunications services company, Bharti Airtel has tied up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer prepaid plan for its users along with insurance protection plan.
- Airtel has brought a special prepaid plan of Rs 599, in which customers will get 2GB (gigabyte) data per day, unlimited calling and 100 SMS (Short Message Service) per day on any network, as well as a life insurance cover of Rs 4 lakh from Bharti AXA Life Insurance.

Paisalo Digital inks co-origination of loan agreement with Bank of Maharashtra

- Paisalo Digital (Formerly known as S.E Investments Limited) has signed its second co-origination of loan agreement with major public sector bank in India, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) with the aim to necessitate the joint contribution of credit flow by BoM and Paisalo Digital.
- The arrangement also involve sharing of risks & gains between them.

ECGC introduces „NIRVIK" scheme to provide 90% insurance cover on the loan amount of exporters: Piyush Goyal

- The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) has released a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) called NIRVIK to ease the lending of loan to exporters so that they can get loans easily from banks.
- The details of the scheme were shared by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal during a press conference at New Delhi. The scheme provides 90% insurance cover on the loan amount of exporters & it covers on both principal and interest.

India Post launches speed post service for six new countries

- The Department of Posts has expanded its speed post service to 6 new overseas destinations in Asia, Europe and South America. It has introduced International Speed Post (EMS) for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia
- EMS is a premium service that enables its users to send documents and merchandise faster and in this service goods can be monitored online with the help of the internet.

RBI & SEBI Jointly Working On A Framework For Accurate Exchange Of Borrower Data Between Banks And CRAs

- India's central Banking Institution, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the regulator for the securities market in India, SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) are jointly working on a framework that will freely enable exchange of borrower information between banks and credit rating agencies (CRAs) in more accurate manner.

Reserve Bank Comes Out With A New Order Regarding „Failed" Transactions

- The country's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come out with a new order for banks and payment system operators regarding the failed transaction of customers.
- Under this, the time period has been fixed for the disposal of grievances and auto reversal of the amount on the failed transaction for the banks, which has been termed as Turn Around Time (TAT).

RBI Revises Guidelines On Concurrent Audit System As Per The Recommendations Of An Expert Committee Headed By Y.H. Malegam

- Following the recommendations of an expert committee headed by Y.H.Malegam, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the guidelines on concurrent audit system.

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- As per the new guideline, concurrent auditors will be appointed for a period of not more than 3 years as against earlier tenure of 5 years & the age limit for retired staff of concurrent auditors will be capped at 70 years.

RBI increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters to Rs 40 crore per borrower from Rs 25 crore

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters as priority sector lending (PSL) by banks to Rs 40 crore per borrower from Rs 25 crore in order to boost credit to the export sector.

SEBI tightens guidelines for debt mutual fund applicable from April 1, 2020

- In order to improve the risk management & ensure sufficient liquidity, the regulator for the securities market in India, SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has tightened the rules for mutual funds, in which it make it mandatory for liquid schemes to hold at least 20 % in liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents like treasury bills and repo on government securities.
- The new guideline comes into force from April 1, 2020

Max Bupa and Indian Bank signed bancassurance tie-up for health insurance

- Indian Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with Max Bupa to provide Max Bupa's suite of health insurance products to its customers.
- Under the agreement, Max Bupa will provide comprehensive health insurance solutions and services to over 40 million customers of Indian Bank spread across 2800 branch network, through a slew of digital touch points.

BOB launched Baroda Kisan for farmers

- The state-owned Bank of Baroda has launched its Agri digital platform Baroda Kisan.
- The Baroda Kisan platform can be accessed on mobiles by farmers.
- The web-based portal Baroda Kisan is expected to meet all the needs of farmers.
- It provides details including weather forecasts, crop conditions, the moisture levels of the soil, information on crop worms, market prices, special crop-related consultation
- The application will help farmers with inputs related to the purchase of different products such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, agricultural equipment on rent, consultancy services.
- It will also provide innovative financing options for the sale of agricultural products.

BOB has introduced two loan schemes.

- 1) A scheme for the construction and renovation of toilets as well as domestic drinking water facilities under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
- 2) Other loan schemes will help people with the construction of houses in rural areas.

ICICI to open 450 branches by next financial year

- Private sector lender ICICI Bank is planning to open 450 branches in the forthcoming financial year.
- Among the planned 450 branches, 320 branches have already been added.
- After the installation of the 320 operational branches for customers, the bank has crossed the milestone of having 5,000 branches.
- The branch that was opened at Thane in Maharashtra is the 5000th (milestone) branch of ICICI.

RBI barred PMC Bank from doing business for six months

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Ltd (PMC Bank), Mumbai to carry out the majority of its routine business for 6 months.
- RBI has barred the PMC Bank from carrying out its functions including granting, renewing and loans and advances, make any investments, accept fresh deposits, transactions for a period of six months.

- The RBI has also restricted the PMC Bank's depositors to withdraw more than Rs.1,000 from their savings/current/other deposit accounts.

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.

SBI Life Insurance signs corporate agency pact with Repco Home Finance

- SBI Life Insurance has signed a corporate agency agreement with city-based Repco Home Finance Ltd to offer the company's range of products to RHFL customers.
- According to the agreement, the partnership would see over 148 branches and 27 satellite centres of RHFL spread across the country to offer SBI Life Insurance products to its customers.

HDFC Bank, IOC launch co-branded fuel credit card for users from non-metro cities

- HDFC Bank in partnership with Indian Oil launched a co-branded fuel card for users from non-metro cities and towns which will be available on both RuPay and Visa platforms.
- The card was launched at an event here by IOCL's Executive Director (Retail Sales) Vigyan Kumar and HDFC Bank's Country Head, Payments Business and Marketing, Parag Rao.
- The card offers customers highest rewards and benefits on fuel consumption and will be available on both RuPay and Visa platforms.

RBI increased withdrawal limit for PMC Bank to 10,000 rupees

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the withdrawal limit for Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC) depositors to Rs.10,000.
- Earlier, the limit was set to Rs.1,000.
- RBI also said that 60% of the PMC Bank depositors will now be able to withdraw the entire amount. The relaxation aimed to reduce the hardship of the depositors.

Exhibition of India Tourism Mart 2019 inaugurated

- The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), inaugurated the exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019 in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Tourism and the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) have jointly organized this Mart.
- Over 240 international delegates from 51 countries and 160 exhibitors from across the country are taking in the part in the second edition of ITM.
- The Mart will provide a platform at the national level for trade and hospitality service providers in the country to interact and conduct business with their counterparts from overseas.

Global Goals Jam 3.0 hosted by World University of Design

- World University of Design (WUD) hosted Global Goals Jam 3.0.
- The Indian edition of the global event focusing on design thinking and service design methodologies was hosted with the theme: eWaste.
- 70 participants from across India, divided into ten groups, participated in the workshop and presented their ideas and vision for the future.

India's biggest brands HDFC Bank retains top rank for sixth time in a row

- HDFC Bank topped the WPP-Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands ranking for the sixth time in a row.
- BFSI brands have dominated the top 10 ranking list this year.

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- According to the report, banking brands made up the largest share of the BrandZ Top 75 and owned 23% of the total brand value of \$53.3 billion.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India and State Bank of India retained their positions in the ranking at No. 2 and No. 5, respectively.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank and ICICI Bank and got 5, 6th positions recently.

MSME ministry launched updated Credit linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS)

- In the 2-day event (September 5& 6, 2019) of national workshop on 'Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Delayed Payment of MSMEs' held at New Delhi, the Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Nitin Gadkari has launched the updated Credit linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) to enable micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) access to capital.

RBI barred ESFB from opening new branches

- The apex bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred the Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) from opening new branches. The decision comes after ESFB missed the deadline to list its shares on stock exchanges.

UPI transactions reaches 918 million, crossed all time high of 900 million mark for August, 2019

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has released a data on the new record created by Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions that reached an overall high of 918 million transactions worth Rs 1.54 lakh crore by the end of August, 2019 crossing the 900 million transaction mark.
- The new milestone in transaction was due to increase in adoption to payment channel and improved smartphone usage in certain states. The payment adoption increased by 11.6% and by 5.5% in value in the month of July with 822 million transactions leading to value Rs 1.46 lakh crore in the month.
- 1 billion transaction: A milestone of 1 billion transaction mark is expected between September and December months of 2019.

Banks begin in-principle approval of retail loan in 59 minutes

- All 19 public sector banks (PSB) including State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of Baroda (BOB) have initiated in-principle retail loan approval for customers availing housing and personal loans under the online lending platform 'PSB Loans in 59 Minutes'.

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- The apex bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred the Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) from opening new branches. The decision comes after ESFB missed the deadline to list its shares on stock exchanges.
- It also froze the salary of ESFB's Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Vasudevan PN.
- As per the RBI's licensing conditions issued in November 2014, a small finance bank's shares have to be mandatorily listed on the stock exchanges within 3 years of touching a net worth of Rs 500 crore & 3-year period of ESFB lapsed on September 4, 2019. It had received the license in July 2016.
- RBI has warned ESFB that it may impose more restrictions if it fails to make 'satisfactory progress' towards listing its shares.

RBI selects Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd for developing mobile app for visually impaired

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) selected Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd to develop a mobile phone-based application for visually impaired people to identify currency notes. It informed the Bombay High Court that an internet connection would not be required for its proposed mobile application.
- Out of the 16 vendors, 5 made into the final ranking to develop the application.

- Intaglio printing based identification marks are present in the banknotes of Rs 100 and above denominations to help nearly 80 lakh blind or visually impaired people of India.
- The proposed mobile app will help to identify the denomination of notes of Mahatma Gandhi Series and Mahatma Gandhi (New) series by capturing the image of the notes placed in front of the mobile camera. It will generate 'audio notification' intimating the currency note denomination to the user if the image is captured correctly, else intimating the user to try again in case of image is not readable.

ADB will provide \$200 million loans to Maharashtra for rural road project

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved \$ 200 million (about Rs 1,400 crore) loan to upgrade about 2,100 kilometers of rural roads to all-weather standards in Maharashtra's 34 districts for better connecting rural areas with markets and services.

IPPB launched AePS services

Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad announced that India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) Services at the first anniversary of its business operations. With this, IPPB became the single largest platform in the country for providing interoperable banking services to the customers of any bank including the 34 crore Jan Dhan account holders.

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FINANCE AND ECONOMY

GST collection in August stands at Rs 98,202 cr

- GST collection in the month of August stood at 98 thousand 202 crore rupees.
- The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of July up to 31st of August is around 76 lakh.
- The government has settled 23 thousand 165 crore rupees to CGST and 16 thousand 623 crore rupees to SGST from IGST as a regular settlement.

MeitY partners with Google for Build for Digital India programme

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed a statement of intent (SoI) with Google.
- The agreement aimed to implement Build for Digital India programme.
- The aim of the initiative is to motivate the college students across India to innovate and produce some good technology solutions for major social challenges of India.

Indian Oil to build 1GW electric vehicle battery plant

- State-run oil refiner Indian Oil Corporation Ltd will set up a 1 Giga Watt (GW) plant to make batteries used for running electric vehicles (EVs) in partnership with an overseas start-up using a non-lithium ion raw material.

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 mega watt gas-based combined cycle power project at Meghnaghat, Bangladesh.

CRISIL revises India's GDP growth to 6.3% in fiscal 2020

- Rating agency CRISIL has revised India's fiscal year 2020 GDP growth forecast to 6.3%.
- CRISIL has lowered the GDP growth forecast from 6.9% to 6.3%.

BHEL commissions 1,320 MW thermal plant in Jharsuguda Odisha

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) India's largest power equipment manufacturer announced it has commissioned a 1,320 Megawatt (Mw) power plant in Odisha.
- The IB Thermal Power Station with two units of 660 Megawatt capacity each is owned by Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited (OPGC) a joint venture between the state government and US-based AES.
- BHEL previously set up two units of 210 MW capacity each at IB Thermal Power Station operating for over 20 years.
- BHEL supplied sets are contributing 100 per cent of the coal-based power stations installed by OPGC.

Google To Pay Billion Dollars For Settlement Over Tax Evasion In France

- US internet giant Google agreed a settlement totalling 945 million euros (\$1.0 billion) to end a tax dispute in France under an agreement announced in court.
- The company will pay a 500-million-euro fine for tax evasion, as well as a further 465 million euros to settle claims with French tax authorities.

Wipro Infrastructure and BEML signs MoU to work together in technical sections in Bengaluru

- Public Sector Unit (PSU) Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) and Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to work in areas such as aerospace components through special economic zone (SEZ), industrial automation processing, 3-D printing, artificial intelligence and hydraulic system engineering.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal launched digital platforms for origin certificate issuance and steel import monitoring system (SIMS)

- Commerce and industry minister Shri Piyush Goyal (also railway minister) and Piyush Goyal and minister of State Hardeep Singh Puri launched Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) for obtaining steel import information by the govt and other stakeholders for efficient policy intervention. Piyush also launched a Common digital platform for electronic Certificates of Origin (CoO) issuance.
- This platform will act as a single access point for exporters, Free Trade Agreements (FTA)/ Preferential Trade Agreements (PTA) and others.

Govt waives 3-year lock-in period on NRI investments in IDF bonds

- In order to boost foreign investment in the infrastructure sector, waived off the 3-year lock-in period for investments made by Non-Resident Indians (NRI) in Infrastructure Debt Funds (IDFs), as notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- Transferring Rupee denominated bonds of IDF by an NRI to another NRI outside India, are not considered as transfers for capital gain purpose and no capital gain tax is charged on such transfers

32 FMCG companies launched "Karo Sambhav"-packaging waste management venture, aims to mobilise Rs.1000 cr

- To address the growing concern of plastic wastes 32 leading Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies like Coca-Cola India, PepsiCo India, and Bisleri etc are to jointly launch first-of-its-kind packaging waste management venture named Karo Sambhav in the country that aims to create an ecosystem for post-consumer packaging collections and optimization of material recycling processes.

SEBI sets up committee to suggest structure and norms for social stock exchanges

- Capital market regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has formed a 15-member committee headed by Ishaat Hussain, Director at State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation and former Tata Sons Director, to suggest possible measures and regulations in creating the 'social stock exchanges'.
- The formation of this committee comes after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's maiden union budget speech to take the capital markets closer to inclusive growth and financial inclusion.

UAE tops in non-residents investments in Indian MFs with the share of 16%

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) emerged as a top nation in making non-resident investments in Indian mutual funds (MFs).
- As of March 31, 2019, the foreign liabilities of units in Indian MFs made by UAE stood at Rs 14,979 crore, registering a share of 16%.

An Allotment Agreement signed between Ministry of Coal and WBPDCCL regarding world's second-largest Deocha Pachami Dewanganj-Harinsingha coal block

- In accordance with the provisions of the Coal Block Allocation Rules, 2017, made under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957, the WBPDCCL has been allocated the Deocha Pachami Dewanganj-Harinsingha coal block located in West Bengal containing an area of sq. km. with estimated reserves of 2102 Million Tonnes for generation of power.

Wipro ties up with FEBRABAN to develop online business platform

- Wipro, the Bengaluru-based software services provider has tied up with Febraban, an industry body representing the Brazil's financial services industry.
- Wipro will develop an online platform —Noomis|| for the financial services industry in Brazil.
- Noomis will serve as a meeting point and a discussion platform for the finance professionals in Brazil who will participate in CIAB, an

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information technology trade show for financial services organized by FEBRABAN.

- Noomis will provide reliable, analytical, and unbiased information via news reports, videos, and newsletters that will enable participants to stay up to date on financial market trends.

SEBI penalises Aurobindo Pharma and promoters for insider trading

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a penalty of over Rs 22 crore on Aurobindo Pharma and its promoters.
- They have been penalised for violating insider trading norms.
- The regulator had conducted an investigation into the trading in the scrip of Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.
- SEBI found that these entities purchased shares while in possession of the UPSI pertaining to Aurobindo, and made unlawful gains from having purchased its shares at a lower price before the publication of the unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI).

ADB cuts India growth forecast to 6.5% for 2019-20

- The Asian Development Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for fiscal year 2019-20 to 6.5% from 7%.
- The bank lowered the growth rate because of weaker growth in the first quarter due to a slowdown in consumption and investment activities that hit manufacturing and service sectors.

BSNL Super Star 500 Broadband Plan Launched Offers 500GB Data and Hotstar Premium Subscription

- BSNL launched a new Super Star 500 broadband plan that offers 500GB data at up to 50Mbps speed per month.
- This plan also offers complimentary subscription of Hotstar.
- It is available in two options one is a DSL plan and the other is a Bharat Fibre plan.
- The latter comes with 50Mbps speed, whereas the DSL plan gives subscribers up to 10Mbps data speed.
- The 500GB data FUP, the Internet speed will be reduced to just 2Mbps.

Facebook plans to invest in tech startups in India

- Facebook is planning to invest in technology start-ups. The minority investment in a company called Meesho, its first investment globally.
- The second edition of Huddle Kerala 2019 one of Asia's largest congregations on start-up ecosystem organized by Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), Ajit Mohan, vice president and managing director, India.

New GDP series to align with global method unveiled by the Union Government

- Union government unveiled a linked back-series of India's growth numbers from 1950-51 to 2003-04, with 2011-12 as the base year with an aim to arrange the GDP (Gross Domestic Products) figures from past years with the new internationally accepted methodology that facilitates comparisons.

Under IBC, government plans to waive off the debts of small distressed borrowers

- Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas notified that there are plans to waive off the debts of small distressed borrowers using the 'fresh start' provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- It would be for the most distressed individuals within the economically weaker section (EWS). The waiver will cost Rs 10,000 crore per annum.

CBSE ties up with Microsoft for capacity building of teachers

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has joined hands with American multinational technology company, Microsoft to incorporate cloud-based technology in high school teachers' capacity building programs and teaching. This program, designed for teachers of 8th to 10th grade, will be run in 10 cities across India from September 11, 2019.

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CGHS services to be made available in 100 cities by 2022

- Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched a new scheme of Annual Health Check-up for CGHS beneficiaries who are pensioners of the age of 75 years and above.
- He also inaugurated state-of-the-art CGHS Bhawan in New Delhi.
- CGHS services should be made available in 100 cities by 2022.
- The CGHS services which started in 1954 from Delhi expanded to only 25 cities till 2014.
- In the last five years under the NDA Government, the services have been extended to as many as 71 cities.

Varun Dhawan's 'Coolie No.1' first Bollywood film set to go plastic-free

- Bollywood has taken lead to promote India's plastic free movement with Varun Dhawan's upcoming movie "Coolie No. 1".
- Coolie No. 1 become the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free.
- Producer of this movie is Deepshikha Deshmukh.

EC launches Electors Verification Programme

- The Election Commission launched new mega Electors Verification Programme (EVP) across the country.
- The programme, which seeks to electoral rolls through crowdsourcing, 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.
- On the occasion of the nationwide mega million launch of Electors Verification Programme, a special camp was held at Election Commission Headquarters in New Delhi.

September month to be celebrated as 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah'

- The entire month of September beginning today will be celebrated as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah.
- This year the theme is Complementary Feeding. Prime Minister's Overreaching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment - POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach by 2022.
- Due to lack of awareness, both poor and affluent families are affected by it.

Govt puts restrictions on imports of Agarbatti

- Union government has put restrictions on the import of Agarbatti and other similar products.
- Now importers of these goods require a licence from the government.
- Restrictions have also been imposed on imports of other odoriferous preparations used for deodorizing room.

HM Amit Shah to address BJP's Maha Janadesh Yatra

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address BJP's Maha Janadesh Yatra in Solapur, Maharashtra.
- Mr Shah will join Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at the Yatra in Solapur district.
- The Home Minister will first arrive in Dadra and Nagar Haveli where he will inaugurate several projects in the morning at the SSR College in Silvassa.

HM Amit Shah meets his Singaporean counterpart K Shanmugam in New Delhi

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday met his Singaporean counterpart K Shanmugam in New Delhi and discussed several issues of mutual interest.
- India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi always looks forward to further strengthening India-Singapore ties.
- They agreed to strengthen the existing bilateral institutional mechanisms on security issues.

- The two leaders also exchanged views and concerns on the challenges posed by terrorism and extremism.
- Both the sides also agreed to enhance cooperation in dealing with transnational organized crimes including drug trafficking and economic offences.

Culture & Tourism Minister inaugurates gallery of confiscated & retrieved antiquities at Purana Quila

- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Prahlaad Singh Patel on Saturday inaugurated gallery of confiscated and retrieved antiquities at Purana Quila in New Delhi.
- It is a matter of pride that it has been possible to retrieve the historical pieces of the heritage from abroad.
- The retrieved items will enhance the knowledge about our rich culture and heritage.
- The gallery was established by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- The displayed antiquities will sensitize the public towards the illegal trade of nation's heritage. The gallery will remain open for public from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Tinsukia Junction becomes 4000th railway station to get free public WiFi

- Tinsukia Junction in northeast region has become the 4000th railway station in the country to have free public WiFi.
- According to the Indian Railway, on average they have been rolling out WiFi in 83 stations every day.
- RailTel CMD Puneet Chawla said that the journey started from Mumbai Central in January 2016 and in the coming few weeks all railway stations over Indian Railway (except the halt stations) will have fast and free Railwire WiFi.
- Indian Railway is the largest public transport of the country, while free WiFi is a pro-passenger initiative of the Ministry which in line the Prime Minister's 'Digital India' programme.

VP M Venkaiah Naidu dedicates country's longest electrified rail tunnel to nation

- In Andhra Pradesh, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu today dedicated the country's longest electrified rail tunnel between Cherlopalli and Rapuru and the electrified railway line between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli.
- The length of the rail tunnel is 6.6 kilometre.
- Vice-President also flagged-off a new inter-city super fast express train between Guduru and Vijayawada.

Development projects inaugurated in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah dedicated series of developmental projects at Silvassa the headquarters of Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
- Mr. Shah also laid the foundation stone for education hub at Zanda Chowk and Tokarkhada in Silvassa which will come up at the cost of Rs.61 crore.
- This will cater to the educational needs of more than 15 thousand students, which accounts for 27 per cent of the total school students of the union territory.
- The Project includes a paramedical Institute building at the cost of Rs 8 crore.

Union cabinet approves establishment of 75 new medical colleges

- Union Ministers Prakash Javadekar and Piyush Goyal the government approved the establishment of 75 new medical colleges in the country.
- The main addition would lead to the creation of 15,700 more MBBS seats in India.

Airports to get Full body scanner

- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has announced that all airports in the country will be equipped with full-body scanners in the next two years.

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- BCAS has made it mandate to equip all airports with body scanners.
- The introduction of such scanning is to improve the security in all the airport.
- The current equipment at airports cannot detect non-metallic explosives.

ICMR-NIN conducting programmes on occasion of National Nutrition Week

- The Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR)-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is going to implement the effectiveness of diet and lifestyle intervention with respect to lifestyle diseases like Hypertension and diabetes.
- This will be done through information, education and communication through Anganwadi Workers as centre of knowledge dissemination with respect to these diseases.
- On the occasion of the National Nutrition Week, Dr R Hemalatha said the study will help to reduce the increase of non communicable diseases.

KVIC Launches Terracotta Grinder at Varanasi to Re-use wasted pottery

- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched the first-ever Terracotta Grinder at Sewapuri in Varanasi.
- This machine will grind the wasted and broken pottery items for re-using in pottery-making.
- This Terracotta grinder will make grinding of wasted pottery items faster than the traditional mortar and pestle.
- It will lessen the cost of production and will also help in solving the problem of shortage of clays.
- They distributed 200 Electric Pottery Wheels and other pottery machines among the villagers. This will not only create 900 new jobs.

Namaste Pacific in New Delhi

- High Commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji jointly organised a cultural event, Namaste Pacific in New Delhi.
- The main aim is to showcase in India the culture of the Pacific countries.
- Australian High Commissioner to India Harinder Sidhu highlighted the importance of people to people links between India and the countries in the Pacific region received a boost through an event like Namaste Pacific.

Asia VR based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre launched

- Asia's 5th Generation Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre launched by Rtn G Chandramohan, Rotary Governor, Rotary International District 3232, at the Automobile Association of Southern India Centre (AASI) Chennai.AASI train 200 Ambulance drivers free of cost, under Safe Drivers Campaign.
- The patented simulator designed and developed by Chennai based Red Chariots Technologies Pvt Ltd.

Govt mulls to establish 42 new outlets of PMBJAK within health care institutions in J&K

- In Jammu and Kashmir, Government is mulling to establish 42 new outlets of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJAK) within health care institutions in the state.
- This was stated by Financial Commissioner of J&K Health & Medical Education Atal Dulloo.
- Out of these 42 outlets, 19 will be opened in Jammu Division and 23 in Kashmir Division.

IGI gets Indias tallest ATC Tower

- Union Minister of state for civil aviation Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated a new air traffic control (ATC) tower at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
- The cost of the ATC tower is Rs.350 crore.
- The tower consists of three buildings: the aerodrome control tower, area approach control services building, and the administrative block.
- The tower is facilitated with modern air navigation systems and advanced automation systems.
- The height of the ATC tower is 101.9 metres.

Over 6,000 Railway Station to be equipped with free Wi-Fi facilities by end of September

- More than six thousand Railway Station will be equipped with free Wi-Fi facilities by the end of this month.
- People can use the wi-fi service free of cost for net surfing, for streaming Videos and do their offices work online.
- RailTel has taken a lead in providing fast Wi-Fi for the use of passengers.
- Free Wi-Fi is a pro-passenger initiative of the Railway Ministry which in line the Prime Minister's 'Digital India' programme.

Tourism Minister inaugurates first-ever architectural LED illumination at Qutub Minar

- Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahalad Singh Patel inaugurated first-ever architectural LED illumination at the Qutub Minar.
- With the illumination, the architectural beauty of the 12th-century monument will display its historic majesty after sunset.
- Qutb Minar is a UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of most visited historical site in Delhi.

Prakash Javadekar Unveils New Logo, Certificate Design of CBFC

- Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar unveiled the new logo and certificate design of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).
- The introduction of a QR code in the new certificate design is in sync with the world of digital technology and will bring in greater transparency and provide information to filmmakers in a better way.

Rohit Sharma launches 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.
- The Indian rhinoceros faces several threats, including poaching, habitat loss and mass mortality from inbreeding and disease.

September is celebrated as Poshan Maah across India

- The country celebrates September month as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah across the country under POSHAN Abhiyaan programme.
- It aims to address malnutritional challenges. Poshan Maah was launched in States like Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan on 4th September.
- Poshan Maah focuses on five critical components called 'Panch Sutras'.

PM Modi to address Annual UNGA session

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to address the 74th annual high-level UN General Assembly (UNGA) session on 27 September 2019.
- He will also be holding a series of bilateral and multilateral discussion with his counterparts.
- On September 22, he will visit Houston where he will address the Howdy, Modi!, the Indian-American community summit. The summit is to be hosted by Texas India Forum.
- PM Modi will also be hosting a special event Leadership Matters: Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World on September 24 in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Chamber in New York, USA.

PM inaugurated AURIC

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Aurangabad Industrial City (AURIC), India's first industrial smart city, in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
- The programme aims to boost the Government of India's Smart Cities programme.
- PM Modi inaugurated Auric hall.
- AURIC is India's first greenfield smart city. Aurangabad has been planned to be the new benchmark of industrial progress. It is situated in the underdeveloped Marathwada region.
- The 10,000-acre big AURIC is a part of the under-construction Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).
- The city is being promoted as a major industrial hub on the DMIC.

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PM Modi Inaugurates Gandhi Solar Park at UN Headquarters

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a 50 kilowatt 'Gandhi Solar Park' at the UN headquarters.
- 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.

Union Home Minister launches „Private Security Agency Licensing Portal“

- The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched a single-window system 'Private Security Agency Licensing Portal'.
- The single-window system will be used for issuing licences to private security agencies.
- The portal will be available in several Indian languages within 90 days and more facilities will be added to it on a later stage.
- The online system will enable authorities in states and UTs to e-search criminal antecedents for verification of character and other antecedents of applicants through CCTNS before giving licences for private security agencies and employees/guards.

NCC conducts a pan India Swachhta Cycle Rally

- National Cadet Corps (NCC) is organizing a Cycle Rally on four different routes.
- The event will be starting from Thiruvananthapuram and Pudducherry in the South, Guwahati in North East, Jammu in the North and Panaji in the West.
- The Pan India Cycle rally will end at India Gate on 27 Sep 2019.
- The ceremony is to be flagged off by Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Shripad Yesso. Cadets riding from all over the country will be participating in the event.
- The aim of the rally is to raise awareness for the message of Clean India, Green India.
- The rally aims to support the initiative Swachh Bharat Abhiyan which was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

CoA rescheduled the BCCI election date to 23 October

- The Committee of Administrators (CoA) has rescheduled the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) election date to October 23.
- Earlier, the election was supposed to be held on 22 October.
- The reason for the change in date is due to the State Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra which were scheduled for 21 October.

Centre to invest USD 130 bn for fleet modernization

- The government has planned to introduce a mega plan to spend \$130 billion for fleet modernization in the next 5-7 years across all armed forces.
- The government aims to speed up the modernization of the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

DPIIT to Launch Plastic Waste Management Campaign for Swachhta Hi Sewa 2019

- The theme of this year's Swachhta Hi Sewa is Plastic Waste Management. Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry is playing a critical two-fold role for the success of the campaign as mandated by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of JalShakti.
- DPIIT will ensure recycling of plastic waste collected on 2nd October 2019.

Prime Minister to Launch Kisan Man Dhan Yojana on the 12th of September

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Kisan Man Dhan Yojana on the 12th of September at Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The Scheme shall secure the lives of 5 Crore Small and Marginal Farmers by providing a minimum pension of Rs 3000 per month to attain 60 years of age.

- The scheme has an outlay of Rs 10,774 Crores for the next three years.
- The small and marginal farmers who are currently between the ages of 18 to 40 years can apply for the scheme.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall inaugurate 400 Eklavya Model Residential Schools to provide quality upper primary, secondary, and senior secondary level education to ST Students in Tribal dominated areas.
- The New Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha Building and lay the foundation stone for the New Secretariat Building at Ranchi.
- He inaugurates the Multi-Modal Terminal at Sahebganj.

Union Minister of State for Culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurates the exhibition PRA-KASHI on finest trends of contemporary weaving

- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition PRA-KASHI in New Delhi.
- The National Museum, New Delhi in collaboration with Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi organized this exhibition.
- The exhibition will remain open for general public till 8th October 2019 between 10 am to 6 pm.

PM of St.Vincent and Grenadines visits India

- Prime Minister of St. Vincent and Grenadines Dr.Hon'ble Ralph Everard Gonsalves met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 5-day visit to India.
- PM Gonsalves also participated in the high-level United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD) Symposium held at New Delhi.

PM Narendra Modi launches National Animal Disease Control Programme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the National Animal Disease Control Programme in Uttar Pradesh's 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 government will fund the programme for Rs 12,652 crore for a period of 5 years till 2024. The programme has two components: to control the diseases by 2025 and eradication by 2030.

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.
- The induction of young talent as ISDS officers is one of the special initiatives taken by the Ministry of Skill Development And Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the government as a whole.

Smriti Irani inaugurates Wi-Fi facility at 6 railway stations including Amethi

- Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated Wi-Fi facility at 6 railway stations including Amethi.
- Today the Union Minister inaugurated the kitchen garden at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.
- Mrs Irani is on a two-day visit to her parliamentary constituency Amethi.

ONGC to invest more than Rs 13,000 cr to raise its oil & gas exploration in Assam

- The ONGC will invest more than 13,000 crore rupees to raise its oil and gas exploration in Assam.
- The company will be drilling more than 220 oil and gas wells throughout the state in next five years.

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- ONGC has already signed an MoU with Assam government to enhance its operation in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for reducing oil and gas import by 10 percent by 2022.

Feroz Shah Kotla stadium renamed after Arun Jaitley

- The iconic Feroz Shah Kotla stadium in New Delhi has been renamed as Arun Jaitley Cricket stadium.
- In a ceremony held at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium this evening, Union Home Minister Amit Shah digitally inaugurated the renamed Cricket Stadium in presence of late finance minister and sports administrator's family.
- Arun Jaitley served as the President of the Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) as well as the vicepresident of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

Ministry of information announced the accessibility of TV programs for hearing impaired

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced the implementation of television Programmes for the deaf audience.
- The announcement was made by the Minister of I&B Prakash Javadekar on 11 September 2019. It will be effective from 18 September 2019.

India joins global antimicrobial resistance research hub

- India has joined the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research (AMR) and Development hub as a new member.
- AMR is the ability of a microbe to resist the effects of medication that once could successfully treat the microbe.
- From 2019, India will be a member of Board of Members officially.
- Now India will be working with all the partners under the hub.
- It will focus on new research to address drug-resistant infections.

Govt to bring an ordinance to ban e cigarettes sales

- The Union cabinet is all set to approve an ordinance to ban e-cigarettes sales.
- The Ordinance includes the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of e-cigarettes.
- The Health Ministry has proposed to announce a ban on the e-cigarette.
- The production, import, export, transport, sale, distribution and advertisements of e-cigarettes will be an offense.

Union HRD Minister launches several initiatives of MIC and AICTE to boost research and innovation

- Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank attended the First Annual Innovation Festival of the MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC).
- The Innovation cell showcased more than 70 top students innovations from across India.

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.
- The IIS will be a tertiary care institute in the skills ecosystem and offer best of required courses in emerging and high demand areas such as deep technology, aerospace, among others.
- These institutes will be constructed and operated on a PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model.
- Tata Education Development Trust (TEDT) was selected as the private partner for setting up IIS at NSTI campus in Mumbai through a competitive bidding process.

Govt declared a train service to Bangladesh from Tripura by next year

- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region announced that the Railway link service between the Agartala-Akhaura in Bangladesh will be completed by 2020 for Development of Northeastern Region (DoNER).
- The Bangladesh railway link project is funded by the Ministry of DoNER. The cost allocated for the project is Rs 972.52 crores.
- The project can link Agartala with Bangladesh Railway Network at Akhaura.
- It will cut the traveling time period for passenger and goods movement from Kolkata to Agartala of 38 hours to 15 hours.

HRD Minister Confers CBSE Teachers Award 2018 To 35 Teachers

- Central Board of Secondary Education conferred Teacher's Award 2018 to 35 Teachers and Principals.
- The awards were given away by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.
- The Union HRD Minister launched the CBSE's portal Vidyadhan on Diksha App, a Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing National Forum for Teachers.

Centre to set up 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres

- Union Government has set a target of setting up 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres across the country.
- Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy Minister Shripad Yesso Naik announced this during the inauguration of a Unani Medical Centre and Siddha Clinical Research Unit.
- Out of 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres, 4000 centres will be set up in 2019.

President Kovind inaugurates Mahatma Gandhi's bust in Switzerland

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Villeneuve in Switzerland.
- The President is on a five- day visit to Switzerland to boost business and cultural ties.
- The bust was unveiled to mark the visit of Mahatma to Villeneuve in 1931.
- The inauguration also coincides with 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the nation.

Govt to offer 1000 PhD Fellowships to ASEAN students at IITs

- Government is launching a major programme offering 1000 PhD Fellowships to ASEAN students at IITs in India.
- The admission portal for the programme is being executed by IIT Delhi.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will launch the programme in New Delhi on 16th of this month.
- Heads of Missions of ASEAN countries, senior officials of the External Affairs Ministry and HRD Ministry, Directors of all 23 IITs.
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Indian Railways installs first PET bottle crusher machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express

- The Western Railway has installed a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottle crushing machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express for the first time ever.
- The PET bottle crusher machine was installed in the train under the Indian Railways' Swachh Bharat and Go Green missions.
- The move also ties in with an impending ban of single-use plastic by the Centre.
- The installation of the PET bottle crusher is expected to reduce carbon footprints by 100% recycling.
- This will also avoid littering in landfill from bottle waste.
- To create awareness to the people about the ban on single-use plastic, the Western Railways has put up selfie points at Churchgate and Andheri stations.

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CBDT to set up NeAC in Delhi

- Central Board of Direct Tax (CBDT) has set up the National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) in Delhi.
- NeAc aims to expand the scope of e-governance and ease of doing business.
- NeAc will assess tax returns electronically without any personal contact between officials and taxpayers.
- It will reduce human discretion in assessments and scrutiny.
- This will put an end to corruption by using new technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, video conferencing, telecommunication application software and mobile applications.

Govt plans to link social media accounts to the central database

- The govt besides the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) plans to connect to social media with records including immigration entry, banking, and phone numbers and all database information in one platform case.
- Home Minister has reviewed the progress of NATGRID on 12th Sept in Delhi.
- The National Intelligence Grid was first began in 2009 with a spending limit of Rs.2,800 crore. About 10 central agencies like Intelligence Bureau (IB), Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) and others will approach the information in a secured manner.

Doordarshan completes 60 years of existence

- Doordarshan is celebrating its 60 years today.
- Doordarshan has served people as a major source of information, education and entertainment since years.
- The public broadcaster started its journey on this day in 1959 from Delhi.

India to conduct special training programme for Maldivian civil servants

- India will conduct a two-week special training programme for Maldivian civil servants from today in Delhi and Mussoorie.
- It is part of a bilateral MoU on Training and Capacity Building Programme between the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) and the Maldives Civil Service Commission (CSC).
- A 32-member delegation from the Maldives reached the NCGG campus in Mussoorie.

Railways to undertake " Massive Shramdan" drive from Sep 17, focus on collection of plastic waste

- Railways will undertake - Massive Shramdan drive from Tuesday with main focus on collection of plastic waste. Ministry of Railways said, in the recent past such drives are being undertaken by Railways.
- This Shramadan is for enhanced cleanliness, through collection of plastic waste from all railway premises and creating awareness for a greater impact against single use plastic.

Great Ganga Run-2019 flagged off in New Delhi

- Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju today flagged off Great Ganga Run-2019 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- It was organized to create awareness about the river Ganga.

Aadhaar verification to be mandatory for new dealers from Jan 2020: GSTN

- The GST Network has decided to make Aadhaar authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from January next year to check malpractices in GST.
- This was announced by Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi, who heads the Group of Ministers of GST Network.

St. Vincent and Grenadines, 79th country to join India-led ISA

- Saint Vincent and Grenadines became the 79th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), an initiative by India aimed at combating the threats of climate change and global warming.
- 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; Currency: Eastern Caribbean dollar.

ECGC launches scheme "Nirvik" to ease the lending process

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Export Credit Guarantee Corporation has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme called NIRVIK.
- The Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana 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.
- During the launch, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal revealed that Central government will give support of Rs 8,500 crore to Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India in the next 5 years.

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

- India's first National Antimicrobial Resistance Hub was recently inaugurated 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.
- The centre was jointly inaugurated by the ICMR, in association with the U.S. Consulate of Kolkata and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Union Government Launches Web Portal to Find Your Lost or Stolen Mobile Phone

- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) unveiled a portal in Mumbai which will help mobile phone users trace their stolen or lost mobile phones.
- The name of the project is called the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR).
- This project is aimed at blocking of reported lost or stolen mobile phones across mobile networks, discouraging their theft, as well as facilitating in tracing of such phones.
- DoT launched a maritime communications service and revealed VSAT solutions provider Nelco will undertake broadband services in the maritime sector.

Indian Railways installs first PET bottle crusher machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express

- The Western Railway has installed a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottle crushing machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express for the first time ever.
- The PET bottle crusher machine was installed in the train under the Indian Railways' Swachh Bharat and Go Green missions.
- The move also ties in with an impending ban of single-use plastic by the Centre.
- The installation of the PET bottle crusher is expected to reduce carbon footprints by 100% recycling.
- This will also avoid littering in landfill from bottle waste.
- To create awareness to the people about the ban on single-use plastic, the Western Railways has put up selfie points at Churchgate and Andheri stations.

CBDT to set up NeAC in Delhi

- Central Board of Direct Tax (CBDT) has set up the National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) in Delhi.
- NeAc aims to expand the scope of e-governance and ease of doing business.
- NeAc will assess tax returns electronically without any personal contact between officials and taxpayers.
- It will reduce human discretion in assessments and scrutiny.

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- This will put an end to corruption by using new technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, video conferencing, telecommunication application software and mobile applications.

Union Government launches steel import monitoring system

- The union government launched a steel import monitoring system (SIMS) to provide advance information about steel imports to various stakeholders including producers and importers to have effective policy interventions.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and his junior colleague Hardeep Singh Puri launched the system developed in consultation with Ministry of Steel on the pattern of US Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system.

Indian Railways launches massive Shramdaan across the Country

- Indian Railways launches massive Shramdaan across the Country.
- Chairman Railway Board, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav along with other members participated in Shramdaan at New Delhi Railway Station.
- This drive with its main focus on the collection of plastic waste aims to create awareness for a greater impact against single-use plastic.
- It aims to enhancing cleanliness, through the collection of plastic waste from all railway premises.
- Indian Railways to make cleanliness its work culture won the Best Union Ministry Swachhata award for 2018-19 presented by the President of India on the last Friday-6th September 2019.

Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Sadananda Gowda Indian healthcare sector is expected to record a threefold rise at a CAGR of 22 per cent

- Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Sadananda Gowda inaugurated the Annual Health Conference Pharma Med HD 2019 transforming the perception of Indian HealthCare Industry in New Delhi.
- Indian healthcare sector is expected to record a threefold rise, at a CAGR of 22 per cent. India ranks 145th among 195 countries in terms of quality and accessibility of healthcare.

India Post expanded speed post service to six new Countries

- India Post expanded speed post service to six new foreign destinations in Asia, Europe and South America.
- The Department of Posts has announced commencing of International Speed Post (EMS) Service to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia.
- EMS or Express Mail Service is a premium service that enables its users to send documents.

International Workshop for National Water Museum

- Under Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has taken an initiative to develop National Water Museum.
- OBJECTIVE: To enhance awareness among general public at large, about dwindling water resources and need for conservation, and about sustainable and judicious use of water resources.
- This is one of the numerous initiatives taken by the Ministry of Jal Shakti towards bringing about changes in the behaviour of all stakeholders and general public at large for sustainable use of water.

HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal „Nishank“ launches WAVE Summit 2019 and other initiatives of AICTE

- Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal „Nishank“ launched several initiatives of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi.
- WAVE Summit 2019' is a great initiative because women have skills in their hands and it will further empower and motivate them.
- The Minister informed that the WAVE Summit will be held in November-December 2019.
- It will be jointly organized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Institute of Waste Management (IIWM) at Jaipur.

Skill India and IBM come together for nationwide Train-the-Trainer program in Artificial Intelligence

- IBM aims to train 10,000 faculty members from ITIs across India
- Program will involve 14 trainers across 7 locations with over 200 workshops during a one-year period.
- As part of the program, ITI trainers will be trained on basic Artificial Intelligence (AI) skills towards using the technology in their day-to-day training activities.
- This program aims at enabling the trainers with basic approach, workflow and application of artificial intelligence that they can apply in their training modules.

Steel Ministry to organize a “Chintan Shivir”: Towards a Vibrant, Efficient and Globally Competitive Indian Steel Sector

- The Ministry of Steel is organizing a day long ‘Chintan Shivir’ on September 23, 2019 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- The Chintan Shivir aims to hold deliberations among key stakeholders to further the growth of Indian Steel industry by arriving at a strategy to make the Indian Steel sector vibrant, efficient, environment friendly and globally competitive.
- The key objective of the day long ‘Chintan Shivir’ is to discuss opportunities of enhancing competitiveness of Indian Steel sector, facilitate capacity expansion & technology adoption, and augment demand for Indian Steel, both for domestic consumption as well as for exports.

Delhi Cabinet approves to pay fees for class 10 and 12 students

- The Delhi Cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has approved the state government's proposal to pay the CBSE examination fees for class 10 and 12 students of its schools.
- The move will benefit around 3.14 lakh students of the government schools from 2019-20. The estimated cost for the project is Rs.57 crore.
- The State government will pay the amount directly to the CBSE and the students will not have to take any burden or wait for reimbursements.

Ministry of Social Justice unveils MIS portal

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has unveiled a Management Information System (MIS) for stakeholders of Accessible India Campaign (AIC).
- It was launched by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The MIS portal aims to bring together the nodal ministries, States and Union Territories on a single platform.
- The portal will monitor the progress being made against each target of AIC.
- It will also maintain all the function on the digital platform and capture data on a real-time basis. The portal has been made fully accessible for Divyangjans.

Central Railway recovers 7.88 crore fine from ticketless travellers in Pune

- The Pune division of the Central Railway recovered Rs 7.88 crore fine from passengers travelling without tickets in last five months.
- The rail division conducted a drive from April to August to identify ticketless travellers on Pune-Malawli, Pune-Miraj, Pune-Baramati and Kolhapur-Miraj routes.

Telecom body approves Rs 8500 crore for mobile towers & optical fibre

- Department of Telecom has approved multiple projects worth over Rs 8,500 crore.
- The projects aims to set up mobile towers and laying of optical fibre and to improve connectivity.
- The commission also approved a special scheme to cover upto 12,000 uncovered villages in aspirational districts.
- The approved infra projects include laying of BharatNet fibre in Tamil Nadu and Telangana, at an estimated cost of Rs 1,815 crore and Rs 2,065 crore.

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- The projects also include setting up of 1,917 mobile towers for uncovered villages in the North East.

PMMVY achieved a milestone by reaching 1 crore beneficiaries

- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) has achieved a significant milestone by crossing 1 crore beneficiaries.
- So far, Centre has disbursed a total amount of Rs. 4,000 crores to the beneficiaries under the scheme.
- PMMVY is a direct benefit transfer (DBT) is a flagship scheme of the Government for pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Under this scheme, cash benefits are provided to pregnant women in their bank account directly. It aims to meet enhanced nutritional needs and partially compensate for wage loss.
- The scheme was effectively implemented from 1st January 2017.
- Under the Scheme, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) will receive a cash benefit of Rs.5,000 in three installments.

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.
- The partnership will provide comprehensive health insurance for secondary and tertiary care to tens of thousands of drivers working with the cab aggregator and their families.
- Eligible drivers as well as Ola employees will be able to avail the benefits of the programme and obtain an Ayushman Bharat card at a minimal cost of Rs 30.

PM Modi to embark on seven-day visit to US tonight

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a seven-day visit to United States tonight.
- During his visit, Mr. Modi will be in Houston and New York and address the United Nations General Assembly on 27th of this month.
- Prime Minister will address Indian community on 22nd of this month and President Donald Trump will also be there.
- On 24th September, India will organize an event to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in the UN.
- Mr. Modi will be joined by heads of some countries including President of South Korea, Prime Ministers of Singapore, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Jamaica as well as the UN Secretary General.
- Mr. Modi will also be honoured with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Goalkeeper's Award for his leadership in field of sanitation through Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

PM jointly unveiled the Buddha Statue in Mongolia

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mongolian President H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga jointly unveiled a statue of Lord Buddha and his two disciples.
- The statue was installed at the historic Gandan Tegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The Statue depicts Lord Buddha in a sitting posture along with his two disciples.
- The Buddha statue conveys the message of compassion along with peace and co-existence.
- The 3rd edition of SAMVAAD dialogue which was held from 6 September to 7 September 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The SAMVAAD dialogue brought together Buddhist religious leaders, experts, and scholars from different countries.
- The dialogue focused on contemporary issues related to Buddhism.

DSCI, MeitY and Google India join hands for „Digital Payment Abhiyan“

- Nasscom's Data Security Council of India (DSCI) collaborated with the electronics and IT ministry (MeitY) and Google India to launch a nationwide awareness campaign „Digital Payment Abhiyan“.
- Communications and Electronics & IT Minister launched the campaign that will educate end-users on the benefits of making digital payments and urge them to adopt security and safety best practices.

- The campaign was launched at the Google for India event.
- To drive the campaign objectives and amplify outreach to users across all states, DSCI has onboarded various digital payments, ecosystem partners.
- These partners include representation from banking, card networks as well as a fin-tech segment.

PM launched CDRI at UNSG Climate Action Summit

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) Climate Action Summit which is being held in New York.
- The summit is hosted by UNSG Mr. António Guterres.
- The summit aims to ramp up climate actions worldwide.
- PM Modi presented the country's practical approach and roadmap to mitigate climate change in the summit. PM invited the UN Member states to join CDRI.
- The proposal to set up CDRI was initially approved by the Prime Minister on 13 August 2019.
- It aims to bring together the largest number of state heads to generate commitments to combat the effects of climate change and resulting disasters.
- India has announced Rs.480 crore to the CDRI for the next 5 years.
- It will help fund technical assistance and research projects, setting up of offices and covering recurring expenditures under the initiative.

Centre launched UMMID to tackle inherited genetic diseases

- Centre has launched the Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (UMMID) initiative.
- It was launched by the Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- He also inaugurated the National Inherited Diseases Administration (NIDAN) Kendras.
- It is supported by Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- UMMID aims to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies.
- The initiative will ensure proper treatment to children and create awareness amongst the masses.
- UMMID initiative aims to work towards achieving wellness by promoting the prevention of genetic diseases under the National Health Policy, 2017 of the government.

India to increase the renewable energy target to 450GW

- PM Narendra Modi announced that India is to increase the renewable energy target to 450 GW.
- He made the announcement at the United Nations Climate Action Summit.
- PM has also presented a practical approach and a road map to achieve the target.
- He also reiterated India's commitment to the creation of 175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022 under the Paris Climate Agreement.

India's strategies to achieve the target:

1. India is to spend approximately \$50 billion on the Jal Jeevan Mission to conserve water, harvest rainwater and develop water resources.
2. India has planned to considerably increase the proportion of the biofuel blend in petrol and diesel.
3. India has plans to make the transport sector green through the use of electrical vehicles.
4. The country has banned single-use plastics
5. The International Solar Alliance (ISA), an Indian-led initiative, under which India had provided 160 million families with cooking gas connections.

Centre proposed a digital census for 2021 Census

- Centre has proposed a digital census, a mobile app used to collect data to determine the population of the country in the next census of India in 2021.
- The proposal was announced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

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- He also proposed the idea of a multipurpose ID card for every citizen which includes passport, Aadhaar, and the voter card.
- The digital technology for the upcoming Census will use Aadhaar number for the compilation of National Population Register (NPR).
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has approved the voluntary use of Aadhaar number.
- By including Aadhaar details, the NPR database would contain demographic as well as biometric particulars.
- Census 2021 will be conducted in major Indian languages and on the mobile app.
- The government is to spend Rs.12,000 crore for the decadal exercise and development of NPR.

Agriculture Minister launches CHC Farm Machinery and KrishiKisan App

- The government launched a multilingual app-based service CHC Farm Machinery for Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs).
- This service 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.

PM Modi will formally declare India as ODF on 2nd October

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally declare India as Open Defecation Free -ODF on 2nd October during a function to be held in Ahmedabad.
- Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to address a mega convention of more than 20000 Sarpanchs from across the country which will be held at the Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

India committed to eradicate TB before 2025

- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched 'TB HAREGA DESH JEETEGA' campaign in New Delhi.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan said that India is committed to eradicate TB before 2025.
- He said that one-third of the people in the world have TB bacteria, and 10 per cent of them can become a victim of TB at any time.

Centre institutes national unity award named after Sardar Patel

- The Centre has instituted the highest civilian award for contribution to the unity and integrity of India, in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The award seeks to recognize notable and inspiring contributions to promote the cause of national unity and integrity and to reinforce the value of a strong and united India.
- The award will be announced on the occasion of the National Unity Day on the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel on 31st of October.

Centre launched TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign

- Centre launched the new Tuberculosis (TB) Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign on 25 September.
- It was launched by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare. As part of the Ministry's commitment to end-TB, it has established patient forums in over 95% of all districts in the first 100 days.
- These district forums are expected to highlight on-ground challenges faced by patients and their families in accessing TB care services.
- The TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign is committed to ensuring all the TB patients receive free-of-cost, high-quality TB care.
- It aims to improve and expand the reach of pan India TB care services by 2022.
- Care will be provided irrespective of where the patients seek care including the private sector.

First Indigenous Fuel Cell System launched on CSIR Foundation Day

- The President of India Ramnath Kovind unveiled the first Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System.
- This system is developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in partnership with Indian industries under India's flagship program named —New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI)|| on the occasion of CSIR Foundation Day in New Delhi.

National Launch of 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy 2019 to 2029

- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI launched the 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy (2019-2029).
- To focus sustaining the sanitation behavior change that has been achieved under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), ensuring that no one is left behind, and increasing access to solid and liquid waste management.

Midnapore becomes 5000th railway station to be Wi-Fi enabled

- Midnapore in West Bengal became the 5000th railway station in the country to be Wi-Fi enabled.
- The Railway officials to ensure digital empowerment, locals and passengers are now connected to free and fast internet in and around 5000 stations of the country.
- Rail Tel started the project of providing Wi-Fi facility at railway stations in January 2016 from Mumbai Central station in Maharashtra.

India Hands Over Rs. 2.41 Crore Worth School Building To Nepal

- India handed over a new school building costing Rs. 2.41 crores to the Nepal government that would boost the learning environment of students from the marginalized sections in the Himalayan nation.
- The new building of Kuleshwar Awas Secondary School in Kathmandu city was jointly inaugurated by Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Kathmandu, in the presence of several senior officials from the Nepal government. Kuleshwar Awas Secondary School has 800 students and is run with community support. Around 50 per cent of the students in the school are girls and most of the students come from the marginalised section of the society.
- The new school infrastructure is a three-storey structure comprising 20 class rooms, separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls on each floor, underground water tank and furniture.

Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 1,058 crores 22-km stretch of Delhi-Meerut Expressway

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Delhi-Meerut Expressway phase-3, built at a cost of Rs 1,058 crores.
- The 82-kilometer long Delhi-Meerut Expressway connects Delhi with Meerut in western Uttar Pradesh.
- The third phase or package from Dasna in Ghaziabad to Hapur is over 22-km long, with a civil cost of Rs 1,058 crores.
- This 6-lane section has 2 lane service roads on both side, and a 4.68-km long 6-lane elevated corridor at Pilkhuwa.

Deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar extended till Dec 31

- The deadline to link permanent account number (PAN) with Aadhaar has been extended by three months till 31st of December.
- Earlier, the deadline was September 30. This is the seventh time that the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their PAN with Aadhaar.

Govt. launches POSHAN Maah 2019 campaign to promote „eat right India movement“

- Union Health Minister Shri Harsh Vardhan launched mass media campaign POSHAN Maah (nutrition campaign) 2019 to promote the —eat right India movement|| (launched 10th July 2018) to improve public health and combat negative nutritional trends.
- The campaign will have weekly themes in the upcoming 365 days.

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- This movement is aligned with the government's flagship public health programmes such as POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anemia Mukht Bharat, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, and Swachh Bharat Mission.

Kochi to host 22nd India International Seafood Show after 12 years

- The 22nd edition of the India International Seafood Show (IISS) which is one of the largest seafood fairs in Asia, is to be hosted by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) in Kochi (known as queen of Arabian sea) at Hotel Grand Hyatt from February 7-9, in 2020.
- This biennial show would be Kochi's first hosting after 12 years.

A task force headed by Economic Affairs Secretary Mr Atanu Chakraborty set up to draw up National Infrastructure Pipeline of Rs 100 lakh crore

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman constituted a task force headed by Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Mr Atanu Chakraborty for drawing up National Infrastructure Pipeline of Rs 100 lakh crore (\$1.4 trillion) from the fiscal year 2019-20 to 2024-25.

First „Make in India“ Metro Coach In Mumbai inaugurated by PM Modi in Mumbai

- Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Metro Coach in Mumbai under the „Make in India“ initiative at Jio World Centre, Maharashtra, Mumbai. He also launched Rs.19,000 crore worth metro projects with previous investment of Rs 1.5Lakh crore and laid foundation stone of 3 Metro lines to the metro network of the city expected to be operational from 2031.
- In Aurangabad Shri Modi addressed „Mahila Saksham Melava“ (Empowered Women's Meet) of the Self Help Groups (SHG) organised by the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM).

Centre clears over Rs 5,000 crore worth Akash missile project for Air Force

- In a bid to strengthen the Indian Air Force (IAF), the central government has approved the procurement of 6 squadrons of indigenous Akash Air Defense missile for the Air Force at a cost of Rs 5,000 crore.
- They will be deployed along the borders with Pakistan and China.

9th SLINEX 2019- Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise commenced in Vizag

- 9th edition of weeklong joint maritime naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka (SL) named SLINEX for the year 2019 has commenced in the port of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Two Sri Lanka Navy Ships (SLNS) namely Sindurala and Suranimala that are offshore patrol vehicles left the Trincomalee port of Sri Lanka to participate in the exercise.

SRB increased by 13 points in 4 years; Stood at 931 in 2018-19

- Women and Child Development and Textiles Minister Smriti Irani notified that the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) increased by 13 points nationally since the implementation of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme from 918 in 2014-15 to 931 in 2018-19.
- These figures vary from the second Health Index Report released by NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog in June 2019 which showed decline in SRB in 12 out of 21 states between 2013-15 and 2014-16.

President inaugurates 2-day National Youth Summit 2019 in New Delhi

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the National Youth Summit 2019 held in New Delhi.
- It was organized by Youth Awakening Mission (a wing of Paavan Chintan Dhara Charitable Trust, Ghaziabad).

Western Air Command Commanders“ conference 2019 held in New Delhi

- A two-day long Western Air Command, Commanders' Conference 2019 was held in New Delhi. Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa was the chief guest of the Conference.

- The Conference witnessed the discussions on critical analysis of operational preparedness and training including measures to promote high utility of combat assets.
- Addressing the Commanders, BS Dhanoa asked IAF (Indian Air Force) personnel to upkeep high level of operational orientation and preparedness to ensure the ground defense of the airbases against the backdrop of the existing security environment.

Indian railways first Fun zone has been set up at the Visakhapatnam Railway Station

A fun zone, the first of its kind in Indian Railways, has been set up at the Visakhapatnam Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh. The Gaming zone was inaugurated at platform number 1.

India has seen an improvement in overall life expectancy at birth to 69 years: SRS 2013-17

- According to the Sample Registration Survey (SRS) for 2013-17 released by the Registrar General of India, the overall life expectancy at birth in India improved to 69 years from 68.7 years in 2012-16.
- Men & Women life expectancy: As per SRS 2013-17, women are expected to live for 70.4 years and men for 67.8 years. In 2012-16, the life expectancy for women was 70.2 years and for men, it was 67.4 years.
- Rural & urban life expectancy: Life expectancy for women was 73.70 years in urban centres and 69 in rural areas and for men, it was 71.20 years and 66.40 years respectively

First edition of helicopter summit 2019 by aviation ministry held in Dehradun

- The ministry of Aviation jointly with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized the first helicopter summit 2019 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand to discuss the issues related to connectivity through helicopters.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) were invited for a talk on „Role of IAF helicopters in MEDEVAC (medical evacuation) at National level“. The summit was based on the theme —expanding connectivity through helicopters||.

India announces \$1 mn disaster relief aid for Bahamas as it is affected by Hurricane Dorian

- The Government of India (GoI) announced humanitarian assistance of \$1 million as immediate disaster relief to help people in The Bahamas affected by Hurricane (tropical cyclone) Dorian which has caused large scale destruction.
- The death toll is more than 40 and is likely to increase.

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar flags off „Jaldoot“ bus for water conservation initiative in Pune

- The union minister for environment, forest and climate change Shri Prakash Javadekar (also Information & Broadcasting minister) flagged off a bus named —Jaldoot|| in Pune, Maharashtra which showcases the importance of water conservation.
- This bus which is redesigned to create —Jaldoot: Travelling Exhibition on Jalshakti Abhiyan||, would travel to 8 districts of Maharashtra for 2 months and would also convey to people about the work of govt. in last 100 days, along with bold initiatives and decisions undertaken.

Javadekar inaugurates the renovated Jayakar bungalow at NFAI in Pune, Maharashtra

- Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Environment, Forest and Climate Change has inaugurated the renovated Jayakar bungalow (a famous heritage building of Pune) at National Film Archive of India (NFAI) in Pune, Maharashtra. The bungalow has been renovated with an outlay of 3 crore rupees.

Polish Minister Marcin Przydacz unveils memorial pillar in Valivade, Kolhapur in memory of refugee Polish families during WWII

- Marcin Przydacz, the deputy foreign minister of Poland unveiled a memorial pillar in Valivade in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra in

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memory of the 5000 polish refugee families that settled in Valivade during World War II (WWII) 80 years ago.

Special training program for Maldivian civil servants to be run from September 16 – 28, 2019 at Mussoorie and New Delhi

- India will conduct a two-week special training programme (STP) for 32-member delegation (70% of delegates are women officials) of Maldivian Civil Servants at the Mussoorie (Uttarakhand) and New Delhi from 16 – 28 September 2019.

GSTN makes Aadhaar verification or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from January 1, 2020

- The group of ministers of Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) headed by Sushil Kumar Modi (Bihar deputy chief minister) notified that all the new dealers will have to mandatorily make Aadhaar verification or physical verification from January 1, 2020. This move is aimed to check malpractices in GST.



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Leh: Fire and Fury Corps celebrates 20th Raising Day

- It was on September 1, 1999, in the aftermath of the Kargil War that this elite Corps was raised.
- The elite Fire and Fury Corps today celebrated its 20th raising day at Leh, with all its personnel reaffirming their wholehearted support to the people of Ladakh region.
- Fire and Fury Corps, Lieutenant General Yogesh Kumar Joshi led his men to lay the wreath at a solemn ceremony to honour the 'martyrs of Ladakh' at war memorial, Hall of Fame, at Leh.

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched „champion"s campaign" against dengue

- Chief Minister 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.
- He had urged the Delhi residents to give 10 minutes every Sunday to check the surroundings to prevent the breeding of dengue-carrier mosquitoes.

Arun Jaitley's statue to be installed in Bihar

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said a statue of former Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley would be installed in Patna.
- Mr Kumar also announced that Jaitley's birthday on 28th of December would be celebrated as state function every year.
- Jaitley who became the BJP's In-charge for Bihar in 2005, played a very big role in the formation of the NDA government in the state.

TamilNadu signs three agreements for healthcare collaborations in UK

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami signed three agreements for collaboration in the healthcare sector on the first day of his UK tour.
- The Chief Minister is on the first leg of his three-nation tour.
- The three agreements, two were Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and one was Statement of Intent.
- The one MoU was signed between the government of Tamil Nadu and International Skills Development Corporation.

Smt. Renuka Singh to inaugurate Aadi Mahotsav in Noida

- Shri Renuka Singh, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs will inaugurate National Tribal Festival Aadi Mahotsav organised by Ministry of Tribal Affairs at India Expo Centre, Sector-62, Noida (UP) in the presence of Shri Deepal Khandekar, Secretary, Tribal Affairs and Shri R.C. Meena, Chairman, TRIFED.
- The scheme of the festival is: A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce.
- The festival will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings fabric, jewellery and much more through 70 stalls.
- The 200 tribal artisans and artist from different states creating a Mini-India will be participating in the festival.

West Bengal passed anti lynching Bill

- The West Bengal State Assembly passed West Bengal (Prevention of Lynching) Bill, 2019.
- The Bill aims to prevent and punish mob assaults and lynching.
- The State describes lynching as social malice.
- The State also urged the Centre and other State governments to bring similar legislation.

Uttarakhand to set up a Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve

- The Uttarakhand government has determined to set up a Special Tiger Force for Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve.
- It will function as an abundantly required second layer of protection with the big cat.
- The force can have 85 posts.

- Special tiger force:
- The STPF is effective in checking outlaw human intrusion into the reserve through villages situated on its fringes for 250 tigers at the reserve.

Bihar State govt. bans Jeans, T shirts in its Secretariat

- The Bihar government has announced a ban on wearing jeans and T-shirts within the state secretariat.
- The officers and workers are asked to wear simple, soft and light-colored apparel in the workplace.
- The order was issued by the higher Secretary of the government, Mahadev Prasad.

Odisha police set up special cell to probe crime against women

- The Odisha police started a separate cell to deal with all cases of crime against women.
- The Odisha's director general of police (DGP) Bijoy Kumar Sharma to headed by an additional superintendent of police will monitor all red flag cases and ensure prompt investigation and finalization of rape cases within 60 days.

PM Modi inaugurates Garvi Gujarat Bhavan in New Delhi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated the Garvi Gujarat Bhavan in New Delhi. The new building situated at Akbar Road in the national capital has been built at a cost of around 131 crore rupees by the Gujarat Government.
- The Bhavan is equipped with traditional and modern artefacts and technologies and will serve as a home for Gujaratis in the national capital.
- It will represent the culture, craft and cuisine of Gujarat.

Western Odisha districts celebrating Agrarian festival 'Nuakhai'

- The much-awaited day, Nuakhai, for the people of western Odisha districts came today with much pomp and gaiety.
- People of Odisha celebrated this festival today.
- People offer the newly harvested crop called Nabanha to their respective presiding deities at a stipulated moment this morning.
- While Goddess Samaleswari is being worshipped in Sambalpur, Pateneswari in Bolangiri, Sureshwari in Sonepur, Sekharbasini in Sundargarh and Manikeswari in Kalahandi are offered the new crop.
- After offering the Nabanha, people relish different types of delicacies prepared from the newly harvested crop.

Haryana govt announces about Rs 5,000 cr interest, penalty waiver on crop loans

- Haryana Government has announced a 4,750 crore rupees waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans.
- This will benefit around 10 lakh farmers of the state.
- The farmers who have borrowed from Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS), District Cooperative Central Banks, Land Mortgage Bank and Haryana Land Reforms and Development Bank will benefit from this decision
- The farmers whose bank accounts were declared Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) by these banks and were unable to renew their loans will now be able to do so.

Police academy of international standards to be set up soon in Lucknow

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced that a police academy of international standards will be set up very soon in Lucknow.
- OBJECTIVE: for training cops which will be the first of its kind of institute in the state.
- He also inaugurated State Police Headquarters „Signature' building in Lucknow.
- Inaugurating the new building of police headquarters, Chief Minister said that he also wants to open a forensic university to ensure that State Police are not dependent on any other agency in case of any eventuality.

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New Health Insurance Scheme AB-MGRSBY Launched In Rajasthan

- Rajasthan state government launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY) by integrating the Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme (BSBY) of the State Government and Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Scheme (AB-PMJAY) of the Central Government.
- Around 1.1 crore families will be covered under this Health Scheme.
- The sum insured now is Rs. 30000 for general diseases and Rs. 3 lakh per year for serious diseases. ABPMJAY, which provides coverage of Rs 5 lakh per year.

JK govt to provide piped water to every household by 2022

- Jammu and Kashmir government is planning to supply piped water to each and every household in the state by 2022.
- Public Health Engineering and Irrigation and Flood Control Secretary AK Sahu held a meeting in Jammu on Tuesday to review the preparedness of Jammu region in this regard.
- The state government has already provided 848 crore rupees for water supply schemes in the Jammu region.

Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain to be developed on lines of Kashi Vishwanath Temple

- In Madhya Pradesh, Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain will be developed on the lines of the ongoing development works at Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi.
- Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga is a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the twelve Jyotirlingams, which are said to be the most sacred abodes of Lord Shiva.
- A plan of Rs 300 crore has been prepared for this proposed development of Mahakal temple.
- A high-level committee of three ministers has also been formed to plan the development.

UDAN regional connectivity scheme launched in Haryana from Hisar

- Hisar, Haryana has entered into the civil aviation map after the launch of the air shuttle service between Hisar and Chandigarh.
- SpiceJet has started the air shuttle service between Hisar and Chandigarh under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Regional Connectivity Service scheme.
- SpiceJet would provide the service of two flights between Hisar and Chandigarh daily.

Vaishno Devi Shrine adjudged as Best Swachh Iconic Place in India

- Vaishno Devi Shrine in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir won the Best Swachh Iconic Place in the country.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the award during the Swachh Mahotsav to be organised by the ministry.
- The union ministry of Jal Shakti, department of drinking water and sanitation, released its rankings of Swachh Iconic Places.

Jitendra Singh lays foundation stone of NERAMAC, marketing complex in Guwahati

- Union DoNER Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone of North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC), marketing complex in Guwahati.
- The marketing complex will be a destination to showcase the products of the North-Eastern region.

Two UTs J&K, Ladakh will have a common high court

- State Judicial Academy of Jammu & Kashmir said that J&K and Ladakh will become two separate Union territories (UTs) from 31 October but it will have a common high court.
- This order was issued by the State Judicial Academy's Director Rajeev Gupta.

Kerala to introduce iWTC in Kozhikode

- For the first time ever, the Kerala State government is to set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC) in Kozhikode.
- It is in consonance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- iWTC aims to boost women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity by providing women a safe place away from home to start new businesses.

Campaign against single used plastic begins in Bihar

- In Bihar, the campaign against single used plastic will begin today.
- Mass Awareness Campaign will be launched by holding Swatchha Hi Seva campaign from today till 1st of October from Urban areas to villages.
- Under this campaign, single used plastic will be collected at ward level and it will be sent to collection centres of local bodies for recycling.

Telangana Governor Tamlisai Soundararajan is the youngest governor

- Tamlisai Soundararajan sworn in as the first woman governor of Telangana.
- She is the youngest among all state governors.
- Andhra Pradesh's Biswa Bhusan Harichandan is the oldest at the age of 85.

PM Modi to launch pension schemes from Jharkhand

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Mandhan Yojana' to the nation.
- He will also launch the 'Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyaparik Mandhan Yojana' and 'Swarojgar' pension schemes.
- The Prime Minister will also inaugurate the new building of the Jharkhand Assembly and a multi-modal terminal at Sahibganj.
- Prime Minister will lay the foundation stones online for 462 Eklavya Model Schools across the country, of which 69 will be established in 13 of Jharkhand's 24 districts.
- He will also lay the foundation stone for a new building of Jharkhand Secretariat.
- —Monthly pension under 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Mandhan Yojana' is being introduced as a social security to farmers.
- Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyaparik Mandhan Yojana' and 'Swarojgar' pension schemes, beneficiaries between 18 and 40 years will get Rs 3,000 per month after completing 60 years of age.

AP to launch village level secretariats from October 2

- The Andhra Pradesh government is getting ready to launch village-level secretariats from October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti.
- Each secretariat will employ ten persons from the village.
- Four lakh jobs will be generated at a go once these village secretariats become operational.
- The State government has also employed grama (village) volunteers in villages, paying them honorarium of Rs 5,000 a month.

Maharashtra to implement water grid projects worth Rs 3,122 cr in Latur and Osmanabad

- The projects aim to create an integrated piped network to supply water for drinking, industrial and agricultural use.
- In a bid to solve the perennial water shortage of Latur and Osmanabad districts in Marathwada.
- The Maharashtra State Cabinet on Monday has decided to implement water grid projects worth Rs 3,122 crore.
- The projects aim to create an integrated piped network to supply water for drinking, industrial and agricultural use, around the year.

Rs 250-cr Mega Food Park set up in Telangana

- Union Minister for Food processing Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the first Mega Food Park in Telangana promoted by Smart Agro Food Park at Lakkampally village in Nizamabad district.

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- Mega Food Park will leverage an additional investment of about Rs 250 crore in 22 food processing units and generate a turnover of about Rs 14,000 crore.
- It will also provide 50,000 direct and indirect jobs and benefit about one lakh farmers.
- Mega Food parks are aimed at facilitating doubling of farmer's income by 2022.
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is a government initiative in which all small and marginal farmers will get up to Rs 6,000.
- The government provides financial assistance up to Rs 50 crore per Mega Food Park project.
- The Smart Agro Mega Food Park has been set up in 78 acre of land at a cost of Rs 108.95 crore.

Maha CM approves Rs 1680 cr water supply scheme for Aurangabad

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis today approved a 1680.50 crore rupees water supply scheme for Aurangabad in Marathwada region.
- Around 16 lakh people of Aurangabad will be benefitted by the scheme which envisages supply of water directly from the Jayakwadi dam.
- Marathwada comprising eight districts has traditionally been a low-rainfall area.
- The region has been reeling under drought conditions for the last four years.

Haryana launches two insurance schemes for traders

- The State Government of Haryana launched two insurance schemes for registered small and medium traders.
- The schemes are Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana and Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana.
- The insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh would be provided under the Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana.
- The insurance cover ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh would be provided under the Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana.

CM Devendra Fadnavis flags off trial run of Navi Mumbai Metro Line one

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis flagged off the trial run of the first Belapur to Pendar Metro rail project in Navi Mumbai.
- The four lines proposed for Navi Mumbai Metro Line one have a total of 11 stations on the 11.10 km corridor being constructed at a cost of Rs 3,063 crore.
- Navi Mumbai Metro make the commute easy for inhabitants residing at Kharghar, Taloja and Pendar. The travel time to reach Taloja from Belapur is 45 minutes.

Rajasthan launches "Jan Soochna Portal-2019"

- Rajasthan has launched —Jan Soochna Portal-2019— a public information portal to provide information about government authorities and departments to the public.
- The portal ensures compliance with Section 4(2) of the RTI Act mandating the public authorities to disclose information in the public domain.
- The State government has collaborated with the civil society groups to develop the portal, presently giving information pertaining to 13 departments on a single platform.
- The portal empowers the common people with access to useful information.

J&K: Rs 827-crore plan approved under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes

- In Jammu & Kashmir, a plan of 827 crore rupees has been approved under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- State Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam reviewed the implementation of the schemes during the last fiscal and subsequently approved the Action Plan for the current financial year.

- As part of Mission Reach Out, the Indian Army has been conducting various people-friendly campaigns in the state to highlight the benefits of removing Article 370 among the local population.
- The Army conducted an interaction drive with local people, school students and sarpanches in border village Naga of Jammu Division.

Kamal Nath lays foundation stone for metro rail project in Indore

- In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Kamal Nath today laid the foundation stone for around 7,500 crore rupees metro rail project in Indore.
- Mr Kamal Nath formally started the construction work of this project near the toll block on MR-10 Road in the city.
- A new chapter of urban public transport is being added in the economic capital of Madhya Pradesh through this metro project.
- A total of 31.55 kilometre-long ring corridor is proposed to be built under the metro rail project in the largest city in terms of population in the state.
- The metro rail project will be completed by August 2023 in a phased manner.
- The blueprint of the Metro Rail project in Indore was prepared during the tenure of the previous BJP Government of the state.

790 Gram Panchayats connected with optical fibre in Maharashtra

- 790 Gram Panchayats have been connected with optical fibre in Pune district of Maharashtra under the central Bharat Net scheme.
- It is announced by Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar.
- Wi-Fi facility has been provided to 155 of these Gram Panchayats.
- Nine lakh youth from the district have benefited under Mudra Yojana, saying 8,000 crore rupees have been distributed to them in the form of loans.
- Wi-Fi facility has been installed at 46 of the 58 railway stations in Pune Division.
- The Minister informed that libraries will be opened in all the schools of Pune district under Integrated School Education scheme and sports material will also be provided to them.

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- Around 16lakh people of Aurangabad are going to be benefitted by this water supply scheme from the Jayakwadi dam.
- The Water inadequacy is probably going issue within the Marathwada region wherever the BJP is making an attempt to form deep inroads.
- The elections measure slated to be in October.

Renovated Jayakar Bungalow in NFAI Pune inaugurated

- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the renovated Jayakar Bungalow, a classic heritage site situated inside the premises of National Film Archives of India in Pune
- Capital: Mumbai
- Chief Minister: Devendra Fadnavis
- Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- National Parks: Chandoli National Park, Nawegaon National Park, Gugamal National Park, Pench National Park, Sanjay Gandhi (Borivilli) National Park, Tadoba National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuaries: Amba Barwa WLS, Bor WLS, Great Indian Bustard WLS,
- Lonar WLS, Melghat WLS, Gangewadi New Great Indian Bustard WLS, etc.

Traditional Neermahal Jal Utsav concludes in Tripura

- In Tripura, the three day long traditional Neermahal Jal Utsav concluded today with eye catching boat race and swimming competitions at Rudrasagar lake.
- Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb flagged off the boat race.
- Neermahal is a water palace built at the middle of Rudrasagar lake by Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya in 1930 as his summer resort being inspired by Mughal style of architecture.

I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar flagged off Jaldoot vehicle in Pune

- Union Minister for Environment and Forest and Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar flagged off a Jaldoot vehicle a travelling exhibition in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The van carrying the 'SAVE WATER' message will travel to different parts of the state.
- To tackle the water crisis looming the country, the Government of India launched the 'Jalshakti Abhiyan', a water conservation campaign focusing on 1592 stressed blocks in 256 districts across the country.
- Lonar WLS, Melghat WLS, Gangewadi New Great Indian Bustard WLS, etc.

ECGC launches scheme "Nirvik" to ease the lending process

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Export Credit Guarantee Corporation has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme called NIRVIK.
- The Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana 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.
- During the launch, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal revealed that Central government will give support of Rs 8,500 crore to Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India in the next 5 years.

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

- India's first National Antimicrobial Resistance Hub was recently inaugurated 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.
- The centre was jointly inaugurated by the ICMR, in association with the U.S. Consulate of Kolkata and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Union Government Launches Web Portal to Find Your Lost or Stolen Mobile Phone

- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) unveiled a portal in Mumbai which will help mobile phone users trace their stolen or lost mobile phones.
- The name of the project is called the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR).
- This project is aimed at blocking of reported lost or stolen mobile phones across mobile networks, discouraging their theft, as well as facilitating in tracing of such phones.
- DoT launched a maritime communications service and revealed VSAT solutions provider Nelco will undertake broadband services in the maritime sector.

Union Government launches steel import monitoring system

- The union government launched a steel import monitoring system (SIMS) to provide advance information about steel imports to various stakeholders including producers and importers to have effective policy interventions.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and his junior colleague Hardeep Singh Puri launched the system developed in consultation with Ministry of Steel on the pattern of US Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system.

Hyderabad-Karnataka Region Renamed „Kalyana Karnataka“

- Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa announced that the Hyderabad-Karnataka region has been renamed as „Kalyana Karnataka“ and a separate secretariat would be established for its development.
- Hyderabad Karnataka region comprising six north-eastern districts of the State — Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal and Ballari.

Arunachal Pradesh CM dedicates Dikshi Hydroelectric Project to people of state

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu dedicated the Dikshi Hydroelectric Project to the people of the state.
- The 24 Mega Watt Hydroelectric Project has been installed at Dikshi Village in West Kameng District.
- It is a Run of the River project constructed on the river Phudung by Devi Energies Private Limited.
- It was completed in a record time of four years with an investment of about 430 crore rupees.
- Government of Arunachal Pradesh is the sole beneficiary of the power generation from this project.

Udhampur district of J&K organized the first women-only marathon against drug addiction

- The Udhampur district of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) along with non-governmental organization (NGO) Dogra Kranti Dal organized the first women-only marathon.
- It was attended by chief patron Dogra Kranti Dal and former Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Balwant Singh Mankotia and others.
- Women from different age groups participated in the marathon.
- The first 3 winners were given the cash prize of Rs 31,00, Rs 21,00 and Rs 11,00 respectively.
- This event was organized on the theme of drug awareness in lines with Prime minister Narendra Modi's vision of Fit India movement.

US company TI to set up research lab at NIT in Trichy

- Texas Instruments (TI), a US company, engaged in the design and development of semiconductors and software will set up a hi-tech, cutting edge research lab at National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Trichy, Tamilnadu.
- It envisages joint R&D projects over a period of three years for the development of new technologies in various engineering domains.
- The MoU in this regard was inked recently, in the presence of Director, NIT Trichy, Dr Mini Shaji Thomas and India University Programme Director, Sanjay Srivastav.

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- As a part of the MoU, TI will deliver products and EVMs worth USD 25,000.

Ooty to host 2nd flower festival during North East Monsoon

- Udhagamandalam - Ooty - in Tamilnadu will be hosting the second flower festival of the year during the North East Monsoon in October and November.
- Preparatory works for the elaborate exhibition of colourful and fragrant flowers have started in the famous Botanical Gardens in Udhagamandalam.
- More than eighty five exotic varieties, including predominantly English flowers like Dahlia, Merigold, Calentula and Daisy will be exhibited during the festival.

Delhi Police's launches Tatpar app for citizen-centric services

- Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal launched 'Tatpar' app, developed by the Delhi Police, which is a onestop destination for access to over 50 citizen-centric services.
- The app amalgamates all the websites and mobile applications of Delhi Police, and over 50 services which can now be accessed with a single touch in the app.
- Through the app, citizens can navigate to their nearest police station, traffic pit and prepaid taxi booth.
- On a single touch, the user will be provided with the directions as well as the complete contact details of the concerned Station House Officer (SHO) of a police station.

Govt inaugurates 15 power projects in Jammu & Kashmir

- Union Power Minister RK Singh and Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik have jointly inaugurated 15 power projects and laid the foundation stone for 20 others worth 10,000 crore rupees in the state.
- Addressing a function in Srinagar, Power Minister said, the government is working to ensure 24 hours electricity supply to all the citizens of the country, including in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Telangana to celebrate 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence

- The Telangana government decided to celebrate the year of 2020 as the Year of Artificial Intelligence.
- The Nasscom announced the setting up of a Centre of Excellence in AI and Data Sciences in Hyderabad.
- In addition, IIT-Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) selected Hyderabad as the place to set up their regional centre to train students in AI in partnership with the State government.

Anurag Thakur announces cricket and sports academy for Leh

- Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur announced that a cricket and sports academy will be set up in Ladakh.
- This cricket and sports academy will ensure that talented athletes of the region get the required training to excel.
- He also joined Army personnel in Leh to carry out a cleanliness drive to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 69th birthday.

NTPC to build India's biggest solar park in Gujarat

- India's largest energy conglomerate NTPC Ltd. has unveiled its plans to set up a 5 gigawatt (GW) solar park in Gujarat.
- This solar park is expected to be the biggest in the country.
- The move of the company is toward cleaner energy.
- NTPC has located a spot in Gujarat for the project.
- The estimated cost for the project is Rs.250 billion.
- The project will begin in the year 2024.
- It is also expected that the company might invite bids from developers to set up projects in the park.

Andhra Pradesh State to ban the private practice by govt. doctors

- The Andhra Pradesh State government has announced that it is to ban the private practice by doctors working in government hospitals.

- The announcement was made by Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy after consulting with the committee on reforms in the health sector.

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- Union Power Minister RK Singh inaugurated 15 power projects and launched work on 20 other projects in Jammu & Kashmir for the first time.
- The aim is to ensure 24x7 electricity in Jammu and Srinagar.
- It is a move to make electricity available day and night during the harsh winter period this year.
- Also, the Ministry of Power has announced its plan to provide power supply in J&K and Ladakh for winter.
- The second goal of the Ministry is 24x7 supply of power.
- The implementation of the projects will be monitored by the Ministry.
- Centre plans to give 100% electrification to the State.

Centre to launch NEAT AI learning scheme to boost higher education

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has announced a new National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Artificial Intelligence (AI) scheme.
- MHRD will start awareness programmes to create awareness of the NEAT solutions to teachers and students.
- The NEAT AI scheme will be launched and made operationalized in early November 2019.
- The scheme aims to boost better learning outcomes in Higher Education.
- The scheme will ensure to use Artificial Intelligence which will make learning more personalized and customized as per the requirements of the learner.

Punjab, Haryana welcome ordinance to ban e-cigarettes

- In Punjab and Haryana the people and the governments have welcomed the ordinance brought by Central government to ban the e-cigarettes.
- According to the ordinance, which had been approved by the President, first time violators will face a jail term of up to one year and a fine of Rs 1 lakh.
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- MCC provides a level playing field in elections.

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Pink tickets for women for free travel in DTC and cluster

- Pink tickets will be issued to women passengers under the Delhi government's scheme for free travel in DTC and cluster buses which was approved by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) board.
- The scheme has been approved till March 2020 and it will be rolled out on Bhai Dooj on October 29.
- Women travelling in DTC and cluster buses will be given pink tickets having a face value of Rs 10 each.
- The government will then reimburse the transporter based on the number of such tickets issued.

Online Pollution Certificate Mandatory In Odisha From October 1

- An online pollution certificate will be mandatory in Odisha from October 1,
- The manual Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUC) issued before September 30 will remain valid.
- The fee for Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUC) for two and three-wheelers is Rs. 60, for light motor vehicle (LMV) is Rs. 100 and for medium and heavy motor vehicle is Rs. 150 (GST extra)
- The Pollution Testing Centres will stop issuing manual certificates from October 1.
- Odisha Government made the online pollution certificate mandatory from October 1.

Jitendra Singh inaugurated Cane and Bamboo Technology Park at Assam

- Government has established a Cane and Bamboo Technology Park-cum-Office Premises of Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) at Burnihat, Assam.
- The Centre was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr.Jitendra Singh.
- CBTC Park has been established exclusively to deal with Bamboo and Cane.
- It also aims to cater to the needs of the industries, entrepreneurs, designers, craftspersons, rural people, teachers, policymakers, technicians and technologists.

Delhi to implement 2014 Street Vending Act

- The National Capital Delhi is to implement the Street Vending Act, 2014.
- The announcement was made by the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on 24 September 2019.
- Delhi will be the first state to implement the Act.

J&K becomes first state to issue highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat scheme

- Jammu and Kashmir has become the first state in the country to issue the highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
- Over 11 lakh golden cards have been generated within the first 90 days of the launch of the scheme with 60% of families having at least one golden card which is highest in the country.

Assam Govt launches "Aponar Apon Ghar" scheme

- The Assam Government has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme —Aponar Apon Ghar||.
- The scheme was launched to provide financial assistance on purchase or construction of the first house for a family.
- The subsidy of up to Rs 250000 will be provided for loan amounts from Rs 5,00,000 to Rs 40,00,000.
- The initiative is expected to provide impetus to the economy and led to the expansion of real estate in the state.
- The state government also launched education loan interest subsidy wherein subsidy will be provided to children who have availed education loan for pursuing higher education.
- The one time subsidy will be of Rs 50,000.

New Centre of CIPET will soon be set up at Medak in Telangana

- Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister D V Sadananda Gowda today announced that a new Centre of the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) will soon be set up at Medak in Telangana state.
- He inaugurated the newly constructed Boys Hostel at the CIPET in Hyderabad this morning.
- The Minister said land has already been acquired for the new Centre of the CIPET to offer Under-graduate, Graduate, Post Graduate and PhD courses on 50:50 cost sharing basis.
- The newly constructed boys hostel can accommodate 450 students in the CIPET which conducts diploma and PG Diploma courses in Polymer Science and Technology and conduct many skill development training programs sponsored by various state and central government agencies.

112 single emergency helpline number launched in Delhi

- A single emergency number -112- was launched today for police, fire and ambulance emergency services.
- the citizens of Delhi can avail the facility of all these three emergency services by dialling the number - 112.
- This call immediately passes to the Control Room for providing immediate assistance to the distress caller.
- Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy today inaugurated the Emergency Response Support System.
- Under this, the call simultaneously passes to Police Control Room as well as to at- least nearby 5 persons through a mobile app, which are volunteers to help the people in need.

UP govt. announces Rs 6,000 annual aid for triple talaq victims

- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath announced an annual support of Rs 6,000 to the victims of triple talaq 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.

TN signed MoU with 15 investors for Rs.5,574 crore

- The Tamil Nadu State government signed MoU for Rs.5,574 crore project with 15 investors.
- Also, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K. Palaniswami laid the foundation for the projects of the Tata Consultancy Services, with an outlay of Rs.1,480.70 crore, Schwing Stetter India, Niswin Foods, JS Autocast Ltd and ITW India.

UP govt. to launch industrial projects worth Rs.65,000 crore in Dec 2019

- Uttar Pradesh State government is planning to launch industrial projects worth Rs.65,000 crore in December 2019.
- For the past two and a half years, UP has emerged as a preferred investment destination.
- The State is aiming to touch the \$1 trillion economy mark by 2024.
- The State govt. focuses on the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector to spur the economic development and create jobs.
- The State is expecting a Rs.60,000 crore from Korea in different sectors, including infrastructure, of the State.
- The State is currently working on two greenfield international airports at Kushinagar and Jewar (Noida).

Karnataka government partners Nasscom to improve ERD ecosystem

- Nasscom, has signed a statement of intent and has collaborated with the Karnataka government and the statebased ER&D firms.
- The SoI was signed by Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) and Nasscom in Bengaluru.
- The partnership aims to drive both the company and the State govt. to promote, enable and position Karnataka as the Global ER&D destination for higher investment, high-end research capabilities and skilling initiatives in the state.

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Ten-day Mysuru Dasara festival inaugurated in Karnataka

- The ten-day Mysuru Dasara festival was inaugurated by celebrated Kannada novelist Dr. S L Bhyrappa.
- The festival will be marked by cultural programmes, sports events, wrestling competition, film and food festival, book exhibition, flower shows.
- The festivities will culminate with the grand elephant procession on Vijayadashmi day.
- Badminton world champion P V Sindhu will launch the Dasara sports events.
- Ranu Mandal, whose singing capabilities were discovered by a video at the Kolkata Railway Station will be honoured on the occasion.

Assam: 'Plants for Plastic' campaign to be launched in Bongaigaon distt

- In Assam, in order to gradually collect and remove the harmful plastics from the eco- system Bongaigaon District administration is going to launch a campaign 'Plants for Plastic'.
- The campaign aims to encourage people to collect and remove plastic from their houses, commercial establishments and educational institutions.
- Under this unique initiative, any person can deposit one kilogram plastic in the Municipality office and get a valuable sapling for free.
- In line with —Swachhata hi Seva|| campaign, this event aims at minimizing the usage of plastic bags throughout the district.



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INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

China to start 27 new CPEC projects in Pakistan

- China is planning to launch 27 new projects in Pakistan below the second phase of the \$60 billion China-Pakistan Economic passageway (CPEC).

Bangladesh: 55th ITEC Day celebrated in Dhaka

- The 55th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day was celebrated at the High Commission of India in Dhaka, Bangladesh yesterday.
- Around 300 ITEC alumni from all walks of life, attended the programme.
- Over 4,000 young Bangladeshi professionals have undergone specialized short and medium term courses in India under the ITEC programme since 2007.
- ITEC offers opportunities to participants to avail of short and medium term courses in premier institutions like IITs and IISCs in India.
- It was instituted in 1964 as part of India's Development Assistance offering for developing countries.

India, Russia set to diversify & bolster bi-lateral ties

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a three- day visit to Vladivostok in Russia.
- AIM: to take part in the 5th Eastern Economic Forum - EEF summit.
- Prime Minister will be the Chief Guest at the 5th Eastern Economic Forum.
- The Prime Minister will also attend the 20th annual summit between Russia and India during the visit.
- EEF summit presents enormous potential for developing close and mutually beneficial cooperation between Russia and India in this region.
- India and Russia will chalk out a five year road map 2020-24 to enhance cooperation in exploration and exploitation of oil and gas.
- Both countries will explore ways to enhance cooperation while working in multilateral organisations like Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and BRICS.

Nepal Rastra Bank issues commemorative coins on 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev

- The Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), Dr Chiranjibi Nepal & Indian Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri have jointly released three coins (100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees) bearing the Sikh symbol to commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- A book titled —Sikh Heritage of Nepal|| based on the Sikh heritage of Nepal was also launched in the program.
- This book has been published by BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation in association with the Indian Embassy in Nepal.

Saudi Arabia looking at investing \$100 billion in India

- Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter is planning to invest USD 100 billion in India in areas of petrochemicals, infrastructure and mining.
- India is an attractive investment destination for Saudi Arabia and it is eyeing long-term partnerships with New Delhi in key sectors such as oil, gas and mining.
- Saudi Arabia is looking at making investments in India potentially worth USD 100 billion in the areas of energy, refining, petrochemicals, infrastructure, agriculture, minerals and mining.
- Saudi Arabia's biggest oil giant Aramco's proposed partnership with Reliance Industries Ltd reflected the strategic nature of the growing energy ties between the two countries.
- India's value chain from oil supply, marketing, refining to petrochemicals and lubricants is a key part of Aramco's global downstream strategy.
- King: Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurates exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy at Russia

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated a unique exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana.

- Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting inaugurated a special day-long seminar.
- The seminar was organised to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi as part of 150 years of celebrating the Mahatma.
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Walk for peace to mark Gandhi's 150th anniversary in Dubai

- Four-Kilometre walk for Peace and Tolerance by people of different nationalities will mark the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations in Dubai.
- The programme organized by the Indian Consulate in Dubai along with the local community and the host government will be organized at the Zabeel Park in Dubai.
- Gandhi Bhajan and a meditation session will be other activities to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Painting and debate competitions are being organized by the Indian Consulate in various schools of the United Arab Emirates as well.
- President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Rajnath Singh co chaired the Japan India Defence Ministerial Meeting

- The Japan-India Defence Ministerial Meeting was held in Tokyo on 2 September.
- Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh co-chaired the meeting along with the Defence Minister of Japan Takeshi Iwaya.
- The meeting was held during the two-day visit of Rajnath Singh to Japan.
- The talks were held to strengthen bilateral arrangements.

India, Pak agree to visa-free travel of Indian pilgrims for Kartarpur Sahib Corridor

- India and Pakistan today agreed to visa-free travel of Indian pilgrims, without any restrictions based on their faith for the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor.
- The understanding was reached during the third round of talks on the modalities for operationalization of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor held today at Attari.

Iranian army introduces a new homegrown jet-propelled drone called Kian

- Iranian Army unveiled a high-precision jet-propelled drone called Kian.
- The capacity of carrying long-time surveillance missions and attack the targets far from the country's borders.
- The unmanned military drone developed in two models.
- It was developed by Iranian technicians of the Army.

Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan won U17 Girls Subroto Cup International Football 2019 title

- Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) won U17 Girls Subroto Cup International Football title.
- The game started with Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) enjoying the majority.

China to invest USD 1 bn in Pakistan development projects

- China has announced its plan to invest \$1 billion in the development projects in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan.
- The announcement was made by China's Ambassador Yao Jing in the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IWCCI) in Islamabad.
- It aims to further boost bilateral ties between the countries.

World's highest marathon was held in Ladakh

- The eighth edition of Ladakh Marathon was held in Leh town, Jammu Kashmir.
- More than 6,000 runners from different parts of India and 25 foreign countries participated in the marathon.
- It was sponsored by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC).

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India participated in the 84th TIF in Greece

- The 84th Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF) was held in Greece.
- The fair is being held from 7 September- 15 September 2019.
- TIF was organized by TIF-Helexpo.
- India is the honoured country in the international trade fair.
- TIF aimed to deepen the long diplomatic relations of Greece and India.
- It stressed the need to further support the two countries' economic relations.

Typhoon Faxai hits Tokyo, Japan

- Typhoon Faxai has hit Tokyo, Japan. There were 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.

Sri Lanka flags off Pulathisi Express, a „Make in India“ train

- The tie-up between India and Sri Lanka received a boost when a newly „Make In India‘ train —Pulathisi Express|| rake was flagged off from Colombo Fort Railway station.
- The rake of the train was manufactured in the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.
- The train which has been inducted under an Indian Line of Credit has an on-board entertainment system, modular interiors and fully-rotating seats in Air Conditioned Chair cars for passenger comfort.

US overtakes Saudi Arabia as world's top oil exporter

- The US has topped as the world's top oil exporter.
- The country defeated Saudi Arabia and Russia. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), in June, the US exports of crude topped 3 million barrels per day.
- Saudi Arabia reduced the exports of crude and other energy products.

India and Bangladesh to boost maritime ties

- India is to join Bangladesh to commemorate 100 years of Bangabandhu, the founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in 2020.
- It also commemorates an International Fleet Review in 2021 to mark 50 years of the Liberation of Bangladesh.
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Petronet LNG signs USD 7.5 billion deal with Tellurian Inc

- The state-run Petronet LNG signed an initial agreement with the U.S. liquefied natural gas developer Tellurian Inc.
- The deal was signed in Houston in the presence of PM Modi.
- Under the initial agreement the Indian company and its affiliates are to buy up to 5 million tonnes per annum of liquefied natural gas (LNG).
- The estimated cost of the agreement is \$7.5 billion.
- Currently, India is the sixth-largest buyer of US LNG.
- The Indian companies have invested \$4 billion in US shale gas assets to source crude oil and LNG from the US.
- Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), India plans to reduce carbon emissions by 33-35% from its 2005 levels by 2030.

UNESCO to publish an anthology of Guru Nanak Devs writing in world languages

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of Guru Nanak Dev in world languages to mark his 550th birth anniversary.
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Anjali Singh becomes India's first female military diplomat

- Anjali Singh became India's first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad.
- Singh joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as the Deputy Air Attache. Singh is trained on MiG-29 fighter aircraft, joined her new assignment on September 10.
- She is the first female Indian Armed Forces Officer to be posted as a military diplomat in any of the Indian missions abroad.

38th Sharjah Intl. Book Fair to be organized from 30th Oct to 9th of Nov

- The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) will be organized from 30th of October to 9th of November this year.
- Authors, publishers, intellectuals and artists worldwide will bring their experiences and expertise to this prominent event and partake in a vibrant cultural programme.
- UNESCO has named Sharjah as the World Book Capital City for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy.

Bangladesh govt proposes to set up monument in Tripura in memory of martyrs of 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War

- Bangladesh government has proposed to set up a monument in Tripura in memory of the martyrs of 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.
- The Sheikh Hasina Government is ready to take up necessary steps if Tripura Government offers land for the purpose. The meeting was held on Monday at the state Civil Secretariat in Agartala.
- The Chief Minister also focused on destination- to- destination loading and unloading of goods-laden lorries coming from Bangladesh through Integrated Check Post.

Sri Lanka unveils South Asias tallest tower, funded by China

- SriLanka 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, comprises a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre.
- The tower, spread over an area of 30,600 sq. metres constructed at a cost of over \$100 million.

New York Becomes Second US State To Ban Flavored E-Cigarettes

- New York became the second US state to ban flavored e-cigarettes.
- The ban comes into force with immediate effect.
- Michigan became the first state to declare a ban earlier this month, but that law has yet to be implemented.

UK returned the stolen bronze image of Buddha

- London police returned the 12th Century AD Bronze image of Buddha which was stolen from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Museum at Nalanda in 1961 to the Indian High Commission.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over the statue to the Culture Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel.
- The 12th Century AD Bronze image of Buddha seated in the Bhumi-pasara mudra was stolen by the British in August 1961.

Mongolian President arriving in New Delhi on five day state visit

- President of Mongolia Khaltmaagiin Battulga is arriving in New Delhi on a five day State visit.
- He will be accompanied by a high-level official and business delegation. Mr Battulga will be accorded ceremonial reception at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan tomorrow.
- The visiting dignitary will meet President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Both sides will hold in-depth discussions on a range of bilateral, regional and global issues and will also review ongoing cooperation in fields of infrastructure, energy, disaster management, defence, security, culture and capacity building.

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- Mr Battulga will also participate in an India-Mongolia Business Forum in New Delhi.

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- The announcement comes after the approval of a government resolution by the Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev that signifies Moscow's final acceptance of the deal.

Odisha CyCa OncoSolutions awarded at startup meet in China

- CyCa OncoSolutions, founded by Dr Nusrat Sanghamitra, won the third prize at the She Loves Tech Global Startup Competition 2019 held in Beijing.
- The startup has developed a path-breaking cancer drug delivery device.
- CyCa OncoSolutions hailed as a breakthrough in cancer treatment. It started operations from KIIT-TBI Bhubaneswar, and recently moved to NCL Innovation Park, Pune.

Japan Launches World's Biggest Transport SpaceShip For Space Station

- Japan launched an unmanned spacecraft towards the International Space Station after a fire early this month delayed the mission.
- The H-2B rocket lifted off at 1:05 am local time (1605 GMT Tuesday) with cargo vessel Kounotori8, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- The launch took place from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan.
- Public broadcaster NHK cited Mitsubishi Heavy as saying the fire was likely ignited by static electricity generated when liquid oxygen from the rocket came into contact with heat-resistant material on the launchpad.

Saudi Arabia Plans To Enhance Anti-Terror Cooperation With India

- Saudi Arabia to enhance cooperation with India to combat terrorism, including choking funds to terror networks and exchange of information and intelligence.
- Saudi Arabia Ambassador Dr Saud bin Mohammed Al Sati India and Saudi Arabia are closely cooperating with each other in fighting terrorism.
- Saudi Arabia siding with India in its campaign to rid the region of terrorism and pledged to extend all cooperation to effectively deal with the challenge.

Xi Jinping inaugurated Beijing's starfish-shaped futuristic airport

- China unveiled Beijing Daxing International Airport, a futuristic airport, that resembles a giant starfish opened in Beijing.

- The airport was inaugurated by the Chinese President Xi Jinping.

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- 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.

Bangladesh lifts ban on Hilsa export to India

- Bangladesh has lifted the ban on the exports of Hilsa fish to India as a goodwill gesture during the Durga Puja.
- Bangladesh will allow 500 tonnes of Hilsa fish for the occasion as a one time arrangement.
- 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.

Australia is to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

- Australia is all set to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
- It aims to honour Mahatma Gandhi's lasting legacy.
- Australia has planned a series of event on the day.
- Australia is to conduct a week-long exhibition and an interactive talk in Melbourne.
- A poster competition in Adelaide on Gandhi's philosophy, principles, actions and achievements will be conducted.
- Prayer meeting has been planned to be conducted at the Canberra-based Indian High Commission on the occasion
- Five sculptures of Gandhi in 4 cities of Australia will be a part of the celebration.
- A garland ceremony will be held at the Gandhi Statue in the Garden of Contemplation in the University of Adelaide. 4 other sculptures are located in Brisbane, Adelaide and Sydney.

WHO to eliminate measles & rubella by South-East Asia region sets targets 2023

- In a bid to prevent deaths and disabilities, Member countries of WHO (World Health Organisation) South-East Asia Region have vowed to eradicate the highly infectious childhood killers diseases of measles & rubella by 2023.
- Setting the goal of elimination of both these diseases was taken during the 72nd session of the Regional Committee of southeast Asia of WHO in New Delhi.
- Elimination of measles and rubella has been a priority since 2014. 5 countries have successfully eliminated measles.

2019 South Asian Parliamentarian conference for Children of UNICEF held in Colombo

- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) along with the parliament of Sri Lanka at the Colombo city conducted the two-day-long 2019 UNICEF South Asian Parliamentarian Conference on Children Rights Convention to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the convention of the rights of the child.
- This is the 3rd convention conducted by UNICEF with parliamentarians for children where the meeting aims to discuss the issues faced by children and on the challenges to improve the child rights.

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SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

The 14 th Conference of Parties, COP14, to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification	Greater Noida	9 th India-China Financial Dialogue held to strengthen cooperation	New Delhi
72 nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia	New Delhi	2 nd Singapore - India Hackathon	IIT Madras, Chennai
National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) organized a one day National workshop on Post Disaster Needs Assessment		The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) is organizing a National Level Seminar cum Exhibition on Anti-Drone Technology at BPR&D	New Delhi
Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated Rural Investors and Start-up Conclave (RISC) 2019.		The 12 th Meeting of National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER)	New Delhi
Election Commission of India (ECI) is hosting the 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for the term 2019-21	Bengaluru	The third edition of Bloomberg Global Business Forum	New York, USA.
Fourth South Asian Speakers Summit on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals	Maldives	President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a seminar on Spirituality for Human and Social Development	New Delhi.
A joint India- New Development Bank workshop	New Delhi	The Agricultural and Processed Food	Agartala
A four-day international symposium on buckwheat is organised by North Eastern Hills University	Meghalaya, Shillong		
1 st National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics	New Delhi		
Tourism & Culture Minister flags off 1 st Mobile Science Exhibition	Leh Palace, in Leh		
7 th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) ministerial meeting	Bangkok, Thailand		
Amit Shah hosted the two-day event of 68 th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council 2019	Guwahati, Assam		
31 st international conference on Sindh	London		
7 th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019	Mumbai, Maharashtra		
	THEME: —		
	"Prosperous Society: Stronger Society"		
	Dehradun		
Union Environment Minister addresses the 5 th Convocation of the Forest Research Institute	Geneva.		
The UN Committee on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities	New Delhi		
An international conference Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat	New Delhi		
The 16 th Session of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC) between India and Belgium			
Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU)			
The National Conference of Farmers on crop residue management 2019	New Delhi.		
24 th World Energy Congress	Abu Dhabi		
	THEME: — "Energy for Prosperity"		
	Kathmandu, Nepal.		
	THEME: - "Resilient Infrastructure for Sustainable Development"		
Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2019	New Delhi		
	Chandigarh		
	Vienna, Austria.		
Conference on military medicine for member nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation	Jammu		
Fifth International Ramayan Festival	New Delhi		
29 th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council.	Chandigarh		
The 63 rd Annual Regular Session of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference	Vienna, Austria.		
First Jammu International Film Festival	Jammu		
Ministry of Power conducted a National Conclave in MSME sector	New Delhi		
The 5 th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019	Kolkata		
Government organized an exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019	New Delhi		

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RANKS AND INDICES

India among top 10 nations in gold reserves

- According to the World Gold Council, the U.S. leads the country list with total gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes followed by Germany with 3,366.8 tonnes.
- India has gold reserves totalling 618.2 tonnes, which is marginally higher than the Netherlands' reserves of 612.5 tonnes.
- In terms of individual countries, India actually ranks 9th since the International Monetary Fund (IMF) occupies the third position after the U.S. and Germany.

IIT Bombay ranks among top institutes in QS Graduate Employability Rankings

- Three Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs) and Delhi University have ranked among the top 200 in QS World Graduate Employability Rankings.
- The 2020 QS World University Rankings: Graduate Employability included revaluation of 758 institutions that comprises a 15% increase in the number of institutions on previous year's edition.
- Other Indian institutes that were ranked among top 200 include IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, and Delhi University.

Top 5 institutes on the QS World Graduate Employability Rankings 2020:

- 1) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States
- 2) Stanford University, United States
- 3) University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), United States
- 4) The University of Sydney, Australia
- 5) Harvard University, United States

Delhi ranks 118th and Mumbai at 119th spot in EIUs Global Liveability Index 2019

- Global Liveability Index prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) ranked Delhi in the 118th spot from 6 places from 112th spot.
- It is the biggest decline in Asia. Mumbai dropped by two places to rank at 119th spot this year. The list was topped by Vienna.
- Russia's St. Petersburg topped the list among BRICS nations at 71st spot.

Rank Cities

- 1-Vienna
- 2-Melbourne
- 3-Sydney
- 118-Delhi
- 119-Mumbai
- 136-Karachi
- 137-Tripoli
- 138-Dhaka
- 140-Damascus

Mumbai ranks 5th and New Delhi 11th in the 2019 Knight Frank Co-Living Index

- Knight Frank India, the leading international property consultancy launched a report titled Insights on Coliving an Asia-Pacific Perspective.
- Beijing is ranked 1st in the Co-living Index followed by Tokyo and Shanghai.
- Mumbai is ranked 5th in Knight Frank India's co-living Index.

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- Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad, Telangana ranked 7th globally and 1st in Asia in the Forbes Best International 1-Year Business Schools 2019 rankings.
- The Forbes surveyed more than 100 schools.
- The annual Forbes list ranked the schools on their 5-year MBA (Master of Business Administration) gain.
- ISB participated in the ranking for the first time.
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The top most institutes are:

- 1 International Institute for Management Development (IMD) Lausanne, Switzerland
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- 3 Judge Business School Cambridge, United Kingdom
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- 5 Said Business School Oxford, United Kingdom

Jammu and Kashmir topped the highest consumption of iodized salt

- Jammu & Kashmir topped the highest consumption of iodized salt and Tamil Nadu ranked last as the lowest consumption of iodized salt in the country.
- The study has shown 76.3% of Indian households use iodized salt with fifteen components of per million of iodine.
- Salt producers in India:
- Gujarat produces 71% of salt in the country
- It is followed by Rajasthan at 17%
- Tamil Nadu, being the third-largest producer of Salt in India, produces 11%
- The rest of the country produces 1% of the salt produced

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Anurag Kashyap's „Gangs Of Wasseyapur“ in the Guardian Best 100 list

- Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap's Gangs Of Wasseyapur 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.
- The two film Gangs Of Wasseyapur series was released in 2012 and narrated the saga of a coal mafia family in the town of Wasseyapur in Dhanbad district of Jharkhand.

At 17.5 million, Indian diaspora largest in the world: UN report

- The International Migrant Stock 2019 was released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).
- The report provides the latest estimates of the number of international migrants by age, sex and origin for all countries and areas of the world.
- As per the report, India was the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a 17.5 million strong diaspora.
- The top 10 countries of origin account for one-third of all international migrants. India is the leading country of origin of international migrants with 17.5 million persons living abroad. Migrants from 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.

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India ranks 44 in the World digital competitiveness rankings

- According to a global report, India has ranked 44th in World digital competitiveness rankings in 2019.
- India stood 48th rank in the year 2019.
- India has made various improvements in terms of knowledge and future readiness to adopt and explore digital.

The top 10 rank holders in the list are:

1. The US ranked first as the world's most digitally competitive economy.
2. Singapore
3. Sweden
4. Denmark
5. Switzerland
6. The Netherlands
7. Finland
8. Hong Kong SAR
9. Norway
10. The Republic of Korea

Tata Motors ranked 5th in 2019 Forbes Worlds Best Regarded Companies list

- Automotive giant Tata Motors has ranked among the top five ranked global automobile manufacturers in Forbes' World's Best Regarded Companies 2019 list.
- In the overall ranking, Tata Motors ranked 31 out of 2000 companies on the list.
- In the previous year, Tata Motors ranked 70th in the list. Tata Consulting Services (TCS) and Tata Steel also ranked among the list.
- Over 15,000 survey participants from more than 50 countries were evaluated for the Best Regarded Companies.



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AGREEMENTS AND MOU SIGNED

Gujarat Govt, Delaware State of America sign MoU for sister state

- Gujarat Government and Delaware State of America signed MoU - Memorandum of Understanding for sister state.
- MoU was signed in Gandhinagar, when a delegation of Delaware State of America called on Gujarat Chief Minister Delaware's Vijay Rupani.
- MoU was signed by Gujarat Chief Minister and Delaware's Secretary of state.
- This is the first sister state MoU signed by Gujarat with any state of America.
- Cooperation in the field of services and investment opportunities in GIFT IFSC have also been discussed during the meeting.

Gurugram Police ties up with tech giant Google

- The Gurugram traffic police have tied up with Google maps for real time traffic updates.
- The traffic related information will be shared in real time for public use.
- The information such as planned road closures, diversions, traffic alerts regarding road crash etc. will be shared by Gurugram traffic police with Google maps.
- Responding to the situation, Google maps will immediately update the information on its public maps.

Niti Aayog, McKinsey to Launch First Digital Capability Centre

- National Institution for Transforming India (Niti Aayog) has selected McKinsey & Company to set up India's first Digital Capability Centre (DCC).
- McKinsey supports five such digital capability centres across the globe – Aachen, Chicago, Singapore, Venice, and Beijing.
- DCC is a unique digital manufacturing learning centre offering company leaders and their workforces hands-on experience and workshops in next-generation technology to help them advance their operations, design and productivity and can be used at all levels of the value chain.

GeM and Punjab Government sign MoU for Setting up Project Management Unit

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed MoU to set up a GeM Organizational Transformation Team (GOTT) Project Management Unit (PMU) in the state.
- The MoU was signed by Additional CEO, GeM, S. Suresh Kumar, and Director Industries.

PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd. ties-up with Religare Health Insurance

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd. has tied-up with Religare Health Insurance to offer a product which covers health, death and illness.
- The tie-up will offer additional earning opportunity for the life insurer's distribution channel partners.
- PNB MetLife is targeting about 18-20% growth in 2019 (FY –fiscal year 20) & increase the number of branches to 200 from 107 within 2 years time.
- It has the largest life insurance market Maharashtra, New Delhi and Karnataka & Tamil Nadu.

India and Thailand sign trade agreements for Rs 2,400 crore

- Thailand and India have signed agreements for Rs 2,400 crores
- Aim: To boost trade ties between the two countries
- The pacts were across segments including rubber, construction material, food and beverages, logistics.
- The breakup of the agreements, Laksana Visit on his first visit to India said the agreements signed in Mumbai total 4.45 billion Thai baht (about Rs 900 crore) while in Chennai, it was 7.623 billion Thai baht (about Rs 1,500 crore).
- The total trade generated by this trip is 12.075 billion Thai baht.
- The main objective of the visit was to strengthen strategic partnership with India, expand new business opportunities.

IFC and FIDC sign a MoU to train NBFC

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) part of the World Bank Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC).
- FIDC is a representative body of asset and loan Financing NBFC to collaborate on the training of NBFCs in the country.
- These training programs would be conducted at various centers across the country under the guidance of leading consultants from the World Bank Group.

India and Asian Development Bank signs 200 million dollar loan agreement

- India and Asian Development Bank signed 200 million dollar loan agreement.
- The agreement which will upgrade rural roads in 34 districts of Maharashtra to improve road safety.
- The project aims to improve the condition of about 2,100 km of rural roads to all-weather standards, with climate resilience and safety features.
- The main aim is to connect rural communities with productive agricultural areas and socio-economic centres.

Paisalo Digital and Bank of Maharashtra sign agreement to co-origination of loan

- Paisalo Digital has signed its co-origination loan agreement with the Bank of Maharashtra.
- This is Company's second Co-origination Agreement with any Bank, before Bank of Maharashtra; the company has already signed a co-origination loan agreement with State Bank of India.

India Russia signed Contract for Modernisation of Radar and Missile Systems

- India-Russia signed Contract for Modernisation of Radar and Missile Systems of Delhi Class of Indian Navy Ships.
- The contract for modernization of Air Defence advanced Kashmir and radar Fregat MAE on P-15 of ships was signed between the Ministry of Defence and JSC Rosoboronexport land in Delhi.

India, Slovenia sign seven agreements and MoUs in various fields

- President Ram Nath Kovind and his Slovenian counterpart Borut Pahor have agreed to strengthen multilateralism and promote multi-polar world.
- Mr Kovind held a bilateral meeting with President Pahor at Lubliana, the capital city of Slovenia.
- President Kovind thanked Slovenian President for supporting India in its fight against cross border terrorism.
- Slovenian President expressed his commitment for greater ties with India.
- India and Slovenia signed seven agreements and MoUs in diverse fields in the presence of President Ram Nath Kovind and President Pahor.

ISRO and DRDO ink MoUs to provide technologies for human centric systems

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) joined hands with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the development of human-centric systems for the Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities
- To provide technologies for human centric systems and technologies specific to the Human Space Mission.

Kerala govt inks MoU with Maldives on cancer care

- Kerala signs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation.

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- The Kerala government and the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) have jointly signed the MOU with the health ministry of Maldives as part of improving cooperation between the two countries.
- The MoU was signed between Maldivian Minister Abdulla Ameen and Kerala Health Minister KK Shylaja in the presence of the state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Google partners with BSNL to bring public WiFi to villages

- Google has signed a partnership agreement with the state-owned operator Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL).
- The partnership aims to bring public WiFi to villages in states namely Gujarat, Bihar, and Maharashtra.
- The agreement will focus on villages that had no Wi-Fi connection previously.
- The announcement comes after the 5th edition of Google for India event which took place in New Delhi on 19th September.
- In July 2019 Google collaborated with Cisco for its gStation to provide free and high-speed WiFi at public locations across India.

India and Mongolia signed MoUs on space cooperation

- India and Mongolia signed MoUs on space cooperation and disaster management during the visit of the Mongolian President in India.
- The aim of the MoU is to provide a new dimension to the India-Mongolia strategic partnership.
- Another MoU was signed between the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) of Mongolia and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of India for disaster risk reduction.
- The two countries took stock of the project to build a Cyber Security Training Centre to be established in Mongolia with Indian support.
- The military exercises between India and Mongolia named Nomadic Elephant and Khaan Quest are expected to be broadened.

NTPC signed MoU with Himachal Pradesh govt. to build hydel plants

- NTPC Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Himachal Pradesh government.
- The agreement aims to set up two hydro projects totalling 520 MW in the state.
- The move is aimed to achieve NTPC's goal of achieving 32 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032. So far, 25% of its goal has been achieved.

DRDO signs MoU with CUJ to establish Kalam Centre

- Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) signed MoU with the Central University of Jammu (CUJ).
- The aim is to establish the Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the university.
- The MoU signing ceremony was held in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.
- The MoU is aimed to undertake and facilitate multidisciplinary directed basic and applied research and technology development in the identified research verticals.
- The development includes Computational System Security and Sensors.
- The Kalam centre will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment leading to an increase in research scholars in these areas.

Facebook bags digital content rights for ICC matches in South Asia

- The International Cricket Council has inked an agreement with Facebook, under which the social media platform will get exclusive digital content rights for select cricket matches in the Indian subcontinent including the Women's T20 World Cup 2020-22, Men's T20 World Cup 2020-21 and the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.
- The social media platform also bagged the rights for match recaps for rest of the world for the next 4 years.

Airtel Payments Bank partners with HDFC ERGO, launches innovative (MDPP)

- Airtel Payments Bank has joined hands with India's leading private sector general insurance company, HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company to offer unique Mosquito Diseases Protection Policy (MDPP) to protect against mosquito-borne diseases.
- Mosquito Disease Protection Policy offers cover against seven common mosquito-borne diseases – Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya, Japanese Encephalitis, Kala-azar, Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantiasis) and Zika virus.
- The product, which is a part of the 'Wallet Insurance Portfolio' of HDFC ERGO, will be offered to the remittance customers of Airtel Payments Bank at a nominal cost of Rs 99 per annum.

JNU inks MoU with IIT-Delhi for research, education, technology

- The Jawaharlal Nehru University inked an agreement with IIT-Delhi for cooperation in research, education and technology developments in science and other disciplines.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will not only bring the two institutes together but will enormously benefit teaching, research and technology development of social and national importance.
- The main objectives of signing this MoU between the two premier institutions are to recognise each other's strengths and co-operate in research, education and technology developments in the disciplines of science, engineering, management and social sciences.

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APPOINTMENT

Kim Ji Hyun		Badminton coach resigns
Godavarthi	Venkata	Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea Bissau
Srinivas		Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
Nilesh Shah		Brand ambassador of Visa
PV Sindhu		IMF's new chief
Kristalina Georgieva		Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ebay resigns
Devin Wenig		New Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC)
Bipin Rawat		New IAF Vice Chief
HS Arora		Chairman of the International Egg Commission
Suresh Chitturi		Dewan housing finance corporation ltd ceo
Vaij Nath M. Gavarshetty		New administrator of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank Ltd
Jai Bhagwan Bhorla		First female military diplomat to join Indian Mission in Russia
Anjali Singh		President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) resigns
Takehiko Nakao		Chairperson of PMLA Appellate Tribunal
Sunil Gaur		Chairman and managing director (CMD) of Cognizant
R Ramamoorthy		Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of IDBI
Samuel Joseph Jebaraj		26 th Chief of Air Staff
Rakesh Kumar Singh		
Bhadauria		MD & CEO of Federal Bank
Shyam Srinivasan		The chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)
Madhukar Kamath		Pakistan army chief general
Qamar Javed Bajwa		Press Trust of India Chairman
Vijay Kumar Chopra		Press Trust of India Vice Chairman
Vineet Jain		Madras hc chief justice resigns
Vijaya K. Tahilramani		MD of Microsoft India
Rajiv Kumar		Founder & Chairman of Chinese firm Alibaba Groups has stepped down
Jack Ma		New principal secretary to PM
P K Mishra		Principal advisor to PM
P K Sinha		JBL's new global brand ambassador
Ranveer Singh		Brand ambassador for Gatorade by pepsico India
Hima Das		Lead UN's peace mission in Yemen
Abhijit Guha		Director-General of BSF
Vivek Kumar Johri		MD and CFO of the World Bank
Anshula Kant		Paytm money MD and CEO
Praveen Jadhav		Vice chief of Army staff
Manoj Mukund Naravane		New prime minister of Ukraine
Oleksiy Honcharuk		Indian ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador
Sanjiv Ranjan		High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Lesotho
Jaideep Sarkar		Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) chairman
Vinai Kumar Saxena		General Counsel and Company Secretary of ICC
Jonathan Hall		Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Norway
B. Bala Bhaskar		Governor of Telangana
Tamilisai Soundararajan		Governor of Maharashtra
Bhagat Singh Koshyari		Governor of Rajasthan
Kalraj Mishra		Governor of Kerala
Arif Mohammed Khan		Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Bandaru Dattatreya		First Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh
P Laxman Reddy		

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SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

Romania set the record for the largest win in Twenty 20 Internationals

- Romania set the record for the largest win in Twenty20 Internationals after it defeated Turkey in the Romania Cup 2019.
- Romania scored 173 runs in the match.

Shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal won gold at ISSF World Cup

- Shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal won gold at ISSF World Cup 2019 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- She became the world champion in the women's 10m Air Pistol event.
- Yashaswini Singh Deswal defeated Olena Kostevyc, 2004 Athens Olympic champion, by finishing 1.9 points ahead of her.
- With this win, she has secured India's ninth Olympic quota in shooting.

Mithali Raj announces retirement from T20Is

- Indian women's cricket great and ODI captain Mithali Raj announced her retirement from T20 Internationals.
- She wants to focus on her ODI career, keeping in mind the 2021 World Cup in New Zealand.
- Mithali ended her T20 career with 2,364 runs from 89 matches at an average of 37.5 and the highest score of 97 not out. She made her T20 International debut in 1999 and played her last match in March against England in Guwahati.
- Mithali is also the first Indian woman to reach the landmark of 2000 T20 runs.

ICC Test ranking

	Men's Rankings	Team	Men's Batting Rankings	Men's Bowling Rankings	Men's Rounder Rankings	All-
Test Team Rankings	India		Steve Smith (AUS)	Pat Cummins (AUS)	Jason Holder (WI)	
ODI Team Rankings	England		Virat Kohli (IND)	Jasprit Bumrah (IND)	Shakib Al Hasan (BAN)	
T20I Team Rankings	Pakistan		Babar Azam (PAK)	Rashid Khan (AFG)	Glenn Maxwell (AUS)	

Jinson Johnson of Kerala breaks his own 1500m national record by winning silver medal in Berlin

- Asian Games gold medallist Jinson Johnson won 1500m national record a silver in the ISTAF Berlin event.
- He clocked 3 minute 35.24 seconds to finish second behind Joshua Thompson of United States at the Olympic Stadium.

Hamilton Masakadza announces retirement from International Cricket

- Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza has announced to retire from international cricket after conclusion of Bangladesh & Afghanistan T20I Tri-series.
- He has represented Zimbabwe in 38 Tests, 209 ODIs and 62 T20Is since making his international debut against West Indies in 2001.
- In his overall international career, he scored 9,410 international runs including 10 international tons and 42 half-centuries.

Bajrang Punia won a bronze medal at the World Wrestling Championships

- Bajrang Punia bagged the bronze medal in the World Wrestling Championships.
- He defeated Mongolia's Tulga Tumor Ochir 8-7 to clinch the medal in the 65 kg weight category.
- The wrestler was trailing to win in the match.
- The 25-year-old had secured a spot for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after an impressive 8-1 win over North Korea's Jong Son in the tournament.
- Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian wrestler to qualify for the upcoming global games.

- He booked her place in the 53kg category. She bagged back-to-back gold medals in the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Qatar unveils 2022 FIFA World Cup logo

- Qatar unveiled the logo for the FIFA 2022 World Cup which will be hosted by the Gulf emirate, displaying it in public spaces in Doha and cities around the world.
- 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".

Amit Panghal settles with historic silver in World Championships

- Amit Panghal settled for the silver medal at World Boxing Championships after he lost to Uzbekistan's Shakhobidin Zoirov 3-2 in the 52kg category final.
- He became the first Indian male pugilist to win a silver in World Championships at Ekaterinburg in Russia.

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- Indian wrestler Rahul Aware has won a bronze medal in men's 61-kilogram freestyle category at the World Championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- He beat 17th seeded American Tyler Lee Graff 11-4 to ensure he finished on the podium.
- It was India's fifth medal at this edition of the World Championships with a total haul of 1 silver and 4 bronzes.

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- India won a total of 5 medals in the World Wrestling Championships.
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Deepak Punia	Silver	86kg category
Ravi Kumar	Bronze	57kg category
Rahul Aware	Bronze	61kg category
Bajrang Punia	Bronze	65kg category
Vinesh Phogat	Bronze	53kg category

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

- Former captain Misbah-ul-Haq has been appointed as head coach and chief selector of Pakistan's cricket team.
- He has been appointed for three years. Waqar Younis will join him as the team's new bowling coach.
- Misbah-ul-Haq has scored over 10,300 international runs in 75 Tests and 162 one-dayers for Pakistan and was also the most successful and longest serving Test captain for Pakistan.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan felicitates P. V. Sindhu suggests voice to national missions

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and shuttler player Ms. P. V. Sindhu congratulated her for winning gold at BWF World Championship.
- He suggested her to raise her voice to national missions and campaigns like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Jal Shakti Abhiyan putting an end to single-use plastic envisioned by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Rafael clinched the 2019 US Open title

- World number two Rafael Nadal won the 2019 US Open title.
- He defeated world number five Daniil Medvedev.
- This is Nadal's fourth US Open title.

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- He received a top prize of \$3.85 million.
- Men's title:
- Singles: Rafael Nadal
- Doubles: Juan Sebastián Cabal, Robert Farah
- Women's title:
- Singles: Bianca Andreescu
- Doubles: Elise Mertens, Aryna Sabalenka
- Mixed doubles title: Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Jamie Murray

Kenyas Kosgei sets new record in 2019 Great North Run

- Kenya's Brigid Kosgei won the women's half-marathon event in 2019 Great North Run in Newcastle, England.
- She finished the run with a time duration of 1 hour four minutes and twenty-eight seconds.
- Her time was twenty-three seconds faster than Kenyan Joyciline Jepkosgei on September 8th, 2019 in London.

Sixteen members of CISF successfully summited Mt. Satopanth peak

- A team of 16 members of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) successfully completed Mount Satopanth's peak climbing.
- The CISF members committed the expedition to Fit India Movement and Women Empowerment which were initiated by the Prime Minister of India.
- Mount Satopanth peak is the second highest peak in the Uttarakhand

India bags 34 medals in 10th Asia Pacific Youth Games

- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju congratulated Indian contingent for excellent performance in the 10th Asian Pacific Youth Games in Vladivostok.
- India won total 16 gold, 13 silver and 5 bronze medals in seven different sports.
- Indian Judokas, Mahesh Saini (66 kg), Vishal (81 kg) and Rohit (50 kg) won gold while Siddharth won silver.
- Yoshiaki won gold in the girl's singles while the girl's doubles team also won gold in Table Tennis.
- The Indian swimming team finished as the overall winners in their sport.
- Assam swimmer Astha Choudhury won five medals including two gold and three silver.
- Astha bagged gold medals in 4x50 metre mixed freestyle and 4x50 mixed individual medley relay.
- The gold medals, Astha won silver medals in 100 metre freestyle, 200 metre freestyle and 100 metre individual medley categories.

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India won Track Asia Cup 2019

- Cycling sensation Ronaldo Laitonjam won at the Track Asia Cup 2019.
- The two gold medal on day one, the junior world champion team member created an Asian record for men's junior 200m time trial event and later won a gold medal in the junior men's Sprint event.
- Venkappa Shiv Kengalgutti won the gold medal in the junior men's 3 km individual.

Payas Jain won silver at ITTF Asian Junior and Cadet Championship

- India made a silver splash at the IITF World Asian and Cadet Championship.
- Country's accomplished table tennis player Payas Jain and junior boys team bagged silver in Cadet Boy's Singles and Junior Boys' Team events.

India's Kaushal Dharmamer wins Myanmar International Series

- Indian shuttler Kaushal Dharmamer has won the Myanmar International Series.
- He defeated Indonesia's Karono Karono by 18-21, 21-14, 21-11 in the finals.
- He has made a comeback after been troubled by injuries for almost two years.

Sourabh Verma won Vietnam Open Super 100 title

- India's Sourabh Verma won three-game over China's Sun Fei Xiang to claim the men's singles title at the USD 75,000 Vietnam Open BWF Tour Super 100 badminton tournament.
- He won the Hyderabad Open and Slovenian International recovered from a mid-game slump to beat Sun 21- 12 17-21 21-14 in the summit clash which lasted an hour and 12 minutes.

Spain beats Argentina to win Basketball World Cup

- Spain defeated Argentina by 95-75 to win the Basketball World Cup held in Beijing, China. This was its second title win after 13 years.
- The next world cup will held in 2023 in Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines.
- Spain had won the title last time in 2006 with a 70-47 win over Greece.

Pankaj Advani wins his record 22nd world billiards title

- Pankaj Advani increased his tally of world titles to twenty-two by winning the fourth final within the 150 at the IBSF World Billiards Championship on 14th Sept 2019 in Mandalay of Myanmar.
- Pankaj Arjan Advani is an Indian billiards and snooker player. he won Indian National Championship titles in 5 completely different years: 2005, 2008, 2012, 2017 and recently in 2019.
- The IBSF World table game Championship is the premier international and non-professional tournament for the English billiards sanctioned by the International Billiards and Snooker Federation in 1973.

Mayank Vaid becomes first Indian to complete Enduroman triathlon

- Mayank Vaid becomes the first Indian to complete the Enduroman.
- It is a triathlon from England to France which is considered to be one of the toughest endurance competitions in the world.
- He is the 44th person in the world to have completed this triathlon.
- He is also the first Asian person to complete this triathlon in solo capacity.

Sumit Nagal achieves Best ATP Ranking

- India's Sumit Nagal jumped 15 places to achieve a career-high ranking of 159 in the latest Association of Tennis Professionals ATP rankings.
- The 22-year-old from Haryana ended runners up in the Banja Luka ATP Challenger following a first-round appearance at the US Open.

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- He is the second highest-ranked Indian on the ATP at No. 174. Prajnesh Gunneswaran continues to be the No. 1 in the country.
- He earned 48 points in Bosnia. He is an Indian tennis player.
- Wimbledon Title: He won the 2015 Wimbledon boys doubles title
- Grand slam: He became the sixth Indian player to win a junior Grand Slam title.

US swimmer Sarah Thomas criss-crosses English Channel in 54-hour

- American breast cancer survivor Sarah Thomas became the first person to swim across the English Channel four times non-stop in a 54-hour feat of endurance.
- She diagnosed with cancer a year ago.
- She said the hardest part of the swim was dealing with the saltwater, which left her throat and mouth sore.

Dinesh Mongia announces retirement froms all form of cricket

- Former Indian Cricket all-rounder Dinesh Mongia announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- He ended with an aggregate of 57 ODIs but never played a Test.
- His first-class record of 121 matches included 21 centuries.

Vinesh Phogat becomes first Indian wrestler to qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- India's star wrestler Vinesh Phogat qualified for the 2020 Olympics after beating fancied American Sarah Hildebrandt in the World Championships in Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- She scored an impressive 8-2 win over the world championship silver medalist to secure her place at the Tokyo Games.

India assured of two medals at AIBA World Men's Boxing C'ships

- India were assured of an unprecedented two medals at the AIBA World Men's Boxing Championships after Amit Panghal and Manish Kaushik entered the semifinals of the marquee event at Ekaterinburg in Russia.
- Asian Games Championship gold-medallist Panghal defeated Filipino Carlo Paalam 4-1 in the 52-kg category.
- Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Kaushik beat Brazil's Wanderson de Oliveira 5-0 in the 63-kg category.

India defeat South Africa by 7 wickets in Mohali T-20 International

- In Cricket, skipper Virat Kohli's unbeaten knock of 72 runs guided India to beat South Africa by seven wickets in the second T-20 at Mohali last night.
- India chased down the victory target of 150 runs in 19 overs, riding on a stunning start by both the openers, Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan. Later, Kohli and Shreyas Iyer steered their team to victory.
- Virat slammed unbeaten 72 runs off 52 balls. Shikhar Dhawan scored 40 runs off 31 balls.

Sri Lankan bowler Akila Dananjaya banned from bowling for 1 year

- The International Cricket Council has banned Sri Lankan off-spinner Akila Dananjaya from bowling in international matches for 1 year.
- Tha ban was imposed after his bowling action was found to be illegal after.
- He will be entitled to approach the ICC for a re-assessment of his bowling action after the expiry of this oneyear period.
- The umpires questioned his bowling action in the first Test against New Zealand at Galle, held in August 2019.

India Slip to 104th spot in Latest FIFA ranking

- The Indian football team slipped a place to 104th position in the latest FIFA rankings released.
- Indian Football Team in recent times playing under the leadership of new coach Igor Stimac.
- Belgium managed to hold on to the top position, while France has surpassed Brazil to reach the second spot.

Nelly Korda wins LET title at Ladies French Open

- Nelly Korda has won the Ladies European Tour Title at Lacoste Ladies French Open.
- She shot a four-under 67 to win her first Ladies European Tour title.
- India's Aditi Ashok was the best Indian at the Lacoste Ladies Open de France as she shot even par 71 in the final round to finish at 26th.

Divij Sharan bags St. Petersburg Open doubles title

- Indian tennis player Divij Sharan clinched the men's doubles title in ATP Tour tennis tournament in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- Divij Sharan Open with partner Igor Zelenay, defeating Matteo Berrettini and Simone Bolelli 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

Manipur wins Senior Women's National Football Championship

- Manipur defeated Railways by 1-0 to win the Senior Women's National Football Championship held in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.
- This was Manipur's 20th National title.
- Bala Devi emerged as the highest scorer of the tournament, with 21 goals from 6 matches, while Panthoi Chanu was named the best goalkeeper.
- Both players represented Manipur in the championship.

Indian chess player Koneru Hampi wins the Skolkova Fides Grand Prix

- Indian chess grandmaster, Koneru Hampi of Gudivada (Andhra Pradesh) has clinched Fide World Grand Prix 2019 title with 8 points from 11 rounds in Skolkovo, Russia.
- In the final round, Hampi just needs to play a draw for the title.

Shafali Verma became the youngest women player to play T20I for India

- Shafali Verma, 15, became the youngest women player to play Twenty20 International (T20I) for India.
- She achieved the feat at the age of 15 years and 239 days.
- She played the T20I for the first time against South Africa at Lalabhai Contractor Stadium, Surat. Shafali is also the second youngest to play an international match for the Indian team after Gargi Banerji.

Deepak Punia reached first rank in Wrestling Ranking

- World Championship silver medallist wrestler Deepak Punia jumped to world number one position in 6kg.
- He lost the top rank in the 65kg category in the latest rankings issued by the international federation (UWW).

CM Kamal Nath announces Bhopal metro will be named Raja Bhoj

- 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.

England woman wicket-keeper Sarah Taylor retires from International Cricket

- England wicket-keeper Sarah Taylor called time on her international career, a statement from the England Cricket Board.
- She made her England debut in 2006.
- She scored 6,553 international runs is second on England Women's all-time list of run-scorers.

Sumit Nagal wins title at ATP Challenger Tournament

- Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal has won the men's singles title at the ATP Challenger Tournament held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- He defeated Argentina's Facundo Bognis by 6-4, 6-2 to win the title.
- He jumped of 26 spots to achieve a career-best ranking of 135.

Aryna Sabalenka wins WTA Wuhan Open

- Aryna Sabalenka has won the WTA Wuhan Open held in Wuhan, China.
- She became the first player to claim back-to-back titles in Wuhan.
- She defeated American Alison Riske in the summit clash by 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

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- She has also joined Petra Kvitova as the only two-time Wuhan Open champion.

Afghan cricketer Rashid Khan becomes youngest test cricket captain

- Afghanistan test cricket captain Rashid Khan who led the match against Bangladesh at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong(Bangladesh) created record by becoming the youngest test cricket captain released by International Cricket Council(ICC) at the age of 20 years and 350 days.

World Wrestling Championships 2019 to be held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

- The World Wrestling Championships 2019 are scheduled to be held from September 14-22, 2019 at Barys Arena in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. It will begin with the Greco-Roman wrestling competition. Wrestlers from 101 nations will be fighting for medals across Greco-Roman, freestyle and women's wrestling categories.
- It is organized by United World Wrestling (UWW), the Kazakh Ministry of Culture and Sports, the National Olympic Committee (NOC of Kazakhstan), the Kazakh Confederation of Martial Arts and Power Sports and the Kazakh Federation of Greco-Roman, Freestyle and Women's Wrestling.

Cameroonian professional footballer Samuel Eto'o announces retirement

- Cameroon football legend Samuel Eto'o(38) has announced retirement from all forms of football.
- Born on 10 March 1981 at Douala in Cameroon, he is regarded as one of the greatest African players of all time. In 1998, he was the youngest participant in the 1998 FIFA World Cup after making Cameroon's team at the age of 17years and 3 months.

IAF Chief B S Dhanoa flags off kargil to kohima ultra-marathon to mark 20 years of „Vijay Diwas“

- In order to commemorate 20 years of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa has flagged off ultra-marathon named as 'Kargil to Kohima (K2K): Glory Run' spanning more than 4,500 km from Kargil War Memorial at Dras in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) to Kohima War Cemetery in Nagaland commencing on September 21, 2019 & will culminate on 6 November 2019.

Indian Air Force (IAF):

- ♦ Founded: 8 October 1932
- ♦ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ♦ Motto: Touch the sky with glory

Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) successfully lifts U17 Girls Subroto Cup International Football 2019 title held in New Delhi

- Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) has successfully retained the 60th edition of the Under 17 Girls Subroto Cup International Football 2019 title by defeating Neelamani English School, Manipur with 4-0 scores in the final held in Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi. BKSP won this title for the 3rd time in a row – 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Snake boat Nadubhagam Chundan clinched the 67th Nehru Trophy for the year 2019 at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha, Kerala

- Snake boat Nadubhagam Chundan which was rowed by Pallathuruthy Boat Club clinched the 67th Edition of the Nehru Trophy 2019 in the boat race held at the Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha, Kerala.
- 79 boats, including 23 snakeboats participated in the event.

Afghanistan's all-rounder Mohammad Nabi to retire from test cricket

- Afghanistan's all-rounder Mohammad Nabi, aged 34, will retire from test cricket after the conclusion of the ongoing test match against Bangladesh at Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium at Chattogram, Bangladesh.
- He has played only 2 test matches for Afghanistan (25 runs & 4 wickets).

Charles Leclerc wins second successive F1 win through 2019 Italian Grand Prix

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc(Monaco) has won the 2019 Italian Grand Prix(formally known as Formula 1 Gran Premio Heineken d'Italia 2019) Formula 1(F1) race at Monza, Italy.
- This marks Ferrari's first Italian Grand Prix win in 9 years (last win 2010) and also Charles's second successive win in the F1 race after winning the maiden 2019 Belgian Grand Prix.

SL cricketer Malinga takes double hat-trick, became 1st bowler with 5 int'l hat-tricks

- Sri Lanka cricket captain Lasith Malinga became the first bowler to take 100 wickets in the T20I (twentytwenty International) format during a 3rd T20I match against New Zealand at Pallekele, Sri Lanka after which he also became the first-ever bowler to take a double hat-trick.
- Currently, Malinga is the only player with 5 limited-overs International hat-tricks.

India Red wins 2019 Duleep Trophy at Chinnaswamy stadium, Bengaluru

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

Brigid Kosgei of Kenya ran fastest half marathon ever by a woman in 2019 Great North Run in UK

- Kenya's Brigid Kosgei created record in the 2019 Great North Run event held in the United Kingdom(UK) making the fastest half-marathon run ever by a woman by winning the event in 1hr 4min and 28 secs which is 23sec ahead of the 2017 world record set by Jocelyne Jepkosgei (Kenya).Britain's Mo Farah, the 4-time Olympic champion(2012,2016), won the men's elite race for a record sixth time in the event.

IOC won 93rd All-India MCC Hockey Tournament for 2019 in Chennai by defeating PNB

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) defeated Punjab National Bank (PNB) by 3-1 and clinched the 93rd All-India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament title for the year 2019 held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Myanmar hosts first ever Myanmar International Series 2019 held at National Badminton stadium in Yangon

- The Myanmar Badminton Federation (MBF) hosted the first ever International Series badminton tournament, the –Myanmar International Series 2019|| at the National Badminton Stadium in Yangon, the largest city of Myanmar from September 10-15.
- MBF hosted the event after obtaining permission from the Badminton World Federation(BWF) for the tournament. The total prize money of this tournament is US(United States)\$10,000.

Indonesia's Rory Hie wins maiden Classic Golf and Country Club International Championship 2019 in Nuh, Haryana; India's Rashid ranks second

- Indonesian golfer Rory Hie won Classic Golf and Country Club International Championship 2019 and was awarded a cash prize of \$300,000 and a trophy. He is also the first Indonesian to win this title. The event was held from September 12-15 at Nuh city in Haryana.
- Indian golfer Rashid Khan and Korea's Byungjun Kim secured the second position.

India clinched 125 medals in Western Asia Youth and Junior Chess Championship 2019

- Western Asian Youth and Junior Chess Championships 2019 was held from September 6-10, 2019 at Tivoli Grand Resort Hotel, New Delhi.
- It was organized by Delhi Chess Association (DCA). It was the first edition and was held in 3 formats – standard, rapid, and blitz. India won 125 medals.

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Kohli holds on to 2nd spot with Smith retaining the first position in the latest ICC Test Rankings

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) Test Rankings for batsmen released on September 16, 2019, has ranked Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli at second place with 903 points, which is 34 points behind first positioned Australian cricketer Steve Smith having 937 points.
- Australia's Pat Cummins ranked first in the ICC test bowler rankings followed by South Africa's Kagiso Rabada and India's Jasprit Bumrah in the second and third place respectively

Afghanistan breaks own record of most Consecutive T20I Victories and Equals Australia's Top Record at Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Afghanistan cricket team created a new record of most consecutive T20I (twenty twenty International) victories after their 12th successive win in T20I during 2019 Bangladesh Tri-Nation Series held at Dhaka, Bangladesh against Bangladesh. Afghanistan broke their own previous record of most consecutive wins (11 wins in T20I) from 2016 to 2017 and now equals Australia with 12 consecutive victories.

Mayank Vaid becomes 1st Indian to complete Enduroman triathlon in 2019, breaks world record for shortest completion time held between London and Paris

- Mayank Vaid became the first Indian and the 44th person to complete Enduroman, a triathlon from England to France which is considered as toughest endurance competition in the world.
- The event started in Marble Arch, London and ended in Arc de Triomphe, Paris, France. He also broke the world record for the shortest completion time in the 'Enduroman - Arch to Arc' triathlon in 50 hours and 24 minutes.

Kenya's Kamworor creates world record at the Copenhagen Half Marathon 2019

- Kenya's Geoffrey Kamworor, aged 26, finished the Copenhagen Half Marathon 2019 in men's category at 58min 01sec, 17 seconds earlier than the record held by Abraham Kiptum (58:18) of Kenya in the Valencia Half Marathon in Valencia, Spain on 28 October 2018 and created a new world record.



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DEFENCE CURRENT AFFAIRS

8 US made Apache attack helicopters inducted into IAF to enhance combat capabilities

- Eight United States-made Apache AH-64E attack helicopters were inducted into the Indian Air Force, at the Pathankot Air Force station.
- The addition of the Apache fleet will bring in lethal firepower with great accuracy and significantly enhance the IAF's combat capabilities.
- The Indian Air Force has upgraded its inventory to the latest generation of attack helicopters.
- The AH-64E Apache is one of the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopters.
- The IAF had signed a multi-billion dollar contract with the US Government and Boeing Ltd in September 2015 for purchase of 22 Apache helicopters.

IAF Chief BS Dhanoa flies MiG-21 sortie with Wg Cdr Abhinandan

- Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa and Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman flew together in a two-seater version of the Russian-origin legacy jet.
- Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, who piloted a MiG-21 Bison during the airstrike at a terror camp in Pakistan's Balakot in February.
- Air Chief Dhanoa said, it was an honour for him to fly with Abhinandan. He said that Abhinandan has got his flying category back.

Defence Ministry to conduct JNAQC in Visakhapatnam

- Naval Quality Assurance Establishments is to host the Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave (JNAQC) in Visakhapatnam on 5 September.
- It will be hosted under the charge of Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA), Ministry of Defence.
- The conclave will focus on Quality Challenges of Emerging Technologies which will provide insights on Management of Emerging Technologies in Indian Navy.
- THEME: — "Transformation of QA Paradigm: Opportunities and Challenge"

Indian Army conducted rare exercise in Eastern Ladakh

- Indian Army conducted Exercise Changthang Prahar, a rare exercise in Eastern Ladakh bordering China.
- Such massive exercise is held for the first time in the region. It was conducted at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

Indian army to train women soldiers for military police

- The Indian Army is all set to start coaching 100 women soldiers from December 2019.
- The aim is for the ultimate induction into the Corps of the military police.
- The Indian military has 3.80% of its workforce as girls, the Air Force has 13.09% and the Navy has 6%.
- Women will be inducted as Women military police to comprise 22% of the Corps of military police.
- Their role would vary from searching crime cases to helping the military-like medical, legal, academic, signals and engineering wings of the military.
- The military plans to coach 100 soldiers every year for a cadre, The strength of every cadre is expected to be 1,700 until reviewed.

Indian Army Team Summit MT Leo Pargyil

- Indian Army successfully summited Mount Leo Pargyil (6773M). This summit took place on 20th August 2019 in harsh weather hoisting the National Flag atop Mt Leo Pargyil.
- The expedition flagged in by Lieutenant General PM Bali, AVSM, VSM, COS, Western Command on 31 Aug 2019 at Jhakri near Rampur Bushar.

India, US to carry out joint Military Exercise "Yudh Abhyas 2019"

- Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training, Exercise — "Yudh Abhyas 2019".

- This exercise is being conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA from 05-18 September 2019.
- This will be the 15th edition of the joint exercise hosted alternately between the two countries.

SLINEX 2019 is being held at Visakhapatnam

- The annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise named SLINEX 2019 is being held from 7-12 September at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The seventh edition of the joint drills exercise is being held.
- SLINEX 2019, the bilateral maritime exercise, aims to help the two Navies to understand each other's procedures and to contribute towards maritime security in the Indian Ocean region.

INS Khanderi to be commissioned into the Indian Navy

- India's 2nd Scorpene-class submarine, INS Khanderi will be commissioned into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- 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.
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh

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.
- The missile is incorporated with state-of-the-art Infrared Imaging Seeker along with advanced avionics.
- The test paves the way for the Army to have developed third-generation man-portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile indigenously.

Indo-Thailand joint military exercise Maitree 2019

- India and Thailand are all set to organize Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16-29 Sep 2019.
- Both the countries have already conducted two such military exercises in past one month.
- The exercise 'MAITREE' is an annual training event which is being conducted alternatively in India and Thailand since 2006.

DRDO hands over second „Netra“ (AEWC) aircraft to IAF

- The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has handed over the second airborne warning plane, Netra, to the Indian Air Force.
- The Netra, an Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft, it is useful for surveillance, tracking, identification and classification of airborne and sea surface targets and is useful in detecting incoming ballistic missile threats.
- The Netra had played a stellar role during the Balakot airstrikes that had been carried out by the IAF in February this year.
- It provided surveillance and radar coverage to the five Mirage jets that bombed terror launch pads in Balakot in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province in Pakistan.

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.
- The exercise aims to bolster the maritime inter-relationships among the Singapore Thailand and India, and contribute significantly to enhance the overall maritime security in the region.

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Bharat Electronics Limited to deliver more Akash missiles to Indian Air Force

- State-run Bharat Electronics Ltd signed a contract with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in New Delhi.
- The main aim is to deliver its surface-to-air Akash missile systems to seven more squadrons of the Indian Air Force.
- They are at a cost of Rs 5,357 crore over the next three years.
- The missiles are designed and developed by the state-run Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and produced by the Hyderabad-based Bharat Dynamics.

India successfully flight-tested indigenous air-to-air missile Astra

- Indian Air Force has successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile Astra off the coast of Odisha. The missile was launched from a Sukhoi Su-30 MKI combat aircraft.
- The missile was tracked using radars, electro-optical tracking sensors and struck its target successfully.
- The missile has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the premier research and development organisation of the armed forces.

India to achieve 26 bn dollars Defence Industry by 2025

- Defence minister Rajnath Singh has said, India will achieve 26 Billion dollars Defence Industry by 2025.
- Defence sector has been identified as one of the most prominent sectors under Make in India initiative to realize 5 Trillion dollar Economy by 2024.
- A target of 5 Billion dollars for exports has been set till 2024.
- It has been planned to develop 25 Defence Specific Artificial Intelligence products by 2024.

Indian army conducts exercise „Chang Thang“ in Eastern Ladakh

- The Indian Army conducted a massive rare exercise „Chang Thang“ in Eastern Ladakh bordering China.
- The exercise involved the use of infantry, mechanised forces, T-72 tanks, with force multipliers such as artillery guns and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.
- The Indian Air Force was also roped in the exercise.
- This is the first time such kind of exercise has happened in the region.

India's first central police university to come up in Greater Noida

- The country's first central police university will be set up by the Union home ministry off the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida.
- The Centre had given in-principle approval for the university and a 100-acre plot has been identified in Sector Techzone.
- The government wants to set up an institution to tackle modern-day policing challenges.
- The national university for policing will help in improving police personnel training, skills, research and also policymaking with regard to policing in India.

MDL handed 2nd Scorpene submarine Khanderi to the Indian Navy

- Mumbai's Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) handed over India's second Scorpene submarine Khanderi to the Indian Navy.
- The attack submarine was is to be commissioned into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 28 September 2019.
- After commissioning, it will be the 17th submarine of the Indian Navy.
- Khanderi is a Kalvari-class diesel-electric attack submarine.
- It has been named after a wide-snouted Sawfish. It was designed by French company Naval Group, which was earlier known as DCNS.

Exercise Tiger Triumph between India and the US scheduled for November

- India and the United States are to hold their first tri-services exercise named Tiger Triumph at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in November 2019.

- The Exercise Tiger Triumph is being organized under the aegis of the headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff.
- This will be the first such tri-service military exercise that is being held by the US and India.
- The second such tri-service exercise is expected to be conducted by India with Russia.

ICGS „Varaha“ commissioned by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh

- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has formally commissioned the Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel „Varaha“ at the Chennai Port Trust.
- The vessel includes Integrated Bridge System, automated power management system, high power external firefighting system, indigenously built Integrated Platform Management System and help traversing system.
- The ship also carries four high speed boats including two rigid hull inflated boats for boarding operation, search and rescue, law enforcement and maritime patrol.

Exercise Malabar 2019 began at the coast of Sasebo

- The 23rd edition of the Trilateral Maritime exercise Malabar began on 24 September 2019 at the coast of Sasebo, Japan.
- The exercise involves warships and aircraft from the United States, Japan, and India.
- The naval exercise Malabar will be held for 10-days from 26 September to 04 October 2019.
- The exercise aims to strengthen the maritime bonds of friendship between the three countries. It aims to contribute to security and stability in the region.
- The Malabar naval exercise aimed at addressing shared threats and improving relations between the participating countries.

INS Tarkash at Maputo, Mozambique

- Indian Naval Ship Tarkash, which is a part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet, arrived at Maputo, Mozambique for a three-day visit on 25 September 2019.
- It is a part of Indian Navy's Overseas Deployment to Africa, Europe, and Russia.
- The ship would be kept open for visitors on 27 September 19.
- INS Tarkash is commanded by Captain Sathish Vasudev.
- It is a potent frontline frigate of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors.
- It is under the Operational Command of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, based at Mumbai.

BSF launched the operation to detect cross border tunnel

- The Border Security Force (BSF) has launched a massive operation along the 180-km International Border (IB) with Pakistan.
- The operation aims to detect the underground, cross-border tunnels in view of possible infiltration attempts by armed terrorists into J&K.
- The exercise was launched along the IB in the Jammu frontier area. It aims to detect cross-border, underground tunnel.
- The operation Sudarshan was launched on 1 July 2019. The operation covered the entire International Border with Pakistan stretching over 1,000 kms.

Indian Navy inaugurates its largest dry dock

- Indian Navy its largest dry dock. It was inaugurated on September 28, 2019.
- India's only aircraft carrier, INS Vikramaditya, weighing 44,500 tons and the first indigenous carrier Vikrant
- In a dry dock, water is drained out after a ship is brought in to enable repair and inspection.
- This dry dock has been under construction for nine years. Five lakh tonnes of concrete has gone into making it.

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INDO-KAZAKHSTAN Joint Military Exercise KAZIND 2019

- Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2019 between India and Kazakhstan will be conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- The exercise will comprise of nearly 100 soldiers from both Indian and Kazakhstan Army who would be sharing their experience gained during conduct of various counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in the past.
- Exercise KAZIND-2019 is the 4th edition of an annual event which is conducted alternatively in Kazakhstan and India.
- The aim of this exercise is to conduct company level joint training with an emphasis on counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.
- The joint military exercise will enhance the level of defence cooperation further fostering bilateral relations between the two nations.

Rajnath Singh launches website of DefEXpo

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today launched the website of 11th edition of DefEXpo, to be held in Lucknow from 5th to 8th February next year.
- The website, www.defexpo.gov.in provides online services to exhibitors, besides hosting informative content about the product profile of Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories.



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BOOKS & AUTHORS

Book titled "India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan" written by veteran civil servant Raghvendra Singh released

- A book named "India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan" written by veteran civil servant Raghvendra Singh, who was the Director General (DG) of the National Archives of India (NAI) has been released.
- It is published by Rupa Publications, New Delhi.

A new book entitled "First They Erased Our Name: A Rohingya Speaks" to be released by Penguin Random House (India)

- A new book entitled "First They Erased Our Name: A Rohingya Speaks" penned by journalist Sophie Ansel (France) will be formally released by Penguin Random House (India) on September 9, 2019.
- The book documents the troubles of Rohingya community, through the eyes of a Rohingya, — "Habiburrahman", who was born and raised in a small village in western Burma(now Myanmar), in 1979, grew up stateless with his people when their own country's military leader ordered that Rohingya were not one among the 135 recognized ethnic groups that formed the 8 'national races'.

Venkaiah Naidu will release books 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' & 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)' on selected speeches of President

- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu will release 2nd edition of 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)' on September 6, 2019, at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi.
- It will be released with the aim to promote and diffuse selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind, President of India.

Book titled "Phoolpur: Indian Flowers, Their Myths, Traditions and Usage" written by Jhelum Biswas Bose set to release

- A new book, — "Phoolpur: Indian Flowers, Their Myths, Traditions and Usage" written by Jhelum Biswas Bose is set to be released on September 8, 2019.
- It is published by Penguin India. The book's foreword is written by actor Lisa Ray.

A Coffee Table Book called „Glorious Diaspora- Pride of India" on Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awardees was released by Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi

- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has released a coffee table book entitled 'Glorious Diaspora- Pride of India' on Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awardees in New Delhi.
- The book covers the complete profiles of overseas Indians (politicians, business leaders, scientists, economists)who received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA) from the year 2003 – 2019 in various sectors. It has been brought out by Indian Diaspora Club.

A book on Gandhi titled "Being Gandhi" by Paro Anand set to release

- A new book titled "Being Gandhi" written by award-winning author Paro Anand has been released. It marks the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The book, published by Harper Collins Children's Books, explores the life events of Gandhiji.

Book titled 'Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years', jointly authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan set to release

- The pictorial biography of PM Narendra Modi titled 'Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years' jointly authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan is set to release in October 2019. It is published by Om Books International.
- It depicts the journey of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from this young days to becoming 14th prime minister of India.

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu released „Himalayan Odyssey" book by MP Veerendra Kumar in New Delhi

- Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu released the book in New Delhi named 'Himalayan Odyssey' written by Member of Parliament (MP) Veerendra Kumar.
- The book is an English translation of the Kendra Sahitya Akademi and Kerala Sahitya Akademi awardwinning Malayalam original 'Haimavathabhuvil' by Veerendra Kumar, who is also the Chief Managing Director(CMD) of Mathrubhumi.

Roopa Pai's "From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine" to be released

- A new book "From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine" that traces the origins of experiments and discoveries in science and medicine evolution spanning over 2,500 years and several geographies, is to be released on September 28, 2019.
- The book is authored by Roopa Pai and will be published by publisher Puffin Books.

Book titled „Fortune Turners: The Quartet that spun India to glory" on spin quartet written by Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj launched

- Book titled 'Fortune Turners: The Quartet that spun India to glory' on spin quartet written by Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj was launched in New Delhi. It is published by Global Cricket School.
- It reveals the careers of the famous four spinners of Indian cricket team- Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekhara and S. Venkataraghavan.

"Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924" by Vikram Sampath released

- Renowned Bengaluru-based historian and author Vikram Sampath's recent book "Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924" describing the life of freedom fighter and Philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar, was released on August 8, 2019, by Viking Penguin publishers.

Venkaiah Naidu releases the book "Rethinking Good Governance" authored by the former CAG Vinod Rai in New Delhi

- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has released the book entitled 'Rethinking Good Governance' penned by former Comptroller Auditor General (CAG), Vinod Rai in New Delhi. The book has been published by Rupa publications.

Book "Game of Votes: Visual Media Politics and Elections in the Digital Era" penned by Farhat Basir Khan launched

- The seniormost faculty member at the AJK Mass Communication Research Centre at the Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi), Farhat Basir Khan's new book —Game of Votes: Visual Media Politics and Elections in the Digital Era" details the evolution of election campaigns in India.
- It has been published by SAGE Publication.
- The preface of the book has been written by Former President Pranab Mukherjee.

Award-winning author Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi comes out with a new book titled "Loss"

- Mumbai based Indian author Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi (42) is coming back with a new book entitled — "Loss" which is a record on death and grief, drawing on a stock of personal losses of his parents and a beloved pet (Bruschetta).
- The book has been published by HarperCollins India.

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Book titled “Lal Bahadur Shastri: Politics and Beyond” authored by Sandeep Shastri set to be released

- Book titled —Lal Bahadur Shastri: Politics and Beyond|| authored by political analyst Sandeep Shastri commemorating Late Shashtri's 113th birth anniversary on October 2, 2019 is set to be released. It is published by Rupa Publications.
- It depicts the early influences, political associations and historical decisions of Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second prime minister.

Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules' by Neha J Hiranandani on 50 indian women role models released

- A new book named 'Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules' written by author Neha J Hiranandani was released on September 23, 2019.
- The book is about the stories/achievements of 50 Indian women role models. The book is published by Scholastic India.

“Professor Ayushman” comic book released by Ayush Ministry in New Delhi

- A new comic book series ‘Professor Ayushman’ conceived by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) was unveiled by the Ayush ministry in New Delhi.
- This book will raise awareness in children about the importance of medicinal plants and their usage.

Pranab Mukherjee launches the book titled 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy' written by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy

- Pranab Mukherjee, the former president of India has released a book entitled 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy' penned by BJP MP (Bharatiya Janata Party -member of parliament) Subramanian Swamy in New Delhi.
- The book has been published by Rupa Publications India.

New book titled "India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765" by professor and author Richard M Eaton released

- A new book named "India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765" by United States(US) based professor and author, Richard M Eaton was released.
- This book mainly focuses on the rise of Persian culture and also about the civilisations, architecture, upheavals, and the art of the Indian subcontinent between 11th and 18th centuries. The book is published by Penguin India.



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AWARDS AND HONOURS

Forbes" World's best 'regarded' companies list 2019	Visa
Indian companies in Forbes" World's best 'regarded' companies list 2019	Infosys
Mrs India - Pride of the Nation 2019	Pooja Desai
Dadasaheb Phalke award 2019	Amitabh Bachchan
Veteran Pin by IAAF	PT Usha
2019 SASTRA Ramanujan prize	UK mathematician Adam Harper
2019 Right Livelihood Award	Greta Thunberg
IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2019	Mukesh Ambani
Changemaker Award 2019	Rajasthan's Payal Jangir
India's Most Valuable Brand for the 6 th consecutive year	HDFC Bank
Best airport in terms of customer satisfaction for the year 2018: ACI Survey	Cochin International Airport Ltd
UN global climate action award 2019 in 'climate neutral now' category	Infosys
Saraswati Samman award 2018	K Siva Reddy
Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes 2019	Shri Ram NathKovind Presented
31st Punyabhushan Award for 2019	G. B. Deglurkar
2019 MP Birla Memorial Award	Thanu Padmanabhan
"The Guardian" list of 100 Best Films of the 21st century	Anurag Kashyap's 'Gangs Of Wasseyapur'
Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019	Bangladesh school project, 'Arcadia Education Project'
2019 Asia Society Game Changers Award by Asia Society	Chhaya Sharma
2019 "Acadmie des beaux-arts Photography Award - William Klein"	Raghu Rai
2019 Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award	Sheikh Hasina
2019 Amnesty's "Ambassadors of Conscience" award	Greta Thunberg
11 th International Hrant Dink award for the year 2019	Agnes Kharshiing
IGBC green platinum rating	Secunderabad railway station of Indian Railways
Indian International Film Festival 2019	Bollywood actor Neena Gupta wins two award
"Best International 1-Year Business Schools 2019" rankings	The Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad, Telangana
The National Geoscience Awards For 2018 In Delhi	Union Minister Pralhad Joshi Confers
A documentary film on the hard work of an elderly farmer, claims to have an entry at the Oscars 2020	Moti Bagh
"Institution of Eminence" Status	Jindal Global University of Haryana
Education Excellence Award 2019	Super 30 founder Anand Kumar
Doctorate in Business by Ballsbridge University	Entrepreneur Kapil Pathare
Home ministry announces new 'Sardar Patel National Unity Award' for promoting national integration and unity Most valued domestic firm in market capitalisation	Reliance Industries
2019 PATA gold awards	Kerala tourism wins 3 awards
2020 QS Graduate Employability	IIT Bombay tops the Indian

Rankings	institutes, Topped overall by Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Royal dance of Ladakh creates history by entering into the Guinness book of world records	Ladakhi Shondol dance
Oscar 2020 entry	Zoya Akhtar's film 'Gully Boy'
World's best real-time payment service in 6th annual Flavours of Fast report for 2019 by FIS	India's IMPS
Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019	Ravish Kumar
"Magnificent performing arts award 2019"	Bollywood playback singer Sonu Nigam
Lifetime achievement award at 19 th Annual Asian Achievers Awards 2019	Anil Agarwal
Youngest person to clear 2019 "Mahapariksha" examination	Priyavrata
2019 "Global Top 50 IB Schools 2019" list	India's Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS)
76 th Venice International Film Festival Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Lion Best Film - Joker Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize - J'accuse (An Officer and a Spy) Special Jury Prize - La Mafia Non È Più Quella Di Una Volta (The Mafia is no longer what it used to be)
Youngest governor	Tamilisai Soundararajan
Indian Concrete Institute award 2019	Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL)
Geographical Indication(GI) tag	"Srivilliputtur Palkova"
UAE Order of Zayed II	Indian Ambassador to UAE Navdeep Suri
No 1 among the 56 Indian institutes in the Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020	IIT Ropar & IISc Bangalore
UNESCO to translate and publish an anthology of Guru Nanak Dev's writings in world languages on his 550 th birth anniversary Bill and Milinda Gates Foundation's "Global Goalkeeper Award 2019"	Narendra Modi
2019 IT Excellence Award for SATARK app	Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA)
WCD minister facilitates states, districts under BBBP scheme for improved sex ratio "Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis" award by Vatican	Bangladesh's Muhammad Yunus
World's first image of a black hole	Event Horizon Telescope Team
Best Fifa Football Awards 2019	Best Men's Player Award- Lionel Messi Best Women's Player Award- Megan Rapinoe Men's Coach of the Year- Jurgen Klopp
71st Primetime Emmy Awards For 2019	
Outstanding Comedy Series	Fleabag (Prime Video)
Outstanding Drama Series	Game of Thrones (HBO-Home Box Office)

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Outstanding Limited Series	Chernobyl (HBO)
Outstanding Television Movie	Bandersnatch (Black Mirror) (Netflix)
Outstanding Variety Talk Series	Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)
Outstanding Variety Sketch Series	Saturday Night Live (NBC-National Broadcasting Company)
Outstanding Competition Program	RuPaul's Drag Race (VH1-Video Hits One)
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series	Bill Hader on Barry (Episode: – “The Truth Has a Ring to It”) (HBO)
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series	Phoebe Waller-Bridge on Fleabag (Episode: “Episode 1”) (Prime Video)
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series	Billy Porter on Pose (Episode: “Love Is the Message”) (FX)
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series	Jodie Comer on Killing Eve (Episode: –I Hope You Like Missionary!”) (BBC-British Broadcasting Corporation America)
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie	Jharrel Jerome on When They See Us (Netflix)
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie	Michelle Williams on Fosse/Verdon (FX)
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series	Tony Shalhoub on The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel (Episode: “We’re Going to the Catskills!”) (Prime Video)
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series	Alex Borstein on The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel (Episode: “Vote for Kennedy, Vote for Kennedy”) (Prime Video)
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series	Peter Dinklage on Game of Thrones (Episode: “The Iron Throne”) (HBO)
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series	Julia Garner on Ozark (Episode: “The Gold Coast”) (Netflix)
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie	Ben Whishaw on A Very English Scandal (Episode: “Episode 3”) (Prime Video)
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie	Patricia Arquette on The Act (Episode: “Teeth”) (Hulu)
Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series	Fleabag (Episode: “Episode 1”), Directed by Harry Bradbeer (Prime Video)
Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series	Ozark (Episode: “Reparations”), Directed by Jason Bateman (Netflix)
Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series, Movie, or Dramatic Special	Chernobyl, Directed by Johan Renck (HBO)
Outstanding Directing for a Variety Series	Saturday Night Live (Episode: “Host: Adam Sandler”), Directed by Don Roy King (NBC)
Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series	Fleabag (Episode: “Episode 1”), Written by Phoebe Waller-Bridge (Prime Video)
Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series	Succession (Episode: “Nobody Is Ever Missing”),

	Written by Jesse Armstrong (HBO)
Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series, Movie, or Dramatic Special	Chernobyl, Written by Craig Mazin (HBO)
Outstanding Writing for a Variety Series	Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-2 completes its first de-orbit manoeuvre

- The Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-2 has undergone its first de-orbit manoeuvre successfully this morning.
- The national space agency ISRO has said, the operation has been held 8.50 am.
- The short duration manoeuvre lasted for just four seconds.
- It helped the Lander to arrive at a 104 by 128-kilometer orbit around the moon.
- The Lander Vikram was separated yesterday successfully from the Orbiter of Chandrayaan-2. During the separation, the Lander also acquired almost the same orbit of the mothercraft, necessitating the de-orbit missions.

ESA and NASA partners for asteroid deflection

- The European space agency (ESA) has announced its plan to partner with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to stop asteroids hitting Earth.
- The teams from both the space agencies will meet in Rome in the month of September.
- The teams will discuss to deflect the potentially threatening asteroids away from colliding with the planet.

Japanese woman gets worlds 1st stem cell corneal transplant

- Japan woman becomes the first person in the world to receive a corneal transplant made from induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS).
- The treatment was successfully carried out by a team of researchers led by ophthalmologist Kohji Nishida at Osaka University.

Chandrayaan 2 Lander has been located in Moon

- Chandrayaan-2's Lander module Vikram has been located on the lunar surface.
- The Lander was located by the image sent captured by the on-board camera of Chandrayaan-2 orbiter.
- The image also showed that rover Pragyan is housed inside it.
- The Indian space agency also said the data that was received is being analyzed.

Water discovered for the first time in atmosphere of habitable exoplanets K2-18b

- The first time discovered water in the atmosphere of a planet orbiting within the habitable zone of a distant star.
- The finding makes the world is called K2-18b - a plausible candidate in the search for alien life.
- K2-18b is 111 light-years - about 650 million million miles - from Earth.

India to develop 60 supercomputers in 3 years

- Government of India has decided to indigenously build 60 supercomputers in the next three years.
- The announcement was made by Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary of Department of Science and Technology.
- The 60 supercomputer systems will be implemented by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- Initially, six machines will be installed by the end of the year.

ISRO to prioritize Gaganyaan mission

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chief K Sivan has announced that the Chandrayaan-2 mission has achieved 98% of its objectives.
- The Space Agency confirmed that the lander is intact as a single-piece and not broken into pieces.
- Chandrayaan-2 mission aimed at science and technology demonstration which was almost achieved fully.
- The lunar mission was India's first attempt at landing a spacecraft on the moon.
- ISRO has announced its next priority mission Gaganyaan.

- The most ambitious manned mission has been scheduled to be launched in 2022.
- Gaganyaan's mission aims to send the astronauts to space and bring them back to earth safely.

NASA successfully launches 17-year-old Indian student's satellite

- RamanSat 2, a miniature satellite made by Aabhaas Sikka, a 17-year-old student successfully launched by NASA.
- The satellite, which measures 4 cm x 4 cm x 4 cm, was developed by Sikka, during his internship with SPACE-India, an organization working in the field of astronomy, space education, and technology.
- SPACE-India also provides the necessary training and guidance to young innovators.

India International Science Festival to be held in Kolkata

- The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held in Kolkata from November 5-8.
- IISF is the largest science festival in the world.
- The focus will be on youth to inspire and motivate them to learn real science in motion
- THEME: 'RISEN India - Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation'.
- The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Council of Medical Research and the Ministry of Earth Sciences are major government sponsoring bodies for the event.
- The IISF will also host 28 different events such as Agriculture Scientists' Meet, Vigyan Samagam, Young Scientists Conference, Vigyanika-International Science Literature Festival, and International Science Film Festival of India.

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IMPORTANT DAYS AND THEMES

Day	CELEBRATED AS	THEME
2	World Coconut Day	
5	National Teachers' Day	
5	International Day of Charity	
1 to 7	National Nutrition Week	
8	International Literacy Day	Literacy and Multilingualism
8 to 15	World water week	Water for society – Including all
9	Himalaya day	
10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Working Together to Prevent Suicide
12	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation	South-South Cooperation is From Commitment to Action — Follow up to Buenos Aires Plan of Action+40
11	National forest martyrs day	
14	Hindi Diwas	
15	Engineers Day	Engineering for change
15	International Day of Democracy	Participation
16	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer or World ozone day	32 Years and Healing
18	World Bamboo Day	Bamboo for sustainable development goals
17	First World Patient Safety Day	Patient Safety: a global health priority
21	World Alzheimer's Day	raising awareness and challenging the stigma around the disease
21	International Day of Peace or World Peace Day	Climate Action for Peace
21	International Coastal Cleanup Day	
22	World rose day	
22	World Rhino Day	
23	International Day Of Sign Languages	Sign Language Rights for All
23	1 st Edition of Ayushman Bharat Diwas	
25	World Pharmacists day	Safe and effective medicines for all
25	Antyodaya Diwas Day	
26	World contraception day	
26	World Maritime Day	Empowering women in the maritime community
26	World Environmental Health Day	Climate change challenges, time for global Environmental Health to act in unison
26	International day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons	
27	World Tourism Day	Tourism and jobs: a better future for all
29	World Deaf Day	
29	World Heart Day	
28	World Rabies Day	Rabies:Vaccinate to Eliminate
28	International Day for Universal Access to Information	Leaving No One Behind
30	International Translation Day	Translation and Indigenous Languages

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OBITUARIES

NAME	ROLE
Hans Rausing	Swedish billionaire
Franco Columbu	Italian born bodybuilder, powerlifter, actor and author
LaShawn Daniels	songwriter of 'Destiny's Child'
Kottakkal Chandrasekharan	Kathakali maestro
Abdul Qadir	Former Pakistan cricketer
Robert Mugabe	Former Zimbabwean president
Aalayam Sriram	producer of 'Bombay' movie
Kiran Nagarkar	noted novelist and playwright
Ram Jethmalani	Well known lawyer and former Union minister
Veeru Krishnan	Bollywood actor and renowned Kathak dancer
Robert Frank	Documentary photographer
Goverdhan Kalla	Veteran Politician Congress Leader
Akilisi Pohiva	Climate change campaigner, Tongan PM
Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie	Former Indonesian president
Charlie Cole	Photographer
BN Yugandhar	father of Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella
Jean Edward Smith	American historian and Francis Parkman
Gyorgy Konrad	Writer and Dissident of Hungary's movement of communist rule
Bhagat Ram Vats	former senior correspondent of Press Trust of India
Robert S Boyd	Veteran American journalist & Pulitzer Prize winner
Shyam Ramsay	Bollywood's famous horror film producer
Fernando Ricksen	Former Dutch football Player
Zine el-Abidine Ben	Former Tunisia president
Madhav Apte	Former Indian test cricketer
Davo Karnica	An active mountain skier
Jacques Rene Chirac	Former French president
J. Michael Mendel	an American television producer & a four-time Emmy Award winner
Boman Rashid Kohinoor	Owner of the Britannia & Co restaurant
Kumara Padma Sivasankara Menon	Former foreign secretary
Viju khote	Veteran Bollywood actor
V Ganesan	Indian National Army (INA) veteran

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MONTHLY QUIZ

- 1) Which company appoints GE Healthcare official Aditya Pande as its new CFO?
A.Spice Jet B.IndiGo
C.AirAsia D.Jet Airways
Answer B
- 2) Which company inks with Mastercard RBL Bank for mobile payments through Samsung Pay
A.Apple B.Samsung
C.Verizon D.Microsoft
Answer B
- 3) MHA Shah flags off India's first battery-operated bus in _____?
A.New Delhi B.Ahmedabad
C.Chennai D.Pune
Answer A
- 4) Union cabinet approves establishment of _____ new medical colleges
A.84 B.75
C.98 D.68
Answer B
- 5) Which state signs three agreements for healthcare collaborations in UK
A.Andhra Pradesh B.Bihar
C.TamilNadu D.Kerala
Answer C
- 6) TamilNadu signs _____ agreements for healthcare collaborations in UK
A.Seven B.Three
C.Five D.Eight
Answer B
- 7) Where is the headquarters of the ICRA?
A.Pune B.Gurgaon
C.Chennai D.Bangalore
Answer B
- 8) CDDT constitutes _____ member Startup Cell for startups
A.4 B.5
C.6 D.7
Answer B
- 9) Which country raises the issue of global oil price volatility with Russia?
A.Indonesia B.India
C.Pakistan D.Saudi Arabia
Answer B
- 10) India raises the issue of global oil price volatility with _____?
A.Russia B.Iran
C.Saudi Arabia D.Indonesia
Answer A
- 11) Which state police set up special cell to probe crime against women
A.TamilNadu B.Odisha
C.Kerala D.West Bengal
Answer B
- 12) _____ to build 1GW electric vehicle battery plant
A.Mansfield Oil Gas B.Indian Oil
C.Mekuba Petroleum India Pvt Ltd D.Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
Answer B
- 13) _____ has announced that all airports in the country will be equipped with body scanners in the next two years.
A.Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
B.Airports Authority of India (AAI)
C.National Aviation Authority (NAA)
D.None of these
Answer A
- 14) Who is the head of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)?
A.Anuj Agarwal B.Arun Kumar
C.Kumar Rajesh Chandra D.Tuktuk Ghosh
Answer C
- 15) Which State banned 12 brands of pan masala for a period of one year?
A.Uttar Pradesh B.West Bengal
C.Bihar D.Odisha
Answer C
- 16) Which government has determined to make a Special Tiger Force for Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve?
A.Uttarakhand B.Gujarat
C.Bihar D.Uttar Pradesh
Answer A
- 17) What is the Capital of Bihar?
A.Patna B.Lucknow
C.Kolkata D.Mumbai
Answer A
- 18) Which state government has placed a ban on wearing jeans and T-shirts within the state secretariat?
A.Maharashtra B.Delhi
C.Gujarat D.Bihar
Answer D
- 19) Who took Charge as Vice Chief of the Army Staff?
A.Manoj Mukund Naravane B.Devraj Anbu
C.Ranbir Singh D.Sandeep Singh
Answer A
- 20) Where is Rio de Janeiro located?
A.Spain B.Italy
C.Argentina D.Brazil
Answer D
- 21) Who won gold in the womens 10m Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2019?
A.Elavenil Valarivan B.Yashaswini Singh Deswal
C.Manu Bhaker D.Gayathri Nithyanadam
Answer B
- 22) What is the name of the Lander of the Chandrayaan-2 mission?
A.Vikrant B.Pragyan
C.Vikram D.Kranti
Answer C
- 23) How many lunar bound orbit manoeuvre was carried out by Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft on its way to Moon's south pole?
A.4 B.5
C.6 D.7
Answer B
- 24) With which company did Ministry of IT partner for the Build for Digital India programme?
A.Infosys B.Microsoft
C.Google D.TCS
Answer C
- 25) KVIC Launches Terracotta Grinder at _____ to Re-use wasted pottery
A.Chennai B.Varanasi
C.Hyderabad D.Mumbai
Answer B
- 26) Dr Harsh Vardhan addresses _____ Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia
A.65th B.72nd
C.86th D.79th
Answer B
- 27) New Health Insurance Scheme AB-MGRSBY Launched In _____
A.TamilNadu B.Rajasthan
C.Kerala D.West Bengal
Answer B
- 28) President Ram Nath Kovind appoints _____ new Governors
A.2 B.5
C.4 D.3
Answer B

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- 29) Who launches Electors Verification Programme voter verification and authentication?
A. Reserve Bank of India
B. Election Commission of India
C. National Informatics Centre
D. Defence Research and Development Organisation
Answer B
- 30) Jinson Johnson of Kerala broke his own _____ national record by winning silver medal in Berlin?
A. 3600 m
B. 2500 m
C. 1500 m
D. 1900 m
Answer C
- 31) Which government declared an Rs.4,750 crore waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans from cooperative banks having benefiting concerning to 10 lakh farmers?
A. Haryana
B. Gujarat
C. Telangana
D. Maharashtra
Answer A
- 32) Who is the Chief Minister of Haryana?
A. Yeddyurappa
B. Manohar Lal Khattar
C. Yogi Aditya
D. Vijay Rupani
Answer B
- 33) Which Country is hosting the 14th Conference of Parties (COP14)?
A. Russia
B. China
C. India
D. Nepal
Answer C
- 34) India took over the COP Presidency from _____ for the next two years till 2021.
A. Switzerland
B. Thailand
C. Sri Lanka
D. China
Answer D
- 35) Japan-India Defence Ministerial Meeting was held in _____.
A. New Delhi
B. Tokyo
C. Mumbai
D. Osaka
Answer B
- 36) Who is the Defence Minister of Japan?
A. Takeshi Iwaya
B. Seigo Kitamura
C. Seishir Et
D. Yoshiaki Harada
Answer A
- 37) Where will the Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave (JNAQC) be held?
A. Mumbai
B. Cochin
C. Visakhapatnam
D. Kolkata
Answer C
- 38) What is the theme of the Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave (JNAQC)?
A. Quality Assurance- A new entity to new Challenges
B. Transformation of QA Paradigm: Opportunities and Challenges
C. Naval way of Transformation
D. An innovation for the Sea and QA Paradigm
Answer B
- 39) _____ is the 4000th station in the country to have free public WiFi.
A. Barua Bamungaon Railway station
B. Tinsukia Railway station
C. Bhalukmara Railway station
D. Hatikhali Railway station
Answer B
- 40) Who hosted the the General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for the term 2019-21?
A. Ministry of Home Affairs
B. Department of Law and Order
C. Election Commission of India
D. None of these
Answer C
- 41) Who is appointed as the Chairman of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for a tenure of 2 years from 2019 to 2021?
A. Larry Thompson
B. Ashok Lavasa
C. Sushil Chandra
D. Sunil Arora
Answer D
- 42) When was the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) established?
A. 2013
B. 2000
C. 2006
D. 2010
Answer A
- 43) Where is the permanent secretariat of A-WEB located?
A. Pyongyang
B. Seoul
C. Rome
D. Austria
Answer B
- 44) India announces contribution of _____ USD to GFTAM for 6th replenishment cycle
A. 30 millions
B. 22 millions
C. 45 millions
D. 68 millions
Answer B
- 45) Where is the secretariat of Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFTAM) located?
A. Rome, Italy
B. Geneva, Switzerland
C. Stockholm, Sweden
D. Vienna, Austria
Answer B
- 46) Which Country successfully conducted the world's 1st stem cell corneal transplant?
A. US
B. China
C. UK
D. Japan
Answer D
- 47) _____ is to partner with NASA for asteroid deflection.
A. Chinese Space Agency
B. Russia Space Agency
C. European Space Agency
D. ISRO
Answer C
- 48) Which of the following is NASA's spacecraft for the asteroid Collision Mission?
A. Dart spacecraft
B. LICIACube
C. HERA Spacecraft
D. Voyager Spacecraft
Answer A
- 49) Who is to lead the panel to study proposal to ban e-cigarette sales in India?
A. Health Minister Harsh Vardhan
B. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
C. Home Minister Rajnath Singh
D. Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar
Answer B
- 50) When did the Health Ministry announce a ban on an advisory favouring a ban on sales and advertisements of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), e-cigarettes?
A. 2015
B. 2016
C. 2017
D. 2018
Answer D
- 51) _____ unveils 2022 FIFA World Cup logo round the globe
A. Pakistan
B. Qatar
C. Saudi Arabia
D. Indonesia
Answer B
- 52) Which airport got India's tallest new air traffic control (ATC) tower?
A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
B. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport
C. Indira Gandhi International Airport
D. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
Answer C
- 53) What was the total cost of India's tallest ATC tower at the Indira Gandhi International Airport?
A. Rs.250 crore
B. Rs.350 crore
C. Rs.100 crore
D. Rs.550 crore
Answer B
- 54) Qatar unveils _____ FIFA World Cup logo round the globe
A. 2068
B. 2022
C. 2025
D. 2034
Answer B
- 55) Iranian army introduces a new homegrown jet-propelled drone called _____
A. Airspeed Queen Wasp
B. Kian
C. Denel Dynamics Skua
D. DRDO Abhyas
Answer B

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- 56) **ESIC ties up with _____ for DBT facility**
 A.Dena Bank B.State Bank of India
 C.Yes Bank D.Canara Bank
Answer B
- 57) **Who ties up with SBI for DBT facility?**
 A.Securities and Exchange Board of India
 B.Employees State Insurance
 C.Small Industries Development Bank of India organisations
 D.Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority organizations
Answer B
- 58) **Who is the chairman of State Bank of India?**
 A.Nitish kumar B.Rajnish Kumar
 C.Vikram Sharma D.Rajesh Sharma
Answer B
- 59) **Cabinet approved _____ capital infusion for IDBI Bank.**
 A.Rs.5000 crore B.Rs.7200 crore
 C.Rs.9300 crore D.Rs.11500 crore
Answer C
- 60) **_____ bought a 51% stake in IDBI Bank from the government.**
 A.RBI B.HDFC
 C.NIACL D.LIC
Answer D
- 61) **Which month is celebrated as Poshan Maah across India?**
 A.June B.July
 C.September D.October
Answer C
- 62) **When did UNGA officially declare 5 September as the International Day of Charity?**
 A.2001 B.2008
 C.2011 D.2012
Answer B
- 63) **Which countries has decided to step up industrial collaboration and make new technologies with an aim to expand bilateral trade to \$30 billion by 2025?**
 A.India-Korea B.India-UAE
 C.India-Russia D.India-Afghanistan
Answer C
- 64) **What is the difference between BS-IV and BS-VI standards?**
 A.presence of sulphur in the fuel
 B.presence of magnesium in the fuel
 C.presence of carbon monoxide in the fuel
 D.presence of carbon dioxide in the fuel
Answer A
- 65) **_____ drone of Aarav Unmanned Systems weighs between 2-25 kg got certification by DGCA.**
 A.Reaper B.Insights
 C.Grey Eagle D.Pioneer
Answer B
- 66) **The Teacher's Day commemorates the birth anniversary of _____.**
 A.Dr.Rajendra Prasad B.Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
 C.Dr.Ambedkar D.Dr.Aurobindo Ghosh
Answer B
- 67) **The International Day of Charity is to commemorate the _____.**
 A.birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln
 B.death anniversary of JF Kennedy
 C.birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela
 D.death anniversary of Mother Teresa
Answer D
- 68) **Which company has bagged a seven-year contract worth \$300 million from ICICI Bank?**
 A.TCS B.Infosys
 C.WIPRO D.Vara Infotech
Answer D
- 69) **Which company emerged as the first to get approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) under a small company drone category?**
 A.Aero 360 B.Garuda Aerospace company
 C.Aarav Unmanned Systems D.Vimanam Drones
Answer C
- 70) **Which company announced that its heavy solid vehicle weight of 16.2 tons will be replaced by trucks that abides BS-VI emission norms?**
 A.Ashok Leyland B.Maruti
 C.Platina D.Mahindra
Answer A
- 71) **When is the International Day of Charity observed?**
 A.1 September B.5 September
 C.12 September D.2 October
Answer B
- 72) **Who is the author of the famous book The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore?**
 A.Rabindranath Tagore B.Mahatma Gandhi
 C.Dr.Rajendra Prasad D.Dr.Ambedkar
Answer C
- 73) **The Drones were allowed to work in India by DGCA in _____.**
 A.October 2017 B.October 2016
 C.October 2018 D.October 2010
Answer A
- 74) **Which is India's second-biggest vehicle maker?**
 A.Mahindra B.Maruthi
 C.Hyundai D.Ashok Leyland
Answer D
- 75) **Dr.S.Radhakrishnan was the _____ Vice President and _____ President of India.**
 A.second, third B.second, fourth
 C.first, second D.first, third
Answer C
- 76) **Who is the Director-General of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?**
 A.Alok Verma B.Rishi Kumar Shukla
 C.M. Nageshwar Rao D.Rajiv Jain
Answer B
- 77) **Anupama Swain won _____ in World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu Jitsu 2019**
 A.Gold B.Bronze
 C.Silver D.Certificate
Answer B
- 78) **_____ new Vande Bharat Express trains by 2022**
 A.Forty B.Sixty
 C.Seventy D.Ten
Answer A
- 79) **India Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order was held in _____?**
 A.Chennai B.New Delhi
 C.Hyderabad D.Mumbai
Answer B
- 80) **Forty new Vande Bharat Express trains by _____?**
 A.2023 B.2022
 C.2020 D.2021
Answer B
- 81) **Which state signs sister state MoU with American state Delaware?**
 A.TamilNadu B.Gujarat
 C.Kerala D.West Bengal
Answer B
- 82) **Which network launched wired broadband starting at 699?**
 A.Reliance Jio B.Airtel
 C.Aircel D.Tata Docomo
Answer A
- 83) **Where is the headquarters of Standard Chartered Bank?**
 A.Colombo, SriLanka B.London, United Kingdom
 C.Chennai, TamilNadu D.Amsterdam, Netherlands
Answer B
- 84) **Which country topped the 2019 world travel and tourism competitiveness index?**
 A.Ireland B.India
 C.Pakistan D.Indonesia
Answer B

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- 85) Who won bronze in World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu Jitsu 2019?
A. Shewta Shridhar B. Anupama Swain
C. Vijay Kumar D. Nitish Sharma
Answer B
- 86) Kiran Nagarkar, who passed away recently, was a _____.
A. novelist B. actor
C. politician D. socialist
Answer A
- 87) When was the military exercise ZAPAD held?
A. 2013 B. 2017
C. 2014 D. 2016
Answer B
- 88) How many institutes got the Institutions of Eminence (IoE) title by Human Resource Development Ministry (HRD) on the guidance of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2019?
A. 3 B. 4
C. 5 D. 6
Answer C
- 89) When is the Exercise TSENTR 2019 to be conducted by the Central military commission of Russia?
A. Sept 3-12, 2019 B. Sept 9-23, 2019
C. Sept 12-23, 2019 D. Oct 2-15, 2019
Answer B
- 90) Who is the author of the novel Cuckold?
A. Vikram Seth B. Anita Desai
C. Salman Rushdie D. Kiran Nagarkar
Answer C
- 91) _____ to host 22nd India International Seafood Show after 12 years?
A. West Bengal B. Kochi
C. Tamil Nadu D. Kerala
Answer B
- 92) _____ Indo-US military training exercise Yudh Abhyas 2019?
A. 35th B. 15th
C. 19th D. 25th
Answer B
- 93) Who is the next newly appointed Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Norway?
A. Suresh Kumar B. Dr. B. Bala Bhaskar
C. Dinesh Kumar D. Vikram Sharma
Answer B
- 94) Centre approves _____ crores for 9th phase of Bru repatriation
A. 16 crores B. 35 crores
C. 20 crores D. 45 crores
Answer B
- 95) Which small finance bank to decline the listing deadline for small finance bank?
A. Suryoday Small Finance Bank B. Equitas small finance
C. Jana Small Finance Bank D. Fiincare small finance bank
Answer B
- 96) First IoT in Mini Piped Water Scheme launched at _____
A. Mexico B. Amingaon
C. Australia D. Norway
Answer B
- 97) Kochi to host 22nd India International Seafood Show after _____
A. 17 years B. 12 years
C. 10 years D. 15 years
Answer B
- 98) Venkaiah Naidu released Glorious Diaspora Pride of India in _____
A. Hyderabad B. Chennai
C. New Delhi D. Secunderabad
Answer C
- 99) The _____ 2019 Seoul Defense Dialogue was held in Seoul
A. 4th B. 8th
C. 5th D. 6th
Answer B
- 100) First Mega Food Park was held in _____
A. Ranchi B. Teleganna
C. Bihar D. Andhra Pradesh
Answer B
- 101) Which company sells Global Village Tech Park for 2,800 cr to Blackstone?
A. Larsen and Tourbo B. Coffee Day
C. Ashok Leyland D. Reliance Industries
Answer B
- 102) HAL to receive _____ crore orders for 83 LCA fighters
A. 28,000 B. 45,000
C. 65,000 D. 86,000
Answer B
- 103) How much did the centre allocate for the National disease management Programme for Foot and Mouth sickness and Brucellosis?
A. Rs. 10,000 crore B. Rs. 13,500 crore
C. Rs. 12,500 crore D. Rs. 18,500 crore
Answer B
- 104) Who is the Minister of Union Ministry of information and Broadcasting?
A. Prakash Javadekar B. Nirmala Seetharam
C. Ramvilas pawsan D. Ravi Shankar
Answer A
- 105) Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to launch National AI Programme on Sept 11, 2019 in _____.
A. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh B. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
C. Mathura, Uttar Pradesh D. Patna, Bihar
Answer C
- 106) Heartland International Film Festival and USA to explore Special Focus on _____.
A. Pakistan B. India
C. Saudi Arabia D. Indonesia
Answer B
- 107) Finance minister sets up _____ member task force to implement Rs 100 lakh crore infrastructure projects?
A. 8 B. 6
C. 5 D. 4
Answer B
- 108) How many NPA accounts did PNB puts off for sale to recover dues of Rs 1,234 crores?
A. 15 B. 11
C. 16 D. 13
Answer B
- 109) Which bank puts up 11 NPA accounts for sale to recover dues of Rs 1,234 crores?
A. Dena Bank B. Punjab National Bank
C. Canara Bank D. Dena Bank
Answer B
- 110) Who chairs 68th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council 2019 in Guwahati Assam?
A. Amit Shah B. Rajnath Singh
C. Vikram Sharma D. Prakash Javedakar
Answer A
- 111) Which bank selects Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd for developing mobile app for visually impaired?
A. Kotak Mahinbdra Bank B. Reserve Bank of India
C. Dena Bank D. Corporation Bank
Answer B
- 112) Who is honoured with a lifetime achievement award at 19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards 2019 held in London?
A. Anil Agarwal B. Suresh Kumar
C. Dinesh Kumar D. Vikram Sharma
Answer A
- 113) When was the US Open Tennis Championships initiated?
A. 1881 B. 1919
C. 1935 D. 1857
Answer A
- 114) Shri Ram Jethmalani who passed away recently was a _____.
A. doctor turned politician B. actor
C. lawyer and politician D. economist and politician
Answer C

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- 115) Which Countries conducted its first joint patrol for a safe zone on the Syrian-Turkish border and northern Syria?
A.US and Syrian military B.Turkey and the US military
C.Turkey and Syrian military D.Turkey and Indian military
Answer B
- 116) How many payloads were loaded in the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter?
A.5 B.6
C.7 D.8
Answer D
- 117) When did the Turkey and U.S. military officers sign an agreement for safety zone?
A.On July 15, 2019 B.On June 19, 2019
C.On August 7, 2019 D.On September 8, 2019
Answer C
- 118) Which Countries Lunar Mission has the highest resolution camera?
A.US B.India
C.China D.Russia
Answer B
- 119) Who won the Men's singles US Open 2019?
A.Rafael Nadal B.Roger Federer
C.Daniil Medvedev D.Jamie Murray
Answer A
- 120) Which is the first greenfield smart city of India?
A.Jaipur B.Warangal
C.Cuttack D.Aurangabad
Answer D
- 121) Who took oath as the Governor of Rajasthan?
A.Kalraj Mishra B.Kalyan Singh
C.Banwarilal Purohit D.Ganeshi Lal
Answer A
- 122) Who inaugurates the exhibition PRA-KASHI event in New Delhi?
A.Shri Rajnath Singh B.Shri Suresh Prabhu
C.Shri Prakash Javedakar D.Shri Prahlad Singh Patel
Answer D
- 123) Who to launch Kisan Man Dhan Yojana on the 12th of September?
A.Vikram Sharma B.Prime Minister Narendra Modi
C.Shri Nitin Gadkari D.Shri Nirmala Sitharaman
Answer B
- 124) Union Minister of State for Culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurates the exhibition PRA-KASHI in _____?
A.Secunderabad B.New Delhi
C.Hyderabad D.Chennai
Answer B
- 125) Which city ranks 5th in the 2019 Knight Frank Co-Living Index?
A.Mumbai B.New Delhi
C.Chennai D.Hyderabad
Answer A
- 126) Who is appointed as the new MD of Microsoft India?
A.Suresh Rajan B.Rajiv Kumar
C.Suresh Yadav D.Vikram Sharma
Answer B
- 127) India Will Restore _____ of Degraded Land by 2030
A.26 Milion hectares B.38 Milion hectares
C.45 Milion hectares D.65 Milion hectares
Answer A
- 128) SIWI organised 2019 World water week observed in _____
A.Stockholm B.Pakistan
C.Indonesia D.Iran
Answer A
- 129) India Will Restore 26 Million Hectares of Degraded Land by _____?
A.2035 B.2030
C.2025 D.2026
Answer B
- 130) Rajiv Kumar appointed as the new MD of _____?
A.Ashok Leyland B.Microsoft
C.Reliance Communication D.Larsen and Tourbo Company
Answer B
- 131) Which country Will Restore 26 Million Hectares of Degraded Land by 2030?
A.India B.Paksitan
C.Saudi Arabia D.Indonesia
Answer A
- 132) SLINEX 2019 is a naval exercise between India and _____.
A.Thailand B.Sri Lanka
C.Bangladesh D.China
Answer B
- 133) Jammu & Kashmir is to have _____ Union Territories.
A.1 B.2
C.3 D.4
Answer B
- 134) When is the World Suicide Prevention Day observed?
A.8 September B.21 September
C.10 September D.7 September
Answer C
- 135) Where is the SLINEX 2019 naval exercise being held?
A.Visakhapatnam B.Cochin
C.Mumbai D.Kolkata
Answer A
- 136) UK Sinha committee recommends _____ startup policy for startups in other states.
A.Telangana B.Uttar Pradesh
C.Gujarat D.West Bengal
Answer A
- 137) When did the RBI form UK Sinha committee?
A.May 2019 B.June 2019
C.July 2019 D.August 2019
Answer B
- 138) Who addresses the High Level Segment of the 14th Conference of Parties of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification?
A.Shri Suresh Prabhu B.Shri Narendra Modi
C.Shri Ramesh Kumar D.Shri Prakash Javedakar
Answer B
- 139) Which State topped the list of consumption of iodized salt?
A.J&K B.Nagaland
C.Manipur D.Mizoram
Answer A
- 140) Who is the Prime Minister of St.Vincent and Grenadines?
A.Frederick Ballantyne B.Ralph Everard Gonsalves
C.Arnhim Eustace D.Godwin Friday
Answer B
- 141) Where was the high-level United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD) Symposium?
A.Geneva, Switzerland B.Stockholm, Sweden
C.New Delhi, India D.Vienna, Austria
Answer C
- 142) Which State is the largest producer of Salt in the country?
A.Rajasthan B.Gujarat
C.Mizoram D.Assam
Answer B
- 143) What is the capital of St.Vincent and Grenadines?
A.Barrouallie B.Layou
C.St.George D.Kingstown
Answer D
- 144) What percentage of Salt does the third producer of Salt Tamil Nadu produce?
A.23% B.71%
C.11% D.21%
Answer C
- 145) What is the Currency of St.Vincent and Grenadines?
A.Caribbean pound sterling B.North Caribbean dollar
C.West Caribbean dollar D.East Caribbean dollar
Answer D
- 146) Where is the Sahibganj Multi-Modal Terminal (MMT) located?
A.Jharkhand B.Himachal Pradesh
C.Gujarat D.Maharashtra
Answer A

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147) Which State ranked last in the list of consumption of iodized salt?

- A.Andhra Pradesh B.Rajasthan
C.Odisha D.Tamil Nadu

Answer D

148) Where is the first one on National Waterway-1 Multi-Modal Terminal (MMT) located?

- A.Uttar Pradesh B.Maharashtra
C.West Bengal D.Haryana

Answer A

149) _____ oil pipeline was inaugurated jointly by Indian PM Narendra Modi and Nepali PM Right Hon'ble K.P. Sharma Oli?

- A.Bongaigaon-Hetauda oil pipeline B.Digboi-Biratnagar oil pipeline
C.Motihari-Amlekhgunj oil pipeline D.Panipat-Dharan oil pipeline

Answer C

150) When was the energy Motihari-Amlekhgunj oil pipeline project first proposed?

- A.1991 B.1996
C.2000 D.2004

Answer B

151) In which State does Gurugram located?

- A.Gujarat B.Punjab
C.Haryana D.Rajasthan

Answer C

152) Which traffic police partnered with Google maps for real time traffic updates?

- A.Panipat B.Gurugram
C.Karnal D.Rewari

Answer B

153) Who addresses India-Iceland Business Forum on the final day of his state visit to Iceland?

- A.Shri Vikram Sharma B.Shri Suresh Prabhu
C.Shri Ram Nath Kovind D.Shri Prakash Javedakar

Answer C

154) Which state government sign MoU with GEM for Setting up Project Management Unit?

- A.Kerala B.TamilNadu
C.Punjab D.Ranchi

Answer C

155) Who takes over as Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister?

- A.Dr Suresh Kumar B.Dr PK Mishra
C.Dr Vikram Sharma D.Dr Dinesh Karthick

Answer B

156) Who Launches National Animal Disease Control Programme and National Artificial Insemination Programme?

- A.Shri Ramesh Kumar B.Shri Narendra Modi
C.Shri Prakash Javedakar D.Shri Rajnath Singh

Answer B

157) Who flags off trial run of Navi Mumbai Metro Line one?

- A.Shri Ramesh Kumar B.Shri Narendra Modi
C.Shri Suresh Prabhu D.Shri Devendra Fadnavis

Answer D

158) How many IAF resurrects Squadron Golden Arrows for Rafale?

- A.25 B.17
C.19 D.20

Answer B

159) Which is the largest flying animal of all time?

- A.Goat B.Deer
C.Cryodrakon boreas D.Quetzalcoatlus

Answer C

160) Which state launches two insurance schemes for traders?

- A.West Bengal B.Haryana
C.Tamilnadu D.Andhra Pradesh

Answer B

161) UNCCD launched drought toolbox in _____ Conference of Parties

- A.14th B.15th
C.17th D.19th

Answer A

162) Haryana launches _____ insurance schemes for traders.

- A.Two B.Seven
C.Eleven D.Twelve

Answer A

163) Which Organization recently test fired an indigenously developed Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh?

- A.DRDO B.HAL
C.ISRO D.BDL

Answer A

164) UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is collaborated with _____.

- A.Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
B.United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
C.United Nations Environment Field (UNEF)
D.A and B

Answer D

165) When was the DRDO established?

- A.1950 B.1958
C.1965 D.1976

Answer B

166) Which bank signs 200 million dollar loan agreement with India?

- A.Asian Development Bank B.HSBC Bank
C.Reserve Bank of India D.Standard Chartered Bank

Answer A

167) Google Doodle Celebrates _____ Birthday Of Hans Christian Gram

- A.178th B.166th
C.195th D.187th

Answer B

168) Which bank revises service charges for deposits and withdrawals from October?

- A.Dena Bank B.State bank of India
C.Yes Bank D.Canara Bank

Answer B

169) Which bank to launch co-branded credit card with LIC?

- A.Yes Bank B.Canara Bank
C.Dena Bank D.IDBI Bank

Answer D

170) Which company to Pay Billion Dollars For Settlement Over Tax Evasion In France?

- A.Yahoo B.Google
C.Bing D.Baidu

Answer B

171) Who conferred with UAE Order of Zayed?

- A.Vivek Sharma B.Navdeep Suri
C.Suresh Sharma D.Dinesh kumar

Answer B

172) HRD Minister Confers CBSE Teachers Award 2018 To _____

- A.45 Teachers B.42 Teachers
C.38 Teachers D.35 Teachers

Answer D

173) _____ launches 3 satellites will help areas including disaster management and climate monitoring?

- A.Pakistan B.China
C.Iran D.Iraq

Answer B

174) Where is the Mount Satopanth peak located?

- A.Himachal Pradesh B.Uttarakhand
C.Kerala D.J&K

Answer B

175) Which company has the Centre selected for the as a pension fund manager for the farmers pension plan?

- A.Life Insurance Corporation
B.United India Insurance Company Limited
C.Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company
D.Ipru

Answer A

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- 176) When was the Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R&D) Hub launched?
A. 2000 B. 2008
C. 2012 D. 2018
Answer D
- 177) Centre has planned to pass _____ to ban e-cigarettes sales.
A. law B. ordinance
C. vote of approval D. None of these
Answer B
- 178) Which country Sees Decline In Electric Vehicle Sales For Second Consecutive Month?
A. China B. Pakistan
C. Saudi Arabia D. Indonesia
Answer A
- 179) How many members of CISF successfully completed Mount Satopanth's peak climbing?
A. 8 B. 10
C. 16 D. 22
Answer C
- 180) How much did the Centre allocate for the farmers pension plan?
A. Rs. 550 crore B. Rs. 750 crore
C. Rs. 900 crore D. Rs. 290 crore
Answer B
- 181) Where is the K2-18b planet located?
A. Leo constellation B. Canis Major constellation
C. Gemini constellation D. Lyra constellation
Answer A
- 182) Maitree 2019 military exercise is to be held in _____ 2019.
A. December B. November
C. October D. September
Answer D
- 183) How much did the Centre allocated for the Agartala-Akhaura railway link project?
A. Rs 540.80 crores B. Rs 972.52 crores
C. Rs 683.86 crores D. Rs 832.53 crores
Answer B
- 184) _____ members of CISF successfully summited Mt. Satopanth peak
A. Sixth B. Sixteen
C. Seventh D. Fourth
Answer B
- 185) Maitree 2019 is a military exercise between _____.
A. China-India B. Iran-US
C. India-Thailand D. Russia-India
Answer C
- 186) Which Country has topped as the world's top oil exporter?
A. Saudi Arabia B. Russia
C. US D. UAE
Answer C
- 187) Which exoplanet has earth-like temperatures?
A. 55 Cancri e B. COROT-7b
C. Kepler-186f D. K2-18b
Answer D
- 188) When was the first time a military exercise between India and Thailand held?
A. 2000 B. 2006
C. 2008 D. 2010
Answer B
- 189) Who is the Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development?
A. Shri Rajnath Singh B. Shri Sanjay Dhotre
C. Shri Piyush Goyal D. Shri Vikram Sharma
Answer B
- 190) Marriot to ban small plastic bottle toiletries from December _____.
A. 2020 B. 2019
C. 2018 D. 2017
Answer A
- 191) Which country joins the Global AMR Research and Development Hub?
A. Pakistan B. Indonesia
C. India D. Saudi Arabia
Answer C
- 192) Which State has launched water supply scheme?
A. Maharashtra B. Uttar Pradesh
C. West Bengal D. Uttarakhand
Answer A
- 193) When is the International Day of Democracy is observed?
A. 12 Sept B. 15 Sept
C. 25 Sept D. 2 Oct
Answer B
- 194) Who is the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)?
A. Thaawar Chand Gehlot B. Ramesh Pokhriyal
C. Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey D. Smriti Irani
Answer C
- 195) Centre has chosen _____ for setting up IIS at NSTI campus in Mumbai through a competitive bidding process.
A. HDFC B. TEDT
C. LIC D. None of these
Answer B
- 196) Who won Vietnam Open Super 100 title?
A. Sourabh Verma B. Saina Nehwal
C. P. V. Sindhu D. Prakash Padukone
Answer A
- 197) Whom to publish an anthology of Guru Nanak Devs writing in world languages?
A. UNICEF B. UNESCO
C. WHO D. UNGA
Answer B
- 198) Which state Government launches Jan Soochna Portal 2019?
A. Rajasthan B. Gujarat
C. Tamil Nadu D. Kerala
Answer A
- 199) Indian Navy joins search operation to trace missing persons in _____ boat accident
A. Karnataka B. Kerala
C. Andhra Pradesh D. Tamil Nadu
Answer C
- 200) Who is appointed as the first Chancellor of Rai Sports University?
A. Rahul Dravid B. Kapil Dev
C. Sachin Tendulkar D. Rohit Sharma
Answer B
- 201) When was the Kapil Dev inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame?
A. 2010 B. 2019
C. 2000 D. 1990
Answer A
- 202) Who has increased his tally of world titles to twenty-two by winning the fourth final within the 150 at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Mandalay of Myanmar?
A. Pankaj Arjan B. Advani
C. Thway oo D. Russell Clardin
Answer A
- 203) When did the IBSF World table game Championship for the English billiards sanctioned by the International Billiards and Snooker Federation?
A. 1975 B. 1973
C. 1934 D. 1945
Answer A

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- 204) Which state government has sent a group of senior administrators to Australia for highway safety using Safe System Solution and to emulate the best practice procedures with a workshop?
A. Tamil Nadu B. Telangana
C. Andhra Pradesh D. None of these
Answer A
- 205) Who becomes first Indian to complete Enduroman triathlon?
A. Mayank Vaid B. Milkha Singh
C. Vikas Gowda D. Suresh Sharma
Answer A
- 206) When did the Air India airline is started?
A. 1983 B. 1932
C. 1938 D. 1937
Answer B
- 207) Which country to run special training programme for Maldivian civil servants?
A. Pakistan B. India
C. Indonesia D. Iran
Answer B
- 208) Pankaj Advani wins his record _____ world billiards title
A. 24th B. 22nd
C. 26th D. 28th
Answer B
- 209) Sourabh Verma won Vietnam Open Super _____ title?
A. 50 B. 100
C. 150 D. 20
Answer B
- 210) TN officials to learn highway safety skills from _____?
A. Iran B. Australia
C. Afghanistan D. Indonesia
Answer B
- 211) Which bank President Takehiko Nakao resigned recently?
A. Dena Bank B. Asian Development Bank
C. Yes bank D. Canara bank
Answer B
- 212) Which state CM launches helpline for speedy redressal of public grievances?
A. Kerala B. Himachal Pradesh
C. Tamil Nadu D. Andhra Pradesh
Answer B
- 213) Indian Government inks allotment pact with _____ for a coal block?
A. Power System Operation Corporation Limited
B. West Bengal Power Development Corp
C. Damodar Valley Corporation
D. Power Grid Corporation of India
Answer B
- 214) What is the helpline number for speedy redressal of public grievances in Himachal Pradesh?
A. 1480 B. 1100
C. 1250 D. 1360
Answer B
- 215) Allahabad Bank board approves merger with _____
A. Indian Bank B. State Bank of India
C. Yes bank D. Canara Bank
Answer A
- 216) Manipur to host UN conference on drugs on _____
A. Plague B. HIV AIDS
C. Swine Flu D. Malaria
Answer B
- 217) India to generate _____ of clean energy by 2022
A. 186GW B. 175GW
C. 205GW D. 210GW
Answer B
- 218) How much percent did the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers healthcare sector is expected to record a threefold rise at a CAGR?
A. 22 B. 25
C. 28 D. 32
Answer A
- 219) Which company ink MoUs with ISRO to provide technologies for human centric systems?
A. Indo-Tibetan Border Police B. Sashastra Seema Bal
C. Assam Rifles D. DRDO
Answer D
- 220) IAF LCA Tejas to have a special pilot to fly in the fighter in _____
A. Chennai B. Bengaluru
C. Hyderabad D. Secunderabad
Answer B
- 221) Who launches massive Shramdaan across the Country?
A. Indian Airways B. Indian Railways
C. Border Security Forces D. Central Armed Forces
Answer B
- 222) Which company constitute MBPL as wholly-owned subsidiary?
A. Mahindra and Mahindra B. Ashok leyland
C. Reliance D. Larsen and tourbo
Answer A
- 223) Which country unveils South Asia's tallest tower, funded by China?
A. Pakistan B. Sri Lanka
C. Indonesia D. Iran
Answer B
- 224) _____ International Ramayan Festival is organised in New Delhi?
A. Fourth B. Fifth
C. Sixth D. Seventh
Answer A
- 225) _____ International Ramayan Festival is organised in New Delhi?
A. Fourth B. Fifth
C. Sixth D. Seventh
Answer A
- 226) Which Ministry launched the Management Information System (MIS) portal?
A. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
D. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Answer C
- 227) _____ species which was recently identified, is suspected to be the world's biggest amphibian.
A. Andrias sligoi B. Caecilian
C. Lepospondyli D. Caudata
Answer A
- 228) MIS portal will be used for the stakeholders of _____.
A. Aam Aadmi Bima Campaign
B. Accessible India Campaign
C. Central Government Health Campaign
D. Universal Health Insurance
Answer B
- 229) Where is the 63rd Annual Regular Session of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference being held?
A. Stockholm, Sweden B. London, UK
C. New Delhi, India D. Vienna, Austria
Answer D
- 230) Which of the following scheme is to serve the differently-able community of India?
A. Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan B. Janashree Bima scheme
C. Accessible India Campaign D. Employment State Insurance Scheme
Answer C
- 231) Which Station of the Indian Railways has been awarded the first green Platinum rating by Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)?
A. Howrah junction station B. Secunderabad junction station
C. Chhatrapati Shivaji junction station D. Thiruvananthapuram junction station
Answer B
- 232) How many member states are there in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?
A. 150 B. 128
C. 171 D. 135
Answer C

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- 233) What is the status of the Promulgation of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage, and advertisement) Ordinance, 2019 as on 18 September?
 A. Cabinet approved
 B. Cabinet denied
 C. President vetoed the Ordinance
 D. President rejected
Answer A
- 234) When was the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) established?
 A. 1991
 B. 1998
 C. 2001
 D. 2013
Answer C
- 235) When was the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) formed?
 A. 1957
 B. 1963
 C. 1982
 D. 1976
Answer A
- 236) Indian Bank board gives in-principle nod to merge _____ with itself
 A. Dena Bank
 B. Allahabad Bank
 C. Canara Bank
 D. Yes Bank
Answer B
- 237) Google to launch AI Research Lab in _____
 A. Chennai
 B. Bangalore
 C. Hyderabad
 D. Pune
Answer B
- 238) Which state to celebrate 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence?
 A. Kerala
 B. Telangana
 C. Tamil Nadu
 D. Bihar
Answer B
- 239) How many new Supreme Court judges appointed?
 A. 3
 B. 4
 C. 5
 D. 6
Answer A
- 240) Who is the present Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment?
 A. Shri Suresh Sharma
 B. Thaawarchand Gehlot
 C. Rajnath Singh
 D. Vikram Kumar
Answer B
- 241) When was International Council of Museums (ICOM) established?
 A. 1963
 B. 1949
 C. 1954
 D. 1946
Answer D
- 242) SITMEX-19 is a trilateral naval Exercise that was held between _____
 A. India, China and Russia
 B. India, Singapore and Thailand
 C. India, China, Thailand
 D. India, China, Singapore
Answer B
- 243) Which Country returned stolen 12th Century AD Bronze image of Buddha seated in the Bhumiparasara mudra?
 A. Thailand
 B. China
 C. UK
 D. France
Answer C
- 244) In which States the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is yet to be implemented?
 A. Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh
 B. Odisha, Telangana
 C. West Bengal, Karnataka
 D. Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh
Answer B
- 245) How many scientists were awarded the National Geoscience Awards for the year 2018?
 A. 18
 B. 20
 C. 22
 D. 25
Answer C
- 246) Who is to be appointed as the Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force?
 A. Air Chief Marshal Fali Homi Major
 B. Air Chief Marshal Pradeep Vasant Naik
 C. Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
 D. Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha
Answer C
- 247) Who won the National Geoscience Award for Excellence for the year 2018?
 A. Dr. Debjani Sarkar
 B. Mr. Prabhakar Kesharao Raut
 C. Mr. Pradipta Sur
 D. Prof. Syed Wajih Ahmad Naqvi
Answer D
- 248) How much will the Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers receive under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana in 3 installments?
 A. Rs. 4,000
 B. Rs. 5,000
 C. Rs. 6,000
 D. Rs. 7,000
Answer B
- 249) DRDO successfully flight tested _____, the Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM).
 A. Agni-X
 B. BrahMos
 C. Dhanush
 D. Astra
Answer D
- 250) When was the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana effectively implemented?
 A. 2 Oct 2014
 B. 26 May 2015
 C. 1 Jun 2016
 D. 1 Jan 2017
Answer D
- 251) Who won the Young Scientist Award category in the National Geoscience Awards 2018??
 A. Dr. Ashim Kumar Sinha
 B. Professor Jyotisankar Ray
 C. Dr. Sohini Ganguly
 D. Dr. Tajdarul Hassan Syed
Answer C
- 252) Where did DRDO conduct the flight test of Astra, the Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)?
 A. Odisha
 B. West Bengal
 C. Rajasthan
 D. Kerala
Answer A
- 253) _____ handed the second Scorpene submarine Khanderi to the Indian Navy.
 A. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kerala
 B. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
 C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
 D. Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai
Answer D
- 254) What is the range of the Astra BVRAAM missile?
 A. 50 km
 B. 100 km
 C. 150 km
 D. 250 km
Answer B
- 255) Scorpene submarine Khanderi will be _____ submarine of the Indian Navy.
 A. 10th
 B. 17th
 C. 22nd
 D. 28th
Answer C
- 256) When did the Andhra Pradesh State govt. ban the private practice by doctors working in government hospitals for the first time?
 A. 1985
 B. 1989
 C. 1993
 D. 1998
Answer C
- 257) The _____ edition of the Handbook on Fisheries Statistics - 2018 was released by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh.
 A. 5th
 B. 13th
 C. 8th
 D. 18th
Answer B
- 258) Who is appointed as the new national security adviser by US President Trump?
 A. John Bolton
 B. H. R. McMaster
 C. Richard Daniels
 D. Robert O'Brien
Answer D
- 259) Who launches Emergency Response Support System ERSS- Dial 112?
 A. Shri Amit Shah
 B. Shri Rajnath Singh
 C. Shri Vikram Sharma
 D. Shri Suresh Kumar
Answer A
- 260) Where National Conference on Agriculture Rabi Campaign held?
 A. New Delhi
 B. Chennai
 C. Hyderabad
 D. Pune
Answer A

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- 261) Where does the Centre plan to set up National Police University?
 A.Pune, Maharashtra B.Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
 C.Ahmedabad, Gujarat D.Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer B

- 262) Who is appointed as DMD of IDBI Bank for 3 years
 A.Suresh Kumar B.Sameul Joseph Jebraj
 C.Dinesh Kumar D.Vikram Sharma

Answer A

- 263) WAVE Summit 2019 was conducted by _____.
 A.University Grants Commission (UGC)
 B.Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR)
 C.National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
 D.All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

Answer D

- 264) Centre has reduced the income-tax rate for any domestic company to _____ from 30%.
 A.20% B.22%
 C.18% D.25%

Answer B

- 265) When was the World Alzheimer's Day observed?
 A.21 September B.15 September
 C.18 September D.12 October

- 266) Where was the 37th GST council meeting held?
 A.New Delhi B.Pune
 C.Ahmedabad D.Goa

- 267) What is the theme of the World Alzheimer's Day 2019?
 A.Enhance and raise awareness about Alzheimers
 B.Alzheimers- A preventive measure
 C.Raising awareness and challenging stigma
 D.Care the Alzheimer's people

Answer C

- 268) What is the effective income-tax rate for Domestic companies announced by Centre?
 A.28.19% B.23.08%
 C.18.57% D.25.17%

Answer D

- 269) To reduce the Corporate income-tax rate, Centre has passed the _____.
 A.Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019
 B.Corporate Tax Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019
 C.Reduction of Corporate Tax Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019
 D.Reduction of Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019

Answer A

- 270) Centre has reduced the income-tax rate for any new domestic company in manufacturing to _____.
 A.10% B.8%
 C.15% D.21%

Answer C

- 271) Which of the following military exercise was held in Eastern Ladakh bordering China?
 A.Exercise Changthang Prahar B.Exercise Sampriti VII
 C.Exercise Mitra Shakti D.Exercise Indra

Answer A

- 272) Amazon under the Climate Pledge aims to neutralize the remaining emissions to achieve net-zero annual carbon emissions by _____.
 A.2030 B.2035
 C.2022 D.2040

Answer D

- 273) Indian Army conducted rare exercise Changthang Prahar in _____.
 A.Himalayas B.Eastern ladakh
 C.Vindhya Range D.Sivalik Hills

Answer B

- 274) _____ is to set up a high-level panel to suggest possible structures and regulations create Social Stock Exchanges (SSE).
 A.NSE B.BSE
 C.LSE D.SEBI

Answer D

- 275) Where was the Exercise Changthang Prahar held?
 A.Ladakh B.J&K
 C.Leh D.New Delhi

Answer A

- 276) What is the capital of Mongolia?
 A.Algeria B.Ulaanbaatar
 C.Luanda D.Kabul

Answer B

- 277) What is the emergency number Emergency Response Support System ERSS- Dial?
 A.112 B.129
 C.147 D.156

Answer A

- 278) How much duration does the DMD of IDBI Bank have?
 A.9 years B.3 years
 C.5 years D.11 years

Answer B

- 279) Where is the headquarters of IndiGo ?
 A.New Delhi B.Gurugram
 C.Pune D.Chennai

Answer B

- 280) New book to mark Gandhi's _____ birth anniversary
 A.194 B.150
 C.165 D.178

Answer B

- 281) Former South African cricketer Kyle Abbott creates history with a total of _____ in 120th Specsavers County Championship
 A.15 wickets B.17 wickets
 C.21 wickets D.25 wickets

Answer B

- 282) Where is the IDBI headquarters?
 A.Chennai B.Hyderabad
 C.Mumbai D.Secunderabad

Answer C

- 283) Former South African cricketer Kyle Abbott creates history with a total of 17 wickets in _____ Specsavers County Championship
 A.189th B.120th
 C.150th D.165th

Answer B

- 284) Who is the founder of IndiGo ?
 A.Rana Gupta B.Rahul Bhatia
 C.Vikram Yadav D.Suresh Kumar

Answer B

- 285) New book to mark _____ 150th birth anniversary
 A.Mahatma Gandhi B.Dr Ambedkar
 C.Rahul Singh D.Vikram Sarabhai

Answer A

- 286) Which movie has been nominated for the 92nd Oscar Awards?
 A.Padmavat B.Raazi
 C.Gully Boy D.Uri: The Surgical Strike

Answer C

- 287) The 92nd Oscar Awards is to be held on _____.
 A.13 Jan 2020 B.27 Jan 2020
 C.9 Feb 2020 D.13 Feb 2020

Answer C

- 288) When is the International Day of Sign Languages observed?
 A.18 September B.20 September
 C.21 September D.23 September

Answer D

- 289) Which State has got its first all-women employee post office recently?
 A.Bihar B.Odisha
 C.Haryana D.Rajasthan

Answer A

- 290) What is the theme of the 2019 International Day of Sign Languages?
 A.Sign Language-Soul of understanding
 B.Sign Language Rights for All!
 C.With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!
 D.A Language that connects every human

Answer B

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- 291) Petronet LNG signed an initial agreement with _____, under which Indian company and its affiliates are to buy up to 5 million tonnes per annum of liquefied natural gas (LNG).
A. Russia-based Gazprom B. China National Petroleum (CNPC)
C. U.S.-based Tellurian Inc. D. French-based TOT
Answer C
- 292) Where was the Howdy Modi event held in the US?
A. California B. Mexico
C. New Jersey D. Texas
Answer D
- 293) What is the estimated cost of the agreement signed between Petronet LNG and Tellurian Inc?
A. \$12.5 billion B. \$18.5 billion
C. \$5 billion D. \$7.5 billion
Answer D
- 294) Who is the Chief of the Naval Staff in 2019?
A. Admiral Robin K. Dhowan B. Admiral Karambir Singh
C. Admiral Sunil Lanba D. Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi
Answer B
- 295) Which Country is to commemorate 100 years of Bangabandhu, the founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in 2020?
A. Nepal B. Thailand
C. China D. Bangladesh
Answer D
- 296) Which bank planned to link new floating rate home auto loans to RBI's repo rate?
A. Yes Bank B. State Bank of India
C. Dena Bank D. Canara Bank
Answer B
- 297) Which state tourism receives three PATA Gold Awards
A. Maharashtra B. Kerala
C. Andhra Pradesh D. Odisha
Answer B
- 298) Which drama series won Outstanding drama series award at Seventy First Emmy Awards 2019?
A. New Girl B. Game of Thrones
C. The Mentalist D. Big Bang theory
Answer B
- 299) Who is appointed as the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh?
A. Suresh Sharma B. Govinda
C. Dinesh Kumar D. Anil Kapoor
Answer B
- 300) Which country cuts off power to parts of West Bank?
A. Israel B. Pakistan
C. Indonesia D. Saudi Arabia
Answer A
- 301) Kerala Tourism receives _____ PATA Gold Awards?
A. Eight B. Three
C. Five D. Six
Answer B
- 302) Which country recorded best ever performance in 2019 World Wrestling Championships?
A. Sri Lanka B. India
C. Pakistan D. Indonesia
Answer B
- 303) Which Country launched the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) Climate Action Summit?
A. Argentina B. Finland
C. France D. India
Answer D
- 304) How many Special Expenditure Observers has been appointed by Election Commission of India (ECI) for Maharashtra election?
A. 2 B. 3
C. 4 D. 6
Answer A
- 305) Where was the National Conclave on Enhancing Energy Efficiency in MSME sector held?
A. New Delhi B. Mumbai
C. Pune D. Ahmedabad
Answer A
- 306) Where will the supporting secretariat for Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) be set up?
A. New York B. London
C. New Delhi D. Stockholm
Answer C
- 307) Government has announced to set up _____ National Centres of Excellence to train athletes in the developmental group for the 2024 Olympics?
A. 15 B. 20
C. 24 D. 28
Answer B
- 308) Naropa Festival of Ladakh is celebrated every _____ year of the Tibetan calendar.
A. 6th B. 8th
C. 10th D. 12th
Answer D
- 309) Who organized the National Conclave on Enhancing Energy Efficiency in MSME sector?
A. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
B. Department of Solar Energy (DSE)
C. Department of Renewable Energy production (DREP)
D. Institute of Renewable Energy (IRE)
Answer A
- 310) Which of the following Knowledge Management Portal that functions under the BEEs MSME Programme was launched at the National Conclave on Enhancing Energy Efficiency in MSME sector?
A. VIDHAN B. NIDHAN
C. SRITHSHA D. SIDHIEE
Answer D
- 311) _____ of Ladakh entered the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance.
A. Dandiya dance B. Shondol dance
C. Nautanki dance D. Yakshagana dance
Answer B
- 312) Which of the following was launched by the government to tackle inherited genetic diseases for new born babies?
A. Technical Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (TMMID)
B. AI Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (AIMMID)
C. Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (UMMID)
D. Genetical Technical Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (GMMID)
Answer C
- 313) Paisalo Digital inks co-origination of loan agreement with _____?
A. Indian Bank B. Bank of Maharashtra
C. Yes Bank D. Canara Bank
Answer B
- 314) Which company launches first phase of noomis to help financial services sector?
A. Infosys B. Wipro
C. Ashok Leyland D. Cognizant
Answer B
- 315) How many Countries Committed To Net Zero CO2 Emissions By 2050?
A. Fifty Six B. Sixty Six
C. Twenty Seven D. Sixteen
Answer B
- 316) Who won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award 2019?
A. Cristiano Ronaldo B. Lionel Messi
C. Luka Modri D. Van Dijk
Answer B

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- 317) Who is the author of the book *From Leeches to Slug Glue 25 Explosive Ideas that Made and Are Making Modern Medicine*?
 A. Jhumpa Lahiri
 B. Kiran Desai
 C. Preeti Shenoy
 D. Roopa Pai
Answer D
- 318) When was the Best FIFA Men's Player Award initiated?
 A. 2015
 B. 2016
 C. 2017
 D. 2018
Answer B
- 319) Infosys, TCS, HDFC among _____ Indian firms in Forbes
 A. 19
 B. 17
 C. 15
 D. 22
Answer B
- 320) India's _____ largest railway overbridge in West Bengal
 A. first
 B. Second
 C. third
 D. eight
Answer B
- 321) Centre introduced Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing for the fishermen in _____
 A. Kerala
 B. Tamil Nadu
 C. Andhra Pradesh
 D. West Bengal
Answer B
- 322) PMC Bank customers can not withdraw more than _____ from their accounts
 A. 4,200
 B. 1,000
 C. 2,500
 D. 3,800
Answer B
- 323) When was the National Service Scheme (NSS) launched?
 A. 1958
 B. 1969
 C. 1978
 D. 1973
Answer B
- 324) When was the India Water Week initiated?
 A. 2008
 B. 2012
 C. 2014
 D. 2018
Answer B
- 325) What are the mobile app did the Centre launch for the farmers?
 A. Krishi Kisan App
 B. CHC Farm Machinery
 C. Bharath Kisan App
 D. A & B
Answer D
- 326) President Kovind inaugurated the _____ India Water Week 2019 in Delhi?
 A. 4th
 B. 6th
 C. 7th
 D. 9th
Answer B
- 327) Sixty Six Countries Committed To Net Zero _____ Emissions By 2050
 A. H₂O
 B. CO₂
 C. N₂
 D. H₂
Answer B
- 328) Under how many categories are there in the National Service Scheme Awards 2017-18?
 A. 3
 B. 5
 C. 6
 D. 7
Answer A
- 329) Which Ministry organized the India Water Week 2019?
 A. Ministry of Water and Human Resource Development
 B. Ministry of Health and Urban Welfare
 C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
 D. Ministry of Home affairs
Answer C
- 330) Madhav Apte who passed away recently was a _____.
 A. cricketer
 B. author
 C. musician
 D. politician
Answer A
- 331) Who becomes Arunachal's first woman Lieutenant Colonel?
 A. Sibbo Kai
 B. Ponung Doming
 C. Omem Moyong Deori
 D. Gum Tayeng
Answer B
- 332) Which company is world's third best regarded company?
 A. Infosys
 B. Ashok Leyland
 C. Wipro
 D. Reliance Communication
Answer A
- 333) For Which assembly polls Goodwill Ambassador is Madhuri Dixit?
 A. Maharashtra
 B. Andhra Pradesh
 C. Kerala
 D. Tamil Nadu
Answer A
- 334) China To Mark _____ Anniversary With Massive Military Parade In Beijing
 A. 75th
 B. 70th
 C. 80th
 D. 85th
Answer B
- 335) Which State is to implement the Mukhyamantri Street Light Yojana?
 A. Delhi
 B. Himachal Pradesh
 C. Rajasthan
 D. Goa
Answer A
- 336) The Committee of Administrators (CoA) was nominated by _____.
 A. Ministry of Sports
 B. Supreme Court
 C. Sports Authority of India
 D. BCCI
Answer B
- 337) When was the Dada Saheb Phalke award initiated?
 A. 1958
 B. 1969
 C. 1973
 D. 1978
Answer B
- 338) When will Delhi's Mukhyamantri Street Light scheme be implemented?
 A. 2 February 2020
 B. 15 December 2019
 C. 1 November 2019
 D. 30 September 2019
Answer C
- 339) Where was the exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019 held?
 A. Kolkata
 B. New Delhi
 C. Mumbai
 D. Jaipur
Answer B
- 340) Committee of Administrators (CoA) has rescheduled BCCI election 2019 to _____.
 A. 2 October
 B. 23 October
 C. 11 October
 D. 30 October
Answer B
- 341) Which is the first State to implement the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014?
 A. West Bengal
 B. Tamil Nadu
 C. Goa
 D. Delhi
Answer D
- 342) Which country launches World's Biggest Transport SpaceShip For Space Station?
 A. Japan
 B. Pakistan
 C. Saudi Arabia
 D. Indonesia
Answer A
- 343) Ministry of Tourism along with _____ organized the India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019?
 A. Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH)
 B. Cox and Kings
 C. Department Tourism and Hospitality (DTH)
 D. None of these
Answer A
- 344) When was Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) formed?
 A. 1891
 B. 1919
 C. 1928
 D. 1895
Answer C
- 345) Who won the Dada Saheb Phalke award in 2018?
 A. Amitabh Bachchan
 B. Rajinikanth
 C. Amrish Puri
 D. Mohanlal
Answer A
- 346) Centre organized an exhibition of ITM 2019 in _____.
 A. New Delhi
 B. Chennai
 C. Hyderabad
 D. Secunderabad
Answer A

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- 347) Saudi Arabia Plans To Enhance Anti-Terror Cooperation With ____
 A. India B. Pakistan
 C. Iran D. Iraq
Answer B
- 348) Where is the headquarters of FSSAI?
 A. Chennai B. New Delhi
 C. Hyderabad D. Secunderabad
Answer B
- 349) The 5th edition of 2019 IISF to be held in ____?
 A. February B. January
 C. November D. December
Answer C
- 350) Where is the Bamboo Technology Park located?
 A. New Delhi B. Bangalore
 C. Chennai D. Assam
Answer D
- 351) Where is the headquarters of Infosys?
 A. Hyderabad B. Chennai
 C. Bengaluru D. Mumbai
Answer C
- 352) What is the name of the Indian Coast Guard Ship
 A. INS Talwar B. Varaha
 C. INS Vikrant D. INS Betwa
Answer B
- 353) Who is the chief ministerr of Assam?
 A. Suresh Sharma B. Sarbananda Sonowal
 C. Rajesh Kumar D. Dinesh Kumar
Answer B
- 354) Centre announced measures to curb rise in prices of ____ on September 25th.
 A. Potatoes B. Onions
 C. Bananas D. Cucumber
Answer B
- 355) Which is the capital of Guinea Bissau?
 A. Bafat B. Gab
 C. Bissau D. Bissor
Answer C
- 356) Infosys is worlds ____ best regarded company
 A. Sixth B. third
 C. second D. fourth
Answer B
- 357) Delhi to implement ____ Street Vending Act
 A. 2014 B. 2013
 C. 2016 D. 2017
Answer A
- 358) Who won the Skolkovo FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2019?
 A. Koneru Humpy B. Nadig Kruttika
 C. Dronavalli Harika D. Subbaraman Vijayalakshmi
Answer A
- 359) What are the countries that are participating in the 23rd edition of the Maritime exercise Malabar 2019?
 A. US, Japan, and India B. UK, Russia, India
 C. UK, Thailand, N. Korea D. US, Russia, India
Answer A
- 360) Who won the IBSF World 6Reds 2019 title?
 A. Pankaj Advani B. Geet Sethi
 C. Ashok Sandilya D. Laxman Rawat
Answer D
- 361) When was the Bloomberg Global Business Forum established?
 A. 2016 B. 2012
 C. 2014 D. 2017
Answer D
- 362) How many countries are hosting the UEFA Euro 2020 tournament?
 A. 5 B. 12
 C. 9 D. 15
Answer B
- 363) Australia India Council (AIC) has announced to provide ____ grant to promote stronger ties with India.
 A. Rs.1.18 crore B. Rs.2.78 crore
 C. Rs.3.32 crore D. Rs.5 crore
Answer C
- 364) When was the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards instituted?
 A. 1995 B. 1998
 C. 2000 D. 2005
Answer C
- 365) NTPC Ltd aims to set up two hydro projects to produce ____ in the Himachal Pradesh state.
 A. 420 MW B. 240 MW
 C. 360 MW D. 520 MW
Answer D
- 366) Who is the President of Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)?
 A. Theodore Theodoridis B. Aleksander eferin
 C. Michel Platini D. Pierluigi Collina
Answer B
- 367) Where was the India-Pacific Islands Developing States (PSIDS) Leaders Meeting held?
 A. New York B. New Delhi
 C. London D. Moscow
Answer A
- 368) When was the Australia India Council (AIC) established?
 A. 1985 B. 1989
 C. 1978 D. 1992
Answer D
- 369) With which State did the NTPC sign MoU to build 2 hydel plants?
 A. Jammu & Kashmir B. Himachal Pradesh
 C. Assam D. Manipur
Answer B
- 370) When was Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) formed?
 A. 1954 B. 1963
 C. 1968 D. 1972
Answer A
- 371) World Bank has partnered with Indian govt. to provide a ____ credit to accelerate TB response in 9 states through private sector engagement and other critical interventions.
 A. \$500 million B. \$300 million
 C. \$200 million D. \$400 million
Answer D
- 372) Where was the third edition of Bloomberg Global Business Forum was held?
 A. California B. Washington DC
 C. New York D. Seattle
Answer C
- 373) TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign aims to improve and expand the reach of pan India TB care services by ____.
 A. 2022 B. 2024
 C. 2025 D. 2030
Answer A
- 374) Who is appointed as a new head of International Monetary Fund?
 A. Jim Yong Kim B. Kristalina Georgieva
 C. David Malpass D. Robert Zoellick
Answer B
- 375) How many received the National Water Mission Awards 2019?
 A. 15 B. 17
 C. 18 D. 22
Answer B
- 376) Where is the headquarters of HDFC Bank located?
 A. Raipur B. Mumbai
 C. Hyderabad D. Chennai
Answer B
- 377) At which place the 12th Meeting of NITSER was held?
 A. Patna B. New Delhi
 C. Jodhpur D. Hyderabad
Answer B

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- 378) What is the emergency helpline number allotted to Delhi city for immediate assistance
A.118 B.115
C.112 D.110
Answer C
- 379) What is the minimum withdrawal amount set by RBI for PMC Bank?
A.Rs 8500 B.Rs 10,000
C.Rs 16,000 D.Rs 5000
Answer B
- 380) Where is the headquarters of Punjab and national bank located?
A.Chennai B.Bangalore
C.New Delhi D.Hyderabad
Answer C
- 381) Who is the chairman of Airtel?
A.Dinesh Gupta B.Vikram Singh
C.Suresh Sharma D.Sunil Bharti Mittal
Answer D
- 382) Where is the head quarters of NTPC located?
A.Jaipur B.New Delhi
C.Guwahati D.Patna
Answer B
- 383) Who is the chief minister of West Bengal?
A.Rajesh Sharma B.Mamata Banerjee
C.Suresh Kumar D.Nitish Gupta
Answer B
- 384) Where is the headquarters of EPFO located?
A.Jaipur B.New Delhi
C.Raipur D.Gwalior
Answer B
- 385) What is the name of the plan launched by BSNL on September 26th?
A.Freedom Plan B.Diamond plan
C.Flexi plan D.Super Star 500 plan
Answer D
- 386) Where is the headquarters of CPWD located?
A.Varanasi B.New Delhi
C.Chennai D.Bengaluru
Answer B
- 387) Where was the 52nd IAAF conference held?
A.Doha B.Qatar
C.Dubai D.Ajman
Answer A
- 388) Who inaugurated the Centralised Public Grievances Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMs) reforms in the Department of Posts?
A.Pralhad Joshi B.Dr. Jitendra Singh
C.D. V. Sadananda Gowda D.Piyush Goyal
Answer B
- 389) Who is appointed as the Visa brand ambassador?
A.Muhammed Anas B.Dutee Chand
C.PV Sindhu D.Neeraj Chopra
Answer C
- 390) Which of the following Indian Naval Ship arrived at Maputo, Mozambique for a three-day visit?
A.INS Kuthar B.INS Khanjar
C.INS Kora D.INS Tarkash
Answer D
- 391) When was the first image of the black hole taken?
A.May 2017 B.April 2018
C.October 2018 D.April 2019
Answer D
- 392) When was NASSCOM established?
A.1988 B.1965
C.1976 D.1993
Answer A
- 393) Who was the chairman of Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) in 2018?
A.Ajit Kunal B.Nimesh Shah
C.Nilesh Shah D.Pawan Kumar
Answer B
- 394) Which State has launched industrial projects worth Rs.65,000 crore?
A.Tamil Nadu B.Uttar Pradesh
C.Rajasthan D.Maharashtra
Answer B
- 395) How many full-time members are there in the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?
A.1 B.2
C.3 D.4
Answer B
- 396) In which City, the Uttar Pradesh State govt. is building two Greenfield international airports?
A.Lucknow B.Varanasi
C.Noida D.Agra
Answer C
- 397) Who is appointed as the new Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) chairman?
A.Nilesh Shah B.Nimesh Shah
C.Saurabh Nanavati D.Umesh Kant
Answer A
- 398) When is the World Maritime Day observed?
A.12 September B.16 September
C.23 September D.27 September
Answer D
- 399) Which company ranked 5th in the Forbes' World's Best Regarded Companies list in 2019?
A.TATA Motors B.Hindustan Motors
C.Bajaj Auto D.Leyland Motors
Answer A
- 400) Who created the new visualization of the image of a black hole?
A.Jeremy Schnittman B.Robinson Mathews
C.Robert McCally D.Clifford Thomson
Answer A
- 401) When is the World Tourism Day observed?
A.5 August B.12 July
C.27 September D.13 October
Answer C
- 402) What is the theme of the World Maritime Day 2019?
A.Strengthening ties to empower world
B.Prove the strength of Unity
C.Empowering women in the maritime community
D.Building a strong universe for better future
Answer C
- 403) Which State has signed MoU with 15 investors for Rs.5,574 crore for the State upliftment in 2019?
A.West Bengal B.Tamil Nadu
C.Karnataka D.J&K
Answer B
- 404) What is the cash prize for the DSC Prize For South Asian Literature award in 2019?
A.\$15,000 B.\$25,000
C.\$35,000 D.\$50,000
Answer B
- 405) India ranked _____ in World digital competitiveness rankings in 2019.
A.23rd B.44th
C.68th D.92nd
Answer B
- 406) Who presided over NDMA's 15th Formation Day Function?
A.G. Kishan Reddy B.Suresh kumar
C.Dinesh Gupta D.Vikram Sharma
Answer A
- 407) Which state government to Set Up Museum At Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's House?
A.Kerala B.West Bengal
C.Himachal Pradesh D.Arunachal Pradesh
Answer B

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- 408) Who organized the International Conference cum Buyer Seller Meet in Agartala?
 A. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
 B. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
 C. Department of Food and Research (DFR)
 D. None of these
Answer A
- 409) _____ has launched a massive operation along the 180-km International Border (IB) with Pakistan in September 2019.
 A. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
 B. Border Security Force (BSF)
 C. Integrated Battle Groups (IBG)
 D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
Answer B
- 410) When is the CSIR Foundation Day celebrated?
 A. 24 September
 B. 26 September
 C. 28 September
 D. 30 September
Answer B
- 411) Which Country announced to offer visa for the first time in the month of September 2019?
 A. UAE
 B. Dubai
 C. Saudi Arabia
 D. Kuwait
Answer C
- 412) Which organization in collaboration with Indian industries developed the first Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System?
 A. DRDO
 B. HAL
 C. IIT-Madras
 D. CSIR
Answer D
- 413) Where was the International Conference cum Buyer Seller Meet in 2019 held?
 A. Agartala
 B. New Delhi
 C. Itanagar
 D. Pune
Answer A
- 414) Which Country hosted the World Tourism Day 2019?
 A. US
 B. Nepal
 C. China
 D. India
Answer D
- 415) How many people received the National Tourism Awards 2017-2018?
 A. 55
 B. 76
 C. 82
 D. 47
Answer B
- 416) Which company won the United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the Climate Neutral Now category in 2019?
 A. TCS
 B. Cape Gemini
 C. Infosys
 D. Cognizant
Answer C
- 417) Where was the 9th India-China Financial dialogue was held?
 A. New Delhi
 B. Bangalore
 C. Shanghai
 D. Beijing
Answer A
- 418) Which company won the United Nations Global Climate Action Award?
 A. Infosys
 B. Wipro
 C. Ashok Leyland
 D. Larsen and tourbo
Answer A
- 419) Goa govt bans single-use plastic in its offices from _____?
 A. January 26
 B. December 16
 C. October 2
 D. November 5
Answer C
- 420) Lockheed Martin to begin supplying F-16 wings from Hyderabad plant in the year _____?
 A. 2023
 B. 2022
 C. 2020
 D. 2021
Answer C
- 421) Smt. Renuka Singh to inaugurate Aadi Mahotsav in _____?
 A. Chennai
 B. Noida
 C. Mumbai
 D. New Delhi
Answer B
- 422) Who presents the National Tourism Awards 2017-18 on World Tourism Day?
 A. Shri Prakash Javedakar
 B. Shri Suresh Sharma
 C. Shri Venkaiah Naidu
 D. Shri Dinesh Gupta
Answer C
- 423) Union HRD Minister chairs the _____ meeting of the Council of IITs
 A. 56th
 B. 53rd
 C. 65th
 D. 68th
Answer B
- 424) Which country entered the final of SAFF U-18 Football Championship?
 A. India
 B. Pakistan
 C. Saudi Arabia
 D. Indonesia
Answer A
- 425) Who is appointed as Western Air Commander of Indian Air Force?
 A. Ramesh kumar
 B. B Suresh
 C. Dinesh Raj
 D. Raj Kumar
Answer B
- 426) Who inaugurates Rural Investors and Start-up Conclave 2019?
 A. Shri Ramesh Kumar
 B. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
 C. Shri Prakash Javedakar
 D. Shri Suresh Kumar
Answer B
- 427) Which country signed trade agreement with India for Rs 2,400 crore on september 27th?
 A. Thailand
 B. Indonesia
 C. Iran
 D. Pakistan
Answer A
- 428) Indian Railways mulls over plan to run _____ routes for private players?
 A. 52
 B. 50
 C. 48
 D. 46
Answer B
- 429) Which cricket team does Sarah Taylor belongs to?
 A. Australia
 B. England
 C. New Zealand
 D. South Africa
Answer B
- 430) Which year anniversary does the London planned to celebrate on behalf of Mahatma Gandhi?
 A. 1654
 B. 150
 C. 160
 D. 174
Answer B
- 431) Which country stops postal exchange with India?
 A. Bangladesh
 B. China
 C. Pakistan
 D. Nepal
Answer C
- 432) Where the Korea Open Badminton World Tour Super 500 Tournament held?
 A. North Korea
 B. England
 C. New Zealand
 D. South Korea
Answer D
- 433) Which bank obtained the top rank in the BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands?
 A. HDFC Bank
 B. Canara Bank
 C. Yes Bank
 D. State Bank of India
Answer A
- 434) Which airport wants Citizens to Donate Plastic Waste, Will Be Used to Build Roads?
 A. New Delhi
 B. Chennai
 C. Bengaluru
 D. Mumbai
Answer C
- 435) How many crores did Finance Ministry turns down DoTs to revival package?
 A. 78,000
 B. 64,000
 C. 74,000
 D. 60,000
Answer C
- 436) Who to get Saraswati Samman Award
 A. Ramesh Kumar
 B. K Siva Reddy
 C. Dinesh Kumar
 D. Vikram Sharma
Answer B

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437) Who will be the new Chairperson of Armed Forces Tribunal?

- A. Justice Dinesh Sharma
- B. Justice Rajendra Menon
- C. Justice Vikram Singh
- D. Justice Rajesh Sharma

Answer B

438) Who takes charge as new IAF chief?

- A. Suresh Kumar
- B. Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- C. Vikram Kumar
- D. Rajesh Kumar

Answer B

439) Which country may reduce tariff on 80% Chinese goods over 20 years?

- A. Indonesia
- B. India
- C. Iran
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer B

440) Which state government govt to give self-employed auto and taxi drivers annual incentive of 10,000?

- A. Bihar
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer B

441) When International Translation Day is observed?

- A. August 26
- B. September 30
- C. January 26
- D. February 25

Answer B

442) President of India graces _____ Convocation of Ranchi University Urges Universities

- A. 33rd
- B. 35th
- C. 28th
- D. 30th

Answer A

443) India may reduce tariff on 80% Chinese goods over _____?

- A. 20 years
- B. 15 years
- C. 13 years
- D. 11 years

Answer A

444) Thanu Padmanabhan received the _____?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Award
- B. M P Birla Memorial Award 2019
- C. Right Livelihood Award
- D. Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize

Answer B

445) India Hands Over Rs. 2.41 Crore Worth School Building To _____?

- A. Nepal
- B. Pakistan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Iran

Answer A

446) Where is the headquarters of IAF?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Mumbai

Answer A

447) India may reduce tariff on _____ Chinese goods over 20 years

- A. 75%
- B. 80%
- C. 65%
- D. 55%

Answer B

