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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in February, 2019 removed three public sector banks from the prompt corrective action (PCA) framework, allowing them to carry on normal business, especially lending. The three banks are Bank of India (BoI), Bank of Maharashtra (Mahabank), and Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).
- The government in February, 2019 revised the economic growth rate upwards to 7.2 per cent for 2017-18 from the 6.7 per cent estimated earlier.
- The HDFC Bank in February, 2019 joined hands with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) to launch its first regional DIS Summit, a platform for start-ups to showcase their innovations to power the bank's growth.
- The Defence Acquisitions Council, DAC chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved indigenous construction of six submarines worth 40 thousand crore rupees.
- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs approved the construction of another 4,78,670 more affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- IT major Mphasis in February, 2019 partnered with NASSCOM to felicitate best in class AI start-ups at the upcoming NASSCOM Technology and Leadership Forum 2019.
- *Union Finance Minister Piyush Goyal presented an Interim Budget for 2019 in Parliament in February, 2019.*
- The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) *for climate change and conservation of the environment. The Rs 7000 crore MOU was signed in February, 2019.*
- Yes Bank senior group president and head - retail and business banking Pralay Mondal has tendered his resignation.
- Three Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) sponsored by the public sector Indian Bank were amalgamated and renamed as 'Tamil Nadu Grama Bank', with its Head Office in Salem.
- *On the 4th day of MSME International Trade Fair-2019, the session on "Promoting Women Entrepreneurship" received an overwhelming participation from more than 300 women entrepreneurs, exporters and startups.*
- To ensure due compliance of the FDI policy on e-Commerce, Press Note 2 (2018) was issued.
- After receiving overwhelming response to its YONO (You Only Need One) app, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India, now plans to launch YONO Krishi and YONO Global apps in April, according to its chairman Rajnish Kumar.
- Government in February, 2019 decided to launch a campaign to saturate farmers for financial inclusion under Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).
- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is empowering women entrepreneurs through its different schemes.
- MG Motor India has signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the country's largest public sector lender State Bank of India, for the latter's Electronic Dealer Finance Scheme (e-DFS).
- Yes Bank, India's fourth largest private sector Bank, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MG Motor India, a British automotive company headquartered in Birmingham, United Kingdom, to enter into a strategic financing partnership.
- ICICI Bank announced in February, 2019 that it has launched a range of fixed deposits (FDs) and recurring deposits (RDs) called FD Xtra.

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- India, eyeing a bigger role in Eurasia and Afghanistan amid prevailing geopolitics, has signed a memorandum of understanding with Russia for fast-tracking International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) that will enable a smoother connectivity to the region via Iran.
- Chinese smartphone player **Oppo** in February, 2019 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Telangana government to support and develop the startup ecosystem in the state.**
- In a major policy shift, the six-member **monetary policy committee (MPC)** headed by Governor **Shaktikanta Das** in February, 2019 lower the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent in 4-2 vote. RBI has thus cut rate for the first time in 17 months. The last rate cut happened in August, 2017.
- **Kerala became the first State to set up a Price Monitoring and Research Unit (PMRU)** to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO).
- **The Cabinet has approved a proposal for Official Amendments to Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2018.**
- **The government allowed export of bio-fuels from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and export-oriented units (EoUs) with certain conditions.**
- **Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani launched the India Size project in Mumbai in February, 2019.**
- **The Union Cabinet approved the introduction of National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2019 in the Parliament.**
- **The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs approved the proposal for continuation of the Scheme of "Exploration of Coal and Lignite" with an expected expenditure of Rs.1875 Crore.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy for implementation of the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II for setting up 12,000 MW grid-connected Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Projects.**
- **The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs approved creation of a corpus of Rs. 2000 crore for Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF) to be created with NABARD for development and up-gradation of agricultural marketing infrastructure in Gramin Agricultural Markets and Regulated Wholesale Markets.**
- **State Bank of India on Thursday said that the Reserve Bank of India has slapped Rs 1 crore penalty on the country's largest lender for violating norms.**
- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority has imposed a fine of Rs nine lakh on state-owned United India Insurance Co Ltd for violating certain procedures.**
- **The Avendus India ESG Fund made its maiden investment on February 1, marking the first time a fund of this kind has been launched in India. ESG stands for environment, social and governance.**
- **The Union Cabinet on February 6, 2019 approved establishment of a unified authority for regulating all financial services in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) in India through the International Financial Services Centres Authority Bill, 2019.**
- **Centre has sanctioned 173 crore rupees for 58 national highway projects in Himachal Pradesh.**
- **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das today announced that the limit of collateral free agricultural loans has been increased from one lakh to 1.6 lakh. Addressing the post monetary policy announcement in Mumbai today, Mr. Das said the decision has been taken in view of the overall inflation and rise in the agricultural input costs since 2010 when the limit was last revised.**
- **Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu launched two ambitious schemes, the Hirkani Maharashtratrachi and District Business Plan Competition in Mumbai today.**
- **US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross on February 7, 2019 announced the names of the American private sector members of the US-India CEO Forum. MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga and Qualcomm CEO Steve Mollenkopf are**

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among the members of the US-India CEO Forum.

- The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on February 7, 2019 launched a platform named **PM Kisan**, <http://pmkisan.nic.in>, under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN)** for uploading the details of the Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF).
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu flagged off the **Arunachal leg of the Startup India Yatra** from civil secretariat in Itanagar.
- **Engineers India Ltd (EIL)** said that it has *signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mongol Refinery State Owned LLC of Government of Mongolia*.
- The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan launched the '**Dealer Owned Dealer Operated (DODO) model for setting up CNG stations**.'
- Seven Banks were penalised by the Reserve Bank of India for violating various norms. **Three banks- HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDBI Bank - were fined Rs 2 million each for non-compliance with various directions issued by RBI on Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards.**
- **Kerala government** launched an online mechanism that will ensure clearance to proposals within 30 days of application.
- **The Union Ministry of Textiles** would be organising an outreach programme for textiles sector MSMEs on **February 13, 2019 in New Delhi to hold interactions with the stakeholders** to help them avail the support and outreach for 100 days programme announced by the Prime Minister.
- The government Wednesday approved a **three-year extension of the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Up-gradation Scheme for MSMEs with total outlay of 2,900 crore.**
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday gave its approval for increase in the **Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jute, for 2019-20 season.**
- Four major banks – **Bank of Baroda, Corporation bank, State Bank of India and Union Bank of India** -- were on Wednesday penalized to pay a fine of **Rs 5 crore by the Reserve bank of India.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cleared Yes Bank of any disparity in reporting bad loans, known as divergence in market parlance,** the private-sector lender said late evening Wednesday.
- **The Bihar State Khadi and Village Industries Board** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the e-commerce giant **Amazon to sell their products like saris, shirts and kurtas directly on Amazon India.**
- The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the proposal for leasing out **1.61-acre land of the Delhi Milk Scheme in Delhi's Alipur to Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) to set up "Kisan Mandi"** , said an official.
- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved the continuation of sub-schemes under **Umbrella programme for the development of Scheduled Tribes from the period till March 2020.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for **Extension of tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis (NCSK) beyond 31st of March, 2019 for three years.**
- **The Indo-US Commercial Dialogue and the Indo-US CEO Forum** will be held on **February 14, 2019 in New Delhi.**
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the **CREDAI YouthCon -19 on February 13, 2019 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.**
- **The Finance Ministry** has asked the six remaining public sector banks, currently under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA), to improve on seven parameters to get the government's support for coming out of the PCA framework.
- **India and the United States** on **February 14, 2019 held the India-US CEO Forum and India-US Commercial**

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Dialogue in New Delhi. The Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu chaired the meeting.

- **The Expert Committee led by Anoop Satpathy, Fellow of V. V. Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI), on February 14, 2019 submitted its report on "Determining the Methodology for Fixation of the National Minimum Wage" to the Government.**
- **Amid rising instances of fraud using the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) platform, the Reserve Bank of India has cautioned all banks and payment system operators about a new modus operandi allegedly used by scammers to target customer phones.**
- **India and Singapore will sign an agreement for skilling Indian youths in the aviation sector at the Aero India Show next week.** Academies will be set up in Bengaluru and other places in India that will act as regional hubs for the training of Indian youths for domestic and overseas jobs in these sectors.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various infrastructure and development projects worth 33,000 crore rupees at Barauni in Begusarai district of Bihar today.** He laid the foundation stone of **Patna Metro Rail Project** at a cost of over **13,000 crore rupees** via video conferencing. **The project would be completed by 2024.**
- **India has raised the basic customs duty to 200 per cent on all goods imported from Pakistan** with immediate effect following withdrawal the Most Favoured Nation, MFN status in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack.
- **India on February 15, 2019 withdrew the 'Most-Favoured Nation' status accorded to Pakistan following the Pulwama terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir that led to the killing of 37 CRPF personnel and injuring of many others.**
- **IndianMoneyInsurance.com**, a subsidiary of the Bengaluru-based **IndianMoney.com Group**, has received the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's insurance broking licence** to enter the insurance business.
- **The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), jointly with the State Bank of India and the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), organised a two-day workshop on 'Committee of Creditors: An Institution of Public Faith' in Mumbai.**
- **The nations largest lender State Bank has begun a massive employee engagement programme to ensure its 2.6 lakh-strong staff does not work mechanically and is sufficiently motivated to take on newer challenges that the future will throw up, a top official has said.**
- **The Reserve Bank has announced that it will transfer an interim surplus of Rs 28,000 crore to the central government for the half-year ended 31st December, 2018.**
- **In the first-ever deal by an Indian company, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Monday said it has signed an annual deal worth USD 1.5 billion to import 3 million tonnes of crude oil in the fiscal year beginning April 1.**
- **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate on Tuesday an upgraded version of e-commerce portal Port Community System (PCS) in Mumbai.** The upgraded portal 'PCS1x' has been developed in record time by the Indian Ports Association, based on feedback from stakeholders using PCS.
- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Monday launched a new microinsurance plan 'Micro Bachat'.** It is a regular premium, non-linked, participating endowment microinsurance plan, which offers a combination of protection and savings, LIC said in a statement.
- **Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu has cleared a proposal aiming at simplifying the process of exemptions for Start-ups under Section 56 (2) (viib) of Income Tax Act.**
- **The government has approved recapitalisation of Rs 48,239 crore in 12 public sector banks in this fiscal to**

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help them maintain regulatory capital requirements and finance growth plans.

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu on February 19, 2019 cleared proposals to encourage investments in Start-Ups, aiming at simplifying the process of exemptions for Start-ups from the 'Angel Tax' under Section 56 (2) (viib) of Income Tax Act, 1961.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched SWAYATT initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage through eTransactions on Government e Marketplace (GeM).
- After the successful first edition of States' Startup Ranking in 2018, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) released second edition of Startup Ranking for 2019.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-II which comprises two corridors of total length 28.254.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved to continue the existing schemes of MPDA, Khadi Grant, ISEC and Village Industry Grant, all subsumed under 'Khadi and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana' at the total cost of Rs. 2800 crore for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on February 19, 2019 approved the Promulgation of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Ordinance, 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the India-Korea Startup Hub in Seoul during his visit to South Korea on February 21, 2019 while addressing the India-Korea Business Symposium.
- The 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit will be held on February 21-23, 2019 in New Delhi.
- India and Sri Lanka today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a business centre for ICT incubators in Jaffna through grant of 25 crore Sri Lankan rupees from India.
- Bank of Baroda on Wednesday said the merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with itself would be effective from April 1 as per the scheme of amalgamation approved by the government.
- NITI Aayog organised the 'Conference on Future of Indian Banking and role of technology' on February 22, 2019.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), the retirement fund manager under the Union Labour Ministry, raised the interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accumulations to 8.65 percent for 2018-19.
- India and South Korea signed six agreements on Friday to enhance cooperation in key areas, including infrastructure development, media, start-ups and combating trans-border and international crime, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the country.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday intervened, and made it harder for the non banking financial companies (NBFCs) to borrow from the commercial banks, hence making the credit flow slower, and more costly, the Financial Express reported.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 22 announced that it will merge three categories of Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) into a new one.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 24, 2019 launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) from Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Reserve Bank of India Monday extended by six months the deadline for compliance with Know Your Customer (KYC) norms, for prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers. The earlier deadline was February 28.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council met on February 24, 2019 for its 33rd meeting and slashed GST rate on under-construction residential properties and the affordable housing projects.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) constituted three Working Groups to study and recommend measures to facilitate trade, promote exports and improve compliance.

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- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 26, 2019 for jointly developing infrastructure for fuels, lubricating oil, LPG, natural gas and any other related fuel and gas for meeting the requirement of national waterways.
- The FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL) signed MoU with the Himachal Pradesh Government to establish a white cement plant near village Nohra Dhar in Sirmour district, Himachal Pradesh at a project cost of approximately Rs. 605 crores.
- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari laid the **foundation stone for an elevated structure and vehicular underpass (VUP) on NH-44 at Phagwara City in Kapurthala district of Punjab.**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday lifted lending curbs on two more public sector banks (PSBs), namely Allahabad Bank and Corporation Bank, besides also freeing private lender Dhanlaxmi Bank from the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework. Last month, Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra and Oriental Bank of Commerce were taken out of the PCA Framework.
- Real estate developer Brigade Group on Wednesday announced signing of a memorandum of understanding with Technopark, an autonomous organisation fully owned by the Kerala state government, for developing an iconic World Trade Centre at Technocity in Thiruvananthapuram.
- Following a six month ban on starting new accounts by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Paytm Payments Banks has launched a zero balance current account with features such as unlimited free digital transactions and free debit card etc.
- DCB Bank announced the launch of its Open Banking Platform, a significant step towards creating a collaborative ecosystem with enterprises, fintechs and app developers, and enhancing customer-service delivery.
- Private Sector lender ICICI Bank announced the launch of a new addition to its 'Gemstone collection of credit cards'.
- Petroleum Minister Dharamendra Pradhan on February 27, 2019 gave Rs 34 crore of Indian Oil Corporation for clean Ganga movement.
- The Defence Acquisition Council has approved the acquisition of defence equipment for about Rs 2700 crores.

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- Minister of Railways, Piyush Goyal on January 30, 2019 launched the "The Future of Rail" report of the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- PETROTECH-2019, the 13th International Oil & Gas Conference & Exhibition, being organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, is all set to be inaugurated on February 10, 2019.
- Microsoft signed an MoU with the Sikkim Government to revamp the educational system in the state.
- Air India announced to resume its services from New Delhi to the holy city of Najaf in Iraq after 25 years.
- An international body and a Tata Trusts-backed collaboration have signed an MoU to accelerate the roll-out of new, people-centred innovations in the fight against tuberculosis (TB) in India and other countries.
- BioChem USA and Department of Industries, Government of Gujarat in February, 2019 **signed an MoU in the presence of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani for setting up of a Biorefinery in Dahej Petroleum Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) at an estimated investment of Rs 3000 crores.**

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- Union Minister of Railways & Coal Piyush Goyal was on January 30, 2019 formally conferred with the fourth annual Carnot Prize by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design in New Delhi.
- The Dabur India Ltd board has approved the appointment of Mohit Malhotra as the company's New Chief Executive Officer with effect from April 1, 2019.
- In Bihar, Gupteshwar Pandey in February, 2019 appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP).
- Gujarat government has announced an increase in Dearness allowance of more than 9.61 lakh employees and pensioners by 2 per cent.
- The United Nations Security Council has adopted a resolution to extend sanctions against the Central African Republic (CAR) for another year.
- The United States has urged Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro to accept an amnesty offer from opposition leader Juan Guaido, whom Washington has recognised as President.
- Scientists have first time created an artificial intelligence (AI) based system that directly translates thoughts into intelligible, recognisable speech.
- India captain Mithali Raj in February, 2019 became the first female cricketer to play 200 ODIs, adding another achievement to her illustrious career.
- In Chess, five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand had to be content with a joint third-place finish after settling for a draw with compatriot Vidit Gujrathi in the 13th and final round of the Tata Steel Masters at Wijk Aan Zee, the Netherlands.
- India in February, 2019 appointed Sanjiv Ranjan as its new Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Ministry of External Affairs announced in February, 2019.
- Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P in February, 2019 took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command in Mumbai.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February, 2019 visited all the three regions of Kashmir, Jammu & Ladakh to inaugurate and lay foundation stones for various development projects.
- PM Modi dedicated to the nation the railway electrification of the 294-km-long Andal-Sainthia-Pakur-Malda and the Khana-Sainthia sections.
- NBCC, a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprises, will construct an Ayurveda and Naturopathy hospital in Goa at a cost of over 267 crore rupees.
- The Andhra Pradesh High Court new building at Amaravathy, was inaugurated in February, 2019 by the Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi. It's after functioning from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Camp Office for over a month's time, the AP High Court in February, 2019 moved to a new building at Amaravathy on a temporary basis.
- P V Bharathi, executive director of Canara Bank, has assumed charge as managing director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the city-based Corporation Bank, a statement said.
- Rishi Kumar Shukla, 1983 batch IPS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, was on February 2, 2019 appointed as the new chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Former Law Minister of Nepal Nilambar Acharya has been appointed as country's ambassador to India.
- Pope Francis landed in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on a historic visit, becoming the first pontiff to visit the Arabian peninsula. He was received at the airport by the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed.
- Aged just 16 years and 146 days, Nepal's Rohit Paudel became the youngest male player to record a half-century in international cricket when he hit 55 in 58 balls in a One-Day International against the UAE in

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- **Nepal's Sundeep Jora** became the youngest cricketer to score a half-century in T20 Internationals.
- **The World Cancer Day 2019** was observed across the world on **February 4, 2019** with theme "I Am and I Will".
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on January 31, 2019 **unveiled its Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC)** at **ISRO Headquarter campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka** for its maiden manned space mission 'Gaganyaan'.
- **The Union Ministry of Coal** on February 4, 2019 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **Ministry of Energy, Republic of Poland** in **New Delhi** on cooperation in the field of coal mining.
- **Union Minister of State for Railways and Communication, Manoj Sinha** released a special postage stamp of the Indian Postal Department on **Kumbh Mela**.
- **UK Home Secretary Sajid Javid** in February, 2019 ordered the extradition of **Vijay Mallya** to India, in a major blow to the embattled liquor baron.
- **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** and **Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** in February, 2019 flagged off **Suraksha Yatra** - a motor car rally from **Rajghat in New Delhi** to commemorate the **150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**. The flag off was also part of an event to launch the **30th National Road Safety Week**.
- **Sri Lanka** celebrated its **71st Independence Day** on **February 4, 2019** in **Colombo**.
- **Veteran Marathi actor Ramesh Bhatkar** passed away in February, 2019 after a battle with cancer.
- **The Delhi government** in February, 2019 kicked off its pilot project of creating **Delhi's first 'zero fatality corridor'** while also issuing actionable points to all agencies to ensure a **10% reduction in road accidents** by the end of the year.
- **The Maharashtra government** has set up a committee to review various schemes being implemented for the **welfare of tribals in the state**.
- **The Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** in February 2019 launched the **Shehri Samridhi Utsav**, an initiative that aims to extend the outreach of **Deendayal Antyodaya Mission – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** to the most vulnerable.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation's latest communication satellite, GSAT-31** was successfully launched by **Arianespace** aboard its launch vehicle **Ariane 5** from the spaceport in **French Guiana** on **February 5, 2019**.
- **The United States President Donald Trump** has nominated acting **Interior Secretary David Bernhardt** as the new **Interior Secretary**.
- Former mayor of **San Salvador, Nayib Bukele** has claimed victory in the **El Salvador's presidential election**.
- **The United Kingdom** along with other European nations such as **Germany and France** on **January 31, 2019** set up a new transaction channel called '**INSTEX**' that will allow companies to continue trading with **Iran** despite **US sanctions**.
- **The Iranian Judiciary Chief Amoli Larijani** on **February 4, 2019** said that **50,000 convicts** will receive pardons from **Leader Ayatollah Khamenei** on the occasion of the **40th anniversary of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution**.
- **President Donald Trump** announced on **February 5, 2019** that he will hold the **second summit with the North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un** in **Vietnam** on **February 27-28, 2019** as part of his administration's endeavours to denuclearise **North Korea**.
- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation** observed globally on **6 February, 2019**. The theme observed for 2019 was **#EndFGM** and **#Womenmatter**.
- **The Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)** on **February 6, 2019** launched the '**Darwaza Band -Part 2**' campaign for sustainability of the **Open Defecation Free (ODF)** status of villages across the country.

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- India and Germany have joined hands for cooperation on Water and Waste Management.
- The second foreign office consultations between India and New Zealand was held in February, 2019 in New Delhi.
- The Cabinet has approved amendments to the Cinematograph Act, 1952 to tackle film piracy and Copyright infringement.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for the establishment of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog for conservation, protection and development of cows and their progeny.
- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Proposal of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding Prasar Bharati's "Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development" scheme at a cost of Rs.1054.52 crore for 3 years (2017-18 to 2019-20).
- The government in February, 2019 formally cleared the proposal to promote Praveen Sinha, a 1988-batch Gujarat cadre officer working in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as a joint director, as additional director in the agency.
- Air India Chief Pradeep Singh Kharola was appointed as the Civil Aviation Secretary as part of a minor bureaucratic reshuffle.
- The President, Ram Nath Kovind conferred the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the year 2017 on February 6, 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhawan during a special investiture ceremony.
- The Bureau of Police Research and Development, BPRD will organise the 2nd National Conference of Micro Missions of National Police Mission in New Delhi on February 7, 2019.
- The Union Health and Family Welfare Secretary Preeti Sudan has reviewed the state of preparedness and action taken to deal with H1N1 influenza cases in New Delhi.
- The Maharashtra government on February 6, 2019 announced that it will soon make forcing a woman to undergo virginity test a punishable offence.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 6, 2019 approved the proposal of the Ministry of Power to allocate 85 per cent power from Telangana Super Thermal Power Project (4000MW) of NTPC Ltd to the Telangana government.
- The East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on Thursday for the disposal and management of solid waste in its jurisdiction.
- Punjab Government on Thursday inked an MoU with the Government of Alberta, Canada.
- The 5th India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Committee Meeting will be held in New Delhi today.
- Dinkar Gupta has taken over the charge of Director General of the Punjab Police.
- The US President, Donald Trump has nominated senior Treasury official David Malpass as the next chief of the World Bank.
- Macedonia on February 6, 2019 signed an accord to join NATO to become the 30th member of the US-led alliance.
- Three-time World Cup-winning former Australian captain Ricky Ponting will be part of Australia's coaching staff for the 2019 ICC World Cup.
- India climbed eight places in the 2019 International Intellectual Property (IP) Index, ranking at 36th position among 50 countries. The Index was topped by the United States with 42.66 points out of 45, followed by the United Kingdom (42.22) at 2nd, Sweden (41.03) at 3rd and Germany (41.00) at 4th.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Governor, Satya Pal Malik on February 8, 2019 granted the Divisional Status to Ladakh

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Region, while exercising its powers under Section 5 of Land Revenue Act, 1996.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that basic infrastructure has been a long-standing demand of Arunachal Pradesh which was ignored by the previous governments.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the four laning of the Falakata-Salsalabari section of NH -31 D in the northern part of West Bengal.
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on February 8, 2019 instituted the 'PMAY (U) awards for Implementation and Innovation' under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) to reward the "Top Performers" in different categories and attain the goal of 'Housing for All' in a sustained manner.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas observed the Ujjwala Utsav to celebrate the stellar role played by all stakeholders such as district nodal officers, policy makers, distributors and beneficiaries in making Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) a success.
- The 5th India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Committee Meeting was held in New Delhi.
- The India Pavilion at the Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale) 2019 was inaugurated by Director European Film Market, (EFM) Matthijs Wouter Knol.
- Sailesh assumed the charge as Secretary of Ministry of Minority Affairs on February 7, 2019.
- Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, GOC-in-C of Northern Command presented the Sena medals to 92 army men at an investiture ceremony for their gallantry and distinguished services.
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has instituted a challenge for States and Union Territories to select six sites across the country for constructing the lighthouse projects under Global Housing Technology Challenge- India (GHTC- India)
- The Supreme Court on February 11, 2019 directed the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) to take a decision within three months on a representation seeking guidelines to redefine the term 'Minority'.
- The first batch of four Boeing heavy-lift Chinook Helicopters, CH-47F (I), arrived at the Mundra airport in Gujarat on February 10, 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 9, 2019 laid the foundation stone for the Sela Tunnel Project in Arunachal Pradesh during his visit to Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Tripura.
- In Rajasthan, Jaipur based Sapta Shakti Command of Indian Army conducted a two- day Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise "Exercise Rahat".
- PM visited Assam as a part of his visit to Arunachal, Assam and Tripura.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Hubli, Karnataka in the final leg of his one day long tour to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu and unveiled several development projects in the State.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh on February 11, 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 11, 2019 inaugurated the 13th International Oil and Gas Conference - PETROTECH-2019 at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi on February 10, 2019 took over as the chair of the African Union (AU) following a meeting by heads of state from the continent in Ethiopia's capital city, Addis Ababa.
- The Abu Dhabi Judicial Department (ADJD) has added Hindi as the third official language to be used in the city's courts, alongside Arabic and English.
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed on 11 February, 2019. The 2019 Theme was "Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth".

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- Kacey Musgraves, Childish Gambino, Cardi B and Quincey Jones created history by winning the 2019 Grammy Awards held at Staples Center in Los Angeles.
- The team of 'Gully Boy' movie including Ranveer Singh, Alia Bhatt, Zoya Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani visited the India Pavilion at Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale) 2019.
- Delhi government has launched bike ambulance services to ensure health assistance reaches on time in the congested areas of the national capital.
- Rajasthan School Education Minister Govind Singh Dotasara Wednesday launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Career Portal' for students from classes 9 to 12.
- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on February 11, 2019 signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to launch the 'India-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative'.
- The Ministry of Human Resource Development has decided to take immediate steps to implement the recommendations of a committee, which it had constituted in 2018 to make a report for the promotion and protection of Maithili language and its scripts.
- President Ram Nath Kovind on February 12, 2019 unveiled the life size portrait of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Central Hall of Parliament.
- The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry will organise the first annual conference of Media Units in New Delhi on February 13, 2019.
- The Supreme Court on February 12, 2019 referred the petition seeking withdrawal of minority status of the Aligarh Muslim University to a seven-judge bench.
- Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban on February 10, 2019 announced new measures, under which increasing financial aid and subsidies will be provided to families that have more than three children.
- US President Donald Trump on February 11, 2019 signed an executive order directing federal agencies to prioritise research and development in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The US cargo spacecraft Cygnus was released from the International Space Station (ISS) on February 8, 2019.
- The Shilanyas ceremony of the Hindu temple to be built in Abu Dhabi is scheduled on the April 20, 2019.
- Rina Mitra, a 1983-batch IPS officer, who retired on January 31 as special secretary (internal security) in the Union home ministry, has been appointed as principal adviser (internal security) in the West Bengal government.
- Indian historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam on February 10, 2019 won the prestigious Dan David Prize 2019 for his work on inter-cultural encounters between Asians, Europeans and people of North and South America during the early modern era.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 12, 2019 participated in Swachh Shakti 2019 event and distributed the Swachh Shakti 2019 Awards during his visit to Kurukshetra, Haryana.
- The 2019 World Radio Day is observed on 13 February, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Radio Day is "Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace."
- Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal on February 12, 2019 commissioned Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park at Tundurru Village in Bhimavaram Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh through video conferencing.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the introduction of Registration of Marriage of Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Bill, 2019.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the proposal for

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allotment of 30 acre land to Pasteur Institute of India (PII) for establishment of New Viral Vaccine Manufacturing Unit at Coonoor in Tamil Nadu.

- The NITI Aayog on February 12, 2019 signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) to codify, document and share best practices to improve learning outcomes in public school education through systemic reforms, based on their collective experiences of working with various state governments in India.
- The Defence Ministry on February 12, 2019 issued Expression of Interest to shortlist potential Indian strategic partners and foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) for the procurement of 111 Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH) for the Indian Navy at an estimated cost of over Rs 21,000 crore.
- The Parliament on February 13, 2019 passed the Personal Laws (Amendment Bill), 2018 that seeks to remove leprosy as a ground for divorce. The bill was passed after upper house of the Parliament Rajya Sabha approved it without discussion.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), 5,67,88,890 enrolments have been made till December 2018.
- It is likely that over 133 million new jobs may emerge by 2022. However, at the same time, 75 million jobs may be displaced.
- Australia spin legend Shane Warne has been named the brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals for the upcoming Indian Premier League.
- National Film Development Corporation of India has been declared winner under the Miniratna Category (Category II) by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- The state government of Bihar has announced a universal old age pension scheme called Mukhyamantri Vridhajan Pension Yojna (MVPY) for all people above 60 years of age.
- Minister of State for AYUSH, Shripad Yesso Naik on February 13, 2019 launched the e-AUSHADHI portal, for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs and related matters at New Delhi.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the cabinet note on the proposal for official amendments in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016 so as to modify the list of scheduled tribes of Chhattisgarh.
- The third Indo-German Environment Forum with the theme "Cleaner Air, Greener Economy" was held in New Delhi on February 13, 2019.
- CBDT Chairman Sushil Chandra was on Thursday appointed the new Election Commissioner ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, making the poll panel a three-member entity again.
- In United States, William Barr was sworn for second time as the nation's Attorney General, taking the helm of the Justice Department as special counsel Robert Mueller investigates Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.
- India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran has made it to the top-100 of Men's Singles Tennis rankings with a jump of six places that took him to 97.
- The US House of Representatives on February 13, 2019 approved a resolution that would end US support for the Saudi Arabia-led coalition in the war in Yemen.
- Australian legislators have passed a landmark bill making it easier for asylum seekers, being held on remote Pacific islands, to get medical treatment in the country.
- The Indian Air Force today carried out an exercise in Pokhran, Rajasthan, involving around 140 fighter jets and attack helicopters.
- President Ram Nath Kovind launched Digital Kisan Platform in the Fourth Agri Leadership Summit, organised

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by the Haryana government at Gannaur in Sonipat district today.

- Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep S Puri on February 14, 2019 **launched the PMAY (U) mobile application in New Delhi.**
- **A UAE-based international cooling provider has entered into a 30-year concession with Andhra Pradesh government to build, own, operate and transfer India's first district cooling system in the state's new capital Amaravati.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 15, 2019 flagged off India's first Semi High Speed Train, 'Vande Bharat Express' on New Delhi-Kanpur-Allahabad-Varanasi route from the New Delhi Railway Station.**
- **The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on February 15, 2019 launched a new portal called 'LADIS' – Least Available Depth Information System in New Delhi to ensure optimum use of national waterways.**
- **The Union Tourism Ministry recently made a series of amendments in India's e-visa regime, liberalising it further and making it more tourist friendly.** The e-tourist Visa, which was introduced in September 2014 with 46 countries **has now been made applicable for 166 countries.**
- **Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal has created history by becoming the first Indian Woman Flight Engineer. She successfully completed the Flight Engineers' course at 112 Helicopter Unit attached to the Air Force Station, Yelahanka here.**
- **Major Gopal Mitra became the first differently-abled person from India to be appointed at the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).**
- **Indian President Ram Nath Kovind would be presenting the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony to Rajkumar Singhajit Singh, Bangladesh cultural organisation Chhayanaaut and Ram Sutar Vanji for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively on February 18, 2019 at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi.**
- **NASA's Mars rover Opportunity was officially declared dead on February 13, 2019, after having contributed almost 15 years of grand services.**
- **NITI Aayog and Saudi Centre for International Strategic Partnerships (SCISP) have agreed to provide continuing momentum to the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership.**
- **RS officer Pramod Chandra Mody on Friday took over as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the policy making body of the Income Tax Department.**
- **American multinational investment bank JP Morgan has created first US bank-backed blockchain-based asset called JPM Coin for its wholesale payments business.**
- **Veteran West Indies batsman Chris Gayle has announced that he will retire from One-day Internationals after this year's World Cup in England and Wales.** The announcement was made by West Indies Cricket on February 17, 2019.
- **Vidarbha capped off a fairytale 2018-19 season by defending their Irani Cup title at the Jamtha Stadium in Nagpur on Saturday (February 16) thanks to a 95-run first innings lead after the match ended in a draw.**
- **Mumbai hosted India's first ever Mallakhamb World Championship.**
- **India and Argentina exchanged 10 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and agreements during the Argentine President Mauricio Macri's ongoing three-day visit to India from February 17 to 19. Six MoUs were exchanged between the two sides including an MoU on Defence Cooperation.**
- **India and Morocco on Monday signed four MoUs following the delegation-level talks between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Moroccan counterpart Nasser Bourita in Rabat.**
- **Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry will on Tuesday launch three initiatives, including safety tool "Panic Button" and DNA analysis facilities, said an official on Monday.** The initiatives will be jointly launched by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and WCD Minister Maneka Gandhi.

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- Jindal Stainless, a subsidiary of JSL Lifestyle Ltd, commissioned its first dedicated facility for the railways in Chennai Monday and expects a revenue of Rs 300 crore.
- The Gujarat government has formed a special board for the transgender community, an official release said Monday. The 'Transgender Welfare Board' has been constituted by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment to provide social security to the community, it said.
- Senior IPS officer Manoj Yadava was on Monday appointed as Haryana's Director General of Police.
- Lebanon has appointed the Arab world's first female interior minister Raya al-Hassan in its new government,
- Discovery Asia Pacific has appointed Megha Tata as Managing Director - South Asia, Discovery Communications India, effective April 01, 2019.
- Iran has launched 'cruise missile capable' submarine amid heightening tension with the United States.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron have agreed to continue coordination of the two countries in order to facilitate the peace settlement in Syria.
- US President Donald Trump's pick to be America's new UN ambassador, Heather Nauert, has withdrawn her nomination for the post.
- US President Donald Trump on February 15, 2019 signed an executive order declaring national emergency in the nation. The move would unblock billions of dollars of federal money to construct a wall along the US-Mexico border.
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi today launched a range of citizen safety initiatives in New Delhi.
- The House on Saturday passed the Himachal Pradesh Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 2019, paving the way for making Sanskrit the second official language of the state.
- Two day long One Health India Conference, 2019 was today inaugurated in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 19, 2019 flagged off the first ever diesel to electric converted locomotive twin engine of ten thousand Horse Power at DLW Varanasi.
- The All Indian Cine Workers Association has announced a total ban on all the Pakistani artists working in the film industry.
- Dr G C Anupama, Senior Professor (Dean) from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, on Monday became the first woman to be elected president of Astronomical Society of India (ASI), prime association of professional astronomers in the country.
- Additional Director General of West Bengal Police (law and order) Anuj Sharma was on Tuesday appointed as the new Kolkata Police Commissioner after his predecessor Rajeev Kumar was transferred as ADG & IGP of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).
- Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 were announced at the Laureus Awards Ceremony in Monaco.
- Ace Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian to receive a nomination in the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore on Tuesday gave away the 7th National Photography Awards to 13 persons in different categories at a function in New Delhi.
- India's national football captain Sunil Chhetri has been conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour by Football Delhi. The governing body for football in the Capital conferred the honour on India's leading international goal scorer at a glittering ceremony at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- Eight-time world champion Nicol David has announced she will retire at the end of the 2018-19 squash season, bringing down the curtain on the Malaysian's illustrious career.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on February 19, 2019

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approved the launch of 'Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan' with the objective of providing financial and water security to farmers.

- KP-Bot is India's first humanoid Police robot that will work at the Kerala Police Headquarters in the state capital. It has been given the Sub Inspector (SI) rank.
- The Union Cabinet on February 19, 2019 approved the National Policy on Electronics 2019 (NPE 2019), proposed by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The Union Cabinet on February 19, 2019 approved the setting up of a new company under Department of Space (DoS) to commercially exploit the research and development work carried out by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Centers and constituent units of DOS.
- Government launched Operation Digital Board on the lines of Operation Blackboard to provide better digital education in schools.
- The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme during 14th Finance Commission period and beyond.
- Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) received the bulk production clearance (BPC) from the Indian Army and the Ministry of Defence on February 18, 2018 for production of 114 'Dhanush', the first ever indigenous 155mm x 45 calibre artillery gun.
- The 12th edition of Asia's premier Air show 'Aero India-2019' began at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru.
- In Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram hosted the Attakal Ponkala festival which is considered as one of the world's largest religious gathering of women on a single day.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly established Virtual Experiential Museum (VEM) in a Centrally Protected Monument under Archeological Survey of India, Man – Mahal, situated on the bank of the Ganges at Varanasi.
- The Union Cabinet approved creation of one post of Secretary in the level 17 (Rs.2,25,000 fixed per month) and one post of Joint Secretary in the level 14 (Rs.144200-218200 per month) in the newly created Department of Fisheries on permanent basis.
- The Union Cabinet approved the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) beyond March 2019 (PMAY-G) Phase-II.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Implementation of an Externally Aided Project namely "National Rural Economic Transformation Project" (NRETP) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) through loan assistance from World Bank.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the revision of norms under 'Mid Day Meal Scheme' with an outlay of Rs 12,054 Crore for 2019-20 in addition to the subsidy of about Rs 8000 crore borne by Department of Food & Public Distribution.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Phase-II of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme for achieving cumulative capacity of 40,000 MW from Rooftop Solar (RTS) Projects by the year 2022.
- 2019 International Mother Language Day is observed globally on 21 February, 2019. The theme of 2019 International Mother Language Day is "Local languages for Global Citizenship: Spotlight on Science".
- The 2019 World Day of Social Justice was observed globally on 20 February, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Day of Social Justice is "If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice".
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) banned UAE-based coach Irfan Ansari for 10 years after he was found guilty of making a "corrupt approach" to Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed in 2017.
- Noted Hindi writer Namvar Singh passed away in New Delhi. He was 92.

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- The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, **Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, visited India on February 19-20, 2019.
- Landmark day for India's defence sector, India's first self-made fighter jet, Light Combat Aircraft Tejas MK I (LCA Tejas) on February 20, 2019 received the Final Operational Clearance for induction into the Indian Air Force (IAF) as a fully-weaponised fighter jet.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on February 21, 2019 announced to conduct a pan-India survey called 'All India Citizens Survey of Police Services' to gauge public perception of police.
- In a significant decision, the Ministry of Home Affairs approved the entitlement of air travel on Delhi-Srinagar, Srinagar-Delhi, Jammu-Srinagar and Srinagar-Jammu sectors to all the personnel of Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPFs).
- Sri Lanka's 150 students from all 25 districts were awarded the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi scholarships for study in India.
- The 'VIVID-Vision Insight and Voices as India goes Digital'- the District Informatics Officer (DIO) meet was inaugurated by National Informatics Centre (NIC) on February 21, 2019.
- Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries **Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti** inaugurated **Sikaria Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd** at Village Tulakona in Agartala.
- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for next 10 years in New Delhi.
- Justice Uma Nath Singh will take oath as the First Lokayukta of Nagaland today
- The National Informatics Centre (NIC) will organize the fifth edition of Digital India Awards on February 22, 2019.
- US President Donald Trump signed an executive order to establish its Space Force as a new armed service within the Department of Air Force.
- Sports Minister **Rajyavardhan Rathore** inaugurated the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi.
- *President promulgates four Ordinances including Ordinance banning Triple Talaq; Unregulated Deposit Schemes*
- The Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the "Waste to Wonder" Park under the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC).
- The **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** and **Hughes India** entered into a Teaming Agreement for design, development, supply, installation, integration and commissioning of **Satellite Communication solutions** for helicopters under the Ministry of Defence at Aero India 2019, Bengaluru.
- The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations (NABH) revamped Entry-Level Certification Process to make it simpler, digital, faster and user-friendly.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated **Nellore All India Radio FM Station** in Andhra Pradesh and asserted that radio broadcasting has made a comeback in the era of continuous bombardment of visual content.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** initiated a series of railway projects including the inauguration of the much-awaited new railway line between **Venkatachalem -Vellikallu** and **Obulavaripalle - Cherlopalli** (part of Krishnapatnam - Obulavaraipalle rail line project).
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** on February 21, 2019 unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the **Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha** in Chennai.
- The Union Minister of State of Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), **Jitendra Singh** addressed the launch of 'Shisht Bharat Abhiyan' organised by an NGO.
- Union Minister for Water Resources, **Nitin Gadkari** announced that the Government has decided to stop the share of river waters which flow into Pakistan.

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- President gave his assent to the Amendments to the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 which were introduced as part of the Finance Act, 2019. The Finance Bill 2019 was passed by both the Houses of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, on February 12, 2019 and February 13, 2019 respectively.
- The Supreme Court appointed former apex court judge Justice DK Jain as the first court-appointed ombudsman for the BCCI under the terms of newly approved constitution of the cricket board.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 22, 2019 received the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize 2018 for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth.
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will attend the inaugural meeting of the foreign ministers' conclave of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), a powerful grouping of Muslim majority nations, as India has been invited to attend the plenary in Abu Dhabi.
- Indu Bhushan, the CEO of Ayushman Bharat, on February 22, 2019 announced that over 12 lakh people received free treatment under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), while around two crore beneficiary e-cards have been issued since the launch of mission in September 2018.
- The Delhi government on Friday launched the first phase of the "Connect Delhi" initiative covering the Najafgarh area of the national capital.
- Kamal Nath government on Friday started doling out funds by launching the ambitious project formally from Ratlam district in Madhya Pradesh.
- Apurvi Chandel on Saturday broke World Record to register India's first gold medal at the ISSF World Cup 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 25, 2019 dedicated the National War Memorial to the nation in a solemn ceremonial function in New Delhi.
- The 12th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition, Aero India 2019 culminated on February 24, 2019 at Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will confer the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 awards to the winners on February 27, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate 29 infrastructure projects (both residential and non-residential buildings) of Central Armed Police Forces (BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, NDRF & SSB).
- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched Rail Drishti Dashboard in New Delhi to keep people informed about the work going on in the Railways across the country.
- Union Home Ministry announced the hike in Risk and Hardship allowance for Central Armed Police Forces personnel deployed in Left Wing Extremism states and Jammu and Kashmir.
- Union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey launched 'National Action Plan - Viral Hepatitis', a national programme aimed at eliminating viral hepatitis, recognized as an important public health problem.
- Afghanistan has begun exports to India through Iran's Chabahar port.
- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on February 26, 2019 launched the PRANAM Commission, which is a panel set up to look after the issues concerning a Bill brought in for the protection of parents of state government employees.
- India and Bangladesh will be conducting a joint military exercise, 'Exercise Sampriti 2019' at Tangail, Bangladesh from March 2 to March 15, 2019.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) would be launching an electronic intelligence satellite Emisat for Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in March 2019.
- The National Cancer Institute (NCI) at Jhajjar, Haryana, recently dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is an integral part of All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is conducting a two-day national workshop on heat

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wave risk reduction on February 27-28, 2019.

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot on February 27, 2019 launched the '2nd Edition of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary'.
- **Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated National Institutes of Design (NID) at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh and Jorhat in Assam through video conference from New Delhi.**
- **Former Sri Lankan Cricket captain Sanath Jayasuriya has been banned from cricket for a period of two years.**
- **Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has been re-elected for a second four year term.**
- **The Union Government announced on February 27, 2019 that it has brought 42 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs under price control, capping trade margin at 30 per cent, which would reduce their retail prices by up to 85 per cent.**
- **Union Minister of Railways & Coal, Piyush Goyal on February 27, 2019 launched a new facility for Public Viewing of Train Charts and Vacant Berths to enhance travel experience and bring greater transparency for Indian Railway passengers.**
- **The Union Minister for Human Resources Development, Prakash Javadekar on February 27, 2019 launched the 'Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills' (SHREYAS) for providing industry apprenticeship or training opportunities to fresh graduates of 2019.**
- **Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office, Dr Jitendra Singh on February 27, 2019 presented the National e-Governance Awards, 2019 in New Delhi.**
- **In Madhya Pradesh, the Central Zone Power Distribution Company, Bhopal and West Zone Power Distribution Company, Indore have been awarded the Saubhagya award under Pradhanmantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana at the National Conference of Energy Ministers. The award included Rs 100 crore each.**
- **In Tennis, India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran achieved his career-best ranking, rising three places to 94th in the latest list.**
- **In Chess, Indian Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta lifted the Cannes International Open trophy yesterday.**
- **The Asian Hockey Federation has honoured Indian skipper Manpreet Singh with the 2018 Player of the Year award. Women team's striker Lalremliam has bagged the Rising Player of The Year prize.**
- **In Cuba, voters took part in a referendum on a new constitution that expands recognition of private property.**
- **The National Science Day 2019 was observed across India on February 28, 2019 to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (CV Raman).**
- **World Rare Disease Day is observed on 29th February on Leap Years. 2019 World Rare Disease Day is observed on 28th February, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Rare Disease Day is Show your rare, show your care.**
- **The 2019 World NGO Day was observed globally on 27 February, 2019. The theme of 2019 World NGO Day was Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion.**

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- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in March, 2019 named State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), which in other words mean banks that are too big to fail.**
- **State-owned NHPC in March, 2019 said its board has approved raising around USD 100 million from MUFG Bank, Japan's largest bank, to partly finance its ongoing projects.**
- **Customers of State Bank of India will no longer require debit cards to withdraw cash from ATM. The state-owned lender**

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announced In March, 2019 that the customers can generate a one-time pin (OTP) on their mobile application and use the pin to transact from the bank's ATM.

- The Reserve Bank of India has come out with guidelines to prevent misuse of price-sensitive information by participants in markets for financial instruments.
- President Ramnath Kovind in March, 2019 inaugurated the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Grambharti near Gandhinagar in Gujarat. He also presented the 10th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation Awards on this occasion.
- An RBI-appointed panel in March, 2019 sought suggestions from the public on long-term solutions for economic and financial sustainability of MSME sector, including ways to improve credit rating mechanism to help them raise funds at competitive rates. The committee was set up in January under former SEBI chairman UK Sinha.
- London court has issued an arrest warrant against fugitive jeweller designer Nirav Modi.
- The country's largest public sector lender State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a pact with the Bank of China to boost business opportunities.
- The team of Delhi School of Economics emerged victorious at the grand finale of inter-college quiz contest - 'Numero YONO' held here recently.
- The Goods & Services Tax (GST) Council held its 34th meeting on March 19, 2019 to discuss the details for implementation of the recommendations made by the council in its 33rd meeting for lowering GST rate in Real Estate Sector.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on March 19, 2019 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for better implementation of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- The Union Ministry of Steel had organised a two-day vigilance conclave in New Delhi, which concluded on March 19, 2019.
- Fitch Ratings in March, 2019 reduced India's economic growth forecast for the next financial year starting April 1, to 6.8 per cent from its previous estimate of 7 per cent, on 'weaker than expected momentum' in the economy.
- The U.K. Sinha led Expert Committee on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) undertook a comprehensive review of the MSME sector to identify causes and to propose long term solutions for its development.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that India has been one of the fastest growing large economies in the world.
- Canara Bank launched a issuance of 5 year Senior Unsecured Bonds (Medium Term Notes) to the extent of USD 400 million under Medium Term Note (MTN) Programme, through its London branch on 21 March 2019 value date 28 March 2019 maturing on 28 March 2024.
- NITI Aayog is organising a day-long FinTech Conclave at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi in March, 2019.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that the central bank of the country has appointed 5-member committee under the chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani to further deepen digital payments and enhance financial inclusion through Fintech.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is looking to issue guidelines for setting up a regulatory sandbox or innovation hub for the fintech startups in May. This hub will help the companies build innovative products at a lower cost.
- A consortium of two Indian oil companies Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Indian Oil Corporation

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Limited were awarded the exploration rights for Abu Dhabi Onshore Block 1.

- The Supreme Court of India on March 26, 2019 took a strong note of non-disclosure of the annual inspection report of banks by the Reserve Bank of India under the Right to Information Act. The apex court threatened to slap punitive order against RBI for not adhering to its earlier order on making its bank inspection report public.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty worth Rs 2 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance of regulatory directions with regard to SWIFT operations. The announcement was made by RBI on March 26, 2019.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks to keep open their branches dealing with government business on the last day of the financial year, March 31, 2019, a In March, 2019.
- Niti Aayog and ABB India on March 26, 2019 organised a workshop to discuss regulatory and financial concerns relating to the adoption of Artificial Intelligence and automation technology by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has relaxed the opening process of branch or liaison offices for the foreign entities running their business in defence or telecom sector in India, provided they have already received clearance from the concerned ministry.
- Private sector lender ICICI Bank in March, 2019 announced the launch of two instantaneous home loan facilities, one of which would enable instant and paperless home loan approval of up to ₹1 crore.
- The Goods and Services Tax, GST Authority has clarified that transfer or change in the ownership of business will include transfer or change in the ownership of business due to death of the sole proprietor.
- The government has decided to infuse around five thousand crore rupees into state-owned Bank of Baroda ahead of merger of two other public sector lenders Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed non-residents to participate in the rupee interest rate derivatives market on March 27, 2019. This decision was taken with a view to deepening the rupee interest rate swap (IRS) market.
- Commerce Secretary, Dr. Anup Wadhawan, launched blockchain based coffee e-marketplace through video conferencing in New Delhi on March 29, 2019. This pilot project will help integrate the farmers with markets in a transparent manner and lead to realisation of fair price for the coffee producer.
- Miniratna Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) came out with its first Initial public offering (IPO) on March 29, 2019.
- The Reserve Bank of India and Bank of Japan have completed signing of the Agreement for Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) between India and Japan. This BSA provides for India to access USD 75 billion and was approved by the Union Cabinet in January 2019.
- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid foundation stones for sixteen National Highways projects worth Rs 6943.04 crore in Chhapra and Madhepura, Bihar on February 28, 2019.
- The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will organise a first of its kind 'India International Cooperative Trade Fair' in October 2019 in New Delhi.
- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan handed over the 100th Letter of Intent (LoI) to the Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) Entrepreneur under the SATAT scheme.
- The Union Tribal Affairs Minister, Jual Oram launched the Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produces and the Value Addition component of Van Dhan scheme on February 28, 2019 at a workshop organised by TRIFED at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- The Union Government on March 1, 2019 signed a 926 million dollar loan agreement to operationalise two of the Mumbai Metro Rail System.

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- The Cabinet approved the payment of the face value of the subscribed share capital of Rs.1450 crore in National Housing Bank (NHB) to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) consequent to amendments made to the NHB Act, 1987 in 2018.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the 'Pradhan Mantri Jaiv Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran (JI-VAN) Yojana' for providing financial support to the Integrated Bioethanol Projects.
- Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.3 per cent in calendar years 2019 and 2020, the US-based rating agency Moody's stated on March 1, 2019.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of the implementation of the Tertiary healthcare programmes for non-communicable diseases and E-Health upto 2020 with an outlay of Rs 2551.15 crore.
- The Union Cabinet approved Kanpur Metro Rail Project having two corridors, which will connect major public nodes and city cluster areas of Kanpur.
- The Union Cabinet approved Agra Metro Rail Project having two corridors.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the FDI Proposal for Foreign Direct Investment of more than Rs. 5000 crore and up to Rs. 25000 crore in Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) as part of a proposed equity fund raise by way of a Rights issue of equity shares.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved investment for Transmission Component of Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project (Nepal portion) by Sutlej Jal Vikas Nigam (SJVN) Limited for an estimated cost of Rs. 1236.13 crore at June 2017 Price level.
- Former Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia was appointed as non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda on Friday, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
- The Reserve Bank has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 3 crore on Union Bank, Rs 2 crore on Dena Bank, and Rs 1 crore each on IDBI and the SBI for non-compliance with various directions, regulatory filings.
- Niti Aayog has been tasked with drawing up a list of non-core assets of various CPSEs, both healthy and sick ones, as a first step towards finance ministry's plan to monetise such assets and unlock value to shareholders.
- In a big bonanza to over 42,000 employees of public sector insurance companies, the government Saturday decided to give one more pension option as retirement benefit to these leftover officers and staff who missed the opportunity in the past.
- Web portal PSBloansin59minutes .com launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi three months ago has emerged as the largest online lending platform, according to a report by global financial firm Credit Suisse. The portal was launched in November to provide credit of up to Rs 1 crore to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in just 59 minutes.
- The Union Government and Brunei signed an agreement for the Exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to Taxes (TIEA) in New Delhi on February 28, 2019.
- Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani on February 28, 2019 launched a comprehensive scheme for the development of knitting and knitwear sector under PowerTex India in New Delhi.
- Maharashtra government has signed an MoU with Nine Dragon Papers, a Chinese paper manufacturing company, for setting up a unit in the state and is expecting an investment of \$1 billion.
- Former finance secretary Ajay Narayan Jha Friday joined the 15th Finance Commission as a member, pursuant to the resignation of Shaktikanta Das.
- Yes Bank Friday said Ravneet Gill has taken charge as its MD and CEO with immediate effect for a tenure of three years.

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- The IDBI Bank has received government nod to handle import and export transactions with Iran, a move which would help in promoting two-way trade amid US sanctions on the Persian Gulf nation, industry sources said.
- The Ministry of Finance is planning to set up a special cell in the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) to expedite the monetisation of non-core assets of state-owned companies.
- Private sector lender Yes Bank Tuesday said the Reserve Bank of India has slapped a fine of Rs 1 crore on the bank for non-compliance of directions on Swift messaging software.
- Private sector Karnataka Bank Monday said the RBI has slapped a fine of Rs 4 crore on the bank for violating regulatory norms.
- LIC Housing Finance on Monday announced that it has inked a partnership with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGIC) in order to offer its customers a special loan scheme under which borrowers will be able to repay the amount till they turn 75 years of age.
- India today signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for 96 Million US dollars for additional financing of Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 5, 2019 launched the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM), a mega pension scheme for unorganised sector, from Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The scheme was announced in the Interim Budget 2019.
- The Third group of 22 officials of Nepal's Ministry of Finance joined the training course on 'Global Perspectives on Public Financial Management' at the Institute of Government Accounts and Finance (INGAF) in New Delhi.
- The Indian Government on March 5, 2019 signed a \$250 million loan agreement with the World Bank for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) that aims to help women in rural households shift to a new generation of economic initiatives by developing viable enterprise for farm and non-farm products.
- The Department of Commerce under the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry on March 5, 2019 notified a scheme for Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products.
- State Bank of India will soon sign up with the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Transactions' (SWIFT) Global Payment Interface (gpi), adding to the list of Indian banks that have subscribed to the interbank communication channel's new payment interface which is set to make cross-border transactions much more secure and transparent, a top official said.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has signed a cooperation agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to train professionals, the government said on Thursday.
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated National Highways projects worth Rs 1,10,154 crore in Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved measures to promote the Hydro Power Sector, which include declaring Large Hydropower Projects (HPO) as part of non-solar Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO)
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of a 3rd railway line between Narayanganj in West Bengal and Bhadrak in Odisha of 155 kilometres length.
- The Centre and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 26 million dollar loan agreement to provide additional financing for improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam.
- The government has set up a committee to examine the issues related to framing of a proper, structured scheme for providing insurance cover to advocates and suggest modalities for its implementation.
- India signed a USD 3 billion deal with Russia for leasing a nuclear-powered attack submarine for the Indian Navy for a period of 10 years.
- Business organisations using Aadhaar services now need to pay Rs 20 for each customer verification and 50

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paire for authentication of each transaction carried out by the entities, as per the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

- **The Union Cabinet has approved the scheme to rebate state and central embedded taxes to support the textile sector.** This will enable the government to take various measures for making exports of apparel and made-ups zero-rated.
- **The Union Cabinet has approved Delhi Metro's Phase -4 project comprising of 3 - priority corridors.** The total length of these 3 corridors will be 61.679 km.
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved Phase-IIIA of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved procedure and mechanism for Strategic Disinvestment of the CPSEs.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the investment approval for 2x660MW Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (STPP) in District Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs 11,089.42 crore and Amelia Coal Mine in District Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for investment approval for 2x660 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project (Buxar TPP) in District Buxar of Bihar.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for the investment sanction for acquisition of Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd (LTHPL) and execution of balance work of the Teesta Stage-VI HE project by NHPC Ltd in Sikkim.**
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for funds amounting to Rs 2790 crore towards interest subvention for extending indicative loan amount of Rs 12900 crore by banks to the sugar mills under the scheme for extending financial assistance to sugar mills for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity.**
- **InstantPay reiterated its focus on the SME industry with its launch of the first-of-its-kind Neo-banking services.**
- **Credit bureau Crif Highmark and data analytics firm CreditVidya have tied up to help lenders provide credit to borrowers who have been underserved or are new to credit and do not have a credit history**
- **A panel set up by insurance regulator Irdai has suggested modifications in the norms for surveyors and loss assessors in order to attract youngsters and promote expeditious settlement of claims.**
- **The Board of Reserve Bank of India, which included the present Governor Shaktikanta Das as the Director, had warned of short-term negative impact of demonetisation on the country's economic growth.**
- **The Government, so far, transferred Rs 5,215 crore to over 2.6 crore small and marginal farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.**
- **India launched its third IT corridor in China to facilitate partnerships between Indian and Chinese companies.**
- **State Bank of India (SBI) on Friday linked its interest rate on savings account with balance above ₹1 lakh and short-term loans to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) repo rate, effective 1 May 2019.**
- **Global investment company Blackstone and realty firm Embassy will hit the capital market with the country's first real estate investment trust (REIT) to raise up to Rs 4,750 crore, while it has received Rs 876-crore commitment from strategic investors.**
- **The Union Government has approved two corridors of the Surat Metro project to be executed at an estimated cost of around Rs 12,000 crore.**
- **Private sector lender Axis Bank Tuesday has appointed Rakesh Makhija as its non-executive chairman for a term of 3 years, with effect from July 18.**
- **The Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs has released the National Guidelines on responsible business conduct and revised the National Voluntary Guidelines on social, environmental and economic responsibilities of**

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business, 2011.

- **IDBI Bank has been categorised as a private sector lender** following acquisition of majority stake by Life Insurance Corporation, RBI said.
- **Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPB) has today announced the launch of its mobile banking app** that offers users quick, effortless & secured access to their bank account on the go.

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- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has signed an MoU with The Indian Space Research Organisation of the Department of Space, Government of India, Bengaluru** to set up an **ISRO-IITR Space Technology Cell (STC) at IIT Roorkee**, recognising the need to strengthen their institutional interactions and thereby enhance the scope of the activities pursued under STC commensurate with the programmatic goals of ISRO.
- **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed, low weight, fire and forget Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for the second time on March 14, 2019 in the ranges of Rajasthan desert.**
- **The Election Commission launched a mobile application that will help poll observers to submit reports timely.**
- **The Election Commission announced that the vehicles carrying reserved EVMs and VVPATs during the Lok Sabha election 2019 will be equipped with GPS to track their movement.**
- **The Union ministry of human resource development (MHRD) is all set to work with the Afghanistan government on digital education initiatives.** This includes many prominent programs developed by Indian Institutes of Technology.
- **Dr AK Mohanty, a well-known scientist, has been appointed the new director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC).**
- **Swati Shingade of Pune, Maharashtra has bagged the first prize of DD Mahila Kisan Award for 2018-19.**
- **President Ramnath Kovind awarded National Grassroots Innovators at Grambharti near Gandhinagar in Gujarat.**
- **France announced to freeze all assets of Pakistan based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar in application of its Monetary and Financial Code.**
- **The first BRICS Sherpa meeting under the Presidency of Brazil concluded yesterday at Curitiba in Brazil.** Secretary, Economic Relations in the Ministry of External Affairs, T S Tirumurti led the Indian delegation at the two-day meeting.
- **India will host the Under-17 Women's Football World Cup in 2020.** This was announced by the President of International Football Federation (FIFA) Gianni Infantino after the council meeting in Miami, USA last night.
- **In Athletics, Kamalpreet Kaur grabbed the spotlight by winning a gold medal in the women's discus throw event.**
- **Former Member of Parliament and Andhra Pradesh minister, YS Vivekananda Reddy passed away in the in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.**
- **Bandhan Bank in March, 2019 said it has received no objection from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the proposed acquisition of Gruh Finance.**
- **India's most valued lender HDFC Bank in March, 2019 crossed the Rs 6 lakh crore-market capitalisation mark, becoming the third company to do so after Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services.**
- **Tata Consultancy Services announced that it is developing solutions to drive scaled adoption of blockchain**

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across industries, using technologies from Microsoft and R3, an enterprise blockchain software firm.

- India and the US have identified small air launch unmanned aerial vehicles and a lightweight small arms technology project along with aircraft maintenance for defence collaboration, a top Pentagon official has said.
- India and Maldives have agreed on a broad spectrum of issues for further collaboration, including development cooperation and enhancing people to people contact. The agreement came at a high level meeting between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj with her Maldivian counterpart Abdulla Shahid in Male this evening.
- The Geographical Indications Registry on March 1, 2019 granted the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to Coorg Arabica Coffee, Wayanad Robusta Coffee, Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee, Araku Valley Arabica Coffee and Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has appointed KVS Manian and Gaurang Shah as whole-time directors for a three- year term effective from the date of approval from the Reserve Bank of India.
- The United Nation Environment Program (UNEP) has released the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook (2019) titled 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People'.
- Reliance Industries chairman and Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani recently topped Forbes' The World's Richest Sports Team Owners 2019 list.
- Goa Chief Minister and former Union Defence Minister, Manohar Gopalkrishna Prabhu Parrikar passed away on March 17, 2019 after battling with pancreatic cancer.
- Veteran Bengali actor Chinmoy Roy has died, family sources said Monday. He was 79.
- India and Maldives signed three agreements on visa facilitation for diplomatic and official passport holders, development cooperation and renewable energy after extensive talks between Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Foreign Minister of Maldives, Abdulla Shahid during the former's visit to the tropical island nation from March 17-18, 2019.
- Ride-hailing platform Ola Monday said it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana to support the latter's efforts in strengthening traffic infrastructure in the city.
- The Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions on March 15, 2019 announced the increase in incentives of Central Government employees acquiring higher qualifications while serving in the job.
- The government has constituted an inter-ministerial panel for monitoring, sanctioning and implementation of projects under the Rs 10,000-crore FAME-II programme, aimed at incentivising clean mobility.
- The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Guwahati and Mandi have collaborated with the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru to develop a 'Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for the Indian Himalayan Region Using a Common Framework.'
- INS Khanderi, the second of the 6 Scorpene Class Submarines, will soon be inducted into the Indian Navy by May 2019.
- India has decided to divert three Indian naval ships to the port city of Beira in Mozambique to provide humanitarian assistance to the people affected by tropical cyclone 'IDAI'.
- BJP's Pramod Sawant will be the new chief minister of Goa, party sources said here in March, 2019, ending the suspense over who will succeed Manohar Parrikar.
- Popular Indian fashion designer Ritu Beri has been appointed as the Cultural and Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India by the Ministry of Tourism of Uzbekistan.
- India's Irfan KT on March 17, 2019 qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He made the cut after finishing fourth at the Asian Race Walking Championship at Nomi in Japan.
- In Asian Youth Athletics Championships in Hong Kong, boys medley relay team won a gold medal for India on the

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final day to help Indian youth team finish second in the overall medals tally with a total of 26 medals including eight gold, nine silver and nine bronze medals.

- Ahead of its planned second forum to promote its much-touted Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China for the first time announced plans to seek global partners to join the project which drew criticism over its "predatory loans" leaving smaller countries in huge debt.
- The 3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction was held in New Delhi.
- The Africa-India Field Training Exercise 2019 (AFINDEX-19) between India and African nations began on March 18, 2019 at Aundh Military Station, Pune. The exercise will conclude on March 27, 2019.
- The Indian Department of Post on March 18, 2019 released a 'special stamp cover on Ice Stupa'. The stamp was released by Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Postmaster General during a function organised at the Ice Stupa site at Gangles Village in Leh.
- President Ram Nath Kovind on March 19, 2019 presented the Gallantry Awards and Distinguished Service Decorations at the Defence Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- India has so far won a total of 188 medals at the Special Olympics World Games, which is being held in UAE's capital city Abu Dhabi. India's medal tally comprises 50 gold, 63 silver and 75 bronze medals.
- The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has paid approximately \$1.6 million as compensation to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) after losing a case in the ICC's Dispute Resolution Committee. The information was shared by PCB Chairman Ehsan Mani on March 18, 2019.
- Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas joined international celebrities Oprah Winfrey and Meryl Streep in the list of "50 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment" of the USA In March, 2019.
- 2019 World Sparrow Day was observed globally on 20 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Sparrow Day was I Love Sparrows.
- The Global Recycling Day was observed across the world on March 18, 2019 to help recognise, and celebrate the importance recycling plays in preserving the precious primary resources. The theme of 2019 Global Recycling Day was 'Recycling into the Future'.
- International Day of Happiness was observed on 20 March, 2019. The 2019 International Day of Happiness theme was Happier Together.
- World Storytelling Day 2019 was observed globally on 20 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 World Storytelling Day was Myths, Legends, and Epics.
- UN French Language Day is observed on 20 March.
- The 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Ind-Indo Corpat) began on March 19, 2019.
- The annual joint exercise between India and Sri Lanka, 'Mitra Shakti-VI', will be conducted from March 26 to April 8, 2019 for the year 2018-19 in Sri Lanka.
- Indian budget carrier, SpiceJet on March 19, 2019 announced its membership of global airlines' grouping 'International Air Transport Association' (IATA).
- India gets its first Lokpal six years after the passage of Act, former Supreme Court judge, Pinaki Chandra Ghose was on March 19, 2019 appointed as India's first Lokpal also known as the anti-corruption ombudsman.
- Election Commission has appointed two eminent former Civil Servants Shailendra Handa and Ms. Madhu Mahajan as Special Expenditure Observers for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections.
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2019 was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. The theme of 2019 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was "Mitigating and countering rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies".
- International Day of Forests 2019 was observed globally on 21 March, 2019. The theme of International Day of

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Forests 2019 was "Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests".

- **World Poetry Day** was observed globally on **21 March, 2019**.
- **World Puppetry Day** was observed globally on **21 March, 2019**.
- **International Nowruz Day** was observed globally on **21 March, 2019**.
- **Kazakhstan's parliament in March, 2019** voted to rename the country's capital Astana as Nursultan in honour of longtime ruler Nursultan Nazarbayev, a day after he resigned as president.
- **Indian-origin Jagmeet Singh has created history in Canada by entering the House of Commons as the first non-white leader of a major opposition party** in the country.
- **Germany has initiated a move at the European Union to designate the Chief of Jaish-e-Mohammed, Masood Azhar as a global terrorist.** The move comes days after China blocked a motion at the **UN Security Council** to ban him.
- **Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte pledged on March 19, 2019 to make Italy the first group of seven nations to join China's ambitious Belt and Road initiative,** despite objections from the United States and concerns within his governing coalition.
- **Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev abruptly announced his resignation from the position on March 19, 2019** after nearly three decades in power.
- **Afghanistan's cricket team on March 18, 2019 recorded its maiden Test win** after beating Ireland by seven wickets in a one-off game at **Dehradun in Uttarakhand**.
- **Young Indian shuttlers Lakshya Sen and Riya Mookerjee** on March 19, 2019 broke into the top-100 among men's and women's singles players in the latest World Badminton Rankings.
- **The Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi will be hosting an exclusive T10 Cricket League** for the next five years, starting with the 2019 season.
- Educational campus constructed with **Government of India's financial grant of 35.5 million Nepalese rupees** was inaugurated.
- In the first such military outreach to Africa, where China has made deep strategic inroads, **India on March 18, 2019 kicked off an exercise with 17 nations from the continent at the Aundh military station at Pune**.
- **The Indian Air Force will participate in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo, LIMA 2019.** The expo will take place in **Langkawi, Malaysia from March 26-30, 2019**.
- The United States President, Donald Trump on March 21, 2019 **declared that the US will recognise Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, a disputed land which Israel captured from Syria in 1967.**
- **The Australian government has decided to slash the nation's permanent migrant intake from 190,000 to 160,000** in the lead-up to May's general election.
- **India was ranked at 140 on the United Nation's latest World Happiness Report that gauged 156 countries, a decline of seven spots from the last edition of the survey.** India was also among the five countries that experienced the highest decline since 2005-2008 in the index. **Finland topped the list for the second consecutive year,** followed by Denmark and Norway. South Sudan was ranked at the bottom of the index.
- **PhonePe, India's fastest growing payments platform in March, 2019 announced appointed of Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan as its brand Ambassador.**
- The government has **appointed Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.**
- The union government has notified the appointment of a senior-most judge **Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra of the Chhattisgarh high court as the acting chief justice** following the resignation of Chief Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi.
- **World Meteorological Day** observed globally on **23 March, 2019.** The theme of 2019 World Meteorological Day

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was "The Sun, the Earth and the Weather".

- **The World Water Day** was observed across the globe on **March 22, 2019** with the theme 'Leaving no one behind'.
- In football, **India has clinched the SAFF Women's Championship** for the fifth time in a row, defeating hosts **Nepal 3-1** in the final at **Biratnagar**.
- **Karnataka Municipalities Minister C S Shivalli** passed away in a hospital in **Hubballi** in **March, 2019**. He was **58**.
- In a major boost to the India's strategic airlift capability, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** in **March, 2019** inducted the first four battle-hardened **Chinook heavy lift helicopters** into its **Chandigarh-based Air Force station**.
- **India has moved up two places to rank 76th** on a global energy transition index. This annual list, compiled by **Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF)**, has ranked **115 economies** on how well they are able to balance energy security and access with environmental sustainability and affordability.
- **Sweden remains on the top** on this annual list and is followed by **Switzerland and Norway** in the top three.
- **India has achieved an 84 per cent reduction in tuberculosis deaths among people living with HIV by 2017**.
- The union government has notified the appointment of a senior-most judge **Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra** of the **Chhattisgarh high court** as the acting chief justice following the resignation of Chief Justice **Ajay Kumar Tripathi**.
- **India finished the Special Olympics World Games** with a rich haul of **368 medals**, which included **85 gold, 154 silver and 129 bronze** in **Abu Dhabi** in **March, 2019**.
- **Suresh Raina** added another feather to his illustrious cap, here in **March, 2019**, as the **Chennai Super Kings' (CSK)** batsman **became the first in the Indian Premier League (IPL) history to amass 5,000 runs**.
- **US President Donald Trump** signed an executive order on **March 21, 2019** to **promote free speech on college campuses by threatening the colleges** that the government will cut federal research funding if they do not protect those rights.
- **New Zealand** on **March 21, 2019** imposed an immediate ban on assault weapons following last week's **Christchurch massacre** that claimed the lives of at least 50 mosque-goers.
- **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade** is observed on **25 March, 2019**. The theme of 2019 is "**Remember Slavery: The Power of the Arts for Justice**".
- **World Tuberculosis Day 2019** was observed on **24 March, 2019**. The theme of World TB Day 2019 - '**It's time**'.
- **International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims** was observed on **24 March, 2019**.
- **International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members** was observed on **25 March, 2019**.
- **Chandrayaan-2**, the second moon mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will be carrying laser retroreflector arrays owned by the US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will launch **29 satellites** including the primary payload **EMISAT** on **April 1, 2019**.
- The joint training exercise **MITRASHAKTI - VI** between **Indian and Sri Lanka Army** is being held from in **March, 2019** at **Diyatalawa** in **Sri Lanka**.
- Chief of Naval Staff **Admiral Sunil Lanba** inaugurated the **Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF)** christened "**Abhedya**", at **INS Shivaji** in **Lonavala** in **March, 2019**.
- **American mathematician Karen Uhlenbeck** won the **Abel Prize 2019**.
- The **Saudi-led coalition in Yemen** and the **United Nations (UN)** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to protect **children affected by the country's five years-long civil war**, official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported yesterday.

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- US President Donald Trump ordered the withdrawal of additional large-scale sanctions on **North Korea**, immediately after the Treasury Department imposed them.
- **Oman** on March 24, 2019 signed an agreement with the United States, allowing American ships and warplanes to take advantage of its ports and airports.
- US President Donald Trump has signed a proclamation recognising Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights and told the visiting Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, that Israel has an absolute right to self-defence.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO, in March, 2019 successfully conducted an Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) missile test, under Mission Shakti from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- First Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Makalu (8485m) was flagged off on March 26, 2019. Expedition team comprises five Officers, two JCOs and eleven other officers. This expedition was flagged off by Director General Military Training.
- An agreement has been signed between India and the African Union to establish an India-Africa health sciences collaborative platform.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has prohibited imparting distance degree programmes in agriculture.
- Facebook is putting in place a response team for India's general elections for monitoring and tracking of objectionable content in real time round the clock.
- India and Bangladesh will start a cruise service from March 29, 2019 that would take passengers through the Sunderbans to Dhaka.
- The Punjab and Haryana High Court has barred the mentioning of caste in the FIRs.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi announced recently that they have developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based electronic hardware system to detect malaria, tuberculosis, intestinal parasite, and cervical cancer in milliseconds.
- Karur Vysya Bank Tuesday said it has appointed NS Srinath as non-executive chairman for a period of three years.
- Lt Gen Rajesh Pant (retd) is all set to become the National Cyber Coordination Centre' chief (NCCC), taking over from Gulshan Rai, who held the post for four years and who will demit office on March 31.
- The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) Wednesday re-appointed Kenichi Ayukawa as Managing Director and CEO for a period of three years with effect from April 1, 2019.
- All eight members of the Lokpal were administered the oath of office on March 27, 2019. The oath was administered by the Chairperson of the anti corruption ombudsman, Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose.
- Election Commission of India has appointed former Director General of Border Security Force K K Sharma as a Special Central Police Observer for Lok Sabha polls in West Bengal and Jharkhand.
- The Election Commission has appointed special expenditure observers for six states in view of the forthcoming elections. These states include Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Nagaland and Telangana.
- President Ram Nath Kovind was honoured with Croatia's highest civilian order - The Grand Order of the King of Tomislav, on March 26, 2019.
- The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recommended adding breakdancing, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games when the full membership meets in June.
- The Supreme Court has sought the Centre's view within two weeks on bringing all the quasi-judicial bodies under one central umbrella body to ensure efficient functioning and streamlining the working of tribunals.

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- The Supreme Court on March 28, 2019 **refused to stall the release of film 'Ram Ki Janmabhoomi' which is scheduled to hit the screens across the country on March 29.** The court said, there is no connection between the mediation proceeding and the release of the movie.
- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently notified **Island Protection Zone (IPZ) 2019 for Andaman and Nicobar.**
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 27, 2019 approved **the continuation of the Biomedical Research Career Programme beyond its initial 10-year term from 2008-09 to 2018-19 to a new five year phase from 2019-20 to 2023-24.**
- The Cabinet has given its approval for **acquiring 372 sq. yards out of 10 acres of land including compound wall, which is about 200m,** in the eastern side of the Central Water Commission land by the Telangana State Government.
- **India and the United States** on March 27, 2019 signed an **Inter-Governmental Agreement for Exchange of Country-by-Country (CbC) Reports between the countries.**
- **Comoros President Azali Assoumani** was re-elected on March 26, 2019 by a landslide, as per results published by the electoral commission of the Indian Ocean archipelago.
- **China** has expelled former Interpol chief **Meng Hongwei from the Communist Party and dismissed him from his official positions.** The announcement was made by the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection on March 27, 2019.
- **Syria** has asked the **United Nations Security Council to hold an urgent meeting on the US decision to recognise the Golan Heights as an Israeli territory.**
- Indian shooting players **Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary** smashed the qualification world record at **12th Asian Airgun Championship on March 27, 2019.** They clinched the 10m air pistol mixed team gold at **Asian Airgun Championship in Taoyuan, Taipei.**
- International Energy Agency (IEA) recently released **Global Energy and CO2 Status Report that highlights worldwide trends and developments of fuels, renewable sources, energy efficiency and carbon emissions.**
- The three pioneers of Artificial Intelligence (AI), **Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton, and Yann LeCun** were on **March 27, 2019 awarded with the 2018 ACM A.M.**
- **India and Bolivia** on **March 29, 2019 signed eight Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) during President Ram Nath Kovind's three-day visit to the country.**
- During his visit, President Kovind was conferred with the highest State honour of Bolivia, **"Condor de Los Andes en el Grado de Gran Collar"** by the President of Bolivia, Evo Morales in Santa Cruz.
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** in **March, 2019 inaugurated the plaque of the Mahatma Gandhi Hall at the Gabriel Rene Moreno University in Santa Cruz during his visit to Bolivia.**
- **Assam Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Mukesh Sahu** launched the **Enajori initiative in Guwahati.**
- **Actor Ranveer Singh, who earned applause for his rapping skills in film 'Gully Boy',** has launched his independent music record label **"Inclnk".**
- **The Government on March 29, 2019 constituted a Multi Disciplinary Terror Monitoring Group (MDTMG) to ensure concerted action against terror financing and other terror related activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).**
- **BCCI's newly appointed Ombudsman, Retired Justice D K Jain** will now also serve as the **cricketing body's ethics officer** till such a time that someone permanent is appointed to the post.
- **The United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** on March 28, 2019 unanimously passed **the first-ever resolution to suppress the funding of terror groups worldwide.**

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- **European Parliament** on March 28, 2019 has voted to ban single-use plastic products. It includes *plastic cutlery, cotton buds, straws and stirrers as part of a sweeping law against plastic waste that despoils beaches and pollutes oceans.*
- **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, a UN agency, released its annual 'State of the Climate Report' on March 28, 2019.
- Railways Minister Piyush Goyal on February 27, 2019 announced the "South Coast Railway (SCoR)" as the new **Zone of Indian Railways.**
- **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** and **Adobe** on February 28, 2019 signed a **Statement of Intent (SOI)** to collectively drive the charter of developing creative skills and spreading digital literacy across all **Atal Tinkering Labs in India.**
- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari will lay the foundation stone for a **six-lane National Highway (NH) project at Kalindi Kunj-Meethapur Road in Delhi on March 1, 2019.**
- Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Commerce, Industry and Civil Aviation **inaugurated the Aviation Conclave 2019 with the theme of "Flying for All".**
- Union Minister of Textiles, **Smriti Zubin Irani, launched five short term courses at NIFT Panchkula, Haryana.**
- **Himachal Pradesh Forest Minister Govind Singh Thakur** informed that monkeys have been declared as **Vermin species for next one year for eleven districts and 91 tehsils and sub-tehsils in Himachal Pradesh.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on Thursday conferred the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes for Science and Technology for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in New Delhi.**
- **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration** has selected a new mission that will help scientists understand and ultimately, forecast the vast space weather system around the Earth.
- **Anupriya Patel**, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, inaugurated the '**International Digital Health Symposium**' and the exhibition on **Digital Health as part of the Symposium.**
- The 2019 **World Zero Discrimination Day** is observed on **1 March, 2019** with the theme "Act to change laws that discriminate".
- Assam, the state where oil was discovered and produced for the first time in the country more than a century ago, will have the **first Oil Museum in the country.**
- **AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik** on March 1, 2019 laid the foundation stone for **National Institute of Unani Medicine at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.**
- The Union Cabinet approved the Implementation of Master Plan to convert '**All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)**', New Delhi into a world class '**Medical University**'.
- The Union Cabinet approved inclusion of **Common Service Centres (CSC)** under **MEITY** as an enrolment agency for the **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) Yojana.**
- The Union Cabinet approved **setting up of a Railway Zone at Vishakhapatnam** and a new division with **headquarter at Rayagada by reorganizing the existing South Central Railway and East Coast Railway**
- The Union Cabinet was apprised about the joining of **Union Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas** as the **25th member of the IEA Bioenergy TCP on January 25, 2019.**
- The Union Cabinet approved the draft **Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019** to extend the period for reconstitution of the **Central Council** from existing period of one year to two years.
- The Union Cabinet approved the proposal for Creation of two posts of Commissioners in the **Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)**, in terms of provisions of **The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.**

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- The Union Cabinet Modi approved promulgation of an **Ordinance** for establishing the **New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC)** for the purpose of creating an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised arbitration.
- The Union Cabinet approved the proposal for **setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh**, to be registered under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved **construction of four lane bridge including approaches over river Brahmaputra between Dhubri on North Bank and Phulbari on South Bank on NH-127 B in the State of Assam/Meghalaya**.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved development of **New Greenfield Airport at Hirasar, Rajkot, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs.1405 crore**.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 1, 2019 **approved the National Policy on Software Products 2019 to develop India as a Software Product Nation**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 28, 2019 **approved National Mineral Policy 2019**.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, **approved the establishment of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rewari at Manethi, Haryana at a cost of Rs 1299 crore**.
- **Senior IPS officer Subodh Kumar Jaiswal** was on Thursday appointed **Maharashtra's Director General of Police (DGP)**, while **Sanjay Barve** will take over as the police commissioner of **Mumbai**, a senior official said.
- **Kargil war hero and present Eastern Air Command chief Air Marshal R Nambiar** has been appointed as the new chief of **Indian Air Force's sword arm Western Air Command (WAC)** on Thursday.
- The alumnus and researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi** have created a laptop **"Dotbook"** for visually-impaired.
- **Former Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Ajit Singh** is appointed as the first **Lokayukta of Odisha**.
- **Indian American Medha Narvekar** has been appointed vice president and secretary of the **University of Pennsylvania**.
- **Roger Federer** has claimed the **100th ATP title** of his career with after beating 20-year-old Greek **Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-4** in the final of the **Dubai Tennis Championships**.
- **World Wildlife Day 2019** is observed on **3 March, 2019** with the theme **"Life Below Water: For people and planet"**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **March 4, 2019** launched **'One Nation, One Card' Model** from **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** for seamless travel through different metros and other transport systems.
- On the first day of his two-day visit to Gujarat, the Prime Minister inaugurated the first phase of the **Ahmedabad Metro Rail project** and laid the foundation of the second phase of the project.
- Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** inaugurated the **11.28 km second phase of the monorail**. The full route of the monorail is **19.54 km long, Chembur-Wadala-Jacob Circle**.
- Union Minister **Harsh Vardhan** launched an anthem as a part of a campaign to make India plastic-free by 2022 and stressed on strengthening plastic waste management and recycling ecosystem in the country.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** has launched a special programme for school children called **Yuva Vigyani Karyakram or Young Scientist Programme**.
- **Indo-Bangladesh joint military exercise, 'Exercise Sampriti 2019'** began on **March 2, 2019** at **Tangail, Bangladesh**. This will be the eighth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries.
- **Cricket is set for a return at the Asian Games after the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Sunday included it in the sports programme for the 2022 edition in Hangzhou**.

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- **India tops Global Consumer Confidence Survey**
- **World Hearing Day 2019** was observed on 3 March, 2019 with the theme **Check your hearing!**.
- **Russian scientist Zhores Ivanovich Alferov** who won the **2000 Nobel Prize in physics** for his work in **semi-conductor and laser technologies** died at the age of **88** in **St Petersburg**, the Russian Communist party said on Saturday.
- **Around 96.5 percent** of the households in **Rural India** who have access to the toilet use it as per the **National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19**, conducted by Independent Verification Agency (IVA).
- **Exercise Al Nagah III**, third in the series of bilateral joint exercise between **India and Oman** is scheduled to be held from **March 12 to 25, 2019** at **Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains** in **Oman**.
- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of **Shikshan Bhavan** and **Vidhyarthi Bhavan** at **Annapurna Dham Trust** in **Adalaj, Gujarat**.
- Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** will inaugurate **28 major infrastructure projects** of **Central Armed Police Forces, Delhi Police** and other **Central Police Organizations** in **New Delhi**.
- As per the **World Air Quality Report 2018** released by **IQAir AirVisual** and **Greenpeace** on **March 5, 2019**, **seven of the top 10 most polluted cities in the world** are in **India**.
- US President **Donald Trump** informed the US Congress on **March 4, 2019** that he intends to **end India's preferential trade treatment** under the **Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)** programme.
- **India** nominated **NITI Aayog** member **Ramesh Chand** for the post of the new **Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Director-General**.
- **France**, which assumed the **Presidency of the United Nations Security Council** for the month of **March**, has reiterated its support for **India** as the permanent member of the powerful **UN body**.
- Technology giant **Google** has unveiled a new app called '**Bolo**' that aims to help children in primary school learn to read in **Hindi and English**.
- Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** on **March 5, 2019** launched smart fencing under the **Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System** along the **Indo-Bangladesh border** in **Dhubri district** of **Assam** to deter illegal infiltration.
- To ease the use of public transport in the nation capital, the **Delhi government** on **Tuesday** launched a common mobility app '**One Delhi**' to allow users plan more efficiently their journey with **Delhi Metro** and all city buses.
- The **Union Ministry of Defence** has taken steps to ensure permanent commission to women officers in the **Indian Armed Forces**, implementing the announcement made regarding the same by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on **August 15, 2018**.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding, MoU**, was signed today between the **National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)** and the **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)** to ensure better utilisation of infrastructure facilities during training programmes.
- **Three cities in Madhya Pradesh** bagged top awards in **Swachh Survekshan 2019** announced by the union government at a function in **New Delhi** on **March 6, 2019**.
- The **Swedish Academy** has announced that **two Nobel Prizes for literature** will be awarded this year.
- An **Israeli spacecraft** on its maiden mission to the moon has sent its first selfie back to **Earth**.
- **China has decided to extend anti-smog measures for a third successive winter in a bid to reduce pollution levels**. The Ministry of Ecology and Environment, in a pollution battle plan for 2019 published today, vowed to speed up the elimination of small coal-fired heating boilers in major regions.
- The **Venezuelan government** has announced to expel **German ambassador Daniel Kriener** from the country.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya**, the Union Minister of State for **Chemicals & Fertilizers, Road Transport & Highways, and Shipping** on

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March 6, 2019 announced **March 7, 2019** will be observed as the 'Janaushadhi Diwas' across the country.

- The **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on **March 7, 2019** released the new series of visually impaired friendly circulation coins of **Rs 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20**.
- The **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched **key development projects** at **Kalaburagi** in **Karnataka** and **Kancheepuram** in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on **Thursday** said, the **Smart City Mission** enables cities to identify their **potential and challenges**.
- **Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri** today launched **e-Dharti app** where all the three modules- **Conversion, Substitution and Mutation** related to properties have been made online.
- The **National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories** launched a voluntary scheme called **Quality Assurance Scheme (QAS)** for basic composite medical laboratories in **February 2019** for sensitising small laboratories to basic doable quality practices.
- **Union Cabinet** approved the proposal for promulgation of the **Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Ordinance, 2019**.
- **National space agency ISRO** and its **French counterpart CNES** signed an agreement to set up a **joint maritime surveillance system in the country**.
- The **Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government, Prof. K. Vijay Raghvan** shared details of the nine national missions guided by the **Prime Minister Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC)**.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between **Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU)** and **National Institute of Technical Teacher's Training and Research (NITTTR)** was signed.
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat** laid the foundation stone for the **Dehradun-Mussoorie ropeway project**.
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, **ancient tribal language Gondi** will be taught in **tribal districts**.
- The **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** on **March 6, 2019** issued the **model guidelines for development & regulation of 'Retirement Homes'**.
- **Soumya Swaminathan**, a **Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation** has been named **Chief Scientist of the WHO**.
- **Dr. Ausaf Sayeed**, presently **High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles**, has been appointed as the **next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia**.
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** nominated **Justice SA Bobde** of the **Supreme Court** as **Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**.
- **Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan** has been chosen for the '**Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018**' for his contribution towards economic development.
- **Malaysia** ratified the **Rome Statute** making it the **124th State party** to join the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**.
- As per a paper published in **WHO bulletin** recently, the poorest of the poor and uneducated women are not being covered under the **Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)**.
- The **International Women's Day 2019** was observed across the world on **March 8, 2019** with the theme '**Think equal, build smart, innovate for change**'.
- The inaugural **India-Japan Space Dialogue** was held in **New Delhi** yesterday. The dialogue brought together **Ministries and agencies related to outer space** in the two countries and provided an opportunity for **information exchange on the respective space policies**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid foundation stone of **Kashi Vishwanath corridor and beautification** at **Baba**

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Vishwanath Temple.

- The Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman approved the first batch of reforms in the Indian Army.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on March 7, 2019 approved the extension of time and scope for *revival and development of un-served and under-served air strips of State Governments, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Civil enclaves, CPSUs, helipads and water aerodromes*.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the National Women Livelihood Meet 2019, held at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of International Women's Day 2019.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 7, 2019 released the **Dictionary of Martyrs of India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947)** at an event in Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for the continuation of National AIDS Control Programme-IV beyond 12th five-year plan for a period of three years from April 2017 to March 2020. The total outlay will be Rs 6434.76 crore.
- Mizoram Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan resigned from his post on March 8, 2019.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for constitution of a committee to recommend the process for conferring ownership or transfer, mortgage rights to the residents of unauthorized colonies in Delhi.
- The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories launched a voluntary scheme called **Quality Assurance Scheme (QAS)** for basic composite medical laboratories in February 2019 for sensitising small laboratories to basic doable quality practices.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has appointed Indian-American television personality and food expert Padma Lakshmi as its new Goodwill Ambassador, in support of its fight against inequality and discrimination around the world.
- The BCCI in the latest list of Central Contracts rewarded the young wicketkeeper-batsman **Rishabh Pant** with a **Grade A retainership** while demoted senior opener Shikhar Dhawan from the elite A plus category.
- US has said today Former Fox News executive Bill Shine has resigned as President Donald Trump's communications director.
- In order to sustain polio eradication drive from the country, government on Saturday launched Pulse Polio programme for 2019.
- Around 20 years after the Humsafar Trust started a support group for gay men, male sex workers and transgenders, creating awareness about the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the group inaugurated the country's first HIV treatment centre and holistic clinic for the for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community.
- The Marayoor Jaggery, the traditional and handmade product from Idukki district of Kerala, on March 8, 2019 received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Central Government.
- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), under the Union Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers on March 8, 2019 announced the reduction in prices of 390 Anti-Cancer Non-Scheduled Medicines up to 87 percent.
- Jagdish Mukhi was on Saturday sworn-in as the Governor of Mizoram at a function held at the Raj Bhavan in Aizawl.
- Senior Indian Police Service officer Param Bir Singh was on Saturday appointed Director General of the Maharashtra Anti-Corruption Bureau.
- Mohammad Shtayyeh has been named as Palestinian Prime Minister by President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas.

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- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) medical laboratory came up with a range of 'combat casualty drugs' to reduce casualties in warfare like Pulwama terror attack.
- Defence Research and Development organisation, DRDO on Monday successfully test fired the **PINAKA guided WEAPON rocket system** from Pokhran range in Rajasthan.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology** at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the **Foundation Stones of Buxar and Khurja Thermal Power Plants** digitally from Greater Noida.
- The 34th edition of **AAHAR - the International Food and Hospitality fair** - begins at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi today.
- The new visa agreement between India and Maldives, providing a liberal visa policy for Maldivian citizens seeking medical treatment as well as education and business opportunities in India, came into force on **March 11, 2019**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that **Prasar Bharati has brought 11 more State DD Channels** on the **Satellite footprint of India** through 'DD Free Dish'.
- The Election Commission (EC) formed a **three-member committee** to assess the situation on the ground in Jammu and Kashmir before it takes a decision about holding the Assembly elections in the state.
- In a first in Madhya Pradesh, a transgender has been given a government job. **Sanjana Singh, 36**, has been appointed the personal secretary to the director of the state's Department of Social Justice and Disabled Welfare (DSJDW).
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th Raising Day celebrations of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) at Indirapuram in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Veteran Hindi Newsreader **Vinod Kashyap** has passed away following a prolonged illness. She was 88. She served All India Radio for about 30 years.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina on March 11, 2019 jointly unveiled e-plaques for development projects in Bangladesh through video conferencing.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on March 12, 2019 midnight ordered to ground the **Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft fleet** in India with immediate effect following the Ethiopian Airlines crash.
- Nagaland launched the first round of immunisation as part of the nationwide Pulse Polio programme.
- Retired IAS officer **C Lalsawta** was on March 11, 2019 sworn-in as the first Chairman of the newly-constituted Lokayukta in Mizoram.
- India is the second largest importer of weapons in the world, as per the annual report 'Trends in International Arms Transfers-2018' released on March 11, 2019 by the think tank Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft has observed water molecules moving around the **dayside of Moon**, a finding that could help scientists learn about the accessibility of water that can be used by humans in future lunar missions.
- The Russian military has commissioned more than **1,000 new aircraft** and thousands of tanks in the past few years in a massive modernisation effort amid tensions with the West.
- In the opening match, hosts Nepal easily defeated Bhutan by 3-0. Defending champion India will take on Maldives tomorrow. **India remained unbeaten in 19 matches** from last four editions of the championship.
- **Zinedine Zidane** has been re-appointed as the coach of Spanish football club Real Madrid till 2022.
- The Indian campaign has ended in the Indian Wells Masters Tennis tournament at California in the United

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States.

- India's star wrestler Bajrang Punia won a gold medal in 65 kilogram freestyle at the International wrestling tournament, "Dan Kolov – Nikola Petrov" in Ruse, Bulgaria.
- India and the United States have committed to strengthen bilateral security and civil nuclear cooperation, including the establishment of six US nuclear power plants in India.
- Arecanut, known as supari or betel nut, made its entry in the list of agricultural produce for the first time with the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for 'Sirsi Supari'.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on March 13, 2019 approved accession of India to Nice Agreement, Vienna Agreement, and Locarno Agreement.
- The Indian Embassy in Nepal on Wednesday awarded 200 Golden Jubilee Scholarships to meritorious Nepali students for continuing various undergraduate courses at colleges and universities.
- Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary at Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Sadhana Rout, Director General of Publications Division jointly inaugurated the India Pavilion at London Book Fair.
- Astronomers from Thiruvananthapuram and Mumbai identified a new population of ultraviolet stars in the globular cluster NGC 2808 using the Indian space observatory AstroSat.
- The World Kidney Day 2019 was observed on March 14, 2019, the second Thursday of March with the theme "Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere".
- As per the latest report of the World Gold Council, India has the 11th largest gold reserve and the current gold holding is pegged at 607 tonnes.
- Website hosting company, GoDaddy on March 12, 2019 became the official sponsor of the International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup 2019.
- India and Pakistan have agreed to work expeditiously on operationalizing the Kartapur corridor.
- State-run NTPC on Thursday said it has teamed up with the Indian Railways for fly ash transportation, a move that will help enhance ash utilisation at Rihand and Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power plants.
- Acuité Ratings and Research Thursday said that former deputy RBI governor S S Mundra has been appointed as non-executive chairman to its board with immediate effect.
- Delhi Capitals, formerly known as Delhi Daredevils, appointed former India captain Sourav Ganguly as an advisor for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL), 2019 season, starting on March 23.
- The Supreme Court on March 14, 2019 appointed senior advocate PS Narasimha as mediator for resolving various disputes related to cricket administration within the cricket body, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- Special Olympics World Games 2019 began at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates on March 14, 2019.
- World Consumer Rights Day 2019 was observed on 15 March, 2019 with the theme 'Trusted Smart Products'.
- World Speech Day 2019 was observed on 15 March, 2019 with the theme "World Citizen: It's a state of mind".



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- Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Has Joined Hands With Google To Enable Customers Of Reliance Mutual Fund To Carry Out Voice-Based Financial Transactions.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Became The First Lender To Charge For Upi Transactions
- Government Has Infused Rs 205 Crore Into Bank Of Maharashtra. After Infusion, The Shareholding Of Government In Bank Of Maharashtra Has Increased To 87.74 % From 87.01%.
- RBI Sets Wma(Ways And Means Advances) Limit For Government At Rs 75000 Crore For The First Half Of The Fy 2019-20
- First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement For 2019-20-RBI Cut Repo Rate By 25 Basis Points. Reduced Repo Rate By 25 Basis Points To 6.0% From 6.25% With Immediate Effect. Reverse Repo Rate Adjusted To 5.75%.Marginal Standing Facility And Bank Rate Adjusted To 6.25%.
- RBI Issued New Rs 20 Denomination Banknote. It Has A Base Colour Of Greenish Yellow With Size Of 63*129 Mm. It Have A Motif Of Ellora Caves On Dorsal Side
- Reserve Bank Of India Extended The Ombudsman Scheme Coverage To Non-Deposit Taking (Nbfcs) Non- Banking Financial Companies Having An Asset Size Of Rs.100 Crore Or Higher.
- Irdai has Set Up A Committee To Review Regulatory Framework On Micro-Insurance. A 13-Member Committee Will Be Headed By Suresh Mathur.
- RBI Became The First Asia-Pacific Central Bank To Begin Interest Rate Easing Cycle
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Became The First Destination Bank To Launch Debit Card Based E-Mandates On Npci's E -Mandate Api Platform
- Karnataka Bank Entered Exchanged A Memorandum Of Understanding With Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company Ltd For Distribution Of The Latter's Life Insurance Products.
- Chennai-Based Lakshmi Vilas Bank Is Set To Merge With Indiabulls Housing Finance In A Share-Swap Deal, Reflecting The Trend Of Consolidation In The Financial Services Sector.
- The Reserve Bank Of India Came Out With Guidelines For Banks To Set Up New Currency Chests, Which Include Minimum Area Of 1,500 Square Feet For Strong Room. The Central Bank Further Said The Currency Chests Should Have Cbl Of ₹1,000 Crore, Subject To Ground Realities And Reasonable Restrictions, At The Discretion Of The Reserve Bank.
- Emirates Islamic Has Announced The Launch Of Chat Banking Services For Customers Via Whatsapp, Marking A Global First In The Islamic Banking Sector.
- Rbl Bank Said It Has Partnered With Credit Profiler Creditvidya To Improve The Lender's Customer Experience.
- The Institute For Development And Research In Banking Technology (Idrbt), An Arm Of Reserve Bank Of India, Has Launched A 5g Use Cases Lab For Banking And Financial Sector.
- Idbi Bank Has Launched 'Nri-Insta-Online' Account Opening Process For Nris Residing In Financial Action Task Force (Fatf) Member Countries.
- Canara Bank First To Market In India With Emv Acquiring & Aadhaar Authentication – Powered By Aci Worldwide.
- Bandhan Bank Has Received Approval Of The Competition Commission Of India (CCI) For The Proposed Acquisition Of Gruh Finance. Bandhan Bank Has To Transfer 14.9 Per Cent Stake To Hdfc For Merging Gruh With Itself.
- State-Owned Bank Of Maharashtra (Bom) Has Partnered With M1xchange Treds Platform For Msme Bill Discounting.

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Trade Receivables Discounting System (Treds) Is A Digital Platform To Support Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises (Msmes) To Get Their Bills Financed At A Competitive Rate Through An Auction Where Multiple Registered Financiers Can Participate.

- The Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) Said Exim Bank Has Provided Soft Loans Of Usd 266.60 Million To Rwanda For Various Projects. The Funding, Done In Three Separate Tranches To Rwanda, Is To Support Agricultural Projects, Development Of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) And For Financing Road Project.
- State-Owned Allahabad Bank -0.60 % - The Government Has Increased Its Authorised Capital by Rs 5,000 Crore To Rs 8,000 Crore.
- RBI Sells Entire Stake in Nhb, Nabard to Govt. For ₹1,470 Cr. In Total. RBI Had 100% Shareholding In Nhb, Which Was Divested For ₹1,450 Crore.
- State Bank Of India Launched A Discounted Loan For Buyers Of Such Vehicles Pricing 20 Basis Points Lower Than Its Existing Auto Loans. Sbi Launches Green Car Loan To Promote Use Of Electric Vehicles.
- Public Sector Lender Canara Bank And Its Life Insurance Partner Canara Hsbc Oriental Bank Of Commerce Life Insurance Are Soon Going To Introduce 'Webassurance'.
- Shares Of Indusind Bank Added Nearly 2 Percent Intraday after National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Reportedly approved Merger With Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFI).
- India's Gdp Expected To Accelerate Moderately To 7.5% In 2019-20: World Bank
- IMF Cuts India Growth Forecast For 2019-20 To 7.3 Per Cent
- General Provident Fund Interest Rate Retained At 8% For April-June Quarter
- ADB Committed To Provide Usd 3 Billion In Sovereign Loans To India In 2018, The Highest Level Of Assistance Since Sovereign Operations Began In The Country In 1986, Said The Annual Report Of Multilateral Lending Agency.
- Buyucoin, Which Is The Second Oldest Cryptocurrency Exchange In India, Announces The Launch Of A New And Unique Platform For Wholesale Cryptocurrency Trading Which Allows Its Users To Trade On A Large Scale With Low Price Fluctuations
- Markets Regulator SEBI Has Reduced The Minimum Subscription Requirement As Well As Defined Trading Lots For Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) And Infrastructure Investment Trusts (Invits).
- The Government Has Hiked The Customs Duty On Wheat To 40% From 30% To Curb Imports And Protect The Domestic Industry.
- Customers Of Reliance Mutual Fund Can Now Carry Out Voice-Based Financial Transactions, With Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (Rnam) Partnering With Internet Major Google.
- IT Major HCL Technologies Stated That Its Acquisition Of US-Based Strong-Bridge Envision Completed. HCL Had Recently Agreed To Acquire The Seattle-Based Company To Enhance Its Digital Transformation Consulting Capabilities. According To Reports, The Deal Was Worth 45 Million Dollars.
- The Securities And Exchange Board Of India (SEBI) Has Given Approval To Paytm Money — The Investment And Wealth Management Platform Of The Mobile Payments Company — To Start Offering Broking Services
- The Competition Commission Of India (CCI) Approved Engineering And Construction Major Larsen & Toubro's (L&T's) Proposal To Acquire Up To 66.15 Per Cent Stake In Mindtree.
- Tata Consultancy Services, A Leading Global IT Services, Consulting And Business Solutions Organization, Announced That It Has Partnered With Google Cloud To Build Industry-Specific Cloud Solutions That Will Help Organizations Accelerate Their Digital Transformation And Leverage Data-Driven Insights That Power Superior Customer Experiences.

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- Department Of Telecom Has Given Approval For The Merger Of Tata Teleservices (Ttsl) With Bharti Airtel, Subject To The Condition That The Sunil Bharti Mittal -Led Firm Furnishes Rs 7,200 Crore Worth Bank Guarantee.
- Online Payment Service Payu Has Acquired California-Based Financial Technology Company Wibmo For \$70 Million (Rs 483 Crore)
- India Was A Net Importer Of Steel During The 2018-19 Fiscal Year, The First Time In Three Years, As The Country Lost Market Share Among Its Traditional Steel Buyers And Imports Jumped On Demand For Higher- Quality Steel Domestically.
- Crisil Board Gives Nod For Transfer Of Ratings Business To New Subsidiary
- Reliance Retail's Strong Run Continues, Revenue Crosses Rs 1.3 Tn In Fy19
- Sbi General Insurance Said It Has Launched A Product To Protect Businesses From Financial And Reputational Losses Due To Cyber Attacks.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance And Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance In Collaboration Launched Their First Product 'Total Health Secure Goal'.
- Microsoft Hit The Trillion-Dollar Value Mark For The First Time, Becoming The Third Technology Giant To Reach The Milestone. Shares In Microsoft Rallied Some Five Percent In Early Wall Street Trade After A Robust Earnings Report A Day Earlier To Lift The Value Briefly Above \$1 Trillion.
- Wipro Consumer Care (Wcc) Monday Announced That It Has Signed A Definitive Agreement To Acquire Philippine-Based Personal Care Company Splash Corporation. Splash Personal Care Player In The Philippines, Recorded Revenues Worth \$80 Million In 2018.
- Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) Has Altered The Bad Loan Divergence Rule For Banks Which Aims At Improving Transparency In Asset Classification And Preventing Under-Reporting Of Bad Loan`
- Fitch Kept India's Rating Unchanged At Bbb- With Stable Outlook. The Growth Rate Of India Forecasted By Fitch Is 6.8% In Financial Year 2019-20 And 7.1% In Fy2020-2021
- RBI Issues Rs. 50 Notes With Governor Shaktikanta Das' Signature The Dimension Of Rs. 50 Note Is 66 Mm X 135 Mm. In The Back Side Of The Note Has Hampi With Chariot As Motif.
- The Bimal Jalan Committee Formed To Study The RBI's Capital Structure Is Likely To Identify Excess Reserves Of Up To Rs.3 Lakh Crore (\$43million), Bank Of America Merrill Lynch (Bofaml) Said.
- Reserve Bank Of India Has Announced To Extend The Ambit Of Ombudsman Scheme For Nbfcs To All Eligible Nondeposit Taking Nbfcs As Well. The Scheme Which Lays Down Rules For Redressal Mechanism In Cases Of Custome Complaints Was Earlier Applicable Only To Deposit-Taking Nbfcs
- The State Bank Of India Has Re-Priced Home Loans Up To Rs. 30 Lakh By 10 Basis Points. Accordingly, The Interest Rate On Housing Loans Of Such Size Will Now Be In The Range Of 8.6 To 8.9 Per Cent.
- Adb Committed To Provide Usd 3 Billion In Sovereign Loans To India In 2018, The Highest Level Of Assistance Since Sovereign Operations Began In The Country In 1986.
- Bnp Paribas Cardif Sold 5 Crore Shares Of Sbi Life Insurance Through A Block Deal For Rs 2,889 Crore, Which Saw Shares Skidding Over 6 Per Cent On The Local Bourses.
- State-Owned Bank Of Maharashtra Said The Government Has Infused Rs 205 Crore Into The Bank In Lieu Of Preferential Allotment Of Shares.
- The Priority Sector Lending Certificates (Pslcs) Volume Increased To Rs 3.3 Trillion In Fy19, Up From Rs 1.9 Trillion In The Last Financial Year And Rs 50,000 Crore In Fy17. Plsc's Relating To The Small And Marginal Farmers Segment Continued

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To Be In Most Demand, According To Rating Agency Crisil.

- Bank Of India (Boi) Is Planning To Sell 25.05 Per Cent Equity Stake In Star Union Dai-Ichi Life Insurance For Rs 1,106 Crore At Rs 170.50 Floor Price Of Each Share.
- SEBI Gives Nod To Rs 10,000 Crore 'Airport Fund'
- \$1.7 Trillion Needed Per Year To Build Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure In Asia: Adb
- Bank Of India Said It Will Sell 25.05 Percent Stake In Its Insurance Jv Star Union Dai-Ichi Life Insurance Co For At Least Rs 1,106 Crore. The Bank Has Floated A Request For Proposal For Sale Of Over 6.48 Crore Equity Shares, Or 25.05 Percent Stake In Its Joint Venture With Union Bank Of India And Japan's Dai-Ichi Life Holdings Inc.
- The Imf And World Bank Launches 'Learning Coin' To Explore Blockchain Technologies
- Finance Ministry Stated That The Goods And Services Tax (Gst) Collection Stood At Rs. 1.06 Lakh Crore In March, Recording The Highest-Ever Monthly Collection Since Gst Launch.
- The Combined Index Of Eight Core Industries Stood At 125.8 Which Indicates A Marginal Increase Of 2.1 Per Cent During The Month. The Eight Core Industries, Including Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilisers, Steel, Cement And Electricity, Are Responsible For Almost 41 Per Cent Of The Weight Of Items Included In The Index Of Industrial Production (Iip).
- Markets Regulator SEBI Extended The Timeline For The Implementation Of Phase 1 Of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) As An Alternative Payment Mechanism For Retail Investors Buying Shares In A Public Issue From March 31 2019 To June 30 2019
- The Government Sold Enemy Shares Worth Around Rs. 1,150 Crore In It Firm Wipro To Life Insurance Corporation And Two Other State-Owned Insurers
- The Total Deposits In Bank Accounts Opened Under The Jan Dhan Scheme Are Set To Cross Rs. 1 Lakh Crore Soon. Government Data Claimed That The Cumulative Balance In 35.29 Crore Accounts Under The Flagship Programme Of The Modi Government Reached Rs. 97,665.66 Crore As On April 3
- Mudra Loans Worth Rs. 2.7 Tln Disbursed Against Rs. 3 Tln Target In FY19-Target Missed For First Time In Last 3 Years

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- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has distributed around 3,120 special kits among states and union territories. The kits are termed 'SAECKs' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) and are also called 'rape investigation kits' that help to collect blood and semen samples for carrying out immediate effective medico-legal investigations on sexual assault cases.
- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) students will be allowed to use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination from 2020.
- The Indian Army has achieved a record-breaking feat by constructing 'Maitri', the 260-feet longest suspension bridge over the Indus river in the Leh-Ladakh region in just 40 days.
- The programme organized at Nagaland during the Aoleang Monyu festival (usually held between 1st April to 3rd April every year) around 5000 Konyak Naga women in their traditional attire attempted to set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Traditional Konyak Dance'.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research has launched the 'Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India which is a conglomeration of partners working on malaria control in order to eliminate the disease from India by 2030.

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- India's first exotic Bird Park 'EsselWorld Bird Park' was launched by EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6-billion Essel Group in Mumbai.
- Cabinet approves creation of a single post of Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General in the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given the approval for ongoing GSLV continuation programme Phase-4 that consists of 5 GSLV rocket flights during 2021-2024.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given approval for the proposal of the Department of fertilizers for extension of the duration of New Urea Policy-2015 for existing gas-based area unit from April 1, 2019 until further orders.
- Rs. 4315.15 crores budget has been approved by Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi, to create over 2 lakhs additional seats in 158 central education institutions. The additional seats were created over next two years to implement 10 per cent Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation.
- Under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (FAME II) scheme, the NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) have released a report titled 'India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities'. The report is based on opportunities for the automobile sector and government.
- 85% of the Ujjwala beneficiaries in rural Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan still use solid fuels for cooking.
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- A music and poetry festival titled 'Jashn-e-Itihaad' was held at the Jamia Milia Islamia central university in New Delhi to spread awareness about unity amongst the youth
- India and the US have structured the first reliable communication link between the Indian Navy & US Central as well as Pacific Naval Commands under the COMCASA pact at New Delhi, India.
- PCI (Press Council of India) has issued some guidelines for media to do objective reporting on election polls and warned it against the practice of paid news.
- India's Electoral Commission has issued an order to ban display of any biopic or publicity material during Manual Code of Conduct, which could sub serve the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it.
- Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' in Vikas Sadan building complex, Gurugram
- Vice Admiral Bimal Verma has dropped the petition to challenge the appointment of Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Navy Chief.
- India and Sweden inked a pact that will deal a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others. The programme is co- sponsored by Indian Department of Science and Technologies (DST) and Swedish agency Vinnova.
- India was agreed to improve the bilateral cooperation with the Netherlands in various fields, including political, economic scientific and cultural cooperation during the Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi.
- India joined hands with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to implement two projects in Africa as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent as a counter to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order to suspend the LOC (Line of Control) trade between Jammu & Kashmir and Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (POJK).

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- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) students will be allowed to use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination from 2020.
- Telangana has secured the first rank for the second year in a row in the e-Learning training programme of Department of Personal and Training (DoPT), Government of India. known as "Utkal Divas".
- Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.
- Odisha celebrates its Foundation day on 1st April every year to commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936.
- Chennai Central railway station has been renamed by the Tamil Nadu State Government as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MG Ramachandran Central Railway Station after its late Chief Minister and founder of the Chennai's ruling govt All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), Dr. MG Ramachandran.
- Dilip Sarkar, Senior Tripura Bhartiya Janta Party leader and five-time MLA, from Badharghat in Agartala passed away on 1st April, 2019, at a private hospital in Delhi after prolonged acute liver illness.
- Femina Miss India 2017 runner up Sana Dua has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Jammu and Kashmir election department for general polls.
- Veteran Tamil Scholar and orator Silamboli Su. Chellappan passed away at the age of 91 in Thiruvannamipur, Tamil Nadu.
- Android-based application named "Sahulat" was launched to facilitate and to encourage the elder voters for participating in the elections in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.
- The Nagaland government with representatives from the UK and Japan on 4th April, 2019 observed the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Kohima.
- Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.
- Kartik Chandra Rath, a veteran dramatist, theatre organiser and Economics teacher passed away at the age of 70 in Cuttack, Odisha due to heart attack.
- Justice Pradeep Nandrajog was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Bombay high Court. Priorly, he was serving as the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court.
- Actor-cum-Director, Colonel Raj Kapoor, 87, has passed away at a Hospital in Delhi due to age-related issues.
- Kannada poet Dr. B A Sanadi passed away at the age of 86 years at his residence near Herevatta region of Kumta Taluka.
- Nizamabad Lok Sabha constituency in Telangana may enter in the Guinness World Records for the maximum number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) of M3 version used in the polling booth.
- C R Anandavally, an eminent Dubbing artist of Malayalam films who let her voice to several heroines passed away due to her prolonged illness at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram on 5th April, 2019.
- Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Vikram Nath appointed as the first Chief Justice of new Andhra Pradesh High Court at Amaravati by the collegium of Supreme Court containing Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and justice S A Bobde and justice N V Ramana.
- The Meghalaya Cabinet approved the proposal for the creation of a new Directorate of Dairy Development to boost the milk production.
- Renowned Journalist-writer Subbiah Muthiah passed away at the age of 89 in Chennai due to age-related illnesses.
- veteran IAS officer and former Chief Secretary of Gujarat H K Khan passed away.
- Bengali New Year also known as Pahela Baishakh was celebrated in West Bengal and among Bengali communities in Assam, Tripura and also in Bangladesh.
- JK Ritheesh, actor and former Member of Parliament (MP) of Ramanathapuram passed away due to cardiac arrest.

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- Project Kannamma is an initiative by Rotary Club of Madras North to provide biodegradable sanitary napkins under the brand name, "Aavaram" to the girl students in government schools of Tamil Nadu.
- 'Ashakiranam' (A Ray of Hope), an autobiography of noted social worker Sankurathri Chandrasekhar, was released by Religious scholar Chaganti Koteswara Rao.
- Assam's most awaited festival – the Rongali Bihu, also known as 'Bohaag Bihu' which marks the beginning of the new Assamese calendar year started.
- In order to mark the red-lettered day, Governor Acharya Devvrat unfurled the national flag at an event on The Ridge Maidaan in Shimla.
- Former additional chief secretary and writer Dr. Daniel Babu Paul, 77, has passed away at a hospital in Thiruvananthapuram due to a heart ailment.
- The Central Government has given its approval for the proposal of the Madhya Pradesh State Government, to change the name of a village in Madhya Pradesh from 'Durjanpur' to 'Shivdham'.
- The Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi (CSA) honored veteran authors from Chandigarh at Punjab Kala Bhawan.
- Sharath Kamal, Ace table tennis player was titled Sportsperson of the Year Award 2019 at the annual awards and scholarships function organised by the Tamil Nadu Sports Journalists' Association (TNSJA) and the India Cements in Chennai.
- The Election Commission has appointed Ajay V Nayak, ex-Bihar chief electoral officer, as the Special Observer for West Bengal.
- Subbiah Muthiah passed away at the age of 89 in Chennai due to age-related illnesses.
- Jhulan Goswami, former captain of India national women's cricket team, awarded the "Sportsperson of the Year" honor at the Calcutta Sports Journalists' club (CSJC) annual awards function 2019 held at Kolkata, West Bengal while Sukumar Samajpati, former India winger and Sambaran Banerjee, former national selector and Bengal's Ranji Trophy winning captain honoured 'Lifetime Achievement' awards.
- Australia is conducting 7 nation Indian Ocean military exercise along with Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore.
- 'The Belt and Road Initiative Progress, Contributions and Prospects' released by the Leading Group for Promoting the Belt and Road Initiative had previously listed the BCIM as a BRI project.
- Etihad Airways, UAE based flag carrier, has become the first major airline in the gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.
- Kazakhstan under the chairmanship of its Prime Minister, Askar Mamin has set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments inclusive of investments from India.
- To honor the Indian Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has created the Amartya Sen Chair in Inequality Studies.
- The 1st ever of global coalition on clean and efficient cooling was launched at First Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Alphabet, Google's parent company, launched its first commercial drone service through its Wing subsidiary in Canberra, Australia after the country's Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), granted it regulatory approval.
- Japan has unveiled its New Imperial Era name called "Reiwa"
- The British government has published an "online harms white paper" which is open for public consultation (till July) focuses to make online social media platforms responsible to safeguard users, especially children.
- India's Haj Quota has been increased by about 25,000, raising the number to 2 lakh from 1.75 lakh by Saudi Arabia.

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- Indonesia released a special stamp on the theme of Ramayana at the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Indonesia event in the presence of India's Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat and Indonesia's Deputy Foreign Minister Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir.
- 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) started and will conclude on 30th April at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
- Iranian President Hassan Rohani and visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan have agreed for setting up a joint border 'Reaction Force' to combat the attacks by militant groups on both sides their frontier.
- Etihad Airways, UAE based flag carrier, has become the first major airline in the gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un hold first-ever talks at the Eastern Federal University Campus on Russky Island in the far eastern Russian Pacific port city of Vladivostok.
- UN's International Labour Organization (ILO) announced that Qatar is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019.
- The German-sponsored resolution 2467 (2019), on sexual violence, was adopted by United Nations Security Council (UNSC) condemning rape as a weapon of war after 13 out of 15 members have voted in favour of the resolution while Russia and China abstain from voting.
- World Health Organization (WHO) has issued recommendations on the use of sedentary screen which includes watching television or videos and playing computer games for children under 5-year-old.
- 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) started and will conclude on 30th April at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
- Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to head a historic 5th term as Israel's prime minister with close-to-complete unofficial election results giving his right-wing Likud and other nationalist and religious parties a solid majority in parliament.
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- London became the first city in the world to implement a Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for 24x7 hours a week, inside which vehicles will have to meet tough emissions standards.
- Asian Development Bank's (ADB) report titled 'Asian Development Outlook 2019: Strengthening Disaster Resilience', around 26 trillion dollars from 2016 to 2030, or 1.7 trillion dollars investment needed per year to build disaster-resilient infrastructure in Asia.
- The Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore's (IIM-B) post-graduate programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) has secured the 12th rank in APAC (Asia Pacific) listing and came 61st globally in the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019.
- M S Yadav has been elected as general secretary of the newly formed, All India Federation of PTI Employees' Unions (AIFPTIEU) by the 45 elected council members from different centres of PTI (Press Trust of India) during the two days meeting in Lucknow.

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- Vice president for Google India and South East Asia, Rajan Anandan is quitting from the company after an 8 year stint.
- Air Marshal Anil Khosla PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Vice Chief of the Air Staff retired after four-decade of career span. While Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria will take over as the Vice Chief of Indian Air Force on May 1.
- Algerian president Abdelaziz Bouteflika who was in power for the last 20 years (since 1999) has resigned after prolonged weeks of mass protest.
- former executive director of LIC of India, Siddhartha Mohanty has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of LIC Housing Finance.
- Vinod K. Dasari has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Royal Enfield and also became an executive director in the board of Eicher Motors, parent organization of Royal Enfield.
- president of Wipro's banking financial services and insurance (BFSI) business unit, Shaji Farooq has resigned from the company after 5 years due to health reasons. He will precede Angan Guha, who will take over as senior VP and global head of the BFSI unit from 1st July.
- Ex-Bollywood actress and Managing Director of Performics (A Performance Marketing Agency), Mayoore Kango has been appointed as the Industry head of Google India. She will lead Google engagement with Publicis (Parent Company of Performics) and DAN
- Amit Jain, Uber's Asia-Pacific region (APAC) Head, announced his resignation at the end of May 2019 after four-year service to spend time with his family.
- Davis Malpass senior Treasury official and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, was unanimously chosen as the next president of the World bank
- Uday Kumar Varma, a former bureaucrat retired from the post of Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, resigned from the post of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) Secretary-General
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and services companies), an IT industry body has appointed Keshav Murugesh, CEO of WNS Global Services Group as its Chairman for 2019-20.
- Former Chief Election Commissioner of India (ECI), and ex-civil aviation secretary, Nasim Zaidi has resigned from the post of non-executive and non-independent director of Jet Airways with effect from 21st April 2019, due to personal reasons.
- Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) hailed the re-election of Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Asian football chief to help the region move forward in stability
- In Ukrainian presidential election 2019, Comedian Volodymyr Oleksandrovyh Zelensky defeated incumbent Petro Poroshenko of Petro Poroshenko Bloc "Solidarity" party
- Shri Anwar Haleem, IFS (Indian Foreign Service, batch of 1991 is appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He will succeed Mrs. Shubhdarshini Tripathi
- Mukesh Kumar, chief of former Judo Federation of India was re-elected as general secretary of Judo Union, the Asian governing body, at its ordinary congress at Fujairah, UAE.
- Kaushik Shaparia has been appointed as chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank as India's head with effect from May 2019. He will succeed Ravneet Gill who is the MD & CEO of YES BANK.
- Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Chairman of SUN Group, elected as the President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – India.
- Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH) board has elevated Ravinder Kumar Passi (previously a vice chairman of EPCH), to the post of its Chairman. He will take charge for the post of Chairman shortly from his predecessor O P Prahladka.

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- Head Coach of the India National Cricket Team, former Indian Cricketer and TV commentator, Ravi Shastri, also known as “Champion of Champions” was appointed as Exclusive Corporate Ambassador to the Indian Business Community of Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) in Dubai.
- Prime Minister of Haiti, Jean Michel Lapin confirmed as the country’s new Prime Minister by the President Jovenel Moise. He succeeds Jean-Henry Ceant.
- The Mali government resigned after criticism over the handling of the rising violence in the country and Ogossagou massacre that resulted in the deaths of 160 people on March 2019.
- Former Network 18 Digital CEO, Manish Maheshwari has been appointed as Managing Director of Twitter India with effect from 29th April 2019
- Abdelkader Bensalah (77) has been appointed as Algeria’s first new president in 20 years by the Lawmakers of Algeria. He has been appointed as the interim President of the country.
- Vikas Khanna, Michelin-star chef has been named brand ambassador of Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC), a leading cultural organisation which will organise the annual New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF) that would showcase the chef’s film ‘The Last Color’ and Nawazuddin Siddiqui-starrer ‘Photograph’.
- Sairee Chahal having extensive experience of customer service ecosystem has been appointed to Board of Directors in Paytm Payments Bank (PPB).
- Shri N. Kashinath took over as Member (Signal & Telecom) of Railway Board on 16th April, 2019. He was associated with Train Describer Project, Survey for the Mobile Train Radio Communication in Northeast Frontier Railway, etc.
- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Jaideep Sarkar, currently serving as India’s ambassador in Bhutan, appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of South Africa.
- Shri.Rajendra Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
- Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Shiv Das Meena has been appointed as the Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC).
- The premier Industry body India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) committed to the development of a vibrant Indian Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem, has appointed Jitendra Chaddah, Intel India senior director for operations and strategy, as its Chairman.
- US Department of Interior inducted its very first Indian, Delhi-based Sanjay Kumar, CEO of Geospatial Media and Communications and Secretary General of World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC), to its prestigious National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC).
- General (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Suhag has appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles. He will succeed Ausaf Sayeed.
- Gargi Kaul, a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS) was appointed as the secretary, Defence Finance as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle. The senior bureaucrat, Kaul currently serving as Financial Advisor (Defence Services), Ministry of Defence.
- Karnam Sekar, Dena Bank’s former Managing Director has been newly appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank
- Gagandeep Kang, 56 year old, executive director of Translational Health Science and technology Institute at Faridabad, has become the first Indian female scientist to be elected as a Fellow of the royal Society (FRS) in the UK in the 359 year history of the prestigious scientific academy.
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bus ticketing platform redBus to strengthen the redBus brand.

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- V.P. Pathak took over as Member (Materials Management) Railway Board on 16th April, 2019.
- National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration Professor Najma Akhtar has been appointed as the first women vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI) for a period of five years by the President of India. She will succeed Talat Ahmad.
- PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) India announced the appointment of Padmaja Alaganandan as the firm's new Chief People Officer (CPO). She takes over the role from Jagjit Singh.
- Romanian football manager, Doru Isac has been appointed as the new technical director for Indian football team. He succeeds Savio Madeira, who has been the interim technical director since 2017.
- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accepted the oath of office from the new 24-member cabinet headed by Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtayeh.
- Col (Dr) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, a native of the temple City, became the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body.
- Vice Admiral Bimal Verma has dropped the petition to challenge the appointment of Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Navy Chief.
- Ace cricketer Mithali Dorai Raj, Captain of the Indian women's cricket team, has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC) 2019 .
- Fantasy 11, Gaming startup, has roped in Murali Kartik, former Indian Cricketer as its brand Ambassador
- RECENT APPOINTMENTS
 - Sumeet Jerath – Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.
 - Raj Kumar Goyal – Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs.
 - Prem Kumar Kataria – Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles.
 - Anil Kumar Jha – Additional Secretary, Department of Revenue.
 - S K G Rahate – Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power.
 - Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi – Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Culture.
 - Amitabh Kumar – Director General (Shipping), Ministry of Shipping.
- Emami Limited has roped in Indian actor Varun Dhawan to endorse Navratna Cool.
- Karnam Sekar to be appointed as MD, CEO of Indian Overseas Bank
- Senior IAS officer Dilip Kumar appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in office of Lokpal
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi as the Executive Director of the bank.
- Other Appointments:
 - R A Sankara Narayanan, former MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank, moved to Canara Bank in the same position.
 - R K Yaduvanshi, executive director at Dena Bank, named as executive director of Punjab National Bank.
 - Nageshwara Rao, executive director at Vijaya Bank, appointed to Syndicate Bank as officer on special duty and full-time director.
 - Murali Ramaswami, another executive director at Vijay Bank, moved to Bank of Baroda.
- former Australia Coach, Graham Reid was appointed as the Chief Coach of Indian men's hockey team.
- American global computer security software company has appointed Sanjay Manohar as its next MD for India operations
- Usha Padhee, has been given additional charge as the Chairman & Managing Director of Pawan Hans Ltd, helicopter services providing company.
- former federal Prosecutor and practicing lawyer has been elected as Chicago's first Black Women Mayor.

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- Deputy chief of mission in the embassy of India in Riyadh, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon. He hails from Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He will succeed Sanjiv Arora.
- Praful Patel, President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been designated to be the FIFA Executive Council member.
- Vikram Kirloskar was designated as president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Other Appointments:
 - Uday Kotak, the founder, MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank was appointed as the President-Designate, at the same time
 - CEO & MD of Tata Steel, TV Narendran was designated as the Vice President for 2019-20.
- Non-executive director of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services), Chandra Shekhar Rajan has been appointed as managing director of IL&FS.
- Shri Rakesh Malhotra, currently serving as Consul General, Consulate General of India, Melbourne has been appointed as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cameroon.
- Vipin Anand has assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- Air Marshal D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM has been appointed as Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command.
- Former ESPN Star Sports MD, Manu Sawhney has formally joined International Cricket Council (ICC) as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- 2019 India open (Badminton) held in New Delhi from 26th March to 31st March 2019
- Men's Single : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) , Women's Singles: Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
- Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes captured Bahrain Grand Prix 2019 title by beating Mercedes Valtteri Bottas of Finland who secured second position
- India Clinches 25 Medals in 12th Asian Airgun Championship 2019 held in Chinese Taipei
- Miami Open which was the 35th edition of Miami Open, held at Miami Gardens in Florida, USA 2019. Men's Single : Roger Federer (Switzerland), Women's Single: Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
- Saurav Ghosal moved up two places to become the first Indian male squash player to break into the top 10 of the latest PSA (Professional Squash Association) world ranking. He is ranked at 10th Place which is his career best ranking
- Udhampur based Northern Command wins air weapon championship for the fourth time in a row
- Dream11 has just become a Unicorn, that is a billion-dollar startup.
- Dave Bautista has officially retired from wrestling aftermath of a defeat at the WWE's (World Wrestling Entertainment) Wrestlemania event on 7th April, 2019.
- A National Anti-Doping Agency disciplinary panel has banned Asian champion woman professional Olympic shot putter, Manpreet Kaur for four years for failing dope tests on four occasions over a period of 84 days during 2017.
- Indian women's hockey team defeated Malaysia by a solitary goal and won by 4-0 in the 5-match bilateral series held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Meena Kumari Maisnam has clinched gold medal under 54 kg by continuing her enthusiastic form to finish on the top of the podium by edging Thailand's Machai Bunyanut on points in the summit clash at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019 in Cologne, Germany on 13th April, 2019.
- Golfer Tiger Woods clinched his fifth US Masters and 15th major title at Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia.
- Kento Momota of Japan defeated Indonesia's Anthony Ginting to win the Men's Singles title in Singapore Open Badminton title by 10-21, 21-19, 21-13 victory at Singapore Indoor stadium in Singapore.
- Men's Singles Kento Momota (Japan)

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- Women's Singles Tai Tzu-ying(Taiwan)
- FC Goa, nicknamed as 'Gaurs', emerged as champions of the 2nd edition of Hero Super Cup 2019 after beating Chennaiyin FC 2-1 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar
- Former Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Jose Maria Marin has been banned for life from all football activities by FIFA as he had breached the art. 27 (Bribery) of the FIFA Code of Ethics.
- International Hockey Federation imposes fine of 1,70,000 Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for disrespecting Pro League commitments
- Italy's Fabio Fognini clinched Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters after defeating Dusan Lajovic of Serbia by 6-3, 6-4, the first Italian to triumph in more than 15 years. Last time an Italian player Nicola Pietrangeli won the trophy in 1968. This event held every year at the Monte Carlo Country Club in France.
- The 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship is held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar. Bahrain topped and India in 4th place
 - Indian Athlete's in Asian Athletics Championships 2019
- United States Cricket Team won their first one-day international status with a third straight victory at the World Cricket League Division Two event in Namibia. The Americans defeated Hong Kong by 84 runs.
- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) imposed eight-lifetime bans on current and former players and an agent for indulging in match manipulation of international games.
- Ajinkya Madhukar Rahane became the first overseas player from India to represent Hampshire and he will replace Aiden Kyle Markram, who will join South Africa's World Cup Team
- Australia's Claire Polosak became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI in the final match of ICC World Cricket League 2 on April 27.
- Asian Wrestling Championship 2019, Iran table top with 11 gold and 6 silver
- The 42-edition of Porsche Tennis Grand Prix was held in Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany from April 22 to April 28, 2019.
- Valtteri Viktor Bottas (Finland) of Mercedes captured Formula 1 State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019 by beating Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton at the Baku City Circuit in Baku, Azerbaijan
- ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup 2019, India finishes in table top with 3 gold and 1 silver
- List of Indian Shooters who got Olympic Quota
 - Anjum Moudgil (10m Air Rifle women)
 - Apurvi Chandela (10m Air Rifle women)
 - Saurabh Chaudhary (10m Air Pistol men)
 - Divyansh Singh Panwar (10m Air Rifle men)
 - Abhishek Verma (10m Air Pistol men)
- Indians win 1 silver, 2 bronze at Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019
- Table Tennis player Sathiyan Gnanasekaran became the first Indian to break into the world's top 25 of the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Rankings
- Indian marathon runner, Nitendra Singh Rawat finished 27th in 2 hours 15 minutes and 59 seconds in the men's Elite race of prestigious Virgin Money London Marathon 2019 at London, UK which was won by Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya for record fourth time.

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- The Barcelona Open 2019, also known as Torneo Godó, Trofeo Conde de Godó, and Open Banc Sabadell, was a men's tennis tournament held in clay courts Real Club de Tennis Barcelona tennis club in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain from April 22 through April 28, 2019. Initiated in 1953, the event of 2019 was the 67th edition.
- Badminton Asia Championship 2019 was held from 23 to 28 April 2019 at the Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium in Wuhan, China. Japan table top with 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze
- Papua New Guinea, a south-western pacific country got their One Day International (ODI) status and a place in International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket World Cup League 2 after beating Oman by 145-run.
- Integrated Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai beat South Central Railway, Hyderabad by penalty shootout of 7-5, in the final to bag the second Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial International hockey tournament at the Astro Turf Hockey Ground at Air Force in Chandigarh.
- India's Pankaj Advani, the 21-time world snooker and billiards champion has defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran by 6-4 to clinch the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title, in Bengaluru.
- Saurabh Chaudhary, 16-year-old, and Manu Bhaker, 17-year-old, clinched the 10m Air Pistol Mixed gold by beating Jiang Ranxin and Pang Wei of China 16-6 in the final at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2019 in Beijing, China.
- Stephanie Frappart, a French football referee, will become the first female referee, who will take charge of a Ligue 1 Conforama match in French football history. On 28th April 2019, she will be taking charge of the match between Amiens and Strasbourg.
- Services bags the 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title against Punjab at Guru Nanak Stadium
- The International Association of Athletics Federation Disciplinary Tribunal (IAAF) has banned the 2008 Olympic 1,500m champion and 3-time world champion Asbel Kiprop of Kenya for 4 years for doping until February 2022
- Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burka in women's race and Abreha Milaw in men's race have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon by leading a record of 60,000 participants through the French capital, Paris on 14th April, 2019.
- ICC partners with UNICEF to deliver '#OneDay4Children' at Men's Cricket World Cup 2019
- Kento Momota of Japan defeated Indonesia's Anthony Ginting to win the Men's Singles title in Singapore Open Badminton title at Singapore Indoor stadium in Singapore.
- India has retained ICC Test Championship mace for the third year in a row after finishing at the top of ICC Test team rankings on the cut-off date of April 1. It has also won the purse of USD 1 million.
- FIFA (The Federation Internationale de Football Association) world football rankings, Belgium has edged the World Cup winners France to retain at the first rank.
- The 2019 Malaysia Open, officially known as the CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019, is a badminton tournament which takes place at Axiata Arena in Malaysia.
- Men's Singles Lin Dan (China)
- Women's Singles Tai Tzu-Ying (Chinese Taipei)
- The 2019 Monterrey Open aka 2019 Abierto GNP Seguros was the 11th edition of Monterrey Open, held at Monterrey in Mexico. It was a women's tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts.
- A National Anti-Doping Agency disciplinary panel has banned Asian champion woman professional Olympic shot putter, Manpreet Kaur for four years for failing dope tests on four occasions over a period of 84 days during 2017.
- Meena Kumari Maisnam has clinched gold medal under 54 kg by continuing her enthusiastic form to finish on the top of the podium by edging Thailand's Machai Bunyanut on points in the summit clash at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019 in Cologne, Germany on 13th April, 2019.

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- Indian women's hockey team defeated Malaysia by a solitary goal and won by 4-0 in the 5-match bilateral series held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- MCC (the Marylebone Cricket Club) has bestowed the honour of 'Honorary Life Members' to Pakistan's Inzamam-ul-Haq and South Africa's Mark Boucher for their exemplary achievements in the field of cricket.
- British racing driver, Lewis Hamilton has achieved his 75th career victory in Formula One's 1000th race at the Chinese Grand Prix on 14th April, 2019. He has delivered a crushing performance to win this title.
- India's Harsheel Dani, a former junior national champion, defeated Mads Christophersen of Denmark, world no 149, to clinch the 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title at Wateringen, The Netherlands with a 15-21, 21-12, 21-13 victory in a 47 minute clash.
- The Indian Publishing company, Garuda Prakashan Private Limited, launched its two books "#Modi Again" and "Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders".
- Jeff Kinney, an eminent author has emerged out with a new book titled "Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal".
- Journalist Saba Naqvi has composed a book named "Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook" in which she examines the possibility of a coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.
- A biography of Indian nationalist, diplomat, and politician V K Krishna Menon, titled "Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V K Krishna Menon" has been written by Former union minister and writer Jairam Ramesh.
- Mangaluru Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha has released A Konkani translation of the Indian Constitution at the Rosario cathedral.
- book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre, 'Khooni Vaisakhi' has been released in Abu Dhabi and was commended by India's Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri.
- a booklet of the 'Selected speeches of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly' was released by Prasar Bharati Chairman, A Surya Prakash to mark 128th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar (April 14), at an event in New Delhi.
- "Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music", book authored by documentary filmmaker and former DDG of Doordarshan Sharad Dutt was released on 4th April, on the 115th birth anniversary of Saigal.
- South Korea has unveiled the world's first nationwide 5G mobile networks.
- American conglomerate, General Electric in association with IIT Madras, established India's first 'Cold Spray' SMART (Surface Modification and Additive Research Technologies) Laboratory in the institution.
- China launched two Tianhui II-01 satellites from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre, also known as Base 25.
- Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the US have manufactured a tiny spectrometer that can be used in smartphone-sized devices to identify dangerous chemicals based on a unique "fingerprint" of emitted and absorbed light
- Research team led by Kiran Ambatipudi from the Biotechnology Department at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee has identified a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer. The research published in the journal, 'FASEB Bioadvances'.
- The Northrop Grumman Antares rocket and its unscrewed Cygnus Spacecraft launched which contains tons of NASA's supplies and 40 live mice to the International Space Station (ISS), from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spacecraft at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island in Virginia.
- Researchers at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, have developed an ultrasensitive quantum thermometer by using graphene quantum dots. It can precisely measure a wide range of temperature from 27 degree C to -196 degree C.

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- ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45), in its 47th mission, has successfully launched the 436 kg Electronic intelligence satellite EMISAT and 28 co-passenger satellites into their designated orbits from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- SpaceX, a private Aerospace company, will provide launch services for NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission, the first-ever mission to redirect an asteroid.
- Kerala's Periyar River has turned black near the Pathalam Regulator cum Bridge. This discolouration of Periyar and fish kills have been a serious issue for last couple of years.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a penalty of Rs 100 crore on the Andhra Pradesh government for illegal sand mining in the state.
- Flipkart-owned PhonePe, digital payments platform having over 150 million users in India is the first company to launch a special keyboard that will allow users to do transactions easily and securely while using their Android phone.
- US scientists used HIV to make gene therapy that cured eight infants of "bubble boy" disease
- The research team from IIT Madras has used a multi-lingual Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scheme to develop a method for reading documents in Bharati script.
- world's largest airplane a Stratolaunch's behemoth named "Roc" has made its first test flight in California, over the Mojave Desert .
- new state of matter which can be solid and liquid at the same time has been discovered by scientists of the University of Edinburgh.
- Astronomers have discovered a new exoplanet using NASA's exoplanet-hunting space telescope, Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite(TESS).
- Helium hydride ion (HeH⁺) : Universe's first molecule, formed 14 billion years ago, detected in space
- The researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), US created a 3D-printed device that that can produce electricity from falling snow.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Hubble Space Telescope ejected measurements validating that the Universe is expanding about 9% faster than expected based on its trajectory seen shortly after the big bang. It was published in Astrophysical Journal Letters on April 25.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has issued guidelines for Candida auris, multi-drug resistant yeast that causes fatal invasive infections. Since 2009, the infection has been reported worldwide.
- new technique named dual-PWS, has been developed by the researchers to study the movement of cells without using labels or dyes.
- The election commission of India launched a voters turnout app to enable the people of India to watch realtime voter turnout.
- In order to check the authenticity of information during Lok Sabha Election, Messaging app WhatsApp unveiled a platform named "Checkpoint Tipline", which can review the content in the form of pictures, video links or text.
- Mars InSight lander of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has recorded first "marsquake," quake on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land tides. The first faint signal, equal to a 2.5 magnitude earthquake came on April 6, the lander's 128th Martian day, or sol.
- NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has revealed that Mercury, the smallest planet in the solar system has a massive solid inner core.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has chosen a team led by an Indian American student, Keshav Raghavan to have its CubeSat which is a mini research satellite to be sent to space to detect cosmic rays.

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- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA has dropped an explosive from its Hayabusa2 spacecraft.
- The Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists have discovered a new enzyme called “Murein EndopeptidaseK” while studying the cell growth in bacteria.
- Researchers improve Lithium-ion battery performance to charge them faster, by substituting cobalt oxide with vanadium disulfide (VS₂)
- modern money lending platform named Money Loji has launched an application which offers loan to salaried professionals within 5 minutes with flexible repayment options starting from 7 days to a maximum of 90 days.
- Japanese scientists have successfully created the first-ever artificial crater on an asteroid, which gave some clue on how the solar system evolved.
- Astronomers Captured the First Image of a Black Hole which was a halo of dust and gas, tracing the outline of a colossal black hole at the center of the galaxy M87 (Messier 87) with the help of The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) observations.
- Mariana Trench (the deepest part of the Earth’s oceans, approximately 11,000 metres) of Western Pacific Ocean, scientists have discovered a unique oil-eating bacteria that can help in sustainable ways of cleaning up man-made oil spills.
- A paper on ‘NASA Twins’ has revealed that spaceflight has an effect on the gut microbiome; the effects however appear to be significant and temporary.
- A group of researchers, led by astronomers at San Diego State University, by using data from NASA’s Kepler Space Telescope, detected the new Neptune-to-Saturn size planet orbiting between two previously known planets Kepler-47b and Kepler-47c.
- rating agency ICRA (Investment Information & Credit Rating Agency) has estimated 7-7.5 GW solar power capacity addition in 2019-20, which includes 1 GW of rooftop solar based on tendering and awards of projects in the last 12-15 months.
- China successfully launched its first second generational data relay satellite named Tianlian II-01 with the help of a Long March-3B Carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province. It was the 301st mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.
- The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) has discovered an Earth-sized planet, HD 21749b and a s“sub-Neptune” world, revolving around the star, HD 21749.
- Google has launched a new open platform named ‘Anthos’ to run and manage apps from anywhere.
- Scientists from Tsinghua University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Genetics and Development Biology have discovered a mechanism named “death switch” in the plant’s immune system that can keep the plant healthy.
- The 70 MW ‘Akademik Lomonosov’, world’s first floating nuclear power plant successfully tested by Rosenergoatom, operator subsidiary of Rosatom, state owned atomic energy cooperation of Russia. The ship was named after famous academician Mikhail Lomonosov.
- The world’s first armed amphibious drone boat named “Marine Lizard”, which is guided by China’s BeiDou Navigation Satellite System has been successfully tested by China.
- Nepal has launched its first satellite “NepaliSat-1” into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia’s East Shore.
- Researchers at the Lund University Diabetes Centre, Sweden, have discovered how lifestyle affects genes and disease development in a human body in a new study called ‘Epigenetic Mechanisms’.
- magnetic field of the sun is ten times stronger than previously thought according to a new study by the Queen’s University Belfast and Aberystwyth University.
- Bharti Airtel has launched a mobile app, “My Circle” in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) to assist women in case they face any panic situation or problem.

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- The world's first malaria vaccine RTS, S is also known as Mosquirix has launched in Malawi, one of three countries in Africa in a landmark pilot programme coordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- Sri Lanka launched its first satellite 'Raavana-1' weighing 1.05 kg into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's East Shore.
- SpaceX carried out its first commercial operational mission by launching its Falcon Heavy rocket to place a Saudi telecoms satellite into orbit operated by Arabsat.

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- Corporate affairs ministry plans to introduce artificial intelligence system in the MCA 21 portal as it seeks to make compliance process easier as well as ensure routine enforcement activities are done round-the-clock on autopilot basis.
- Govt Prohibits Imports Of Non-Bis Compliant Second-Hand Electronics, It Goods
- The Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with WAPCOS Limited to jointly identify suitable future projects and carry out geotechnical investigation and engineering consultancy in fields like Water Resources, Power and Infrastructure Port and Harbour dredging.
- Foreign direct investment in services sector grew 36.5 per cent to 9.15 billion US dollars in 2018-19 fiscal. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the sector attracted FDI worth 6.7 billion dollars in 2017-18 fiscal.
- The government has set a GST collection target of Rs 6.10 lakh crore from CGST and Rs 1.01 lakh crore as compensation cess for the financial year 2019-20
- German payments company Wirecard said it would work with India to simplify the process of issuing tax identity cards required to open bank accounts, transfer money or complete business transactions.

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- Govt To Merge Cso With Nsso To Create New Stats Body -NSSO was earlier an attached office of MoSPI, which gave it a legally distinct identity from ministry and NSC used to oversee all aspects of statistical work. With merger of CSO and NSSO, autonomy of NSSO will be gone and NSC's control over NSSO will not be there.
- The Income Tax department has issued ₹64,700 crore worth refunds in the current fiscal, and for full 2018-19 fiscal the amount released was over ₹1.61 lakh crore,
- HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC, has announced the launch of its new initiative termed 'HeART' that seek to promote technologies to make affordable housing more affordable
- Hdfc Ties Up With Imgc For Mortgage Guarantee-Backed Home Loan
- Hdfc Group Overtook Tata Group To Emerge As India's Most Valuable By Way Of Market Capitalization, With Combined Market value of five listed companies of HDFC group (HDFC, HDFC Bank, HDFC Life, HDFC Asset Management and Gruh Finance) at 11.66 lakh crores.
- The Home Ministry Has Cancelled The Registration Of Bengaluru-Based Ngo Infosys Foundation For Alleged Violation Of Norms In Receiving Foreign Grants
- IBM India announced that it has tied-up with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, to co-create new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solutions.
- CbdT And GstN Sign Pact To Nab Evaders, Reduce Black Money Generation
- India Ratings has downgraded the bank's long-term rating to 'IND AA-' with negative outlook, while reaffirming short-term rating
- UN World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update Predicted Indian GDP Growth rate to be 7.0 % in 2019 and 7.1 % in 2020, down from earlier prediction of 7.6 % in FY 2019 and 7.4 in FY 20.
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) predicted India's GDP to grow at 7.25% in FY19 and 7.5% in FY20.
- As per India Ratings and Research Pvt. Ltd, India's GDP will expand by 6.9 % in 2018-19, marginally lower than Central Statistics Office's advance estimate of 7 %.
- FICCI Survey Predicted GDP Growth forecast at 7.10 % for Financial Year 2020 and 7.20 percent for FY 2021. For FY, growth is estimated to be between 6.80 - 7.3 %.
- Indian Overseas Bank Launched 'Bank On Wheels' Facility In 14 Districts In Tamil Nadu And Kerala.
- LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL) has launched 'Udyam', a skilling center in Bengaluru. It was launched in association with Lok Bharti Education Society, the implementing partner
- Motilal Oswal Amc Launches Whatsapp Transaction Platform .It is the first of its kind initiative by any fund house in India to do mutual fund transactions through whatsapp messenger
- India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd on Friday announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM. The company did not divulge the size of the deal but some reports pegged it at about USD 700 million.
- The Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB) has for the first time crossed the Rs 9,000-crore mark securing record net profit of Rs 125.44 crore -- the highest since its inception in 1976. The bank has also record an operating profit of Rs 227.92 crore during the 2018-19 financial year
- Tcs Becomes India's Most Valued Firm Again; Surpasses RIL In Market-Cap. TCS Market-Cap Stood At Rs 8.13 Trillion, More Than RIL' Of Rs 7.95-Trillion Valuation , As Per BSE Data. Over The Past Four Days, RIL Has Lost 11 Per Cent At The Bourses.

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- Sbi Ties Up With Fmcg Arm Of The Art Of Living. Under this partnership, YONO users can avail a discount of 15 per cent on the entire range of products offered by Sri Sri Tattva such as food, personal care, healthcare, homecare, BYOGI apparels and Shankara skincare products
- Standard Life To Sell 1.78% Stake In Hdfc Life For ₹1,404 Crore
- **Srei Equipment Finance**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance has tied up with Oriental Bank of Commerce to offer loans for purchase of equipment under a co-lending arrangement.
- Sidbi's Pilot Scheme For Fintech Nbfcs To Boost Digital Lending. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has put together a pilot scheme to extend financial assistance of up to ₹10 crore to new-age fintech non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) engaged in financing small businesses and other income-generating activities
- Securities And Exchange Board Of India (Sebi) Foreign Portfolio Investors Regulations 2014 Panel Headed By R Khan Suggested Significant Changes To Foreign Portfolio Investors (Fpi) Regulations.
- Sebi Bars Nse From Securities Market For 6 Months In Co-Location Case
- Sebi Allows Mutual Funds To Invest In Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives
- Rbi Will Create A 'Specialised Supervisory And Regulatory Cadre', To Strengthen Supervision And Regulation Of Commercial Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks And Non-Banking Financial Companies (Nbfcs).
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement to provide USD 750 million equivalent in Indian rupee long-term financing to electrify railway tracks in India.
- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) announced a Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity investments in agriculture and rural-focused startups.
- Niti Aayog Proposes Rs 7,500-Crore Plan For Artificial Intelligence Push
- Nsic Signs Mou 2019-20 With Ministry Of Msme. The NSIC MoU 2019-20 with Ministry of MSME, Government of India envisages provision of enhanced services by NSIC under its Marketing, Financial, Technology and Other support services schemes, for MSMEs in the country.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 crore on Nainital Bank for its failure to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process, despite specific directions issued in this regard.
- Rbi released a draft circular titled 'liquidity risk management framework for nbfc's and core investment companies (cics), to help NBFCs deal with severe liquidity problems and to prevent re-occurrence of IL&FS type of debt crisis.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a vision document to ensure a more convenient, affordable, quick, safer and secure e-payment system.
- The Reserve Bank of India, will allow large modern currency chests to increase the service charges on cash deposited by non-chest bank branches from the existing rate of ₹5 per packet of 100 pieces to a higher rate subject to a maximum of ₹8 per packet.
- The Reserve Bank of India's central board decided to create a specialised supervisory and regulatory cadre within the RBI to strengthen the supervision and regulation of commercial banks, urban cooperative banks and non-banking financial companies
- Sebi Allows Mutual Funds To Invest In Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives Mutual funds can now invest in exchange traded commodity derivatives, except those on sensitive commodities,
- Sebi Has Barred National Stock Exchange (Nse) From Accessing Securities Market For 6 Months And Also Imposed A Fine Of 1000cr On NSE In Co Location Case
- The Reserve Bank of India has slapped monetary penalty on five pre-paid payment instrument issuers including Vodafone m-pesa and Phonepe, for violating regulatory guidelines.

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- The Reserve Bank of India fixed the investment limit at Rs 54,606.55 crore for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) under the voluntary retention route (VRR), which allows to park funds in both government securities as well as corporate debt
- Rbi Extended Timings For Customer Transactions In Real Time Gross Settlement (Rtgs) System To 6:00 Pm From 4:30 Pm, To Be Effective From 01st June 2019.
- state-owned Corporation Bank has launched 'SMESuvidha' scheme to provide loans to the GST-registered MSMEs at affordable interest rates.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, today announced the launch of 'Mosquito Disease Protection Policy'.
- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to enhance the housing loan limits for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Small Finance Banks (SFBs) for eligibility under priority sector lending, in a bid to give them a level-playing field with other Scheduled Commercial Banks.
- High-Level Panel Pitches For 'Elephant Bonds' For Infra Projects, Investing Undisclosed Income. The high-level panel also recommended a host of other measures that include a road map for doubling India's exports of goods and services to over USD 1,000 billion by 2025.
- Bad loan recoveries in the last fiscal effected through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) route was at Rs 70,000 crore, posting a recovery rate of 43 per cent, and was twice the Rs 35,500 crore recovered through previous resolution mechanisms
- RBI recently released a draft framework for setting up a regulatory sandbox (RS) for fintech companies, SEBI and IRDAI have also launched similar initiatives.
- Direct Tax collections fell short by ₹82,000 crore at 11.18 crore during 2018-19 with lower corporate tax collections emerging as one of the reasons for the lower mop.
- The country's economic growth in the fourth quarter ended March 2019 is expected to moderate to 6.1-5.9 per cent, which could pull down growth rate for the entire fiscal 2018-19 to below 7 per cent, according to a report by SBI.
- Bajaj Finserv Friday said it has launched a specialised insurance cover for passengers travelling in local trains in country's financial capital Mumbai.
- Bank Credit Grew By 13.2% In Fy 2018-19, Compared To 10.3% In Previous Fiscal, Mainly Aided By Loans To Services And Retail Sector.
- BharatPe, a fintech start-up enabling payments for merchants through interoperable UPI QR codes, has announced its foray into merchant services with a new app.
- Airtel In Tie-Up With Hdfc Life; To Bundle Life Cover With ₹249-Prepaid Pack
- Leading stock exchange BSE has launched 'BSE StAR MF' app to enable more participation and help mutual fund distributors process transactions faster.

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- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). The objective is to reduce the PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10 concentration by 20% to 30% in at least 102 cities by 2024.
- India and France will be holding their bilateral naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 Arabian Sea off the Goa coast from 1st May to 10th May, 2019.

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- Lok Sabha Election Results 2019 -Results -
 - Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) became largest party and won majority by winning 303 Seats (271 seats required for majority). BJP led alliance NDA (National Democratic Alliance) won 352 Seats. Its biggest ever Victory for BJP.
 - After successive victories of Indian National Congress in 1980 and 1984, this is first time any party has won absolute majorities on its own in two successive Lok Sabha elections.
 - The victory is even bigger than 2014 Lok Sabha Elections, where BJP won 282 seats and BJP alliance NDA won 336 Seats.
 - Indian National Congress second largest party in Lok Sabha Elections 2019, with 52 seats, up from 44 seats it won in 2014 Lok Sabha Elections.
 - Revolutionary Leader Narendra Modi to be re-appointed as Prime Minister of India, for his 2nd consecutive term.
- e-Governance Services India Limited (Under Ministry of Electronics & IT) partnered with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)Kanpur to upscale 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan', a programme of HRD (Human Resource Development) Ministry.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released postage stamp to commemorate 750th birth anniversary of Noted Philosopher Sri Vedanta Desikan. He is one of most prominent preceptors in 'Sri Vaishnava' tradition post Ramanuja period.
- Tropical Cyclone Fani Hits Indian State of Odisha, with winds upto 250 KMPH.
 - It was strongest tropical cyclone to strike Odisha since Phailin in 2013.
 - Central Govt issued Funds Worth 1000 crores to Odisha. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has started helpline number 1938 for Cyclone Fani.
- Tripartite MoU signed between National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH for taking up a project of 'Plantation of Rudraksha Trees in Uttarakhand' under 'Namami Gange' Programme. It aims at planting 10,000 Rudraksha trees.
- India was re-elected as Observer to the Arctic Council, an intergovernmental forum. The decision was taken during the 11th Arctic Council ministerial meeting at Rovaniemi, Finland.
- The SWIFT India and South Asia Conference was held successfully at the St Regis Mumbai. The conference saw the participation of 500 delegates representing financial institutions, regulators, market infrastructure experts, multinational corporations, and other industry professionals, to discuss the most pertinent issues concerning the nation's financial market.
- 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be held in Agartala, Tripura in January-February 2020. This is for the second time the event will be held in a North-Eastern city.
- Union Environment Ministry has launched the song "Hawa Aane De" to spread awareness about Air pollution.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) signed an agreement on the selection of crew and training for Gaganyaan Programme. It was signed between Air Vice Marshal (AVM) R G K Kapoor, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (ACAS) Operations (Space), IAF and Shri R Hutton, Project Director of Gaganyaan Programme.

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- Central government has constituted a tribunal under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The objective of this move is to adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient reason to continue the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).
- Indian Air Force (IAF)'s Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa flew the 'missing man' formation in a MiG-21 aircraft to pay tributes to Squadron Leader Ajay Ahuja and heroes of the Kargil war.
- Anil Bajaj, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has inaugurated Sahara Hostel for 'Naval Widows' or 'Veer Naris' at Vasant Kunj in New Delhi.
- International Day for Biological Diversity, a first of its kind, tree ambulance was inaugurated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu by Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu. The initiative was proposed by Green man of India, Dr K Abdul Ghani and it is sponsored by the SASA Group.
- 25 state governments faced Rs. 1 crore each penalty for missing deadline for not submitting their action plans on plastic disposal to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had set a deadline as April 30, 2019.
- Central government has decided to merge two institutions the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to create new statistical body National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- Home Ministry in a notification declared Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, also known as Jammāt-ul-Mujahideen India or Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Hindustan as a banned terrorist organisation.
- The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Shaurya' and the 3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion of the Assam Rifles has signed an 'Affiliation Charter' at Laitkor in Shillong.
- The Border Personnel Meet (BPM) between the armies of India and China was held in Eastern Ladakh sector of Jammu and Kashmir at the Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO) – TWT Meeting Point. The Indian delegation was led by Major General Arvind Kapoor from the Fire and Fury Corps and the Chinese delegation was led by Senior Colonel Gan Wei Han.
- 5th Smart Cities India 2019 Expo including Transport India, Solar India, Buildings India and Water India expos was inaugurated by Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- A government-appointed high-level panel has suggested for issuance of 'Elephant Bonds' for infrastructure projects and people who are declaring undisclosed income will have to mandatorily invest half of that amount in these securities. The duration of 'Elephant Bond' will be 25-years.
- Department of Biotechnology (DBT), M/o Science and Technology and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for supporting joint collaborative research programmes in the area of Cancer.
- Quick Heal Security Labs in its report titled "The Annual Threat Report 2019" has disclosed that Mumbai topped the list of 15-city which are more vulnerable to cyberattacks in 2019. The other two cities which followed Mumbai are: Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Pune

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- Food Safety and Standards Authority in India (FSSAI) has allowed 'small organic producers' which are having an annual turnover of over Rs 12 lakh can sell their products directly to customers without certification till April 2020.
- The 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) has started at Andaman and Nicobar Command in Port Blair
- National Training Workshop of Master Trainers for 7th Economic Census was held in New Delhi which was organized by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation .
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) has rolled out its plan to introduce Artificial Intelligence(AI) system in MCA 21 portal. The Union ministry will introduce Version 3 in MCA portal.
- In order to raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade, a campaign "Not all animals migrate by choice" launched
- India and United Kingdom (UK) hold Foreign Office consultations in which both countries have agreed to strengthen their ties in the field of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience, development in third world countries and others. Foreign Secretary, Vijay Gokhale led the Indian delegation and Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary Foreign and Commonwealth Office of British government led the UK delegation.
- The WHO (World Health Organization) has published a research paper titled 'Forecasting the future need and gaps in requirements for public health professionals in India upto 2026' in the 'WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health', in which it states that India faces critical shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P. (Uttar Pradesh) & Rajasthan which have the worst hit ratio as compared to Delhi, Kerala, Punjab and Gujarat which are in a relatively better position.
- The Higher Education Department has strictly issued new norms for the University Grants Commission- funded scheme which are meant for the faculties of colleges and universities who pursue research.
- the Islamic State terror group has claimed to have established a new 'province' in India, termed as "Wilayah of Hind" (India Province) in Arabic. This has been announced through its Amaq News Agency.
- India hosted a 2-day (May 13-14, 2019) ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in New Delhi in which ministers from 16 developing nations and 6 least developed nations had participated to discuss major problems and challenges facing the multi-lateral trading system.
- ISRO launched a maiden 2-week long (13th May 2019 to 26th May 2019) summer vacation residential programme termed 'India Young Scientist Programme' (Yuvika-2019) or 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' in line with the central government's vision of 'Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan'.
- the Central Government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for an additional 5 years with immediate effect. Under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967)
- All Indian armed forces comprising Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force hold joint exercise Bull Strike at Teressa Island in Andaman and Nicobar.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), HCL Foundation and Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) signed tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand under the 'Namami Gange' Programme.

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- The Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) at Diamond Harbour, near Kolkata.
- centre has issued a "drought advisory" to six states named Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu due to water storage in dams dropped to a "critical level". Centre has asked these 6 states to use water judiciously.
- India has found issues with the present method under which the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) ranks countries based on their Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI).
- Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister met Umer Daudzai, (during his visit to India) Afghanistan's High Peace Council Secretary who briefed her on the outcome of the recently held the historic 'Loya Jirga' or peace meeting in Kabul.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified that for better human resource management, it will conduct annual performance appraisal report (APARs) of over 46,000 Group B and C officers (IRS- Indian Revenue Service officers in Customs and Central Excise in 2016-17) online in SPARROW (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window).
- The 11th India Iran Joint Consular Committee Meeting (JCCM) held in New Delhi on May 14, 2019. Indian delegation was led by Amit Narang, Joint Secretary in Consular, Passport and Visa (CPV) division and the Iran delegation was led by Ali Asghar Mohammadi, Director General of Consular Affairs.
- India-Botswana Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi
- the Maharashtra Cabinet approved to circulate an ordinance to amend the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Reservation Act, 2018, and also approved to recompense the fees to the general category-students, who will be affected after the promulgation of the ordinance.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) in its report notified that the highest graphite reserves of India, that is, around 35% of India's total Graphite reserves are found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- India had more deaths among children under five than any other country in 2015, with large disparities in the child mortality rate between richer and poorer states, a Lancet study has found.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has introduced a weightage system for appointments under compassionate grounds which will be based on nine criteria like family income, dependents, remaining service period of the deceased etc.
- India for the first time will host and participate in a major army competition involving eight countries, including China and Russia, in Jaisalmer .
- India elected to the Executive Board of the first UNHabitat Assembly, announced by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- India elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly being held in Nairobi.
- Two women IAF officers from Punjab were part of the country's first all-women crew to fly a mediumlift helicopter Mi-17 V5. Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight

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Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer) flew the chopper, which took off from a forward air base in South Western air command

- Record 78 women candidates elected to the Lok Sabha in the recently held general elections. According to the Election Commission, the number grown from the previous 62 women who were elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in 2014
- Architectural heritage of Orchha town (Madhya Pradesh) has been included in tentative list of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO's) World Heritage Sites List. Any heritage site is first included on tentative list. Afterwards, another proposal is sent to UNESCO for its final addition in heritage sites. Orcha Town is located in Niwari district of Madhya Pradesh's Bundelkhand region. It was built in 16th century during the reign of Bundela dynasty by its King Rudra Pratap Singh.
- Border Road Organisation (BRO) created India's first ever ice cafe in mountain village of Gaya in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir, at 14000 feet height above sea level, on Manali Leh Highway. Artificial glacier was built by running pipes under frost lines then pushing water through these pipes into freezing air, which causes it to fall as ice on ground, as a popular methods to conserve winter wastewater on hills during winter.
- Central government asked to make it mandatory for all EVs to use the green number plates, irrespective of year of buying. It will help provide preferential treatment to vehicles with no carbon emissions, including parking, free entry in congested areas and concession high tolls.
- Chhattisgarh police for first time inducted women commandos in District Reserve Guard (DRG), its frontline anti-Naxal force, with 30 women troops.
- Delhi HC ruled that United Nations Organization is not 'State' in terms of Article 12 of Indian Constitution and thus it is not amenable to its jurisdiction under Article 226.
- Delhi High Court released report about problem of increasing backlog and pendency of cases, Prompted by urgent need to ensure timely justice. HC started a Pilot Project titled "Zero Pendency Courts" in certain subordinate courts in Delhi. It aims to study flow of cases in absence of backlog.
- Geological Survey of India (GSI) North Eastern Region installed two geological display boards at two important geological sites in Meghalaya, namely Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat, Sobhar in East Khasi Hill District. It will help in creating awareness among visiting tourists, students and general public.
- IIT Guwahati signed MoU with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a Joint Space Technology Cell (STC), as first such in North-East region. It aims to cater to socio-economic needs of Northeast and contribute towards research activities of various ISRO projects across India.
- IT Body NASSCOM partnered with GE Healthcare, to bring digital healthcare solutions to market. This will also help to flourish health-tech start-up ecosystem in country.
- India's Rare Life-Sized Stucco Sculpture has been recently unearthed in Telangana, from a Buddhist site at Phanigiri in Suryapet, as biggest stucco sculpture found in India till date. It is about 1.73 metres in height and 35 cm in width. It represents a Bodhisattva in Jataka Chakra. It was created nearly 1,700 years ago by craftsmen at Phanigiri at peak of Ikshvaku dynasty.

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- National Green Tribunal directed 18 States and 2 Union Territories to submit their respective action plans with 3 Months, on utilisation of treated wastewater to reduce pressure on the groundwater resources across country.

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- Tribal Odisha's woman Chandrani Murmu(25) of BJD, became the youngest MP in the country and made her debut in Parliament
- 6 Indian-origin kids were among the 8 who won the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee Contest. They were awarded the cash of \$50,000 and prizes. The competition, broadcasted in ESPN, was held at Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland, US.
- Indian playwright and journalist Annie Zaidi won the Nine Dots Prize 2019 for her essay "Bread, Cement, Cactus." She won the cash prize of USD 100,000 (Rs 69.83 lakh). The Nine Dots Prize is a book prize for creative thinking which addresses current burning issues of the society.
- Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport of Indore, Madhya Pradesh was declared as International Airport. It was given the International status as per sub-rule (b) of rule 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 by the Central Government.
- Professor N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) was conferred with 'Lifetime Recognition Award' by the Confederation of Horticulture Association of India (CHAI). He was awarded for his contributions to the field of horticulture and academic leadership focused on human resource development in agriculture.
- The 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival is scheduled for 12 days commencing from 14 to 25 May 2019
- The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh has been added to the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. The architectural heritage of Orchha town depicts a unique style of the Bundela dynasty.
- Acharya Balkrishna, the Managing Director of Patanjali Ayurved and an aide of Baba Ramdev (Yoga Guru) was felicitated with "United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award" in Geneva, Switzerland. He received the award on behalf of Patanjali Group of Institutions.
- British-Sri Lankan writer, Guy Gunaratne was honoured with 2019's Swansea University International Dylan Thomas Prize for his debut novel 'Mad and Furious City' in Wales, United Kingdom. He received the cash prize of £30,000.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director-General Professor (Dr) Balram Bhargava was honoured with the 2019 Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. The event was organized by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- According to the report published by consumer-insights company TRA, named "Most Trusted Personalities in 2019", captain of Indian cricket team Virat Kohli is India's most trusted sports personality. Sachin Tendulkar is placed at second number in the list of India's most trusted sports personality.
- Mumbai based contemporary artist Nalini Malani became the first Indian to be awarded with 7th Joan Miro Prize 2019. It was announced by the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro. It is one of the most prestigious contemporary biennial art award in the world.

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- Pehal Charitable Trust (PCT), a Charity run by Indian Joginder Singh Salaria in the United Arab Emirates(UAE) entered Guinness World Records for holding longest Iftar. It set the new Guinness World Records for “Longest Line of Hunger Relief Package” in Abu Dhabi.
- Ministry of Culture, Government of India, reported that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) incorporated Indian part of Kailash Mansarovar popularly known as Mount Kailash in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites
- Saray Khumalo aged 47 became the first black African woman to conquer Mt. Everest in her fourth attempt. She climbed the 8,848-metre mountain after three previous attempts as she was affected by bad weather, injury, and tragedy.
- The USA’s House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi received John F Kennedy (JFK) Profile in Courage Award 2019. She is honoured for her efforts to pass 2010 health care law of former President Barack Obama’s governance and for helping Democrats reclaim control of the U.S.
- Nepali Sherpa Kami Rita climbed the Mt Everest for 24th time beating his own record within a week.
- Sculptor Anish Kapoor was ranked first on Hurun India Art List 2019 with estimated sales of Rs. 168.25 crore. Hurun India Art List 2019 was released by Hurun Research Institute with the ranking of the top 50 Indian artists alive based on the sales of their works at public auctions from April 2018 to March 2019.
- Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran to be conferred with Japan’s ‘Order of the Rising Sun’ award
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), headed by Mukesh Ambani, became India’s biggest firm in terms of revenue by overtaking Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). Reliance Industries reported a turnover of Rs. 6.23 lakh crore for the financial year ended March 31 whereas Indian Oil Corporation’s turnover was Rs. 6.17 lakh crore.
- Jokha Alharthi, an Omani female author became the first Arabic author to win 2019 Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her novel “Celestial Bodies”.
- Former PepsiCo Chairman and CEO, Indra Nooyi receives Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Yale University for achievements in business
- Dr. Ankur Patwardhan, a scientist from Pune won ‘German Chemistry Prize’ by securing a second place in an international competition named ‘Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 Green and Sustainable Chemistry Challenge’ during in the 4th Green and Sustainable Chemistry Conference held in Dresden, Germany.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) confers Private Life Insurer, Bharti AXA Life Insurance with the ‘Claims Excellence Award’ during 20th Annual Insurance Conference – FINCON 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bengaluru based doctor Hema Divakar received the ‘Global Asian of the Year 2018-19’ Award for her yeomen services and contribution towards Women’s Healthcare Ecosystem.
- Flight Lieutenant, Bhawana Kanth has become the first female fighter pilot of Indian Air Force, who qualified to undertake combat missions.
- HDFC Group surpassed Tata Group in terms of market capitalisation and became the most valuable business house. HDFC Group with 5 listed companies recorded the m-cap as Rs. 11.66 lakh crore whereas Tata Group with 29 listed firms stood at Rs. 11.64 lakh crore.

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- Satara Mountaineer Priyanka Mohite, becomes the first Indian woman to scale world's fifth highest mountain Mount Makalu
- Ariel India achieved Guinness World Records Certificate for 'Largest Laundry Lesson' under #ShareTheLoad Campaign
- The UN (United Nations) Dag Hammarskjold Medal will be awarded posthumously to Indian Police Officer Jitender Kumar during the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, at the UN headquarters in New York.
- United Nation (UN)'s International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report titled "Women in Business and Management: The business case for change" revealed that those companies which improve gender diversity especially at the top, perform better and rake in higher profits.
- Mumbai based contemporary artist Nalini Malani became the first Indian to be awarded with 7th Joan Miro Prize 2019. It was announced by the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro. It is one of the most prestigious contemporary biennial art award in the world.
- The Goldman Environmental Foundation honoured 6 recipients of the 2019 with the world's eminent award for grassroots environmental activists, the Goldman Environmental Prize.
- Former ISRO chief A.S. Kiran Kumar conferred 'Knight of the Legion of Honour' Award
- The article titled 'Coalgate 2.0' written by Nileena MS has won the Asian College of Journalism's (ACJ) Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. The article was published in "The Caravan Magazine"
- PC Chandra Purashkaar 2019 conferred to Padma Bhushan Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty
- Nepali teenager, Bandana danced continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness World Records on "Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual".
- Indian –origin journalist G D 'Robert' Govender conferred with V K Krishna Menon Award 2019 in UK for his contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism.
- A Jewish, Lieutenant General (retired) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob honoured with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill.
- Nigerian Professor, Tijjani Mohammad Bande, has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA).
- Chandra Shekhar Bhatt took over the command of Air Force Station Faridabad in a Ceremonial parade at Station Parade Ground. He took the charge from Group Caption Kaushik Das.
- Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank Limited appointed Balachandra Y V as Chief Operation Officer (COO) and Gokuldas Pai as Chief Business Officer (CBO).
- Digital marketing platform SEMrush reported that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the most-followed politician in the world on social media with a total audience of 110.9 million on platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Former US President Barack Obama was ranked first with 182.7 million followers.
- The Secretary of United Nations, General Antonio Guterres, accompanied with top UN officials and Peacekeeping personnel paid homage to 115 peacekeepers from 43 different countries who laid down their lives in the service of peace

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- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has introduced two new award categories, off Women's goalkeeper of the year and a women's team of the year, to promote women's football across the globe.
- Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) to honour Anil Kapoor for promoting Children's Rights
- Antano and Harini - Legacy Accelerators received the 'Award of Honour' from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India for the unprecedented work they have been doing to help people change the trajectory of their lives and help people create a personal legacy in compressed time.
- Claude Monet's 1890 work "Mueles" sold for a record breaking price of \$110.7 million at Sotheby's 'Impressionist & Modern Art Evening Sale'
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) granted the prestigious Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India, Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, during the ongoing 6th Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2019
- Sunny Pawar won the Best Child Actor award for his performance in 'Chippa' at 19th New York Indian Film Festival
- Ajey Nagar, an Indian YouTuber named among the Top 10 'Next Generation Leaders 2019' by Time Magazine
- With 400 young Indian men participating across the country to learn laundry lessons to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes along with the female members of their homes, India achieved the Guinness World Records certificate for the largest laundry lesson
- NSG commandos summit Mt Everest in maiden attempt
- The King of Comedy, Kapil Sharma, has been named as most viewed stand-up comedian in India and abroad by World Book of Records London.
- National Cadet Corps girls mountaineering expedition team of 20 from Sikkim was flagged off to Mt Tenchenkhang, situated in Western Sikkim.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed 17 new advocates to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include the Indian actress Dia Mirza and the Chief of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma.
- IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who headed the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, has been conferred with the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership.

CEAT Cricket Rating Awards: Kohli, Bumrah among winners

In the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year category, India captain, Virat Kohli was declared the winner, while Jasprit Bumrah bagged the International bowler of the Year award.

The Award winners

Lifetime Achievement Award - Mohinder Amarnath

International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year – Virat Kohli

International Bowler of the Year - Jasprit Bumrah

International Test Cricketer of the Year - Cheteshwar Pujara

International ODI Cricketer of the Year - Rohit Sharma

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International T20 Player of the Year - Aaron Finch
Outstanding Performance of the Year - Kuldeep Yadav
International T20 Bowler of the Year - Rashid Khan
Domestic Player of the Year - Ashutosh Aman
International Woman Cricketer of the Year - Smriti Mandhana
Junior Cricketer of the Year - Yashasvi Jaiswal
Cricket Journalists of the Year - Sriram Veera and Snehal Pradhan
Special tribute: Late Ajit Wadekar

INTERNATIONAL

- World Health organization collaborated with International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023.
- World Health Organization (WHO) declared Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free, with no recorded cases of indigenous transmission of the disease since 2013 and 2010 respectively.
- World Health Organization (WHO) launched its global strategy for control and prevention of snakebite envenoming, which affects between 1.8 and 2.7 million people each year, claiming 81,000–138,000 lives and causing 400,000 cases of permanent disability. Soumya Swaminathan is Indian Origin Chief Scientist at WHO, appointed in March 2019.
- World Health Organisation (WHO) declared excessive mobile, video gaming as a disorder. Gaming disorder and gambling disorder are officially placed in 11th revision of International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-11) list of “disorders due to addictive behaviours”.
- World Bank will provide 545 Million USD grants for cyclone-ravaged southern African countries - including Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.
- Warships from United States, France, Japan and Australia conducted their first-ever combined naval exercise in Asia, supposedly aimed at undermining China’s growing power in region.
- DRDO successfully flight tested ABHYAS, a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) Drone, demonstrating capability of ABHYAS to meet mission requirement of defence forces for a cost effective high-speed expendable aerial target. ABHYAS project picked up pace after all three defence services floated tender for procurement of 225 HEAT drones.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test fired AKASH-MK-1S missile from ITR, Chandipur (Odisha), as upgrade of existing AKASH missile with indigenous Seeker. AKASH Mk1S is a surface to air missile which can neutralize advanced aerial targets.
- First Rafale combat aircraft to be received by Indian Airforce will be Inducted into ‘Golden Arrows’ 17 Squadron. Aircraft is developed by Dassault Aviation (France) -
- INS Vela, India's 4th Scorpene class submarine Under Project 75, has been rolled out for Trials, made at Mazagon Dockyards Limited (MDL).

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- India and Bangladesh will jointly produce film based on life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and documentary of Bangladesh Liberation War 1971. It was decided during visit of Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to PM of Bangladesh. Movie will be directed by Shyam Benegal.
 - India and China signed an agreement for export of chilli meal from India to China. It was decided during visit of Li Guo, General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), to discuss trade related issues of pending Indian request for clearance of agricultural products.
 - India extended USD 1 billion Line of Credit to Mongolia to set up its first-ever petrochemical refinery at Sainshand in Dornogobi Province, to be implemented with Exim Bank funding. It is largest project undertaken by India under its Lines of Credit programme. It was announced by PM Narendra Modi during his visit to Mongolia in 2015.
 - India joined a major global initiative titled Christchurch call to action to combat terrorism and extremism online; and make internet a safe and secure place. It was launched during the Online Extremism Summit in Paris. India was represented by MEITY Secretary Ajay Prakash Sawhney.
 - The Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline meeting was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.
 - The annual global index named Kids Right Index has ranked countries on the basis of how much they are involved and equipped to improve child rights. India ranked 117th out of 181 countries.
 - The United Arab Emirates has launched 'golden card' permanent residency scheme to woo wealthy investors and exceptional talents such as doctors, engineers, scientists, students, and artist.
 - India's external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj may come face to face with her Pakistani counterpart, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, at the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) meeting organized by Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan,
 - US State Department has approved to sell air-defense missiles for the worth of more than USD 600 million to Japan and South Korea.
 - U.S. Navy ships conducted joint drills with warships from allies Japan, Australia and South Korea in their first combined exercise in the Western Pacific, the U.S. Navy
 - World Health Organization has officially declared Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free countries after recording no new cases
 - Urban 20 (U20) is an initiative developed in 2017 under the leadership of the Mayor of Buenos Aires and Mayor of Paris, and convened by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) in collaboration with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). U20 seeks to develop a joint position and collective messages to inform and enrich the discussions of national leaders at the G20 Summit through unique urban perspectives.
 - Sweden Announces October 2020 World Leaders Conference to Combat Antisemitism
 - The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) inter-sessional meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The officials from 16 countries which included the 10-member ASEAN, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and India participated in this meeting.
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- India mobile internet speeds remain sluggish, rank falls to 121: Ookla Speedtest

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- India-China industry cooperation forum held in China to encourage IT companies\
- The 72nd session of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Health Assembly (WHA72) held in Geneva, Switzerland. The theme of this year is "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind".
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced that India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- India secured 43rd rank in the most competitive economy across the world and Singapore topped the chart by toppling the US from the first position and Hong Kong SAR ranked 2nd place as same as last year.
- India, Japan sign Tripartite Pact with Sri Lanka to develop "East Container Terminal" in the Port of Colombo
- Officials from Pakistan and India held a meeting to discuss the modalities for a corridor linking Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Punjab's Gurdaspur district to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur across the border.
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Thursday decided to hold its 2020 high-level conference early June in Portugal's Lisbon to support the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources.
- Singapore has reported its first ever case of monkeypox, brought in by a Nigerian man thought to have contracted the rare virus by eating bushmeat at a wedding.
- The United States government has come up with a first of its kind strategy to prevent, detect and respond to threats from infectious diseases occurring naturally or accidentally, in an effort to help improve the world's ability to stop and contain deadly outbreaks before they spread between countries.
- Japan has begun testing the ALFA-X version of its fastest-ever Shinkansen bullet train that could reach 400 km per hour (249 mph)
- India marked its presence at the 58th Venice Biennale, Italy which will be held from 11th May till 24th November 2019 (6 month's period).
- The title of the exhibition is "May You Live In Interesting Times".
- The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14), the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-9) and the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-9) will be held from 29 April to 10 May 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu kicks off four-day official visit to Vietnam .Describes Indo-Vietnamese ties as historic; Indians living abroad are our cultural ambassadors: Vice President Asks Indian Diaspora to join in India's growth story; Assures India will continue its development assistance to Vietnam; Addresses Indian community in Hanoi
- The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) has started in Geneva, Switzerland and is co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR.
- The opening ceremony of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations will be held in the China National Convention Center, Beijing.
- The Forum on Global Influence of Asian Civilizations is 1 of the 6 parallel forums of the "Conference of Dialogue on Asian Civilizations". The theme of the forum was "Asian Values for the World,"

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- The Mint Globetrotter Index was prepared by Mint's data partner Howindialives.com which is a database and search engine for public data that took into account 25 essential spends in total, ranging from multifarious categories, namely, accommodation, shopping, leisure, market and food and came up with an index which would help general public to travel well-informed.
- India joined France, New Zealand, Canada and several other countries launching a major initiative in Paris to combat terrorism and extremism online and secure the internet. The initiative -- 'Christchurch call to action' -- was named after the New Zealand city where 51 people were killed in an attack on mosques,
- Taiwan's parliament legalised same-sex marriage, as lawmakers passed a bill permitting same-sex couples to form 'exclusive permanent unions' which would let them apply for a 'marriage registration' (under Clause Four) with government agencies.
- CTBTO (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation) has offered India an 'Observer' status and access to the International Monitoring System (IMS) data.
- The 26th Edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) -19 has commenced in the South China Sea
- the 8th edition of Global Drug Survey (GDS) 2019, Indians are seeking help more than any other countries to reduce their alcohol intake. The survey was conducted online in between October and December 2018. Around 1,00,000 respondents from 30 countries have participated in the online survey. People participated from India are mostly male (age 25 to 34 years). GDS is an independent research organization based in London, UK.
- For the first time, the Cabinet of Saudi Arabia approved to give permanent residency to certain expatriates by allowing them to own real estates. They are eligible to reside with their families without a Saudi sponsor(Kafeel). This new system is named as the "Privileged Iqama".
- US President Donald Trump in an announcement in Rose Garden speech, unveiled a new 'Merit-Based Immigration System'. This is a point based system for professionals where skills of the people will be preferred for permanent residency against the current country based quotas which requires family ties for green cards.
- Akihito became the first Japanese Emperor to step down from the throne in more than 200 years. His son, Crown Prince Naruhito ascend the Chrysanthemum throne today, beginning a new era. 30 April was the last day of the Heisei imperial era.
- In a huge diplomatic win for India, the United Nations Security Council designated Pakistanbased Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist after China lifted its hold on a proposal to blacklist him under the Security Council's Sanctions Committee.
- The UK parliament became the first national legislative body in the world to declare a climate change emergency. The motion was approved without a vote and registers the views of the House of Commons without compelling the government to act on any particular policy proposal.
- a survey conducted by Air Help, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport of Hyderabad has been ranked as the world's 8th Best Airport. The airports were rated on the basis of time performance, service quality and food & shopping options. AirHelp is an organization which is specialized in air traveler rights and seeks compensation in cases of delays or cancellations of flights.

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- Guided Missile Destroyer, INS Kolkata and Fleet Support Ship, INS Shakti participated in 'Group Sail' exercise with Helicopter Carrier JMSDF Izumo & Guided Missile Destroyer JMSDF Murasame of Japan; Frigate BRP Andres Bonifacio of Philippines and Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer USS Williams P Lawrence of the USA in the disputed South China Sea.
- the Australian flight carrier, Qantas has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight named QF739 from Sydney to Adelaide which disposed all waste through compost, reuse or recycle.

S.No.	Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio	Constituency
1.	Narendra Modi	Prime Minister and also in-charge of: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; and All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Ministers.	Varansai, Uttar Pradesh
2.	Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence	Lucknow, U.P
3.	Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs.	Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
4.	Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Nagpur, Maharashtra
5.	D.V. Sadananda Gowda	Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.	Bangalore North, Karnatka
6.	Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Karnatka)
7.	Ramvilas Paswan	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Not contested in election
8.	Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj	Morena, M.P
9.	Ravi Shankar Prasad	Minister of Law and Justice; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology	Patna Sahib, Bihar
10.	Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Minister of Food Processing Industries.	Bathinda, Punjab
11.	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment	Rajya Sabha (M.P)
12.	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.	Not contested in election
13.	Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'	Minister of Human Resource Development	Hardwar, Uttarakhand
14.	Arjun Munda	Minister of Tribal Affairs	Khunti, Jharkhand
15.	Smriti Zubin Irani	Minister of Women and Child Development; and Minister of Textiles	Amethi, U.P
16.	Dr. Harsh Vardhan	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of	Chandni Chowk, New

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		Science and Technology; and Minister of Earth Sciences.	Delhi
17.	Prakash Javadekar	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Rajya Sabha (M.P)
18.	Piyush Goyal	Minister of Railways; and Minister of Commerce and Industry	Rajya Sabha (Maharashtra)
19.	Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Steel	Rajya Sabha (M.P)
20.	Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minister of Minority Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Jharkhand)
21.	Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines	Dharwad, Karnatka
22.	Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey	Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Chandauli, U.P
23.	Arvind Ganpat Sawant	Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise	Mumbai South, Maharashtra
24.	Giriraj Singh	Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries	Begusarai, Bihar
25.	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti.	Jodhpur, Rajasthan

- Finland held the 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Rovaniemi and India was re-elected as an Observer to Arctic Council
- In the very first initiative of President Macky Sall's 2nd term in office, Senegalese parliament has approved a constitutional reform to remove the post of prime minister.
- Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, Mali's president named a new government comprising of 37 members to oversee the formation of a "broad-based" government, under Prime Minister Boubou Cisse, after his predecessor Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga resigned in April.
- The G7's (Group of Seven) Environment Ministers from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States gathered for a 2-day meeting in Metz, France to discuss on steps required to handle deforestation, plastic pollution, depletion of coral reefs and ways to build pacts between the countries in order to achieve the target.
- Nirmala Sitharaman, the current Defence Minister of India held a bilateral meeting with General Wei Fenghe, Honourable Defence Minister of China, in which they discussed regional and bilateral security issues. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI) has launched a new initiative named Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD) to establish the annual number of violent deaths worldwide. GReVD will count deaths caused by all forms of violence and display these in an open-source database and enable monitoring of progress on the world's commitment to 'significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' by 2030 as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—Goal 16.

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- The 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held at Canberra, Australia
- Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was held in Doha, Qatar. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani headed the 2019 dialogue
- The UK Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an exemplary measure, that is, a national declaration of an Environment and Climate Emergency. This move marks a serious emergency in dealing with climate change.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a new "Sovereign Internet" law that will allow Russian authorities gain control over the Internet

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS

Complete List Of Council Of Ministers 2019 With Their Constituency

- National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leader Narendra Damodardas Modi had taken oath as Prime Minister for the second consecutive term. Along with Narendra Modi, total 57 ministers had taken the oath of Office and Secrecy which is administered by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Admiral Karambir Singh assumed charge as the new 24th Chief of Naval Staff (CNS). He succeeded Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba, who retired from the service after completion of 3 years.
- Supreme Court extended the term of Justice VK Jain as Judicial Member of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- Lawmakers of Papua New Guinea has elected James Marape as its 8th prime minister. He belongs to Pangu Party.
- YSR Congress chief Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy sworn in as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh
- Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, AVSM, VSM, assumed command as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Eastern Naval Command(ENC). He succeeded Vice Admiral Karambir Singh
- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa has received the baton of Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lamba, an outgoing Chairman of COSC. Now BS Dhanoa will be the Chairman of COSC with effect from May 31, 2019 due to the retirement of Admiral Sunil Lamba on May 31.
- Former Flipkart Executive Sandeep Patil appointed as India Managing Director of Truecaller
- BJP leader Pema Khandu sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for a second term
- President of Biju Janata Dal, Naveen Patnaik, aged 72, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Odisha for the fifth term. He is the longest-serving chief minister of the state. The oath-taking ceremony was administered by the Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal at the Exhibition Ground in Bhubaneswar.
- Scott Morrison from Liberal Party has sworn in as 30th Prime Minister of Australia after retaining the position in the country's general election
- Nigerian incumbent president, Muhammadu Buhari (76), won his re-election bid against his rival Atiku Abubakar of Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) by over 3 million votes.

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- Ambassador of India to Madagascar Abhay Kumar, concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Union of the Comoros
- Spanish former monarch Juan Carlos I, aged 81, will be retiring from public life on June 2, 2019. This was mentioned in a letter addressed to his son King Felipe VI, the current monarch on Spanish royals' website.
- the Independent Director of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services) Securities Services Ltd (ISSL), Venkataraman Janakiraman resigned from the post citing personal reasons
- Malawi's President Peter Mutharika re-elected for the second term
- The president of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), Prem Singh Tamang, who is popularly known as PS Golay was sworn in as the 6th Chief Minister of Sikkim.
- Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India appointed to head UN peacekeeping operation in South Sudan
- the prime minister of Papua New Guinea, Peter O'Neill resigned following a series of high-level defections. He had been in power since 2011.
- Govt has cleared the appointment of 4 new Supreme Court judges. The new appointees are – Justices B R Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Aniruddha Bose and Justice A S Bopanna.
- India's second largest tractor manufacturer by volumes, Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd (TAFE) has roped in Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador for the Massey Ferguson brand.
- Jokha Alharthi, an Omani female author became the first Arabic author to win 2019 Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her novel "Celestial Bodies".
- Ukrainian TV star Volodymyr Zelenskiy, won the presidential election in April 2019 and sworn in as 6th President of Ukraine recently. He succeeded Petro Poroshenko.
- Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President of South Africa
- Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan approved the appointment of Mueenul Haq as High Commissioner to India.
- Indonesia's president Joko Widodo has been re-elected for the second term by winning 55.5% of the vote casted. He defeated his rival Prabowo Subianto, a retired general in 2019 Indonesian general election.
- Croatia's World Cupper and former manager Igor Stimac has been appointed as Indian men's team coach after the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee recommended him for the post. He succeeds Stephen Constantine.
- the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India announced the appointment of Shri Subhash Chand as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed 17 new advocates to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include the Indian actress Dia Mirza and the Chief of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma.
- Dinesh Pangtey appointed as CEO of LIC Mutual Fund
- India's GS Lakshmi became the first woman female ICC match referee
- Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur has been appointed to Supreme Court of Fiji's non-resident panel for 3 years.

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- Bollywood actor Salman Khanis signed as the brand ambassador of Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe.
- Sanjiv Puri, Managing Director of ITC Limited has been appointed as the chairman of ITC. Now Sanjiv Puri became the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ITC.
- Major General A K Dhingra appointed as the first Chief of Armed Forces Special Operations Division
- The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) notified that Arjan Kumar Sikri, former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority.
- the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of Shri Kumar Tuhin (Indian Foreign Service:1991) as the next Ambassador of India to Bosnia & Herzegovina with residence in Budapest.
- R Gandhi, former RBI Deputy Governor, appointed as the Additional Director to Yes Bank for two years
- Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President of South Africa
- Padmaja concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Nauru
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Nitin Chugh as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years
- Radha Venkataraman appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini
- Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli and emerging wicket-keeper & batsman, Rishabh Pant have been officially roped in as the brand ambassadors for Himalaya MEN Face Care Range by The Himalaya Drug Company.
- Australian PM Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition won federal elections over the opposition Labor Party led by Bill Shorten.
- Emperor Akihito becomes the first Japanese monarch to abdicate in 200 years
- Archery Association of India (AAI) President B.V.P. Rao resigned after the Supreme Court's ruling to set aside the constitution of the national body of the sport as amended by Delhi High Court-appointed administrator S.Y. Quraishi.
- Kumar Sangakkara, former Sri Lanka captain has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He succeeds Anthony Wreford.
- Air Marshal SK Ghotia VSM took charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Training Command. He will succeed Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria,
- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has appointed chartered accountant M Jayshree Vyas as its first independent woman director to the board.
- Tod D. Wolters, the former pilot, who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, has been declared as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe during the ceremony at NATO's (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) military headquarters in Mons, southern Belgium.
- The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian has been included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15th Finance Commission headed by N.K. Singh.
- Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas (IFS:1993) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal.

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- Bhushan Patil, President of India's mobile payment and commerce platform, Paytm has quit the company.
- Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball team by the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI).
- Archery Association of India (AAI) named Sunil Sharma, its senior vice president (also VP of Jammu and Kashmir Archery Association) in accordance with Article 24 of AAI Constitution (as approved by the Supreme Court on 4th December 2017) as its acting president to start the election process. Sunil Sharma was preceded by BVP Rao.
- Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform Myntra has appointed Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first ever official brand ambassadors.
- 55-year-old Stevo Pendarovski won North Macedonia's presidential elections
- The Panama Electoral Tribunal announced Laurentino "Nito" Cortizo (with 95% of votes counted) as the winner of Panama's presidential election. He will succeed Juan Carlos Varela Rodríguez.
- Sujatha V Kumar appointed as Head of Marketing for India and South Asia for Visa
- agjit Pavadia, an Indian, has been re-elected by the UN Economic and Social Council to a five year term on International Narcotics Control Board
- Rakesh Sharma, Bajaj Auto Executive Director has been elected as IMMA Vice-President
- Former SC Judge KS Radhakrishnan appointed as member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal
- Nigerian Professor, Tijjani Mohammad Bande, has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA).

OBITUARIES

- Austrian Formula One driver, Andreas Nikolaus Lauda passed away at the age of 70 in Zurich, Switzerland.
- Vijaya Mulay, a documentary filmmaker, film historian, writer, educationist, and researcher passed away
- Seventh King of Malaysia Sultan Ahmad Shah Sultan Abu Bakar passed away at the age of 88 in Kuala Lumpur
- Veteran Kenyan writer, gay right activist and founder of the literary magazine Kwani, Binyavanga Wainaina passed away
- Surya Prakash, an Eminent artist passed away at the age of 79 in Hyderabad in his home following a heart attack. He hailed from Madhira of Khammam district of Telangana.
- Former World War II Navajo Code Talker, Lawmaker John Pinto passed away aged 94 at Gallup, New Mexico, USA
- Murray Gell-Mann, Nobel Prize-winning physicist passed away at the age of 89 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He hailed from New York City, United States.
- Former Samajwadi Party MP Kamlesh Balmiki found dead in Khurja, Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh
- Veteran Artist Benu Mishra, passed away at the age of 80 in Guwahati
- American Television as well as film actor, Carmine Caridi passed away at the age of 85 in Los Angeles, California, U.S.

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- United States Sixth Circuit Judge, Damon Jerome Keith, a grandson of slaves passed away at the age of 96 in Detroit
- Actor Peter Mayhew, well known for portraying Chewbacca the Wookiee in the Star Wars films, has died
- CPM leader and former finance minister, V Viswanatha Menon passed away at 92 in Kochi
- Former Chief Justice of Madras and Kerala High Courts, Justice Subhashan Reddy died
- Former West Indies Batsman Seymour Nurse died after prolonged illness at the age of 85.
- Former billiards player Derek Sippy Passed Away
- Renowned academician and father of modern Indian Legal Education, Dr. Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhava Menon (NR Madhava Menon) died at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram
- The first chronicler of India's partition and a Sikh historian, Kirpal Singh passed away at his home in Chandigarh after a brief illness.
- Tamil novelist and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Thoppil Mohamed Meeran dies aged 74 at Pettai in Tirunelveli district
- South Asian Games Gold medalist, 50m backstroke swimmer MB Balakrishnan passed away in a road accident in Chennai.
- the former 23rd Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke passed away aged 89 at his home in Sydney, Australia
- Naik Narayan Singh, a member of Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition team to Mt Makalu that spotted 'Yeti' footprint passed away
- Architect of Louvre Pyramid, Ieoh Ming Pei passed away at 102 in New York
- Legendary stand-up comic Sammy Shore, Comedy Store Co-Founder, passed away aged 92 in Las Vegas, USA
- Shivappa Shetty, former FIFA Panel Referee passed away aged 86 due to multi-organ failure. All India Football Federation (AIFF) expressed the condolences on his death.
- Yogesh Chander Deveshwar, who built ITC passed away after a brief illness in a private hospital at Gurugram.
- 83-year old renowned singer, Yakshagana 'bhagawatha' Nebburu Narayana Hegde passed away in Nebburu, Uttara Kannada
- Chairman & Managing Director of Amrut Distilleries and President of Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre (BAC) Neelakanta Rao Jagdale died in HCG Hospital in Bengaluru at the age of 66. He hailed from Karnataka.
- Bhojpuri singer, Padma Shri awardee Hiralal Yadav passed away in a private hospital in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh after a prolonged illness.
- The Hollywood actor-singer Doris Day has died due to pneumonia in her home near Carmel Valley, California at the age of 97.
- Kalpana Dash, Odisha's first woman mountaineer passed away at the age of 50 near Balcony area of world's highest peak Mount Everest. She hailed from Dhenkanal district in Odisha.

SPORTS

- Helo, India's social media platform became the team sponsor of Indian Wheelchair Cricket Association (WCA) for Team India for Wheelchair T20 Asia Cup 2019.

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- American professional golfer, Brooks Koepka returned to world No.1 after winning US PGA Championship victory at Bethpage Black, New York.
- ICC Rankings: Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh tops ODI all-rounders list
- Sethu FC from Madurai led by the captain, Indumathi was crowned as the 2018-19 Indian Women's League Champions after the 3-1 win over Manipur Police SC. The 3rd edition of the match was held at the Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana, Punjab.
- 2019 International Tennis Federation (ITF) men's Futures tennis tournament title was held in Kampla, Uganda. In the finals of Men's doubles, Anirudh Chandrasekar and Niki Poonacha defeated Simon Carr and Ryan James Storrie by 6-3, 6-4 to win a title.
- Indian men's compound team of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini won bronze medal at Archery World Cup Stage 3 held in Antalya, Turkey by defeating Russia.
- The 2nd edition of India Open International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held in at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam
- The Sekisui Open Squash 2019 was held in Kriens, Switzerland. India's Mahesh Mangaonkar had defeated Bernat Jaume of Spain in the final to win the title for the second time.
- Mercedes Lewis Hamilton won Monaco Grand Prix
- China has won the 16th Edition of Sudirman Cup i.e. 2019 Sudirman Cup Badminton title by beating Japan in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for the 11th time. The tournament was held in Nanning, China
- Federation Internationale de Football Association's (FIFA) Appeal Committee confirmed the lifetime ban for the former head of the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) Marco Polo Del Nero from all football-related activities at national and international level.
- Tai Nicholas, former secretary of Oceania Football Confederation banned from football for next eight years by FIFA
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 3 was held in Munich, Germany. Saurabh Chaudhary won a gold medal in 10 metre air pistol and broke down his own world record of 245 by shooting 246.3 points in the final. Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker clinch sixth and seventh Olympic quota place in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Former Manchester City and Barcelona midfielder Yaya Toure retired from football.
- Mumbai Indians won their 4th IPL title after defeating Chennai Super Kings by 1 run at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad.
- A 33-year old, Pakistan's off-spinner Sana Mir became the highest wicket-taking women spinner in One Day International (ODI) cricket. She had taken her 147th wicket against South Africa, the 3rd ODI of the ongoing International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Championship in Benoni, South Africa.
- , Mumbai based Indian racing driver Jehan Daruvala made his maiden victory in Race 2 during the 2019 FIA Formula 3 (F3) season in Barcelona-Catalunya.
- Manchester City defeated Brighton by 4-1 at the Amex Stadium, UK in Premier League title

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- The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) entered into a tie-up with HCL. The objective of this tie-up is to improve Indian Squash. There will be multiple tournaments organized under the 'HCL Squash Podium Programme' for both the senior and junior level.
- China set to host the Asian Cup 2023 after withdrawal from South Korea
- India's Sourav Ganguly, Sanjay Manjrekar, and Harsha Bhogle inducted in the ICC commentary panel for World Cup 2019
- Asian Football Confederation(AFC) to have first-ever female referee team to take charge of men's AFC cup. For the first time in history
- Badminton World Federation (BWF) launched two new formats of Badminton named as AirBadminton & Triples. BWF launched AirBadminton at Guangzhou with new dimensions of the court and an innovative shuttlecock called Airshuttle.
- The 2019 Italian Open (also known as the Rome Masters or the Internazionali BNL d'Italia for sponsorship reasons) was a professional tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Foro Italico in Rome, Italy from 15 May–21 May 2019. It was the 76th edition of the Italian Open and was classified as an ATP World Tour Masters 1000 event on the 2019 ATP World Tour and a Premier 5 event on the 2019 WTA Tour.

Men's Singles-Rafael Nadal (Spain), Women's Singles-Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)

- The 8th edition Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019 will be held in Jaipur
- Bajrang Punia won a gold medal at Ali Aliev Tournament, held at Kaspiysk in Dagestan, Russia. He defeated Russian wrestler Viktor Rassadin in 65-kg category
- Barcelona Midfielder, Xavi Hernandez, has announced his retirement from football by the end of the season 2018-19. He currently plays for Al-Sadd in Qatar
- The XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held at Centre of Sport and Recreation in Warsaw, Poland. Gaurav Solanki won a gold medal in Fly (52-kg). Manish Kaushik won a gold medal in Light (60-kg)
- Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa won men's and women's title respectively in the Asian Individual Squash Championship held at National Squash Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Amul has announced to sponsor Afghanistan team in upcoming World Cup 2019 which will be held in England and Wales

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Reliance Infrastructure promoted Mumbai Metro One Private Limited (MMOPL) has announced a tie-up with Instamojo, a payment gateway.
- Maharashtra government has proposed to introduce the Maharashtra Land Titling Act which will be used for a single-window mechanism for authenticating land titles.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-46 carrying earth observation satellite RISAT-2B (Radar Imaging Satellite-2B), from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh which will enhance country's surveillance capabilities.

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- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have discovered a mixture of methanol, water ice and organic molecules found on the surface of the Ultima Thule.
- Group of researchers from the University of British Columbia (UBC) has developed the microscope for performing surgery without cutting skin.
- New Standards of measurement of kilogram, Kelvin, mole and ampere came into effect
- Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of Nepal, banned the use of Chinese digital wallets Alipay and WeChat Pay. This is done to prevent the loss of foreign currency earnings through its usage.
- Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu called to protect and promote Ongole cattle breed and released a Compendium on Ongole breed of cattle at the Swarna Bharat Trust in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Delhi High court passed a judgment in Sanjaya Bahel v. Union of India & Others that United Nations Organization (UNO) is not a State under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution. So it is not amenable to its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Indian Constitution.
- Telangana recorded 15% Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth for the Financial year ended March 31, 2019 with Rs.8,66,875 crore.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had discovered 18 Earth-sized Exoplanets outside our solar system. The NASA scientists had discovered these exoplanets with NASA's Kepler Space Telescope by using a new technique.
- ISRO flagged off shipment of India's largest liquid hydrogen storage tank
- Pakistan military has test-fired its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II which is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads. The range of the missile is up to 1500 km.
- SpaceX launched the first batch of 60 small satellites into low-Earth orbit for Elon Musk's new Starlink internet service. These 60 small satellites launched by Falcon 9 Rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.
- Earth's oldest fungi fossil aged 1billion years discovered- Oursaphira giraldae
- New medicinal plants of Zeliangrong ethnic group were found in Manipur by the research team from North Eastern Regional Institute of Sciences and Technology, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has inaugurated its new commercial arm 'NewSpace India Limited' (NSIL) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- IAF's AN-32 aircraft formally certified to operate on indigenous bio-jet fuel
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test fired a 500 kg class guided bomb from Sukhoi combat jet (Su-30 MKI Aircraft) in Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- NASA unveiled schedule for 2024 Moon mission 'Artemis'. The Mission is named 'Artemis' after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo.
- The central government has cleared the appointment of Justice DN Patel as the next Chief Justice of Delhi High Court (HC).
- world's rarest Albino Panda was caught on camera at Wolong National Nature Reserve in the southwestern Sichuan province of China.

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- research published on the journal 'Nature Astronomy' by Planetologists at the University of Munster based in Germany, revealed that water came to earth with the formation of the moon some 4.4 billion years ago. The moon was formed when Earth was hit by a body about the size of Mars which is also called Theia.
- Facebook plans to launch its own cryptocurrency "GlobalCoin" in 2020.
- The World Health Organization has for the first time recognised "burn-out" in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which is widely used as a benchmark for diagnosis and health insurers.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had successfully test-fired the Akash-1S surface-to-air defence missile system.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in association with the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) will jointly set up Internet of Things (IoT) facility in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The cabinet of Karnataka has approved the Rs 93 crore cloud-seeding programme that would begin in June 2019 in order to tackle deficit rainfall in the state.
- Telangana has released a draft blockchain policy to set up country's first 'Blockchain District' in Hyderabad.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, in a reshuffle of ministers, appointed Alapan Bandyopadhyay, an IAS officer of the 1987 batch, as the new Home Secretary for West Bengal.
- Researchers from the University of Chicago, have discovered the remnants of seawater of the Ice Age from the rock formations in the middle of the Indian Ocean while exploring the limestone deposits that form the Maldives.
- Former Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bulandshahr MP (Member of Parliament), Kamlesh Balmiki was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his home in Khurja, Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh.
- Flooding in the Mississippi River is on the record for being the longest-lasting in more than 90 years since the "Great Flood" of 1927. It is due to relentless, record-breaking spring rainfall.
- Jammu and Kashmir Government released Healthcare Investment Policy-2019.
- The President of India has named Ajay Kumar Mittal as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya
- 32nd Statehood day of Goa was celebrated on May 30.
- The international collaboration of astronomers with the University of Warwick, UK, have discovered an exoplanet, Next-Generation Transit Survey (NGTS) – 4b, the Forbidden Planet, in the Neptunian Desert.
- The State Health Department of Goa announced the appointment of Panaji-based, Namrata Menon, Yoga Instructor and fitness expert, as brand ambassador to promote yoga in Goa.
- The Indian Air Force legally received its 1st Apache Guardian attack helicopter AH-64E (I) during a ceremony at the Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona, US (United States).
- 'Sand and Sustainability: finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources', India and China top a list of nations where illegal sand mining has become a key environmental issue.
- Anand-based National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has developed world's first complete parent-wise genome assembly of buffalo named "NDDB_ABRO_Murrah" of riverine buffaloes.
- Ajoy Mehta has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra

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- Scientists from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad have been sequenced the entire genome of the Asiatic lion for the first time
- Non-venomous species of 'rain snake' discovered in Mizoram-The Mizo rain snake (Smithophis atemporalis) has been named after eminent British herpetologist, Malcom A Smith, for his contribution to Indian herpetology.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS in Odisha
- The Brahmakalashothsava festival 2019 has started in Karnataka. This is a 6-day festival celebrated annually in the ancient Chandkuru Sri Durga Parameshwari Temple situated in Polali, Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka.
- India's Smallest Orchids named "Lecanorchis Taiwaniana", a parasitic bloom, was discovered in Assam
- 'Back From the Dead': Bird That Went Extinct 136,000 Years Ago Has Reappeared- (Dryolimnas cuvieri)
- The opening of the popular Thrissur Pooram festival in Kerala was attended by around 10,000 people along with 54-year-old tusker, Kerala's tallest elephant 'Thechikottukavu Ramachandran' after it has cleared the fitness test.
- BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) notified that it has launched an app named 'BSE StAR MF' in order to enable more participation and aid mutual fund distributors to accelerate transactions process.
- Public service broadcaster, Doordarshan has partnered with online retail giant Amazon India to launch a Souvenir Store
- Praveen Pardeshi, IAS Officer of 1985 batch, assumed charge as the Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation(BMC).
- Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Vigraha' decommissioned at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It is a frontline offshore patrol served for 29 years from 1990 to 2019. It was the seventh offshore patrol vessel built by the Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai.
- India's Organic State, Sikkim celebrated its 44th Statehood Day on May 16.
- Kerala Assembly will go paperless by undertaking an initiative to digitize all its records under the project E-Vidhan. The project is assigned to the Cyber Park of Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society.
- The Website of the Lokpal was inaugurated by the Chairperson, Justice Shri Pinaki Chandra Ghose.
- The Indian Navy has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing its anti-air warfare capability by successfully test-firing a Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) on the western seaboard.
- Veteran Telugu actor Rallapalli Venkata Narasimha Rao passed away at the age of 74 in Hyderabad. He hailed from East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Cabinet of Meghalaya has given its consent for setting up of Farmers' Commission, which was proposed by the Agriculture Department following the resolution passed at the "farmers' parliament", for looking into the issues faced by farmers.
- In Harda district of Madhya Pradesh, women will handle the entire work of counting votes. This first of its kind initiative was taken for the empowerment of women.

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- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced to conduct seven Mega Missions for upcoming 10 years and also prepared a roadmap for the next 30 years. The seven Mega Missions includes India's second moon mission Chandrayaan-2, XPoSat and Aditya L-1.
- 'Flye' a new computer programme developed by Australian National University (ANU) can help to develop precision medicine
- Rajasthan Government is set to revamp 'Ujala Clinics' for adolescents.
- ICRISAT-led team collaborated with the BGI-Shenzhen to sequence genetic code to develop chickpeas resistant to vagaries of weather conditions
- The official Twitter account of the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information tweeted that an Indian Army mountaineering expedition team has sited mysterious footprints of mythical himalayan beast "Yeti" measuring 32×15 inches (81 centimeters by 38 centimeters) close to Makalu Base Camp, located in North-Eastern Himalayas
- BSNL launches 'Bharat fibre' for high-speed broadband Internet service with local channel partner in Pulwama
- Indian archaeologists recently unearthed a life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site at Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana.
- President Ram Nath Kovind named P.R. Ramachandra Menon as Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh HC
- Abhay Oka was appointed as Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Shripathi Ravindra as CJ, Rajasthan HC
- Mangaluru Police Commissioner Sandeep Patil flagged off the all-women police patrol unit named 'Rani Abbakka Force' in the city to handle issues pertaining to Women and Children.
- Veteran Kannada cinema, theatre actor as well as political satirist, Master Hirannaiah died in Bengaluru
- The 340m wide asteroid named 99942 Apophis will fly past Earth like a 'moving star- like point of light' on April 13, 2029.
- Ministry of Defence gave approval to Indian Navy to acquire 10 'Kamov Ka-31' Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter for a deal worth of Rs 3,600 crore from Russia.
- A Japanese aerospace start-up Interstellar Technology Inc. has successfully launched a first privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into space. The unmanned rocket launched from its test site in Taiki on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido
- Space X launched Falcon-9 rocket for space station resupply mission with Dragon Spacecraft
- Arakkal Sultan Adiraja Fathima Muthu Beevi, head of Muslim royal dynasty passes away
- Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer, INS Ranjit has been decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam, After 36 years of service
- INS Vela, Indian Navy's 4th Scorpene-class submarine was launched at Mazagon Dockyard in Mumbai. This is the fourth submarine in the series of six submarines under Project 75 built by Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai. The Scorpene-class submarine has been termed as the Kalavari Class.
- Bajirao, the last captive white tiger at Mumbai's national park, dies at 18

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- 'Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2019' passed by Gujarat Assembly
- The UN Report termed as 'Global Assessment', stated that, among the approximated 8 million plant, insect and animal species, around 1 million is at risk of extinction within decades.
- Karnataka government issued a circular, following the order of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, directing all schools in the state, including government, aided and unaided institutions, to limit the weight of a schoolbag which is not more than 10% of the child's weight.
- Maitrayee Bose, Indian-origin cosmochemist along with Ziliang Jin, a postdoctoral scholar in Arizona State University's School of Earth and Space Exploration, have found water in asteroid Itokawa samples collected by the Japanese space probe Hayabusa.
- The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) under Ministry of Human Resource Development and National Health Mission of Public Health Department (NHMPH), Government of Maharashtra inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which focussed on the offerings of vocational programmes to the Health Service Providers of National Health Mission (NHM) with the help of NIOS.
- Veteran Bengali actor Mrinal Mukherjee dead
- , Basava Jayanthi was celebrated in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to commemorate the birth of Basavanna, a Hindu Kannada poet of the 12th century. It was traditionally observed by the Lingayats.
- WHO (World Health organization) collaborated with the International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States has approved first vaccine named Dengvaxia for the prevention of dengue disease but with certain conditions that use dengue vaccine only in people who have a previous history of the disease.
- Microsoft CEO, Satya Nadella has announced the launch of "ElectionGuard", a free open-source Software Development Kit(SDK) to help nations to carry out secure and verifiable voting.
- WHO reported over 1.35 million deaths caused by road accidents
- A group of researchers and professor Manav Desai from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay have developed a microprocessor named 'AJIT' which was indigenously conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured
- South Korea based Samsung company has launched the world's first highest resolution image sensor of 64 megapixels.
- Wildlife Experts from Institute for Conservation of Nature and Forests (ICNF) have confirmed that the reappearance of brown bear in Portugal after one bear was spotted in the Montesinho Natural Park and Braganca commune in northeastern Portugal in more than a century.
- A new species of pit viper named "Trimeresurus arunachalensis" was found in West Kameng district of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh by a team of herpetologists from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research based in Pune, led by Ashok Captain

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BOOKS AND AUTHOR

- Ruskin Bond, on his 85th birthday, launched new memoir titled “Coming Round the Mountain”
- Nabaneeta Dev Sen’s book on Naxal movement in West Bengal which was first published in Bengali in 1978, is published in English. It is translated from Bengali to English by Paulami Sengupta, Tias Basu and the author.
- The Hindi translation of an Academy Publication, Digital Dilemma, has been launched by Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) aka Oscar Academy President, John Bailey
- Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Prof. Ashutosh Sharma released four popular science books published by Vigyan Prasar in a book release function held at Indian National Science Academy (INSA) in New Delhi. The books released were ‘Voyage to Antarctica’, ‘Story of Consciousness’, ‘An Autobiography of Moon’ and ‘Sambhu Nath De - The Discovery of Cholera Toxin’.
- Former American professional basketball player, Lamar Odom, aged 39, launched a new book titled ‘Darkness to light’. The book reveals the dark secrets of his life.
- The world’s most mysterious 600-year old manuscript named ‘Voynich Manuscript’ was finally deciphered by Bristol academician Dr. Gerard Cheshire
- Ambassador Navdeep Suri presented UAE Minister of Tolerance Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan with the Coffee Table book on “Work of Beauty: Architecture and Landscape of Rashtrapati Bhawan”, which has been published by Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Shahid Afridi, former captain of the ‘Pakistan national cricket team’ has written his autobiography titled, ‘Game Changer’ which will unveil answers to the much-contemplated questions about him. The book has been published by Harper Collin’s India.

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- Max Life Insurance Company Limited, one of the country’s leading life insurance companies, launched customizable ‘Max Life Smart Term Plan’. It will offer customers the flexibility to customize their own protection solution through the selection from a wide range of benefits and features.
- Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has signed a bancassurance agreement with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Ltd to provide Tata AIG’s suite of P&C (Property and Casualty (insurance) products to its customers.
- E-commerce firm Flipkart has revamped its Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) seller financing programme ‘Growth Capital’ in order to empower MSMEs across the country. The program enables financial inclusion and independence for MSMEs who operate online.
- The National Housing Bank (NHB) has tightened the norms on leverage and capital adequacy ratio for Housing Finance Companies (HFCs). It mandated the HFCs to reduce their total borrowings in a phased manner to not more than 12 times (at present 16 times) of their Net-Owned Funds (NOF) as on March 31, 2022

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- Canara Bank has issued new rules for its customers regarding cash deposits and withdrawals effective from July 1, 2019. The customers of the bank can deposit cash in Savings bank account up to Rs 50,000 for free only thrice a month and the fourth transaction will be charged.
- Kochi based Federal Bank announced that it has raised Rs 300 crore through Basel-III compliant bonds for improving their risk management techniques and to address the growing risks.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its frequently asked questions (FAQ) section stated that the data related to payment transactions must be stored in systems of the country and if any information is processed abroad, it should be deleted from their systems and brought back to India
- The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) relaxed the leverage ratio (LR) for banks in a bid to help them expand their lending activities. The leverage ratio (LR) reduced to 4% for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs) and 3.5% for other banks with effective from October 1, 2019.
- The Government of India, State Government of Kerala and World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$250 million (Rs 1,725 crore) for the Kerala Resilient Programme.
- The Government of India, Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank signed a \$ 250 Million Loan Agreement for Phase II of Rajasthan State Highways Development Project.
- Forex Reserves Of India Increased To A Record High Of \$426.42 Billion
- The World Bank and the Government of India signed a loan agreement of \$400 Million for the Program Towards Elimination of Tuberculosis(TB), which kills approximately half a million people in India every year.
- The World Bank, Government of India and State Government of Andhra Pradesh signed a loan agreement worth of \$328 million with the World Bank (WB) for improving health services of Andhra Pradesh.
- The Reserve Bank of India set an average base rate of 9.18% for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) to be charged from their customers. It will be charged for the quarter beginning July 1, 2019.
- India's Largest Cryptocurrency Exchange, Koinex (Mumbai) Terminating Its Digital Asset Trading Services And Other Crypto-Related Operations Citing Regulatory Uncertainty And Disruption.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a regulatory framework for setting up of financial benchmark administrator (FBA) for administering 'significant benchmarks' in the markets for financial instruments.
- Rbi Recommends Commercial Banks To Adopt Education Loan Scheme.
- Loan up to Rs 10 lakh for study in India and upto Rs 20 lakh for study abroad.
- Collateral free loans upto Rs 7.5 Lakh under the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loans (CGFSEL).
- No Margin for a loan up to Rs 7.50 Lakh.
- Repayment period of 15 years.
- MobiKwik, a mobile payments service provider, partnered with health insurer Max Bupa to launch "shampoo-sachet" concept in the insurance sector. It will offer mini medical insurance products with premiums as low as Rs 20.
- A multinational software firm based in the United States, Oracle has introduced a new tool that will help small & mid-sized banks to tackle fraud.
- The Reserve Bank released the report of the expert committee under former SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) chairman U K Sinha on measures for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).

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- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the number of wilful defaulters in nationalized banks has risen 60% in five years to March 2019.
- The Government of India, the State Government of Uttarakhand and the World Bank signed a tripartite Loan Agreement of \$31.58 million (about Rs 221 crore) for Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project.
- The Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has launched a Complaint Management System (CMS) for lodging complaints against banks and NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) on its website. The online portal aims at improving customer experience in timely redressal of grievances.
- To provide basic urban services to the people and help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in Jharkhand, the World Bank approved a \$147 million loan agreement to the state.
- Automobile manufacturer in India, Maruti Suzuki signed 'Preferred Financier' MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with public sector Bank, Bank of Baroda (BOB) to improve credit for dealership inventory financing.
- Indian multinational conglomerate, L&T Finance, a subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, launched 'Sabse Khaas Loan' for two-wheeler customers. Borrowers can choose 3 different EMI periods— 6, 12 and 18 months with the interest rates between 7.99 percent and 8.99 percent.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved \$350 million loan to rehabilitate and upgrade two state highways and 23 major district roads totaling about 850 kilometers in Chhattisgarh. It will improve the connectivity and access to basic services and livelihood opportunities in the state.
- International rating agency Fitch Ratings certified long-term Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) to six banks namely State Bank of India (SBI), Bank of Baroda (BOB), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank and Bank of India (BOI) with 'BBB-' a stable outlook. The rating of IDBI Bank's long-term IDR was certified at 'BB+'.
- The Government has fixed the price of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs)-Series I for 2019-20 at Rs 3,196 per gram with settlement date June 11, 2019. They will be opened for subscription from June 03 to June 07, 2019.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that bank frauds have been reached to Rs 71,500 crore in 2018-19 with over 6,800 cases. In 2017-18, 5,916 cases were reported by banks which involved Rs 41,167.03 crore.
- Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) launched a dedicated center in Bengaluru to provide hassle free services to small business owners and startups.
- A non-banking financial institution L&T Finance Services Ltd. (Larsen & Toubro Financial Services) recently launched "Digital Sakhi", an educational program aimed at financial inclusion of rural women in Villupuram District, Tamilnadu.
- The Reserve bank of India (RBI) formed panel led by Nandan Nilekani has recommended to rope in local retailers and business correspondents to act as cash points in semi-urban centers. These will act as the primary source of cash in semi-urban centers and will replace ATMs (Automated Teller Machines).
- The Government of India, Tamil Nadu, and the World Bank signed a \$287 million loan agreement for the state's Health System Reform Programme in New Delhi. It is aimed to improve the quality of health care, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and fill equity gaps in reproductive and child health services.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) amended its norms on banks' exposure to large borrowers with a view to reduce the concentration of risk and align them with the global norms.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed 5-member panel led by Nandan Nilekani recommended measures like 24x7 Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) facility, duty-free import of Point-of-sales (POS) machines and elimination of all charges in order to promote digital payments in India.
- Ashok Leyland, Hinduja Group flagship firm, partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank to provide vehicle loans to the customers of Ashok Leyland. The financing partnership agreement was signed for 3 years.

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed the charges levied on Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) transactions to boost digital payments.
- RBI raised the Retail Inflation Forecast marginally to 3-3.1% for the first half of the current fiscal due to a rise in food prices mainly vegetables.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a report on "Benchmarking India's Payment Systems". It provides a comparative position of the payment ecosystem in India. RBI had undertaken an exercise of benchmarking India's Payment's system compared to the payment systems of advanced economies, Asian economies and the BRICS nations
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in Mumbai on June 6, 2019. The three-day policy review meeting by the six members of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) was headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das with the members Dr Chetan Ghate, Dr Pami Dua, Dr Ravindra H. Dholakia, Dr Michael Debabrata Patra, Dr Viral V Acharya. In a rare 6-0 majority, Repo rate was reduced by 25 bps under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) to 5.75 percent for third time in a row.
- According to a new report "Benchmarking India's Payment Systems", released by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) stated that the share of e-Money in India's payment systems raise to 21.5 percent in 2017 from 0.8 percent in 2012.
- Tata Mutual Fund launched the side-pocketing (segregated portfolio) option to set aside its troubled investment in Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL). They were created for 3 schemes namely Tata Corporate Bond Fund, Tata Medium Term Fund, and Tata Treasury Advantage Fund.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced to set up a foreign exchange trading platform for retail participants. This is to create a market infrastructure that ensures fair and transparent pricing for users of foreign exchange like Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) exporters & importers and individuals.
- Yes Bank has conducted the first e-auction of forest produce in Dhanora Mahasangh in Maharashtra under its Tech for Change initiative where the bank work with the government and corporate to create technology-based solutions which have a social impact. It is a joint effort of Yes Bank with its fintech partner, Sparsh Technologies.
- Fincare Small Finance Bank and Kookmin Bank have been included in the second schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Both banks can now broad-base its lines of funding and liquidity facilities.
- Indian financial services company Bajaj Finserv inked partnership with Motherhood hospitals, a national network of women & child hospital to provide Lifecare finance facility. Through this partnership, patients at all motherhood hospitals can avail Life Care Finance (LCF) from Bajaj Finserv that converts their medical bills into an EMI loan without interest.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new NPA guidelines "Prudential framework for resolution of stressed assets" to deal with bad loans, as the previous circular that was issued by RBI on Feb 12, 2019 rejected by Supreme Court. The new framework will replace all the previous models.
- As per the data of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Foreign Exchange (Forex) Reserves of India increased by \$1.875 billion to \$421.867 billion in the week ending May 31, 2019. In the previous week, the forex reserves rose by \$1.99 billion to \$ 419.99 billion.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced to introduce repo-linked home loan product from July 1, 2019. It has become the first bank to offer this facility. It means any changes in the key interest rate by the central bank would be passed on directly to the customers.
- Paytm Payments Bank with 501.16 crore digital transactions for the financial year 2019-20 is ahead of major banks including HDFC Bank, Industrial Credit, and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank and Punjab National Bank (PNB) in digital transaction target set by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

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- Reserve Bank of India has penalized Kotak Mahindra Bank with Rs. 2 crores for not furnishing details about the shareholding of its promoter and its plans for complying with stake dilution norms. RBI has mandated the bank to reduce its promoter shareholding to 20 percent by December 31, 2018, and to 15 percent by March 2022.
- Max Life Insurance Company launched a unique proprietary tool named 'My Protection Quotient' (MyPQ) to ensure financial protection in the country. It had earlier launched 'India Protection Quotient' survey in association with Kantar IMRB to understand where India stands with regards to life and term insurance ownership.
- Nation's apex bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has relaxed the regulations for Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Accounts aka "no-frills" accounts as a part of the financial inclusion drive. BSBD holders will get certain minimum facilities, free of charge.
- Sashakt Committee headed by Punjab National Bank non-executive Chairman Sunil Mehta has stated that the new guidelines of RBI regarding the mandation of Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) framework is a right move to resolve non-performing assets (NPAs or bad loans).
- The Indian government has extended the financial aid of 1.6 billion Nepalese rupees to Nepal for the rebuilding of houses in Nuwakot and Gorkha districts, which were damaged in the devastating earthquake in 2015. The cheque for the same was handed over by India's ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri to Finance Secretary of Nepal Rajan Khanal.
- As per the Crisil report, the overall non-performing assets (NPAs) stock has declined at a great pace to 9.3% in March 2019 in comparison to the 11.5% in March 2018. This decline is more than the RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) estimate.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted 6-member committee headed by VG Kannan, Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to review ATM pricing. It will review the existing interchange fee and pricing structures to reduce prices for customers on Automated Teller Machines (ATM) transactions with a broader objective to improve rural penetration of teller machines
- The Reserve Bank of India slapped a monetary penalty Rs. 11.25 lakh each on Private sector lender 'Yes Bank' and Online Wallet Service, 'ZipCash Card Services' for violating PPI (prepaid payment instrument) norms pertaining to issuance and operation of PPIs.
- Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank and Max Bupa, a Standalone Health Insurer (SAHI) signed a Bancassurance corporate agency agreement. For the first time, IDBI Bank became an on-boarded corporate agent for Max Bupa under open architecture.
- The central bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified that Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will provide Line of Credit (LoC) worth \$245 million to Ghana and Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects.
- ZestMoney, a Bengaluru based digital lending startup, in partnership with Digit Insurance announced to offer EMI (Equated Monthly Installment) insurance to the company's five million customers. The aim of the partnership is to relieve its customers of debt in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) and ECL Finance, the flagship non-banking financial company of Edelweiss Group, signed an agreement to form a strategic partnership to explore co-lending opportunities. They will provide timely delivery of credit to customers at a significantly lower cost.
- FundzBazar, an online mutual fund investment platform launched by Prudent, has initiated 'Selfiewala KYC' feature for the first-time mutual fund investors. This feature allows the investors to carry out the IPV (In-Person Verification) by uploading a video and a selfie which in turn speeds up the KYC process and saves time.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) hiked the Third Party (TP) motor insurance premium for small and medium private cars by 12-12.5% for 2019-20. The rates are applicable from June 16, 2019.

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked the banks to grout Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) to a wall, pillar, or floor by September 30, 2019 in order to mitigate risks in ATM operations and increase security. Exceptions were given to the ATMs installed in high secured premises.
- The central bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data revealed that 53,334 fraud cases worth Rs. 2.05 lakh crore hit the banks in India in the last 11 fiscal years i.e, between 2008-09 and 2018-19.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued stricter norms for rating agencies to enhance standards. This move comes after a series of defaults at Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL & FS) in 2018.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a project submitted by the Urban Development Department (UDD) of Tripura amounting to Rs. 1650 crore for overall infrastructure development of seven districts headquarter towns of Tripura.
- The Reserve Bank of India in its report "Payment and Settlement: The Plumbing in the Architecture of India's Financial System", stated that the digital transactions till March 2019 witnessed tremendous growth and they will rise by four times from Rs 2,069 crore in December 2018 to Rs 8,707 crore in December 2021. In 2018-19, total digital transactions in volume terms recorded a growth rate of 58.8%.
- The Board of Directors (BoD) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank under the chairmanship of the bank's Interim Chairman and Managing Director (MD) R.S. Chhibber decided to bring the bank under Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2009 and the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines with effect from June 17, 2019.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train 15,000 state and district personnel and Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitras to provide the delivery of health services under Ayushman Bharat Scheme over a period of one year. It is aimed at capacity building of health personnel at state.
- The 8 member panel on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January 2019, headed by the former Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman U K Sinha submitted its report to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das suggested doubling collateral-free loans for MSMEs to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh.
- The National Housing Bank (NHB) has tightened the norms on leverage and capital adequacy ratio for Housing Finance Companies (HFCs). It mandated the HFCs to reduce their total borrowings in a phased manner to not more than 12 times (at present 16 times) of their Net-Owned Funds (NOF) as on March 31, 2022.
- E-commerce firm Flipkart has revamped its Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) seller financing programme 'Growth Capital' in order to empower MSMEs across the country. The program enables financial inclusion and independence for MSMEs who operate online.
- Max Life Insurance Company Limited, one of the country's leading life insurance companies, launched customizable 'Max Life Smart Term Plan'. It will offer customers the flexibility to customize their own protection solution through the selection from a wide range of benefits and features.
- Kochi based Federal Bank announced that it has raised Rs 300 crore through Basel-III compliant bonds for improving their risk management techniques and to address the growing risks. The bonds have the tenure of ten years with the coupon rate of 9.75 percent per annum.
- The United States (US) overtook China to become India's largest goods trading partner in 2018-19. Trade surplus of India with the US declined to \$16.8 billion from \$21.2 billion for 2017-18.
- DBS Bank in its report on the Indian economy revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the fiscal year 2020 to 6.8% year-on-year (YoY) from 7% due to headwinds for exports amidst challenging trade outlook.

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- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) framed a working group headed by NSE Clearing Ltd to review the current framework of margins in the futures and options segment.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) gave its approval to Skylark Drones and Throttle Aerospace Systems (TAS) of Bengaluru to launch its drones as they are compliant with the NP-NT (No permission – No take-off) protocol under the “Digital Sky” regulatory framework for drones, which came into effect on December 1, 2018.
- The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), has got its international recognition for its accreditation programme for personnel certification bodies. It was held in Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) Annual Meetings 2019 in Singapore.
- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog organized the first meeting with manufacturers and start-up Electric Vehicle (EV) makers, during which NITI Aayog planned for the transition of three-wheelers by 2023 and two-wheelers with an engine capacity less than 150 cc (Cubic Centimeter) by 2025 to full Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) signed 2 Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) on ‘Railway Station Redevelopment’ for the renovation of 22 railway stations.
- In order to bring transparency in the road-freight marketplace, an Indian technology company based in Gurgaon, Rivigo which owns 3,000 trucks 5,000 drivers launched the National Freight Index (NFI) which will provide unrestricted access of live freight rates for different lanes and vehicles across the country. Logistics account for nearly 14% of India’s GDP.
- National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and PowerGrid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to set up a Joint Venture (JV) the National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL).
- Tech Mahindra, an information technology firm, entered into a multi-year contract with Airbus for cabin and cargo design engineering. The contract is aimed to capitalise on the specialised skills and competencies in growing cabin engineering business over the next few years.
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has estimated that the focus of the government to improve logistics, ease of doing business and modern trade infrastructure will boost exports of the country from current \$535 billion to \$1 trillion in the next 3 years.
- According to a report, “Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2018” by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India leads in producing solar power at lowest cost globally and is far ahead of other nations in low average production costs.
- According to the survey, “The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18” by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), there are huge variations among the states in terms of the unemployment rate. The overall unemployment rate pegs at 6.1%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated that India’s Current Account Deficit (CAD) increased to \$57.2 billion or 2.1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in FY19 as against 1.8% of 2018 which stood at \$48.7 billion. It was the highest in 6 years on due to higher trade deficit caused by high crude oil imports.
- India’s leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Sundaram Finance Ltd (SFL) has announced that it set to acquire the stakes held by BNP Paribas in their two joint venture (JV) companies for a total of around Rs 1,000 Cr.
- Indian economy lost its spot as the world’s fastest-growing economy to China. As per Reuters survey, it registered 6.3% annual growth in the January-March quarter, its slowest pace in six quarters. China recorded a growth of 6.4% in the March Quarter.
- Government has met the fiscal deficit target of 3.4% for the Financial Year 2018-19. The fiscal deficit stood at 3.39% against the estimated rate of 3.4%. The data was released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

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- Horticulture production registered a rise to 314.87 million tonne in 2018-19 which was 1.01% higher than horticulture production in 2017-18. In the previous year, the output was 311.71 million tonnes. The crop year in India is from July-June.
- India's top oil and gas producer, ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) has become India's most profitable Public sector undertaking after surpassing Indian Oil Corp (IOC) while Reliance has been India's most profitable company for the fourth year in a row with its net profit of Rs 39,588 crore in FY19.
- According to a study by think-tank Global Financial Integrity (GFI), India lost \$13 billion in revenue collections due to trade misinvoicing in 2016. It amounted to 5.5% of total revenue collections. The study estimated that the value of the trade gap for misinvoiced goods equaled to \$74 billion or 12% of the country's total trade of \$617 billion in 2016
- According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) grew at 36.5% amounting to \$9.15 billion in 2018-19. Services sector comprises of finance, banking, insurance, outsourcing, R&D, courier, tech testing and analysis. In 2017-18, FDI of the service sector was \$6.7 billion.
- World Bank in its semiannual report "Global Economic Prospect (GEP)" slashed global forecast for 2019 to 2.6% as compared to 2.9% in January this year. World Bank in its report "Global Economic Prospects report" retained India's growth forecast at 7.5% for the next two Fiscal years, FY2019 and FY20 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) as it also cuts the global economic expansion by 0.3%.
- The National Airports body Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed technical assistance agreement with American multinational corporate, Boeing to jointly develop a 10-year roadmap which will improve flexible use of airspace, enhance communication, surveillance and help to maintain efficient aircraft operations.
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) signed an agreement to form a Joint Venture (JV) in New Delhi for laying the world's longest Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline ie 2757 Km from Kandla, Gujarat to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- US President Donald Trump signed a proclamation to withdraw Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) scheme on \$5.6 billion exports from India, effective from June 5, 2019.
- The Goods And Services tax collection for May 2019 is Rs 1,00,289 crore, however, this is lesser than Rs 1,13,865 crore collected in April, an all-time high since the rollout of GST in July 2017. This is the third consecutive time for GST to cross Rs 1 Lakh. The revenue in May 2019 is 2.21% greater than the monthly average of GST revenue in fiscal 2018-19.
- Delhi Metro became India's the first ever project to receive power from a waste-to-energy plant. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched a new Index to measure fiscal performance titled 'Fiscal Performance Index' (FPI). It uses multiple indicators to assess the quality of budgets presented by the Centre and state governments. FPI has been constructed using the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Human Development Index methodology.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) inked Rs 300-crore deal with the Israeli government to buy more than 100 SPICE bombs (Balakot bombs). The bombs were used to attack the Madrasa of Jaish-e-Mohammed in Balakot, Pakistan, on February 26, 2019.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for automatic data exchange in order to tackle the rising instances of fraud.
- According to American multinational banking firm, Goldman Sachs, India's economic growth is estimated to rise to 7.2 percent in 2019-20.

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- According to a recent survey by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Business confidence index (BCI) of India Inc slipped 9.1 percent in the fourth quarter Q4 of the financial year 2018-19. Meanwhile, the Political Confidence Index (PCI) of businesses has increased by 12.1% on a quarterly basis in Q4.
- Facebook launched its first interactive Game Show “Confetti” in India. It was first launched in the United States. It will challenge participants to answer pop culture trivia questions for a chance to win Rs 3 lakh as cash prize every day.
- India’s first Type Approval Certificate (TAC) for Bharat Stage – VI (BS-VI) norms for the two-wheeler segment has been released by International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT). BS – VI norms are the latest emission norms notified by the Government of India, which have to be followed by the automotive manufacturers to sell their vehicles in India.
- Imports from Pakistan to India declined by 92% in March 2019 to \$2.84 million due to the imposition of 200% customs duties on all products after Pulwama terror attack. India had hiked the customs duty to 200% on all goods imported from Pakistan including cotton, fresh fruits, cement, petroleum products and mineral ore on February 16, 2019.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) released a discussion paper for informant mechanism related to insider trading. The proposed amendments to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 will provide absolute confidentiality with appropriate safeguards.
- The highest decision-making body of the Department of Telecom (DoT), Digital Communications Commission (DCC) approved to levy penalties on Bharti Airtel Ltd and Vodafone Idea Ltd for denial of interconnection to Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd when it had entered the market in 2016.
- Fitch reduced India’s growth forecast for the current fiscal year (FY20) from 6.8% to 6.6% due to the slow down of manufacturing and agriculture sectors over the past years.
- Indian Railways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RailTel Enterprises Limited (REL), a wholly-owned subsidiary company of RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, to upgrade its signalling system on 4 busiest sections.
- According to the report released by the Fisheries Department, India is the second largest fish producing country in the world after China as it accounts for 6.3 percent of the global fish production. It also states that the fisheries sector registers a 7 percent growth rate, sustaining 14.5 million fishermen.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) stated that Bangladesh emerged as the fastest growing economy among the 45 countries of the Asia-Pacific region. Higher public sector investment, stronger consumption demand, revival in exports, improved power supply and higher growth in private sector credit were the key factors of the high growth performance of Bangladesh.
- Global internet body, The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and India's National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a joint collaboration on research and engagement activities that will foster innovation in Internet identifier technologies.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed the stock exchanges with Commodity Derivative Segment (CDS) to introduce futures on commodity indices. This will facilitate mutual fund and institutional participation in commodity exchanges.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) framed a working group headed by NSE Clearing Ltd to review the current framework of margins in the futures and options segment. It will submit its recommendations to the Secondary Market Advisory Committee.
- DBS Bank in its report on the Indian economy revised India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the fiscal year 2020 to 6.8% year-on-year (YoY) from 7% due to headwinds for exports amidst challenging trade outlook. Inflation rate was estimated at 3.8% for FY20 against 3.4% of FY19.

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- India has opened its first specialized hydrotherapy treatment centre for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments. It is situated in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- The 20th meeting on Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi. This was chaired under the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The 35th Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council Meeting was held in New Delhi. It was chaired by the Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
- The first phase of the world's largest multi-stage, multi-purpose scheme Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) worth Rs 80,000 crore was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Telangana Chandrashekar Rao at Medigadda in Jayashankar-Bhupalpally district near the borders with Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh
- The Indian Air Force mission to bomb a terrorist hideout in Pakistan's Balakot was codenamed 'Operation Bandar' (Monkey), while Indian Army had taken up massive defensive measures in case Pakistan retaliated which was codenamed as "Operation Zafran".
- Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha stated that under Adarsh Station Scheme (ASS), of the 1,253 stations which were identified for development, 1,103 railway stations were developed.
- Minister of State for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the Central Command Centre for Air Traffic Flow Management (C-ATFM) at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi to ensure higher standards of safety.
- Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, a young entrepreneur from surat launched an initiative to change Udhana railway station in Gujarat into India's first green and clean railway station like Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus.
- Mr. Yury Trutnev**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District along with his delegation visited India from 15-19 June 2019. The delegation included senior officials from the Russian Ministry for Far East Development, Far East Investment and Export Agency, representatives of Russian regions, industry representatives and academia.
- The group stressed the Government on improving the functioning of the public sector banks and accelerating the pace of exports and employment generation.
- Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Health, and Family Welfare Minister stated that the Government has developed an ambitious National Strategic Plan to end Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025.
- The State Government of Odisha released a Flood Hazard Atlas for efficient management of flood in the state. It was released by the Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik.
- The Central Public Works Department (CPWD), which comes under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), constituted a seven-member core group chaired by Additional Director General (training & research) M K Sharma to prepare a roadmap for implementation of a five-year "vision document" (STVD) as directed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog released the Second Edition of "Healthy States, Progressive India" Report. It ranked States and Union territories (UTs) innovatively on their year-on-year incremental change in health outcomes and their overall performance.

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- The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar announced that central Government has decided to use digital technology in rural India to double farmers' income by the year 2022.
- Japan gifted Imphal Peace Museum to Manipur to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War, at Maibam Lokpa Ching popularly known as Red Hill (about 20 km southwest of Imphal).
- Integrated Scheme for School Education 'Samagra Shiksha' was launched by the Department of School Education and Literacy which comes under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, effective from the academic year 2018-19.
- The Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, a religious pilgrimage atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) will get a dedicated in-house disaster response force by September 2020.
- The report on Food & Nutrition Security (FNS) Analysis of India developed by UN (United Nations) World Food Programme in partnership with Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) stated that 31.4% of Indian children under five years will still be stunted by 2022.
- Central Government has formed a committee for coordination among the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas(MoPNG), the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change(MoEFCC) and the state governments after a tug of war between the two ministries.
- South Korean Ambassador to India Bong-kil Shin launched a collaborative initiative between South Korea and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) named 'Jaipur Foot Korea'. An agreement was also signed by the Korean Ambassador with BMVSS to provide assistance in prosthetic limbs sector.
- The Kalu police station in Bikaner district of Rajasthan was ranked the best police station in the country. It was awarded the first rank for its performance in crime prevention, investigation and disposal of cases, crime detection, community policing and maintenance of law and order, women help desk facility, drinking water facility and WiFi.
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad announced that around 2.22 crore villagers were given Digital Education under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA).
- Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri announced that 81,03,196 houses were approved under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme. 47,57,987 houses are at stages of construction and 26,07,913 houses were completed or occupied.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that a Standing Group of Secretaries (GoS) has been constituted for ensuring inter-ministerial coordination on resolving issues related to e-commerce.
- The 7th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Brunei Darussalam was held in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary(East) and Brunei side was led by Hajah Siti Norishan Haji Abdul Ghafor, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Government.
- A four-day event of 23rd Sindhu Darshan Festival 2019 celebrated at Sindhu Ghat Shey in Jammu and Kashmir's Leh from 24 to 27 June 2019.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the bill to fine people with Rs 10,000 for blocking ambulances. The rule is the part of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill.
- Government formed a 18-member working group headed by Ramesh Chand, member of NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog, to revise current series of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with base year 2011-12 and come up with a new Producer Price Index (PPI).
- A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between Ministry of Shipping and IIT (Indian Institute of Technology), Kharagpur to set up Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime Technology (CICMT) at IIT Kharagpur. CICMT is the first of its kind centre in India with the focus on indigenisation of ship designing, building, and testing.

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- “Go Tribal Campaign” by Tribes India was launched by Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Smt. Renuka Singh in the presence of Shri R.C. Meena, Chairman, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), Shri Deepak Khandekar, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Shri Pravir Krishna, Managing Director, TRIFED in New Delhi.
- An eight-day event of the 32nd edition of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress has started in Hyderabad, Telangana. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare and the Telangana government have jointly hosted the event which is being held for the first time in South Asia.
- The Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) released a five-year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) to transform higher education with the help of more than 50 initiatives.
- Union Minister Smriti Irani of Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry stated that based on the information received from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the Department of Food and Public Distribution, central Government approved the centrally sponsored pilot scheme on fortification of rice and its distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS).
- The Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology (Meity) Will Put Forward The Proposal Of National Mission On Natural Language Translation With An Outlay Rs 450 Crore For Next 3 Years Before The Union Cabinet.
- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in a national conference, exhibition and awards ceremony ‘Innovative Water Solutions’ in New Delhi announced that the flow of raw sewage into the Ganga river will be fully stopped by 2022.
- 2-day Meeting of Expert Working Group on Paris Pact Initiative on Illicit Financial Flows deriving from the trafficking of Opiates originating in Afghanistan was organised in New Delhi from June 27-28, 2019.
- Centre Constituted A 3-Member Panel To Resolve Differences Between Solar And Wind Power Players
- The two sides of India and China have agreed to come to mutually acceptable, reasonable and fair solutions to their thorny boundary issues.
- Electronics and IT Minister, Ravi Shankar Prasad stated that all gram panchayats(GPs) in the country will be connected with the high-speed broadband under BharatNet project by March 2020.
- The Union ministry of commerce had constituted a high-level advisory group headed by economist Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, member of the Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council on Foreign trade policy for ways to boost India’s share and importance in global merchandise and services trade.
- As per the draft regulation issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority(FSSAI) (Labelling and Display regulation) of India Packaged food companies will be required to label high fat, sugar and salt content levels on the front side of the package with “red-color-coding”.
- According to the sample Registration system (SRS), India’s infant mortality rate declined by 9 positions from 42 in 2012 to 33 in 2017. Madhya Pradesh and Assam had the worst IMR of 47 and 44 respectively while Kerala and Tamil Nadu recorded the lowest IMR of 10 and 16 respectively.
- According to a survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) between July 2017 and June 2018 covering 4.3 lakh people revealed that the unemployment rate was about 6.1% in 2017-18, highest in 45 year since 1972-73.
- A recent study based on the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) data, India has 20.6 health workers per 10,000 people. This is less than the World health Organization’s (WHO) minimum overreach of 22.8 per 10,000 people. rural areas with 71% of India’s population have only 36% of health workers

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- The K. Kasturirangan Committee has submitted the 484-pages draft report of National Education Policy to the new Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal. The report on the National Education Policy has been put on the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)'s website for suggestions from the public till June 30.
- The Cabinet, first since the outcome of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, approved a new initiative to control Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis to support livestock rearing farmers. The FMD and Brucellosis is a common threat among livestock like cow-bulls, buffaloes, sheeps, goats, pigs etc. The Cabinet sanctioned Rs 13,343 crores for the implantation of the initiative.
- The newly formed Union Cabinet has given its consent for the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana ((PM-KISAN) to all eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding. Earlier, it was applicable to farmers having two hectares of land.
- Cabinet meeting chaired by PM Modi has approved to give monthly pension of Rs 3,000 to small traders, businessmen, and shopkeepers after they attain the age of 60 years and turnover below Rs 1.5 crore.
- Elephanta festival, a two day festival of art and culture organized by Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) held on Elephanta-Gharapuri (island), Mumbai to promote tourism and culture in Maharashtra.
- As a Curtain Raiser for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 which is celebrated on June 21, a two-day Yoga Mahotsava was inaugurated by Shri Rajeev Kumar, Vice-Chairman of Niti Ayog at New Delhi.
- The ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India announced that fee for SC/ST candidates who join vocational training under Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) have been waived off.
- 6th India-China Bilateral Dialogue on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation was held in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Secretary (Disarmament & International Security Affairs) and the Chinese delegation was led by Ambassador Fu Cong, Director General, Department of Arms Control of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) organized a two-day National Workshop for Population Research Centers (PRC) in New Delhi. It focused on the various features of the flagship schemes of the Health Ministry for simultaneous supervision.
- A committee headed by Dr. Kasturirangan submitted draft national education policy 2019 to Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Minister of State for HRD, Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre in New Delhi to rename Minister of Human Resource Development to Minister of education.
- The Haryana High court (HC) declared the entire animal kingdom, including avian and aquatic, as a legal entity having rights of a living person.
- The Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the Marshall Islands for the Exchange of Information with respect to taxes was signed on 18th March, 2016 at Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan held a high level meeting to review the status of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP) in New Delhi.
- Under the Transaction of Business Rules, the Central Government has reconstituted eight key Cabinet Committees. These include -Appointments Committee, Committees on Accommodation, Economic Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs, Political Affairs, Security, Investment and Growth and Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), reviewed the status of Nipah Virus Disease (NVD) in Kerala along with Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW) and the Ministry officials. As of now, 15 people are under observation in the state.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of government's policy think tank, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

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- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formed a committee to work on modalities and methodology on the implementation of the next revision of pension to over 25 lakh ex-servicemen and widows under One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme.
- To review the existing marketing structure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in India, the Central Government constituted a five-member committee headed by economist Kirit Parikh.
- The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, think tank of the government, has proposed that only Electric Vehicles (EVs) should be sold after 2030.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has formed a panel to look into the needs for further norms to restrict the use of plastic packaging of food products. This was formed after a plea to seek a ban on the plastic packaging of food products.
- A two-day 4th Subordinate Officers Conclave 2019 organized by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was inaugurated by Rajendra Singh, Director General (DG) of ICG at ICG Headquarters in New Delhi. DG Rajendra Singh conferred 'Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak' to Navik Vinod.
- Union housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League (SS 2020) in New Delhi. It will be a cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India on a quarterly basis.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani inaugurated the new Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park at Raiyoli village in Balasinor town of Mahisagar district. This is the first such park in the country and also the world's third park which exhibits remains of various dinosaurs and fossil records.
- 15th Finance Commission headed by the Chairman Shri N.K. Singh held meeting with the representatives of Autonomous Development Councils (ADCs) of Meghalaya as part of its visit to the State.
- To recognise the contributions made by media in spreading awareness about Yoga and for promotion and commemoration of International Yoga Day which is held every year on June 21, The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) headed by the Minister Prakash Javadekar instituted a new award called Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) from year 2019.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India empowered district magistrates in all States and Union Territories to set up Foreigners Tribunals (FTs).
- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has declared Chaukhandi Stupa as a protected area "Monument of national importance".
- Government of India announced that it will join hands with Portugal to set up maritime museum near ancient Harappans civilization at Lothal in Gujarat. It will be a similar model of the museum which is at Lisbon, Portugal administered by the Portuguese Navy.
- Annual festival of Kheer Bhawani Mela on Zeasht Ashtami was celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees assembled and prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal district in J&K.
- Amasebailu in Kundapura Taluk of Udupi district has been named as the Karnataka's first solar-powered Gram Panchayat. The allocation of fund between the Centre and State Government in the ratio of 30: 20, and the rest is given by the Panchayat and charitable organizations.
- Bancha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh became the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves. There was no use for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders as all 75 houses relied on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs.
- Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on June 7, 2019, to attract investments.
- Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) entered into a Tripartite Agreement with French National Railways (SNCF) and French Development Agency (AFD).
- The minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced that central Government committed to provide clean drinking water to all citizens by 2024, which is one of the poll promises given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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- The Government of Japan has decided to invest an amount of 205.784 billion Yen, nearly Rs 13,000 crore in several ongoing as well as new infrastructure projects in the North-East Region.
- Central India got its First Sikh Museum in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The museum Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Museum is located at Gurudwara Gurusingh Sabha in Guru Nanak Nagar.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved to set up the Defence Space Research Agency (DSRA), a new agency which will develop sophisticated weapon systems and technologies.
- Government reduced the Employees State Insurance (ESI) contribution rate to 4% from 6.5%. This will benefit 36 million workers and 1.28 million employers and will lead to an estimated annual saving of around Rs 5,000 crore for firms
- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare announced that farmers in the country are expected to contribute Rs 100 per month under the Pradhan Mantri (PM) Kisan Pension Yojana. It seeks to provide a minimum monthly pension of Rs 3,000 on the attainment of 60 years of age.
- Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) joined hands with Cisco and Accenture, private sector companies, to skill the youth for digital economy through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- The two-day event of Maritime Information Sharing Workshop 2019 (MISW 2019) hosted by the Indian Navy under the aegis of the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) held in Gurugram, Haryana on June 12, 2019.
- Central Government has permitted to set up e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam. It is a quasi-judicial authority which assesses the question of the authenticity of a person's citizenship.
- The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, think tank of the government, has proposed that only Electric Vehicles (EVs) should be sold after 2030.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) co-hosted the 12th Capacity Building workshop in cooperation with the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre (ISC) in New Delhi.
- To address the issues of land degradation and desertification, for the first time, India will host the 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019.
- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal announced that World Food India (WFI) 2019, a biennial event, will be held at Vigyan Bhawan and Rajpath Lawns in New Delhi
- The 10th edition of Regional Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) summit, 2019 was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari addressed this meeting
- Lucknow constructed its first plastic waste road. The Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) has started using plastic waste to construct roads as a pilot project.
- A two-day event of Namaste Thailand Film Festival 2019 concluded its third edition at Select Citywalk in New Delhi
- To review the existing marketing structure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in India, the Central Government constituted a five-member committee headed by economist Kirit Parikh.
- India is hosting the Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP) from 17th to 21st June 2019 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The 2nd Meeting of India-Italy Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi. It was co-chaired by Mr. Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary (Counter Terrorism), Ministry of External Affairs and Mr Diego Brasioli, Principal Director for Security, Disarmament and non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy.
- Border Security Force (BSF) of India and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) signed a Joint Record of Discussion at the 48th Director General (DG)-level talks which concluded in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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- The fifth meeting of the Governing Council of The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog was held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formed a committee to work on modalities and methodology on the implementation of the next revision of pension to over 25 lakh ex-servicemen and widows under One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Knight Frank in its "Active Capital" 2019 Report, assigned India with the 20th rank among the top capital importing countries, globally. In terms of outbound cross-border investments, it was ranked 30th.
- As per the Ericsson Mobility Report of June 2019 edition, India's data usage per smartphone was the highest in the world at 9.8 Giga Byte (GB) per month up to December 31, 2018. It is set to double to 18 GB by 2024.
- India Navy launched "Operation Sankalp" in the Gulf of Oman. It is to recheck Indian flagged vessels operating through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime incidents in the region.
- The third Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019 was held in Paris, France. The meeting was co-chaired by Henri Verdier, French Ambassador for Digital Affairs, and Upender Singh Rawat, Joint Secretary in charge of e-Governance, Information Technology and Cyber Diplomacy at the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Country's first iron ore mine was discovered at Isabpur village in Dinajpur of Bangladesh. The discovery was done by the Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB).
- Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get full membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). With this, the number of permanent members in the group accounted to 39.
- According to the report by World Health Organization (WHO), Four countries from Asia includes China, Iran, Malaysia and Timor-Leste and one country from Central America, El Salvador had malaria-free cases in 2018 and the report confirms that world is on a track to reach malaria elimination by 2020.
- Mexico became the first country which approves to replace 25 year old trade deal North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) .The new trade deal is named as United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).
- The United Arab Emirates' Central Bank in Abu Dhabi announced that it's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) launched a new reporting platform 'goAML' (global operations Anti-Money Laundering). It is developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to curb organised financial crimes.
- The Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi issued a notice stating that Nepalese nationals must have a visa if they are entering India from Pakistan, China, Hong Kong, and Macau. This was done to increase security in the country.
- The Group of Asia-Pacific at the United Nations unanimously endorsed India's candidature for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree to extend the ban on food imports like meats, dairy products, fruits and vegetables from the European Union (EU) till December 31, 2020.
- Saudi Arabia increased India's Haj quota by 30,000 which was the third hike in 3 years. It was increased from 1,70,000 to 200,000. With this, more Indians will get a chance to visit annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, a city in Hejazi region of Saudi Arabia.
- As per Mercer's 25th Annual Cost of Living Survey which was conducted in March 2019, Mumbai was considered as India's most expensive city.
- As a part of the Western Fleet Overseas Deployment programme, Indian Navy Ship(INS), Tarkash reached Alexandria in Egypt for three days visit.

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- India, US, Japan, and Australia came together to support ASEAN-led architecture mechanism for a rule-based order to promote free, open, prosperous and inclusive indo-pacific region in a meeting held at Bangkok, Thailand. This move is to counter China's military expansion into the Indo-Pacific region.
- Puerto Williams in Chile has become the southernmost city in the world after getting its status upgraded to city category. Previously, the southernmost city was Ushuaia in Argentina.
- Indians were ranked 2nd among Bleisure Travelers across 31 countries as per the study of
- Booking.com. In 2018, 72% Indian travelers extended their business trips. Bleisure is a new trend which means business and leisure trips.
- According to a new immigration rule in US, the visa applicants are now required to provide social media details dated back to five years from the application date, to enhance the screening process of the applicants and ensure national security.
- The fourth Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) meeting was recently held in Bangkok, Thailand. It is an informal strategic dialogue between the group of four countries - the United States, India, Japan, and Australia. It was attended by senior officials of QUAD member countries.
- 14th Islamic Summit organized by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit was held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. It was hosted by Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.
- India was ranked 95th among 129 countries in new SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Gender Equality Index with 56.2 scores.
- The recent study "Traffic Index 2018", analysis of the current status of traffic mobility was conducted. According to the findings, Mumbai is the most traffic-congested city among 403 cities in 56 countries with a congestion level of 65 percent, while New Delhi ranked fourth with congestion of 58 percent.
- According to the 3rd End of Childhood Index, a part of Changing Lives in Our Lifetime – Global Childhood Report 2019, India was ranked 113 in 176 countries on the wellbeing of children with 769 score out of 1000.
- French President, Emmanuel Macron has invited Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to attend the 45th session of the G7 Summit in Biarritz in France as a special invitee.
- India has been designated as the guest country in the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair), in Mexico.
- The Legislative Assembly of El Salvador has recognized forests as living entities on the World Environment Day (5th June 2019). Its citizens will now be required to preserve forests and respect them as more than just property.
- Institute for Economics and Peace released the report, 'Global peace index 2019' stated that India ranked 141 among 163 countries on the Global Peace Index. Iceland topped the in the list while Afghanistan is the least peaceful country in the world.
- The 16th Edition of Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2019 was held in Siem Reap province, Cambodia from June 12 to June 14, 2019.
- According to the report on internet trends released by the venture capitalist, Mary Meeker stated that India ranks second by witnessing 12% world internet users (close to 455 million).
- After the first-ever in-depth analysis of child grooms, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) study revealed that an estimated 115 million boys and men around the world were married as children. Of which 1 in 5 children (23 million) was married off before the age of 15.
- The G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy was held on June 8 and 9, 2019 in Tsukuba city, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan

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- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Bhutan from 7th to 8th June, 2019. This was his first two-day trip after assuming charge of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- According to recently released research in the journal "PLOS ONE", stated that Climate change is adversely affecting the global production of crops such as wheat and rice.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Republic of Maldives on June 8-9, 2019 at the invitation of Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives to strengthen the bilateral ties, reflecting the importance India attached to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.
- The 2nd Global Disability Summit was held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from June 6 to June 8, 2019.
- To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Embassy organized the 'Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace', in Saudi Arabia.
- As a part of setting the stage for 2019 G20 Summit, to be held in Osaka, Japan, from 28-29 June 2019, a G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet was held in Fukuoka, Japan on 8-9 June.
- Sri Lanka's state-run Srilankan Airlines has been named the world's most punctual airline by flight data analysis company Flightstats.com. An extraordinary 90.5 percent of SriLankan Airlines' flights were on time according to an analysis by Flightstats.
- Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent, and the Grenadines, Tunisia, and Vietnam are elected to United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as Non-permanent Members for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2020
- Russia has launched its first tourist train service passing through Russia's Arctic region. It begins a journey from Saint Petersburg station to Norway with 91 passengers aboard.
- The African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council has announced that it has suspended Sudan's participation in all AU activities until the productive establishment of Civilian Government in the country.
- The Cabinet of United Arab Emirates (UAE) adopted a 12-year strategy 'National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031' during its meeting at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi. It will be chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.
- The Venezuelan government announced that it will issue new banknotes due to racketing hyperinflation which eroded the currency's value. The central bank of Venezuela will release new Banknotes of 10,000, 20,000 and 50,000 bolivar denominations.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit 2019. India And Kyrgyzstan signed 15 Agreements. Also, India granted 200 million dollar line of credit to Kyrgyzstan.
- 2019 Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) will be held in Bucheon City, South Korea from June 27 to July 7, 2019. This is the 23rd edition of the film festival. This film festival is known as a Mecca of the film culture.
- According to the 26th edition of the UN (United Nations) population estimates and projection report, 'The World Population Prospects 2019: Highlights' published by the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs states that India is going to surpass China as the world's most populous country by 2027.
- The 5th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Summit 2019 was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 14-15 June 2019. The theme of the 5th Summit was "Shared Vision for a Secure and More Prosperous CICA Region".
- Facebook confirmed that it will launch a blockchain-powered stable-coin 'Libra' in 2020 through the release of white paper. It will be a form of digital money backed by a reserve of assets.
- India extended \$15 million grant to Niger to organize the African Union (AU) Summit scheduled from 7-8 July, 2019 in Niamey, Niger.

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- In the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2020, The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay) emerged as India's best institution. For the past three years, it has been securing the top position among Indian institutes.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a global campaign "AdoptAWaRe, Handle antibiotics with care" urging governments to adopt a tool named "AWaRe" (Access, Watch, and Reserve), to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), adverse events and costs. It is developed by the WHO Essential Medicines List.
- Riva Ganguly Das, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh visited the construction of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge 1 (Feni Bridge/ Maitree Setu) and land port in Ramgarh Upazila of Khagrachhari, Bangladesh.
- The 12th session of Conference of States Parties to the Convention to Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) 2019 held at the UN (United Nations) headquarters, New York. Mrs Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment participated in the conference.
- In order to combat greenhouse gas emissions, Ireland Government decided to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030 as part of a major strategy to protect the environment. This is one of 180 measures the Irish government published in the 'Climate Action Plan'.
- According to the recently released UNHCR's (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) annual Global Trends report, almost 70.8 million people are forcibly displaced in 2018, the most since World War II and doubled the number of 20 years ago.
- G20 (Group of 20) Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth for the year 2019 was held at Karuizawa Prince Hotel (Karuizawa Town, Nagano), Japan on June 15-16, 2019.
- India Navy launched "Operation Sankalp" in the Gulf of Oman. It is to recheck Indian flagged vessels operating through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime incidents in the region.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- World famous handcrafted footwear, Kolhapuri chappal gets a Geographic Indication (GI) tag from The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Mark.
- An Indian engineer, Nitesh Kumar Jangir, from Bangalore has won the Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award 2019 in the "People" category in London, UK (United Kingdom) for the creation low-cost neonatal breathing device named "Saans" for saving the lives of newborn babies
- To mark 'India Day' in the Houses of Parliament in London, United Kingdom (UK), Sajid Javid, Home Secretary of UK, released the '100 most Influential in UK-India Relations: Celebrating Women' list.
- In the 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival, Director Bijukumar Damodaran has received the Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award for the film, Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun).
- Rachna Khaira of The Tribune News Service won RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year 2019'. The award was bestowed for her expose on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and its Aadhaar data cache in 2018.
- A well-known educationist, pediatrician and author, Dr Gaurav Nigam was conferred with the 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019' by Lyonpo Ugyen Dorji, Minister for Labour and Human Resources of Bhutan at the Asian Leadership Summit held at Thimphu, Bhutan. The event was organized by Global Leaders Foundation.

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- Prakash Javadekar, Information & Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry, Government of India signed the agreement with Bangladesh and South Korea for DD (Doordarshan) India, an Indian English News and Current Affairs Channel which is to be telecasted in those countries. This exchange is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Act East policy.
- The Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan was conferred with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.
- Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became the first IAF woman pilot to become completely operational by day on Hawk advanced jet aircraft. She landed the grueling 4 aircraft combat sortie at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal.
- Former president of India, Pratibha Patil was honored with the highest civilian award of Mexico termed "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle). She becomes the second Indian after the late President S. Radhakrishnan granted this honour.
- Veteran actress Sheela was conferred with Kerala's highest J C Daniel award for her contribution to Malayalam cinema at the Kerala state film award function at Nisagandhi auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram.
- As per Forbes Magazine, Jay-Z, whose real name is Sean Carter, was named as World's 1st Billionaire Rapper. The 49 years older rapper, husband of the singer Beyonce, has a wealth of \$1bn (£800m).
- In an event organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to celebrate World Environment Day 2019, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, presented the awards to the winners of Ganga Quest 2019, a month-long online quiz organized for awareness and knowledge dissemination about river Ganga.
- US Novelist Tayari Jones received Women's Prize for Fiction worth \$40,000 for her novel An American Marriage.
- Singer Rihanna of age 31 is named as the world's richest female according to the Forbes magazine with an estimated fortune of \$600 million. She overtook Madonna and Beyonce who topped the list previously. She is from Barbados.
- According to the study on "Environmental impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission on Water, Soil, and Food" by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation shows Swachh Bharat has reduced groundwater contamination.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and partners announced the winners of the 10th Equator Prize 2019. It recognized 22 local and indigenous communities from across the world.
- The report on achievements of environment management of Indian Railways, "Environmental Sustainability Annual Report 2018-19", stated that best-performing Production Unit in the field of the environment was awarded to Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Karnataka. Ministry of Railway observed World Environment Day on June 6.
- American multinational technology company, Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai (46) and NASDAQ 's (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) President Adena Friedman (50) were chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019.
- Ex-President of United States of America (USA), Jimmy Carter (94) has won the inaugural George H. W. Bush Award. He was awarded in recognition of his contributions to relations between the U.S. and China.
- Swedish teenage activist Greta Thunberg (16), has won the Amnesty International's, "Ambassador of Conscience award" for fighting against the peril of global warming. She is known for initiating a movement, "Fridays for Future", a climate movement that formed in November 2018.
- The automobile Giant Mahindra Group won the Gold Award in South Africa. It clinches the top spot among 29 vehicle brands for the award.
- According to the report, "BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brand ranking 2019", compiled by WPP research agency Kantar states that American multinational technology company, Amazon has overtaken Apple and Google to become the world's most valuable brand at \$315.5 billion. The brand value of Amazon grew 52% between 2018 and 2019.

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- Seven Indian-origin Australians have been honoured for their outstanding contributions in the field of medicine, music, education and finance in Australia.
- A 22-year-old civil engineer, Zonel Sougajam from Imphal east of Manipur was recognized by the social media giant "Facebook" for discovering and reporting a WhatsApp bug that violated the privacy of a user.
- Noted English Fiction writer Amitav Ghosh (63) received the country's highest literary honour 54th Jnanpith Award in New Delhi.
- In a list of the 'world's 2,000 largest public companies', compiled by Forbes magazine, Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries leads the list of 57 Indian companies (71st rank globally).
- Indian actress Priyanka Chopra was selected for "Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award" by United Nations International Children's Fund's (UNICEF) American chapter for her contribution to social causes and for being a voice for children's education.
- According to the report "Brand Trust Report, 2019", by Trust Research Advisory (TRA), Dell tops the list as the most trusted brand for 2019 in India. It is followed by automobile brand Jeep, and LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India).
- Chinese President Xi Jinping was conferred with Kyrgyzstan's Highest National Award, "Manas Order of the First Degree" in Kyrgyzstan for developing the Kyrgyzstan-China comprehensive strategic partnership.
- National Geographic Society scientists and researchers announced that they installed the world's highest operating automated weather stations on Mount Everest, including five other automated stations on other parts of the mountain.
- Nia Tony, an eight-year-old Indian girl was honoured during the 22nd edition of the Emirates Recycling Awards in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) for her role in keeping the environment clean by collecting paper wastes.
- Social activist Makarand Tiloo was conferred with 'Save Water Hero Award'. He received this award for his efforts to raise awareness about water conservation in the city.
- Sahitya Akademi, which is announced annually, has selected 22 writers for the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2019 and 23 writers for Yuva Puraskar 2019.
- A 20-year-old model, Suman Rao, a resident of Rajsamand, Rajasthan was crowned Miss India 2019. The ceremony was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF), a Non-governmental organizations (NGO) based on Bangalore that runs school lunch programme across India has been awarded the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) "World Service Global Champion Award" for the mid-day meal project.
- Twenty-nine journalists from print and electronic media were honoured with 44th Matri Shree Media Awards for the year 2019 for their contribution towards journalism. The award ceremony was held in New Delhi.
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) will honour Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar with 'Distinguished Alumni Award'. This was decided by the Executive Council of JNU
- In the Second Edition of the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) list of India's top 10 states which have the maximum number of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified green buildings, Maharashtra bagged the top slot with 334 LEED-certified green buildings.
- Microsoft owned GitHub announced that it has acquired US (United States)-based start-up Pull Panda, a firm that creates code review tools for the platform for an undisclosed sum. Pull Panda previously offered its products include Pull Reminders, Pull Analytics, and Pull Assigner as a subscription model.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed merger of the Indiabulls Housing Finance with Lakshmi Vilas Bank. In April 2018, the board of Lakshmi Vilas Bank had announced its merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance in a share-swap deal.

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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS

NAME	ROLE AND DESIGNATION
SHEFALI JUNEJA	OF REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA IN THE COUNCIL OF ICAO
GENERAL MOHAMED OULD GHAZOUANI	PRESIDENT OF MAURITANIA
MAURITANIA	HEAD FAO
VIRAL ACHARYA	RESIGNS AS RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR
PANKAJ RAZDAN	CEO OF ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE INSURANCE QUILTS
ABHINAV BINDRA	TO SORT AAI TROUBLE
AMITABH KANT	NITI AAYOG CEO GETS A 2-YEAR EXTENSION
AMIT AGARWAL	CHAIRMAN OF INTERNET AND MOBILE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
SAMANT KUMAR GOEL	CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS WING(RAW)
ARVIND KUMAR	THE CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
AMISH TRIPATHI	THE DIRECTOR OF NEHRU CENTRE IN LONDON
SHARAD KUMAR SARAF	NEW PRESIDENT OF FIEO (Federation of Indian Export Organisations)
SARADA KUMAR HOTA	NATIONAL HOUSING BANK (NHB) MANAGING DIRECTOR
AJAY SINGH	CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)
SHAH RUKH KHAN	BRAND AMBASSADOR OF "V-NOURISH"
SACHIN BANSAL	UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANKS INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR
ARUN KUMAR	DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA)
SANJAY MITRA	DEFENCE SECRETARY-3YEAR EXTENSION
ANTON ADITYA SUBOWO	PRESIDENT OF BADMINTON ASIA
AJIT DOVAL	NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER-CABINET RANK
RAKESH MAKHIJA	CHAIRMAN OF AXIS BANK
NAYIB BUKELE	PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR
MRUTYUNJAY MOHAPATRA	DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT (IMD)
PJS PANNU	DEPUTY CHIEF OF INTEGRATED DEFENCE STAFF

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	(OPERATION)
ARUN KUMAR SAHU	HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
RAJIV MEHRISHI	EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF WHO
GIANNI INFANTINO	RE-ELECTED AS FIFA PRESIDENT
TIJJANI MUHAMMAD-BANDE	UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) PRESIDENT
S S CHAHAR	BSF ACADEMY HEAD
P JAYADEVAN	IOCL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR TAMIL NADU AND PUDUCHERRY
TAPAN RAY	MD OF GIFT CITY
V.S. KAUMUDI	DIRECTOR GENERAL (ADG LEVEL) OF BUREAU OF POLICE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (BPR&D)
VIRENDRA KUMAR	THE PRO-TEM SPEAKER OF 17TH LOK SABHA
THAWARCHAND GEHLOT	LEADER OF RAJYA SABHA
KASSYM-JOMART TOKAYEV	KAZAKHSTAN'S PRESIDENT
SHARAD KUMAR	CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSIONER
DINESH K TRIPATHI	COMMANDANT OF INDIAN NAVAL ACADEMY
R K CHIBBER	INTERIM CHIEF OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK
MANPREET VOHRA	AS INDIA'S NEXT HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BELIZE
ROMILA THAPAR	MEMBER OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
N GOPALASWAMI	BCCI'S ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR AGM
PRAYUTH CHAN-OCHA	PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND
ABHISHEK SINGH	CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER-BHARAT PE
PADMAJA	INDIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TUVALU
RABI MISHRA	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RBI
RAVINDER SINGH DHILLON	DIRECTOR (PROJECTS) IN POWER FINANCE CORPORATION LTD
DEBENDRANATH SARANGI	PRESIDENT OF SQUASH RACKETS FEDERATION OF INDIA
ZUZANA CAPUTOVA	FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF SLOVAKIA
INGER ANDERSEN	UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME'S (UNEP) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
YERRY FERNANDO MINA GONZÁLEZ	HERO MOTOCORP LTD AMBASSADOR

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- In Assam, a team of Scientists from CSIR-NEIST(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-North East Institute of Science and Technology) have developed a chemical process that turns 'dirty' coal into biomedical 'Carbon Quantum Dots (CQDs)' which helps in detection of cancer cells.

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- Japanese researchers from Hiroshima University have developed a new type of cooling vest for sports athletes which helps them to compete safely in sweltering summer conditions.
- Hemant Pandey, a senior scientist from Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), developed 'Lukoskin', an herbal drug to treat leucoderma (also called 'vitiligo'), a condition in which white patches develop on the skin.
- The US (United States) space agency, NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Curiosity rover has discovered the high amounts of methane gas on Mars that indicates life on the red planet.
- Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX) launched a hefty rocket with 24 payload military and scientific research satellites with a deep space atomic clock, solar sail, clean and green rocket fuel, and even human ashes, including an astronaut.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Astrobee Robot "Bumble" became the first Astrobee robot to fly under its own power in space.
- India scraped \$500 million arms deal with Israel for the purchase of Spike anti-tank missiles from defence contractor Rafael Advanced Defense Systems.
- American Space Agency, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronauts tested a prototype Lunar Evacuation System Assembly (LESA) designed by European Space Agency (ESA).
- India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II, a surface-to-surface missile, from a test range off the Odisha coast. Prithvi is the first missile developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
- BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), a power distribution company, launched energy-saving behavioral app 'Susthome'.
- Ahead of International yoga day celebrated on June 21, the ministry of AYUSH has launched yoga locator - an app to locate yoga events and centers providing training and instructor within the users range.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched a data platform of 'integrated database on infrastructure projects' (idip) to improve the efficiency of government Infrastructure Development.
- International Space Station (ISS) have successfully carried out 217th spacewalk by two Russian space agency Roscosmos' cosmonauts for support, maintenance and upgrade.
- Army commissioned "Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS)", an air quality monitor, at Fort William Military Station, Kolkata, as a part of 'Go Green' initiative. It monitors air pollution on a real-time basis.
- Indian Navy has deployed its P-8 India (P-8I) long-range maritime surveillance aircraft for anti-piracy sorties from Salalah in Oman to patrol the Gulf of Aden and other piracy prone areas.
- The anti-ship version of Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was test-fired from Complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha.
- Mount Sinabung volcano has been erupted spreading a column of ash at 7 km high in the island of Sumatra in western Indonesia. It erupted in 2010 for the first time and 2013 in a second time. Mt. Sinabung is among 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia.
- Scientists from Delhi University and the Wildlife Institute of India along with researchers from Indonesia and the US found a new species of 'paddy frog' from Northeast India, primarily Cachar district of Assam.
- Researchers from the University of Utah or Utah Natural History Museum, the University of Kansas, the University of the Philippines, and Louisiana State University have discovered two new species of the tweezer-beaked hopping rats or 'shrew-rats on mountains in the Philippines' island of Luzon.
- Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have published the details about documented 596 new species of flora and fauna from India in Plant Discoveries 2018 and Animal Discoveries 2018.

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- A web mapping service, Google map launched three India-First features targeted at Public transport users to access public transport easily.
- For the first time, China's National Space Administration (CNSA) successfully launched "Long March 11 rocket", a rocket to space from a ship at sea.
- Army launched an online platform, Retired Officers Digital Records Archive (RODRA) with an aim to have a better connection with armed forces veteran officers and family pensioners.
- An experimental Ebola drug 'remdesivir' is found to cure Nipah virus also according to the new study published in Science Translational Medicine from National Institutes of Health scientists and colleagues.
- India successfully launched new Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) off the coast of Odisha. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had carried out the trials from Dr Abdul Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal.
- For the first time, Researchers at Ohio State University have created high-resolution maps of points around the globe where groundwater meets the oceans.
- On the event of Student Visa Day (June 12, 2019), an event that celebrates higher education ties between India and the United States, the American Embassy has launched an app named "Education USA" to help Indian students who wish to study in the US (United States) Universities.
- The Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) K Sivan announced that India will have its own Space station by 2030
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Spitzer Space Telescope will be shut down on January 30, 2020, after 16 years of exploring the cosmos in infrared light. This was announced by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).
- Sri Lanka successfully launched its first satellite 'Ravana-1' into orbit from the International Space Station (ISS) along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal.
- In Assam, a team of Scientists from CSIR-NEIST(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-North East Institute of Science and Technology) have developed a chemical process that turns 'dirty' coal into biomedical 'Carbon Quantum Dots (CQDs)' which helps in detection of cancer cells.
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SPORTS

- A non-governmental sports organization based in Lausanne, Switzerland, IOC (International Olympic Committee) lifted its sanctions imposed on Indian Olympic Association (IOA) hosting international sports events.
- Indian Gymnast, Pranati Nayak aged 23 won bronze medal in vault event at the 8th edition of Senior Asian Artistic Championships in Buyant Ukhua Sport Palace, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. She hails from West Bengal, India.
- Indian multinational information technology service, HCL Technologies (Hindustan Computers Limited, HCL) has signed a multi-year deal with Cricket Australia (CA), the administrative body of Australian Cricket, which is India's third largest sports deal.
- In the finals of the St Peters Youth Centre Open Hockey Tournament for 2019 held in Mumbai, teams of Central Railway (Women) and Union Bank of India (Men) emerged as champions.
- India's junior Boxing women's team was won best team trophy in 5th Black Forest Cup held in Villingen, Schwenningen, Germany. The team won 7 medals, including 5 gold.

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- In the final round of voting at the 134th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, Switzerland, Italy's Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo won the right to host the 2026 Winter Olympics, defeating Sweden's capital Stockholm.
- The former England opening batsman, Marcus Trescothick, aged 43, announced retirement from professional cricket. He will retire after the current county season ends which is Trescothick's 27th season.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended the Olympic status from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and took over the responsibilities of the qualifying and final tournaments for the 2020 Tokyo Games. In May 2019, IOC members had voted to support the executive board's recommendation to suspend AIBA's Olympic status.
- West Indies batsman Chris Gayle, aged 39, will retire from international cricket after the home Test series against India in August-September 2019.
- 22-year-old Girish A. Koushik of Mysore, Karnataka became India's 63rd Grandmaster (GM) at the 37th Balaton International Chess Festival in Hungary
- Sofia Kenin (20) of the United States won the Mallorca Open Title 2019 against Belinda Bencic of Switzerland with 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-4 points in the finals.
- Fernando Torres, former Liverpool, Chelsea & Spain striker aged 35 retired from football. He hails from Fuenlabrada, Spain.
- India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani won the 35th men's Asian snooker championship in Doha, Qatar. He defeated Thai's Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon.
- The 26-member squad of Indian women's Rugby team created a historic first international 15s rugby match win at Southern Plains Sports Field in Manila, Philippines.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) inaugurated its 145 million Swiss francs (\$145 million) new headquarters named Olympic House in a ceremony held at the lakeside grounds of Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was inaugurated on the 125th anniversary of the Olympic Games.
- Five-time Formula one (F1) world champion, Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes won the French Grand Prix 2019 held in Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet, France with 187 points.
- Indian Women's Hockey team won the FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) Women's Series Finals Hiroshima 2019 after defeating the host Japan by 3-1 in the finals held at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium, Japan.
- The 20-time Grand Slam champion, Roger Federer (37) of Switzerland defeated David Goffin (Belgium) to win the 27th edition of the Halle Open 2019 (also known as Noventi Open 2019) at the Gerry Weber Stadion in Halle, Germany
- Chelsea produced their best to win the UEFA Europa League 2019 by beating Arsenal 4-1 at the Baku Olympic Stadium, Azerbaijan. It is their fifth major UEFA European competition final.
- At the Under-20 Eurasian Athletics Championships held at Almaty, Kazakhstan, Indian juniors bagged 5 gold and 3 silver medals. The national teams from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, India and Tajikistan participated in a 2-day event held on May 29-30, 2019.
- Liverpool football team has beaten Tottenham Hotspur by 2-0 to claim 2018-19 UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Champions League for the sixth time in Madrid, Spain.
- Delhi based tennis player Sidharth Rawat defeated Japan's Rio Noguchi with 7-5, 6-0 scores to secure his maiden title in \$25,000 International Tennis Federation (ITF) men's Futures Tennis Tournament held in Nonthaburi, Thailand.
- Mexican-American professional boxer Andres Ponce Ruiz Jr. becomes heavyweight champion after beating his opponent British professional boxer, Anthony Joshua at Madison Square Garden, New York. The win made Andres Ruiz the first Mexican heavyweight champion of the world.

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- Indian Junior Women Hockey team clinched Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title by beating Ireland 1-0 in the final. The match was held at Dublin, Ireland.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) of United Kingdom won 2019 Canadian Grand Prix officially named as the Formula 1 Pirelli Grand Prix du Canada 2019. It was held in Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Indian cricket team all-rounder, Yuvraj Singh has announced retirement from all forms of cricket. He played 40 test matches, 304 ODI's and 58 T20I's. He hails from Chandigarh. He is an awardee of 2012 Arjuna Award and 2014 Padma Shri Award.
- The international governing body for the sport of athletics, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is to change its name as World Athletics.
- Indian billiards player Sourav Kothari won the 2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship, held in the Reventon Classic, in Melbourne, Australia. He defeated Tyson Crinis of Australia to win the title.
- Young cricketer of India, Jemimah Rodrigues has become the third Indian woman cricket player to feature in Kia Super League (KSL) after Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur.
- Former World No 1, Malaysia's badminton player, Lee Chong Wei aged 36 announced retirement after 19 years of a successful career.
- As per the latest list released by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) World Rankings, Indian football team remains at a 101st position and Belgium continued to top in the list.
- The South American Football Federation, CONMEBOL has invited Australia and Qatar to take part in 2020 COPA America. The 2020 Copa America will be held jointly by Colombia and Argentina.
- Indian professional footballer Sunil Chhetri has been named most capped football player. He surpassed the former Indian captain Bhaichung Bhutia's 107 international matches as he has played 108 matches for India.
- Asian Football Confederation (AFC), confirmed that China will host the 2023 Asia Cup. This will be the second time China is hosting the quadrennial continental tournament, after the 2004 edition. China ranked 74th in the FIFA's rankings and is qualified for the World Cup in 2022.
- The 24th edition of ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) World Tour Hong Kong Open was held from 6th to 9th June 2019 at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong
- Peter Gilchrist of Singapore defeated India's Sourav Kothari (Kolkata) to win the 2019 Pacific International Billiards Championship at the Yarraville Club in Melbourne, Australia.
- Indian professional squash player, Joshna Chinappa won the national squash title for the record 17th time at the 76th Senior National Squash Championship, 2019 held in Pune, Maharashtra. Chinappa overcame her Tamilnadu rival, Sunayna Kuruvilla.
- In the FIH (Federation Internationale de Hockey) Men's Series Finals hockey tournament 2019, India thrashed South Africa with 5-1 in a summit clash at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The goals were scored in the 2nd, 11th, 25th, 36th and 50th minutes.
- Nihal Sarin, a 14-year-old Indian Chess Grandmaster has secured a win at the 2019 Asian Continental Chess Championship in Xingtai, China in the blitz event
- The 33rd Federation Cup Basketball Championship for Men and Women for the year 2019 was held at the Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- American professional golfer Gary Woodland (35) has won the 119th United States (US) open 2019 held at the Pebble Beach Golf Links, California. He secured his first major career title after defeating two-time defending champion Brooks Koepka(US).

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- According to recently released “Women’s Tennis Association (WTA)” and “Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)” rankings, Naomi Osaka (Japan) and Novak Djokovic(Serbia) continued as world number ones.
- Asian champion PU Chitra (Palakkeezhil Unnikrishnan Chithra) of India won a gold medal in women’s 1500m at Folksam Grand Prix 2019 held in Sollentuna, Sweden.

OBITUARIES

NAME	ROLE AND DESIGNATION
THANJAVOOR RAMAMOORTHY	VETERAN MRIDANGAM EXPONENT
MOHAMMED BAJI	FREEDOM FIGHTER
SHYAM SUNDAR MITRA	BENGAL CRICKETER
G VIJAYA NIRMALA	VETERAN TELUGU ACTOR-FILM MAKER
JHARNA DHARA CHOWDHURY	HUMANITARIAN ACTIVIST, SOCIAL ACTIVIST
SWAMI SATYAMITRANAND GIRI MAHARAJ	RENOWNED SEER
MOHAN RANADE	FREEDOM FIGHTER
BRIJ MOHAN KHAITAN	VETERAN INDUSTRIALIST
RUMA GUHA THAKURTA	BENGALI SINGER-ACTRESS
DINYAR CONTRACTOR	ACTOR AND PADMA SHRI AWARDEE
LENNART JOHANSSON	FOOTBALL ARCHITECT
JOSÉ ANTONIO REYES	SOCCER PLAYER SPAIN
JASPAL INDER SINGH KALRA	‘CZAR OF INDIAN CUISINE’
DR. PATRICIA BATH	OPHTHALMOLOGIST
MALCOLM JOHN REBENNACK	GRAMMY-WINNING MUSICIAN
E GOPINATH	VETERAN JOURNALIST
RAJANATH SINGH	VETERAN JOURNALIST POLITICIAN
AHMED ESSOP	NOTED AUTHOR AND FORMER EDUCATIONIST
SLYVIA MILES	AMERICAN ACTRESS
LALDINGLIANA SAILO	FORMER DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO (AIR) NEWS EDITOR
GIRISH KARNAD	VETERAN ACTOR AND PLAYWRIGHT
LEE HEE-HO	SOUTH KOREAN FEMINIST & DEMOCRACY ACTIVIST
FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI	LEGENDARY 'ROMEO AND JULIET' DIRECTOR
N LINGAPPA	VETERAN ATHLETICS COACH
MOHAMED MORSI	FORMER PRESIDENT OF EGYPT

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STATE NEWS

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) of Mumbai signed an agreement with the state Government of Telangana to offer a mode of payment options like UPI (Unified Payments Interface) Collect Request, RuPay Debit and Credit Cards to the users of the 'MeeSeva' portal of the Telangana Government.
- Rajasthan government will provide unemployment allowance up to Rs 3,500 per month to the unemployed youths having graduation or equivalent degree in the state. They will get the benefit of the Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana.
- Maharashtra Government Announced Scheme For Smokeless Kitchens 'Chullah-Free And Smoke-Free Maharashtra'
- Tamil Nadu Government appointed K Shanmugam as Chief Secretary (CS) of Tamil Nadu succeeding Dr. Girija Vaidyanathan. JK Tripathy was appointed as the Director General of Police (DGP) succeeding TK Rajendran.
- Om Prakash Dhankar, Haryana agriculture, and farmers' welfare minister launched 'Krishi kiosk' for farmers at Panchkula, Haryana.
- West Bengal Government launched a crop insurance scheme, Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB) for the 2019 'Kharif' season to protect farmers from losses due to natural disasters and provide a steady income in case of unstable market prices.
- Justice Prasanta Kumar Saikia (Retired) was sworn in as the Chairperson of the Lokayukta in Arunachal Pradesh.
- President of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Rajasthan unit Madan Lal Saini, aged 75, passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. He was diagnosed with infection in lungs.
- Judge of Telangana High Court, Justice V Ramasubramanian sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. He succeeded Chief Justice Surya Kant.
- Acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, Raghvendra Singh Chauhan sworn-in as the second Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in Hyderabad.
- Punjab has announced that it is going to ban online food delivery without hygiene ratings.
- Telangana Formation Day is observed annually on June 2 to mark the official formation of the state after its bifurcation from Andhra Pradesh in 2014.
- Assam govt has increased the parent's annual income limit of students eligible for fee waiver scheme up to post graduation level from Rs 1 Lakh to Rs 2 Lakh.
- Bihar cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar sanctioned Rs 384 crore for old age pension scheme under the Chief Minister Old Age Pension Scheme for financial year 2019-20.
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued 'Red-colour' warning for Delhi-NCR with as the temperature had reached 46.8 degree Celsius, the highest since May 2013.
- Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal has announced free rides in Delhi metro and Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) for women to ensure safety and make transport with higher fare affordable.
- The government of Chhattisgarh has appointment Sathish Chandra Verma as it's new Advocate General (AG) with immediate effect succeeding Kanak Tiwari.
- Deputy Speaker of Puducherry Assembly V.P Sivakolundhu has been unanimously elected as speaker of Puducherry assembly after congress's V Vaithilingam stepped down from the post.
- Ajeya Kallam Appointed As Principal Advisor To Andhra Pradesh Cm Ys Jaganmohan Reddy
- Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare the 550th Guru Nanak Prakash Purab as National Tolerance Day cited the Sikhism founder's message of love and compassion
- Justice Prashant Kumar, judge of Jharkhand High Court, is appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court

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- The Cabinet of Madhya Pradesh (MP) State Government passed the resolution to increase the reservation quota for OBC (Other Backward Class) from the current 14 percent to 27 Percent. The resolution will be taken in the monsoon session of the state assembly.
- The Haryana government Cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, relaxed the state job recruitment rules in Group B posts such as teachers and educational supervisors and Group C, D posts.
- Uttarakhand minister Prakash Pant passed away at the age of 58 in the US where he was taking treatment for cancer. He is from Pithoragarh.
- Haryana government has issued an order to withdraw Economically Backward Persons in General Caste Category (EBPG) reservation since Economically Weaker Sections reservation (EWS) came into effect.
- Pazhavila Ramesan, Poet and lyricist passed away at the age of 83 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- In Mizoram, Green Mizoram Day was celebrated throughout the state on June 11, 2019.
- The State Government of Bihar launched Mukhyamantri Vriddha Pension Yojna for poor people above 60 years of age. Poor people above the age of 60 years will get Rs 400 per month and those people above the age of 80 years will get Rs. 500 per month.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Nara Chandrababu Naidu appointed 5 Deputy CMs in a full 25-member Cabinet, one each from Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Minority and Kapu communities. The 5 Deputy CMs are Pamula Pushpa Sreevani, Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose, Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas, L Narayana Swamy and Amzath Basha.
- Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, sworn in as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. His oath of ceremony is administered by lieutenant governor of Delhi, Anil Baijal.
- RV Janakiraman, a former Chief Minister of the union territory of Puducherry and leader of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) passed away in Puducherry.
- Renowned Tamil playwright and comedy actor Mohan Rangachari, popularly known as 'Crazy'.
- The Goa cabinet chaired by the Chief minister Pramod Sawant approved the amendment of 10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections of a general category in education and employment.
- Mekathoti Sucharitha Appointed As The Home Minister Of Andhra Pradesh.
- The new cabinet meeting chaired by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has approved some key decisions including hike of old age pension from 2,000 to Rs 2,250 and approves salaries of Aasha workers (health workers in rural areas) from Rs.3,000 to Rs.10,000 per month and also increased the salary of community health workers under the Tribal Welfare Department from current Rs 400 to Rs 4,000 a month.
- The state government of Karnataka launched "Pink Sarathi vehicles" for women safety.
- Assam Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary launched the Assam State Transport Corporation's (ASTC) Chalo app for Guwahati. It will help the travellers to know about the live arrival time of their bus.
- Bihar Cabinet led by the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar approved the proposal seeking provisions to punish children who abandon their elderly parents. They could face jail time over charges of abandonment. The state cabinet also sanctioned Rs 11.68 crore for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of a multi-purpose 130-MW Dagmara hydel power project in Supaul district.
- In Bihar, 160 children have lost their lives due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and heat wave.
- The Himachal Pradesh Government made it mandatory for trekkers to carry a GPS device to tackle any exigency.
- Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu announced that the State Government is set to launch its flagship universal health insurance scheme named "Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana (SSBY)" with effect from July 1, 2019.

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- Yoga guru Baba Ramdev has penned an Autobiography titled 'My Life, My Mission',
- Vinit Goenka Pens New Book Titled "Data Sovereignty – The Pursuit Of Supremacy"
- Veteran Actor Anupam Kher Pens An Auto-Biography "Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly"
- Meenakshi Lekhi, a women politician(MP of Bharatiya Janata Party and spokesperson) has written her debut novel titled 'The New Delhi Conspiracy'.
- Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar authored a book named as "A Prime Minister to Remember- Memories of a Military Chief" released

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- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank (ABIPBL) will shut down its operations within 18 months of launch due to "unanticipated developments in the business landscape that have made the economic model unviable".
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty on two online payment solutions providers, Mobikwik Systems and Hip Bar for non compliance of regulatory guidelines.
- India will be the first recipient of local currency financing by the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB).
- The World Bank (WB) reaffirmed the support to the state of Andhra Pradesh with over \$1 billion programs. It covers the health, agriculture, energy and disaster management sectors.
- PNB Housing Finance raises \$100 million (nearly Rs.690 crore) from World Bank Group member IFC
- Standard Chartered is all set to be the first foreign bank to initiate operations at GIFT IFSC
- Govt panel headed by SC Garg recommends banning all private cryptocurrencies & jail time of up to 10 years
- Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways stated that Mumbai headquartered Indian state-owned insurance group, LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) has agreed to offer Rs 1.25 trillion (Rs 1.25 lakh crore) line of credit by 2024, to fund highway projects for timely execution of the Rs 8.41 trillion ambitious Bharatmala project.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan Credit Bureau (JCB) International along with domestic banks, launched RuPay JCB Global Cards

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- The government fixed the price of the new series of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) at Rs 3,443 per gram opening July 8, 2019.
- Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. is constituting a sub-committee to oversee the process of divestment of its assets. The six-member committee will comprise of 4 directors namely Vineet Nayyar, CS Rajan, Bijay Kumar, N Srinivasan, and COO N Sivaraman.
- The Finance Ministry of India has launched the 11th tranche of Electoral Bonds sale from July 1-10.
- India's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) and India's sovereign wealth fund, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) have signed an MoU(Memorandum of Understanding) to provide financing solutions to the infrastructure sector.
- ICICI Bank tied up with IndoStar Capital, a non-banking financial company, for vehicle financing for small and medium fleet owners to buy new and old commercial vehicles.
- India's central bank, Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has finalized a three-year road map for medium- term objective named "Utkarsh 2022" for strengthening regulation, supervision of the central bank in a meeting in New Delhi
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) to fund large scale projects, including highways in a bid to achieve Prime Minister's vision to make India a \$5-trillion economy in the next five years.
- South Korean multinational conglomerate, Samsung partners with Paisabazaar.com, India's largest online marketplace to offer financial products.
- An internal committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) suggested to review the timings of different financial markets. It recommended the timing of the functioning of the foreign exchange market from 9 am to 9 pm instead of 9 am to 5 pm.
- Total deposits in over 36.06 crore bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was at Rs 1,00,495.94 crore.
- Govt infused over Rs.3.15 lakh crore into PSBs in 11 Years between FY09 and FY19
- Six Sigma Healthcare proposed to setup Rs 750 crore project in Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand
- The World Bank had withdrawn \$300 million of fund for Amaravati Capital City project in Andhra Pradesh, the ambitious project of former chief minister Chandrababu Naidu.
- According to the Bank of England, Alan Turing, a crack code-breaker and visionary mathematician who set the foundations for artificial intelligence (AI) will feature on Britain's new £50 banknote.
- Airtel Payments Bank ties up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer the Bharti AXA Life POS Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a six-member working group to review the regulatory and supervisory framework for core investment companies (CIC). The group is to be headed by Tapan Ray
- Reserve Bank of India(RBI) will now be given power to takes over as the regulator of Housing Finance Firms(HFFs) instead of NHB(National Housing Bank).
- The Government of Hong Kong approved to grant about \$9,02,278 (7.032 million Hong Kong dollars) from Hong Kong's Disaster Relief Fund for cyclone Fani victims in Odisha.

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- Punjab & Sind Bank has set up a centralized hub named “Centralised MSME & Retail Group” (Cen- MARG) for processing retail and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans for better efficiency of branches in business acquisition
- Reliance Jio partners with Facebook to launch literacy drive “Digital Udaan” for first-time internet users in India
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) introduced a web-based application system for contribution from the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS).
- The central Banking institution, RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has penalized Public Sector Banks in India, State Bank of India (SBI) with Rs. 7 crore and Union Bank of India (UBI) with Rs.10-lakh for violating certain regulatory guidelines.
- Ministry of Finance informed that the rates of the General Provident Fund (GPF) were reduced by 10 basis points (bps) to 7.9% from 8% with effect from July 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019.
- India’s leading private sector bank, HDFC Bank (Housing Development Finance Corporation) has terminated and de-listed its 22 outstanding global depository receipts (GDRs) from the Luxembourg Stock Exchange citing low trading volume of GDRs.
- HDFC & CSC launches co-branded ‘Small Business MoneyBack Credit Card’ for small traders and village level entrepreneurs (VLEs)
- Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd and HDFC ERGO entered Bancassurance Corporate Agency Agreement
- CARS24, an online marketplace for buying and selling used cars has received a license of a Non-banking Finance Company (NBFC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and will be venturing into the consumer lending business as a separate entity within the Cars24 group.
- India’s largest private sector bank, ICICI(Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) launched a new digital platform called ‘InstaBIZ’
- ADB lowers India’s FY2020 GDP growth forecast to 7%
- A medium-sized public sector bank in India, Andhra Bank launched its AI (Artificial Intelligence) interactive assistant called “ABHi” at a function in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Apple will acquire “the majority” of Intel’s smartphone modem business for \$1 billion. Around 2,200 Intel employees will join Apple, and Apple will acquire IP and equipment from Intel as well.
- Seventh Economic Census has been started from Tripura .Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) conducts this survey.
- India's current account deficit (CAD) is expected to remain largely steady at 16 billion to 17 billion dollars or 2.3 per cent of GDP in the first quarter (April to June) of the current fiscal year 2019-20
- The insolvency regulator has notified rules that will give promoters and other stakeholder 90 days after the commencement of insolvency proceedings to re-take control of the company through agreements with creditors.
- The Noida authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with the state-run Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to install 100 electric vehicle(EV) charging stations at parking lots across the city in next one year.

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- The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH) signed MoU (Memorandum of understanding), to improve the efficiency of Service Delivery under Ayushman Bharat scheme
- Parliament adopts statutory resolution for levying 200% duty on all Pakistani goods
- The United States (US) approved foreign military sales worth \$670 million to support India's C-17 military transport aircraft in order to enhance operational readiness and ability to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) assistance in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The Bharat Chamber of Commerce, (BCC, Kolkata, West Bengal) signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) for promoting trade and investments between BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and the eastern part of India.
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) and Not-for-profit public limited company, NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) has organized "World Skills India"- International Cloud Computing Challenge at NASSCOM Campus, New Delhi.
- Tata Steel Kalinganagar becomes the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant that has been included in prestigious Lighthouse Network of the World Economic Forum
- As per the data of the World Bank for the year 2018, the turnover ratio of Indian stock market fell significantly by 60% in the past 10 years
- Indian multinational corporation based in Bengaluru, Infosys has opened its new state-of-the-art Cyber Defence Center in Bucharest, Romania.
- India's largest public broadcasting agency, Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with IIT, Kanpur (Indian Institute of Technology) for research collaboration in newly emerging technologies and broadcasting-related areas in New Delhi
- Indian ship sails for Narayanganj in Bangladesh carrying cargo from Bhutan
- An Agri Business Incubation Centre has been set up by the Union Agriculture Ministry in Indira Gandhi Agriculture University of Raipur, Chhattisgarh under the National Agriculture Development Scheme Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RAFTAAR)
- IHS Markit, a global information provider, in its report mentioned that India will surpass Japan to be the world's third largest economy in 2025 and it will overtake the United Kingdom (UK) to become the fifth biggest economy in 2019.
- Govt waived off basic customs duty (BCD) on products imported for nuclear plants
- Assam Gas Company Limited (AGCL), Oil India Limited (OIL) and GAIL Gas Limited (GGL) signed an agreement for setting up of a new company for implementation of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in five districts namely Kamrup, Kamrup, Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj of Assam.
- KRAS gets \$100 mn order for Barak-8 missile kits for Indian Army and Air Force
- TVS Motor launches India's first Ethanol based motorcycle 'TVS Apache RTR 200 Fi E100'
- Public procurement portal Government eMarketplace (GeM) inked pact with SAIL in presence of Steel Secretary, Binoy Kumar. With this MoU, SAIL became the first public sector undertaking to establish Gem Organizational Transformation Team-Project Management Unit (GOTT-PMU).

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- The Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) and the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) successfully concluded the 'testing transfer' of Rs 325 crore Motihari in Bihar to Amelkhgunj in Nepal pipeline project and it is set to start commercial operation from August 2019.
- According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's current account (CA) balance deficit rose to \$68 billion in 2018-19 from \$49 billion in 2017-18.
- The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) President Sheikh Fazle Fahim stated that the bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh accounted to \$9.5 billion for 2017-18.
- The International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report 'Working on a Warmer Planet: The Impact of Heat Stress on Labour Productivity and Decent Work', stated that India is projected to lose 5.8% of working hours in 2030 equivalent to 34 million full-time jobs due to global warming.
- Centre to increase coal production to one billion tone by 2022-23
- India & Italy to establish a fast-track mechanism to facilitate investment

Non-financial One Liner Current Affairs

- The Finance Bill was passed in the upper house without much discussion. The Finance Bill 2019 contains tax proposals for the current fiscal year. The bill seeks to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 2019-20.
- Parliament passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2019. It was passed with 99 votes in favour and 84 opposed against it. The bill criminalizes instant triple talaq among Muslims and attracts a jail term of three years for the husband.
- GoI has reconstituted the Group of Ministers (GoM) looking after the issues of how to prevent sexual harassment at workplace and strengthen legal frameworks. The GoM will be lead by Home Minister Amit Shah.
- BS Yeddyurappa to take oath as karnataka CM
- The Government is planning to set up Community Radio Centres at all coastal places
- The average monthly income per agricultural household from all sources is less than Rs. 6,500, said Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Govt sanctioned project for development of Tirthankar Circuit covering sites associated with Jainism under Swadesh Darshan scheme
- Indian Railways' Northeast Frontier Railway zone has started a unique initiative to earmark a special portion of the SLR coach with pink colour. This is done to specially help the women passengers with better safety and security.
- IEA praised PMUY for providing free cooking gas connection to poor
- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan launched Atal Community Innovation Centre in New Delhi
- During the International Bus and Car show, Prawaas 2019 which was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari informed that approval was given to the national permit scheme for inter-state travel for bus operators.

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- Ministry of Development of North East Region has taken up 49 projects worth over 1231 crore rupees in the North Eastern Region in the first month of 100 days action plan of the government.
- The University Grants Commission(UGC) which coordinates, determines and maintains standards of higher education, has released a list of 23 universities which are declared “self-styled” and “unrecognized“. These universities contradict the UGC Act 1956.
- In order to improve the availability of funds for traders and to reduce compliance burden, the “National Traders Welfare Board” is to be set up by the commerce and industry ministry as told by the Prime Minister while addressing the traders during his election campaign in April.
- The Western Railway (WR) has thrown open to public the first The WR Mahalaxmi General Stores Depot (GSD) has become the first in Indian Railways to portray a heritage gallery of the printing and allied machines used in the WR Printing Press since 1948.
- Hyderabad based Indian biotechnology research establishments, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enable newer diagnostic methods to treat genetic disorders.
- AYUSH collaborated with MeitY for digitisation of AYUSH sector
- UIDAI started its first Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Delhi and Vijayawada
- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal informed that Railways will install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in over 7,020 coaches of mainline passenger trains during Phase-I which is targeted to complete by March 2021
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a commemoration of 4 years of Digital India initiative in an event at New Delhi.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) released a report on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) titled “India: Health of the Nation’s States”. Total death in the country due to NCDs was 61.8% in 2016, as compared to 37.9% in 1990.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest And Climate Change (MoEFCC) informed that Chhattisgarh and Telangana processed the largest percentage of solid waste until November 2018.
- Telecom Ministry forms committee under telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajanto to spell out revival plans for Telecom sector
- ‘One Nation One Ration Card’ scheme will be available across the country from July 1, 2020
- The Parliament passed The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which became the first legislation to be passed by the newly constituted 17th Lok Sabha. It will replace the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019,
- PM formed a high powered panel of CMs headed by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis for the transformation of Indian agriculture
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched by the Government to create awareness on benefits of water conservation
- Union Government reconstituted the Group of Ministers (GoM) called the Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) on Air India disinvestment. The group is headed by Home minister Amit Shah
- Amita Prasad to lead Inland Waterways Authority, A K Jha, the new NPC chief

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- Culture Minister, Prahlad Singh Patel has inaugurated the architectural illumination of the historic Safdarjung Tomb in New Delhi.
- National award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar's 'Indu Sarkar' is now a part of National Film Archives
- Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill 2019: Parliament passed the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill 2019 after the Rajya Sabha approved it unanimously. The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha earlier through a voice vote.
- In order to boost research culture in India, the University Grants Commission (UGC) approved a new initiative – Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE).
- The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) will be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- Visit of Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America to India
- Minister of Electronics and Information and Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad in a written reply in Lok Sabha stated that comprehensive legislation on data privacy named Data Protection Bill is under formulation to strengthen the protection of personal data
- Piyush Goyal Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that cooperative sector export-promotion forum (CSEPF) will be created under the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) after consultations with 20 states and Union territories.
- The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar reviewed the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM) during a visit to the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune, Maharashtra.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal for grant of Organised Group "A" Service (OGAS) status to Group "A" executive cadre officers of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) & extended the benefit of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) and Non-Functional Selection Grade (NFSG) at an enhanced rate of 30%.
- Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Harsh Vardhan stated that the Government sets target is to raise health services expenditure to 2.5 percent of the country's GDP(Gross domestic product) by 2025
- The Singapore based Global Indian International School (GIIS) will launch the concept of SMART Campus at Hadapsar and Balewadi campuses in Pune, Maharashtra
- Under PMKSNY, more than 7 crore 32 lakh farmer families received first two instalments of Rs 2000 each
- The highways of Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra are India's first highway corridors to get charging stations for electric vehicles by March 2020.
- Jal Shakti ministry Minister of State for Jal Shakti Rattan Lal Kataria stated that under the Government's ambitious scheme, "Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)" 9 crores 62 lakh individual household toilets have been constructed since 2014.
- **UNION BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**
- PAN and Aadhaar will become interchangeable. You can use your Aadhaar number to file your I-T Returns soon.
- ₹5 lakh minimum limit announced for taxpayers. In view of rising income levels, those in the ₹2-5 crore and ₹5 crore-and-above brackets will see increase in effective tax rate by 3% and 7%, respectively.

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- GST rate on electric vehicles proposed to be lowered to 5%. Additional income tax deduction of ₹1.5 lakh on interest on loans taken to purchase electric vehicles.
- Additional deduction of ₹1.5 lakh on loans up to March 31 2020 for buying affordable houses, giving ₹ 7 lakh benefit to home buyers.
- Proposal to provide Aadhaar cards for NRIs with Indian passports, after their arrival in India, with no waiting period.
- ₹20 coin coming up.
- Excise duty on fuel hiked by ₹1.
- To resolve the angel tax issue, startups will not be subject to any scrutiny in respect to valuation. Funds raised by startups will not require any scrutiny by the I-T department.
- TDS of 2% on cash withdrawals exceeding ₹1 crore in a year from bank accounts, to discourage business payments in cash.
- Period of exemption for capital gains arising from sale of house for investment in startups to be extended to March 31, 2021.
- ₹70,000 crore in recapitalisation for public sector banks.
- ₹1.05 lakh crore disinvestment target for the year.
- TV channel to be launched for promoting startups and to help matchmaking for funds.
- New national educational policy hopes to transform Indian education into one of the best in the world, with focus on bringing in foreign students.
- ₹50 lakh crores proposed for Railway infrastructure.
- By 2022, the 75th year of Independence, every single rural family, except those who are unwilling to take the connection, will have electricity and clean cooking facility.
- Stress on zero-budget farming, which is a form of gardening as a self-sustainable practice, with minimum external intervention.
- The pension benefit will be extended to 3 crore retail traders under PM Karam Yogi Maan Dhan Scheme. It requires only Aadhaar numbers and bank accounts.
- ₹1 crore worth of loans proposed to MSMEs.
- Investment by FIIs and FDIs in debt securities in infrastructure debt funds to be allowed. Minimum public shareholding in listed companies can be increased from 25% to 35%.
- Global Investors Meet to happen in India.
- The Civil Aviation ministry added 8 more routes under the regional connectivity scheme UDAN, thus making the total operational routes to 194.
- The Union Health Ministry has banned colistin, which is an antibiotic used in the poultry industry for producing animals, aqua farming, etc. It was banned as it has high risk of life threat to human beings.
- The Ujh and Basantar bridges were inaugurated by the defence minister in Kathua and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 'Fashionova', India's first Design Development Center was launched in the Textile city Surat, Gujarat to promote the city in the field of the fashion design sector
- Maharashtra was ranked first for implementing most of the marketing reforms.

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- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot informed that the budget for drug de-addiction measures was increased to Rs 135 crore from Rs 33 crore in 2014.
- Government extends KCC facility to fisheries, animal husbandry sector
- South Central Railways (SCR) of Indian Railways commissioned the longest electrified tunnel in India. It is situated between Cherlopalli and Rapuru stations in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh
- To encourage digital payments at toll plazas and decongest national highways, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has decided to declare all lanes at toll fee plaza on National Highways as 'FASTag lanes' from 1st December 2019.
- Maharashtra tops in ATM frauds, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka follow
- Kerala Tourism organized 5-day annual Nishagandhi Monsoon Ragas Music Fest 2019 in Kanakakkunnu, Thiruvananthapuram
- Uttarakhand was named among best performing states in 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme
- 1800 Bangladeshi civil servants will be trained at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand between 2019-2025
- Boeing, American aerospace company, informed the arrival of 2 new heavy-lift CH-47F (I) Chinooks helicopters for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at the Mundra port in Gujarat
- Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express, one of the most-awaited trains on the route announced in 2016, is set to be the first train to be operated by private players.
- Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched a project for undertaking 'immunocontraceptive measures' for population management of 4 species of wild animals namely Elephant, Wild boar, Monkeys and Blue Bull (Nilgai).
- Parliament passed Aadhaar Amendment Bill which allows voluntary use of Aadhaar as proof of identity
- India's first elephant rehabilitation centre will be set up by the Kerala State Government in its ecotourism village of Kottoor
- India's first cow sanctuary Kamdhenu Gau Abhyaranya in Madhya Pradesh to be privatized
- The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) recommended for "in-principle" permission for exploration of Uranium in Amrabad Tiger Reserve in Telangana.
- The Finance Bill 2019, one of the documents of the Union Budget 2019-20, gave certain powers to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Pune based National Film Archive of India (NFAI) has acquired rare footage of the 1948 Marathi film 'Vande Mataram', in which legendary writer and playwright P.L. Deshpande played the major role along with his wife Sunita Deshpande
- Government approved Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana along Indo-Nepal Border areas with financial outlay of Rs 5,35,000 crore
- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) had prepared the draft Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act, 2017, which proposes a 10-year jail term and Rs 5 lakh fine for violence against doctors,
- AIIMS along with Ministry of Health will lead largest pan-India Oral Health Survey 2019

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- A high-level committee set up by the Union ministry of health and Family Welfare, Government of India has produced their report called 'National Digital Health Blueprint' was released by Health Minister Dr. Harshavardhan in New Delhi
- Meghalaya became the first state in India to ensure water conservation with its State Water Policy
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India launched 'LaQshya' (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) Initiative to improve quality of care in labor room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities
- Minister of State for Home Affairs, G. Kishan Reddy stated that the Government has proposed to set up the first National Police University in the country which will impart education in policing and internal security
- Ministry Of Women And Child Development(WCD) stated that at National level, Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) has increased to 931 from 923 for the time period between FY(financial year) 2015-16 and 2018-19.
- Centre has approved the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences' Deep Ocean Mission (DOM). The project plans to explore the deepest recesses of the ocean. It is a five year project. The cost estimated for the project is Rs.8,000 crore.
- The Nagaland government has planned to form a commission to frame the modalities of creating the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland
- India readies plan for \$4 billion Tesla-scale battery storage plants
- The budget session of Parliament extended by eight working days till 7 August
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal in respect of Determination of 'Fair and Remunerative Price' (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills for 2019-20 sugar season. The Cabinet kept the FRP at Rs 275 per quintal.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)'s National Institute for Medical Statistics (ICMR-NIMS) partnership with Population Council, launched the National Data Quality Forum (NDQF).
- The National Green Tribunal has approved an ambitious plan of the Delhi government to tap the Yamuna rainwater by building a 1,000 acre mega reservoir
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the creation of a 4 million metric tonne sugar NSE 1.00 % buffer stock for one year.
- AICTE data shows 50% of Engineering graduates receive job offers
- A celestial object has landed in a village of Madhubani, Bihar. The object weighs more than 10 kilograms
- The Centre has proposed light urban rail transit system - 'Metrolite' It is found in small cities and towns having lower projection of ridership
- Inter-Ministerial Committee on Virtual Currencies headed by finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg has submitted its report to the government
- India's fastest train Vande Bharat Express successfully completed its test run from New Delhi to Katra in eight hours. The train can run up to a maximum speed of 160 km per hour.
- The Centre For Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) received a state-of-the-art facility for its genomic studies division which was inaugurated by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan

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STATE NEWS

- The Cabinet of Haryana under the chairmanship of chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar approved the setting up of Haryana Sports University at Rai, Sonapat
- The rasagola, a popular dessert of Odisha, has received the geographical indication tag from the Registrar of Geographical Indication.
- Odisha Chief Minister announced in the State Assembly that the Sachivalaya or Secretariat building in Bhubaneswar will now be called 'Lok Seva Bhavan'
- Jammu and Kashmir, District Administration Udhampur has launched a helpline, "Jeene Do". The objective is to improve sex ratio and deal with defaulters of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques PCPNDT Act under the Centrally sponsored Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme
- Former Goa Minister and senior leader of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Dr. Wilfred Mesquita passed away in Mumbai, after a brief illness
- UP has highest number of senior citizens with more than one crore 54 lakh
- UP Government to install 251-metre-tall statue of Lord Ram in Ayodhya; Set to become the world's tallest statue
- The Uttar Pradesh State Government has set the state a target of becoming a \$1-trillion economy in the next three years
- The Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Seed Federation will produce its own seeds in addition with distribution and marketing of certified and high-quality seeds to farmers
- Chandrakant Kavlekar sworn in as the new Deputy CM of Goa
- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis announced that Damanganga-Pinjal project will meet the water needs of Mumbai till 2060
- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis has approved Rs 3500 crore for multi-modal integration project at the 148th board meeting of the MMRDA (Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority) in Mumbai
- Five important bills passed by Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly
- Puducherry will soon to operationalize Bicycle-Sharing Scheme
- The State Government of Goa cleared amendments to Factories Act, 1948 allowing women to work legally during night hours (between 7 pm to 6 am) in factories of the state. Section 66 of the Factories Act, 1948 prohibit women to work during night hours.
- 'Tamil Yeoman', a kind of butterfly found in the Western Ghats declared as Tamilnadu state butterfly. It is also called as 'Tamil Maravan'. Tamil Nadu has become the fifth state in the country to announce its state butterfly
- 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal for farmers launched by Haryana Government
- Chief Minister(CM) of Goa, Pramod Sawant announced the plan of launching India's first-ever 'Water Taxis', between Panaji and Old Goa which will allow people to travel in inland waterways

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- The Delhi police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), to set up rooftop solar energy systems
- West Bengal government set to bring legislation for ensuring Journalists' job security
- The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel has inaugurated the 'Jan Choupal' program in Raipur, Chhattisgarh for holding public meetings once every week to discuss the issues of the people.
- UP govt launches toll-free 'CM helpline 1076' for complaint registration
- SC Directs Meghalaya to deposit 100 Crore as Fine imposed by NGT for Illegal Coal Mining
- The Odisha state Government has implemented the Centre's Witness Protection Scheme, 2018 to protect witnesses and their family members from threats against their lives and reputation.
- To celebrate the completion of a year of introduction of its happiness curriculum, Delhi Government launched a 15-day "Happiness Utsav" across all its 1,031 schools.
- State Government of Maharashtra increased the financial aid to families of Jawans Martyred in war or war like situations and to disabled soldiers hailing from the state from Rs 25 lakhs to Rs 1 crore.
- The Odisha government is planning to recast its Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) which was last revised in 2015 keeping competition from peer states to attract new investments with an aim to make Odisha, one among the top 3 states in 'Ease of Doing Business'.
- The state Government of Haryana and India's leading Bombay stock exchange (BSE) have signed a pact to encourage and support state's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched "Dastak Campaign" to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) disease
- The State Government of Uttarakhand implemented a one-time settlement' scheme for debt trapped state cooperative banks which had the NPA (Non Performing Assets) of Rs 391.50 crore which have piled up over the last 25 years
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has declared the entire state of Nagaland as "disturbed area" for six more months, with effect from June 30, 2019, till December 31, 2019
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot at the 25th 'Bhamashah Sammelan' held at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur announced the establishment of a Vedic education and culture board in Rajasthan
- The world famous Jagannath Rath Yatra 2019(also known as Chariot Festival) began at Puri in Odisha
- Operation Khumaar launched in J&K to make 312 panchayats free from tobacco
- Finance Minister of Gujarat Nitin Patel presented the Budget size of Rs 2,04,815 crore for the year 2019-20 for the state. The budget indicates the overall surplus of Rs 572 crore & additional tax income of Rs 287 crore.
- Madhya Pradesh got its First International Flight with the launch of a flight service to Dubai from the Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar International Airport, Indore with a national carrier Air India (Flight AI903) with 150 passengers.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a revamped website of Tourism department – tourismodishatourism.gov.in

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- Chandigarh has received affiliation from the Board of Control for Cricket in India, thus providing an opportunity for the city cricketers to play in BCCI tournament.
- Gujarat has stood first in the country with total 261.97 megawatts (MW) of installed rooftop solar capacity.
- Asian Development Bank has sanctioned Rs 1925 Cr project for up-gradation of power generation and distribution in Tripura.
- Researchers discover *Dracaena cambodiana*, a dragon tree species in the Dongka Sarpo area of West Karbi Anglong district in Assam.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- DR Congo plans surveillance, vaccination training to tackle Ebola
- According to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) 10528 patients have been infected with dengue. Close to 700 more people were reported with dengue infection across the country
- Infosys co-founder and its former chairman Nandan Nilekani has introduced a new platform "Sahamati" based on a new class of non-banking financial institutions called the account aggregator (NBFC-AA) model.
- In the event of G7 finance ministers meeting in France, all fully supported two-pillar taxation for large tech companies to be adopted by 2020
- Sri Lanka inaugurated its first model village built with Indian assistance at Ranidugama in Gampaha
- The world's largest burn and plastic surgery institute named Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute started its functioning in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Holdings The General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs of Sharjah has granted the first golden card visa to an Indian expat businessman, Lalu Samuel, Chairman and Managing Director of Kingston Holdings and Chairman of Sharjah Industry Business Group
- London named as World's Best Student City in QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2019
- The US Senate (United States) has passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the fiscal year 2020 to promote defense cooperation, which would make India's status equal to the US-NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) partners and countries like Israel and South Korea.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that Iran had exceeded a limit on its enriched uranium reserves set by a 2015 nuclear deal/Iran deal by 300 kilograms
- The United States listed the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and Hezbollah operative Husain Ali Hazzima as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) under Executive Order (E.O.) 13224.
- Kuwait supports India in countering terror
- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released a report titled Global Study on Homicide 2019. It stated that the overall Homicide Rate declined by 10% in India over the period 2009- 2015, from 3.8 to 3.4 per 100,000 population but it was increased 'Noticeably' in some Northern States.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that measles disease has been eradicated in Sri Lanka.
- With an aim to fund less-polluting transportation projects, French government announced to impose green tax up to €18 (\$20) on plane tickets for all outgoing flights from airports in France with effect from 2020
- The Mahatma Gandhi IT and Biotechnology Park (MGIT-BP), built with the assistance from India was inaugurated at Grand-Bassam in Cote d'Ivoire, a West African country

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- The Government of India signed a deal with Russia for acquiring the 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missiles. The deal is worth around Rs 200 Crore
- The Government of India (GoI) handed over the 250 pre-fabricated houses for use of Refugees returned from Bangladesh to Myanmar's Rakhine State.
- 19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting for the year 2019 held in London, UK
- The United States (US) House of Representatives passed a Bill 'Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act, 2019 or HR 1044' which removes the present 7% country-cap on issuing Green Cards.
- Wilful defaults exceed \$21 billion in India for the year 2018-19, SBI holds the highest
- In a bid to move the country towards a less-cash economy, country's largest bank, the State Bank of India(SBI) waived Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) charges for its app YONO(You Only Need One), internet and mobile banking customers effective from 1 July 2019.
- World Bank Arbitration Court imposed a penalty of \$5.8 billion on Pakistan for unlawful denial of a mining lease to Tethyan Copper Company for the Reko Diq project in 2011.
- The foundation stone of Baba Guru Nanak International University (BGNIU) has been laid in Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Baba Guru Nanak Dev, founder of Sikhism, in the Punjab province of Pakistan.
- After the second meeting of officials of India and Pakistan, the Foreign Office (FO) informed that Pakistan would allow 5,000 Sikh pilgrims per day throughout the year to visit Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib situated in Kartarpur, Narowal District, Pakistan.
- US imposed sanctions against Myanmar's military chief & 3 others for killing of Rohingya Muslims
- Government of Sri Lanka and IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company) International Limited, under the Ministry of Railways, signed \$91.26 million agreement for the up-gradation of 130 km rail track located between Colombo and Jaffna
- Japan officially resumed commercial whaling for the first time in more than three decades after Tokyo's controversial decision to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC).
- India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Ambassador K Nagaraj Naidu stated that the Government of India has pledged to contribute \$5 million in 2019 to UN Palestine refugee agency.
- US (United States) President Donald Trump became the first sitting president to enter North Korea after briefly crossed the border in the demilitarised zone (DMZ) between South and North Korea.
- In order to tackle plastic pollution, the Government of New Zealand has officially banned single- use plastic shopping bags with effect from 1 July 2019
- The World Health Organization has introduced its first guideline on self-care interventions for health named "WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for Health".

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE	PLACE
The G20 (Group of 20) Summit 2019	Osaka, Japan
Global Ayurveda Summit	Kochi.(Theme: 'Mainstreaming Ayurveda Startups, Innovation and Branding')

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2nd edition of India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue 2019	New Delhi
The 11th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting (MGC SOM) 2019	New Delhi
Women Startup Summit 2019	Kochi(Theme :“Developing an Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystem”.)
NAM Ministerial Meeting	Caracas, Venezuela(Theme: “Promotion and Consolidation of Peace through Respect for International Law”)
44th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020	The city of Fuzhou (China)
the 14th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
USISPF 2nd annual leadership summit	Washington DC, US
5th edition of Dharma-Dhamma conference	Rajgir, Bihar
3rd edition of International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference(ISSOC) 2019	Mumbai
11th biennial arms exhibition 'DefExpo 2020'	Lucknow
13th Global Healthcare Summit	Hyderabad
10th Edition of Jagran Film Festival	New Delhi
RBI's Central Board of Directors' 577th meeting	New Delhi
India – ASEAN Troika Trade Ministers'	New Delhi
India-Nepal Logistics Summit	Kathmandu.(Theme: “Transforming Logistics Landscape”.)

RANKS AND INDICES

- Reliance Industries Ltd has jumped 42 places to become the highest-ranking Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list.
- In the World Reputation Rankings 2019 released by the Times Higher Education, among the Indian Institutes, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal were awarded the top 3 positions.
- Palau became the 76th country to sign the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement
- According to the report titled, “Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey” (annual report) by CBRE, an American real estate consulting firm, New Delhi's Connaught Place (CP) was the 9th most expensive office location in the world
- India ranks 86th in Most Powerful Passport index 2019, Japan and Singapore holding the top spot

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- The Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), out of the 18,02,646 service electors, 10,84,266 e-postal ballots were received indicating 60.14% turnout in Lok Sabha elections 2019.
- Silicon Valley of India, Bengaluru tops “most digitised cities” list: Razorpay report 2019
- The first 2019 report of “State of the Education Report for India 2019: Children with Disabilities” has released by the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) at an event in New Delhi.
- NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog released its “Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index” (AMFFRI) for the year 2019.
- Andhra Pradesh Assembly under the Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy passed the Andhra Pradesh Employment of Local Candidates in Industries/Factories Act, 2019, which reserves 75% private job to locals across factories, industrial units, joint ventures and private projects taken under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- India has adequate number of healthcare professionals: Indian Institute of Public Health Survey

AGREEMENTS AND MOU

- Asia's largest real estate company CapitaLand Limited (Singapore) completed acquisition worth of US\$8 billion (singapore\$11 billion) Ascendas-Singbridge Pte. Ltd owned by Temasek Holdings.
- The signing of the agreement on mutual exemption of visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports and agreement on the fresh line of credit of 100 million US dollars by India to finance development projects in Benin.
- India, Myanmar signs MoU on Defence Co-Operation
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute for Medical Statistics (NIMS), in partnership with global nonprofit organisation Population Council, launched the National Data Quality Forum (NDQF).
- IIT Kharagpur, Tata Medical Center join hands to form Comprehensive Digital Archive of Cancer Imaging
- Walmart Labs, an American subsidiary of Walmart in San Bruno, California, Acqui-hired 2 Bengaluru-based health tech startups FloCare and BigTrade, a B2B (Business to Business) wholesale trading platform, for an undisclosed amount to strengthen its customer technology and supply chain
- US-based software firm Ebix Inc acquired online travel portal Yatra Online Inc., for an enterprise value of \$337.8 million (Rs 2,325 crore) in an all-stock transaction
- Bharti Airtel Limited and Bharti Hexacom Limited announced the merger of the consumer mobile businesses (CMB) of Tata Teleservices Limited (TTSL) and Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited (TTML) with the two Bharti Group companies.
- Mumbai based Private sector lender, YES Bank has acquired a 9.47 % stake in dry cell battery maker, Eveready Industries India by invoking shares pledged by McLeod Russel.
- Union Cabinet has approved the merger of National Institute of Miners' Health with Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Occupational Health.

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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS

NAME	ROLE
Benjamin Netanyahu	longest-serving Israeli PM
Ramush Haradinaj	Resigns-prime minister (PM) of Kosovo
Ursula von der Leyen	first female President of European Commission
Kalraj Mishra	Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Acharya Devvrat	governor of Gujarat
Sarvita Sethi	VP for M&A for Coca-Cola India & SW Asia
Harsh Bhutani	Chief Financial Officer- Coca-Cola India & SW Asia
Varun Dhawan	Indian Brand Ambassador of leading fitness brand Reebok
Prosenjit Chatterjee	Brand Ambassador for RummyCircle
Boris Johnson	British Prime Minister
Ajay Bhadoo	Joint Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind
Vivek Kohli	Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation-chairman
M P Singh	Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation-secretary-general
M Nageswar Rao	director general of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard
Ashutosh Gupta	LinkedIn as country manager for India
Rahul Dravid	Head of Cricket at NCA by BCCI
Kyriakos Mitsotakis	new prime minister of Greece
Arun Kumar	Director General(DG) of DGCA
Kalraj Mishra	Himachal Governor
Acharya Devvrat	Governor of Gujarat
Navjot Singh Sidhu	resigned as Punjab Cabinet Minister
Prithvi Shaw	FanMojo- Brand Ambassador
Julie Sweet	new CEO- Accenture Inc
Anshula Kant	MD AND CFO OF WORLD BANK
AK Sikri	Singapore International Commercial Court JUDGE
Kiran Shankar More	USA cricket team's interim coach
Anusuiya Uikey	Governors of Chhattisgarh
Biswa Bhusan Harichandan	Governors of Andhra Pradesh
Christine Lagarde	MD of IMF RESIGNS
Lal Ji Tandon	Governors of Madhya Pradesh
Anandi Ben Patel	Uttar Pradesh Governor
Phagu Chauhan	Bihar Governor
Jagdeep Dhankhar	West Bengal Governor
Ramesh Bais	Tripura Governor

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RN Ravi	Nagaland Governor
Vivek Kumar	Private Secretary to PM Modi
Upender Singh Rawat	Ambassador to Panama
Sanjeev Kumar Singla	Ambassador To Israel
VK Johri	BSF DG
Girish Bhalchandra Bapat	chairman of the estimates committee
PK Bharwar	BSNL CMD
Karnam Sekar	MD and CEO of IOB
N S Vishwanathan	RBI deputy governor
Rahul Gandhi	resigned as Congress President
Manoj Kumar Nambiar	Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN)
David Lipton	IMF interim leader
Ursula von der Leyen	To lead EU Commission
Christine Lagarde	European Central Bank president
Harideesh Kumar	Director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection
Dr.Nalin Shinghal	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited(BHEL)
Priti Patel	Britain's Home Secretary
Ajay Bhalla	Home Secretary
Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury	Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).
Sunil Kumar	Additional charge of chairman and managing director of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).
Rajiv Kumar	New Finance Secretary
S.S Deswal	Additional charge of NSG
Dinesh Bhatia	Ambassador to Paraguayan Republic

SPORTS NEWS

- For the first time in the Olympic Games' history, Table Tennis Mixed Doubles event added in a new Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games. Manika Batra to pair with Sharath Kamal for mixed doubles spot in Tokyo Olympics.
- Tamil Nadu girl Jerlin Anika has won the gold medal in the World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships held in Taipei.

International Cricket Council has released the latest rankings of teams and players in different categories.

1. Men's Team Rankings:

- India topped the Test Team Rankings.
- England topped the One Day International Team Rankings.
- Pakistan topped the T20 International Team Rankings.

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2. Men's Batting Rankings:

- Virat Kohli (India) topped the Test Batting Rankings.
- Virat Kohli (India) topped the ODI Batting Rankings.
- Babar Azam (Pakistan) topped the T20I Batting Rankings.

3. Men's Bowling Rankings:

- Pat Cummins (Australia) topped the Test Bowling Rankings.
- Jasprit Bumrah (India) topped the ODI Bowling Rankings
- Rashid Khan (Afghanistan) topped the T20I Bowling Rankings.

4. Men's All-Rounder Rankings:

- Jason Holder (West Indies) topped the Test All-Rounder Rankings.
- Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh) topped the ODI All-Rounder Rankings.
- Glenn Maxwell (Australia) topped the T20I All-Rounder Rankings
- Max Verstappen wins 2019 Formula 1 German Grand Prix
- Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad shattered one of the longest standing records in women's athletics with a superb display to clinch victory in the 400m hurdles at US Championships.
- Bhakti Kulkarni retains the title at 46th National Women Chess Championship 2019
- Egan Bernal (22, Colombian cyclist) became the 1st Colombian to win the 106th edition of Tour de France 2019, one of cycling's three grand tours title.
- Bhullar finishes 13th at the Estrella Damm N.A. Andalucia Masters 2019
- Odisha to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019
- India's middle-order batsman Ambati Rayudu, announced retirement from all forms of cricket
- Vaibhav Yadav, Indian pro boxer won the World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver welterweight championship 2019 that held in Pattaya, Thailand.
- Chinese tennis great Li Na, France's Mary Pierce and Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia were inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame
- Prithu Gupta of Delhi, aged 15 years, became India's 64th Grandmaster (GM).
- The International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jon Ridgeon informed that India's track and field legend PT Usha, aged 55, has been nominated for the IAAF's 'Veteran Pin' for her outstanding service to the sport.
- Max Verstappen won 2019 Austrian Grand Prix
- A 10-year old Karate Girl, Arinjeeta Dey wins a silver medal for India in World Youth Cup 2019
- Elavenil Valarivan clinched women's 10m Air Rifle silver medal in the 30th Summer Universiade Games 2019
- Indian sprint runner Hima Das, nicknamed 'Dhing Express' won the gold medal in women's 200m with a timing of 23.65 seconds in Poznań Athletics Grand Prix 2019 held in Golecin Stadium, Poznań, Poland
- Hima Das & Muhammad Anas win gold in the 400m race held in Prague, Czech Republic

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- The US has consolidated its top spot in the latest women's rankings, after winning their second consecutive FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) Women's World Cup.
- The 21st Edition of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships for the year 2019 was held at the JawaharLal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha- Men's Singles-Harmeet Desai (India) , Women's SinglesAyhika Mukherjee (India)
- Nigeria set to host 2020 FIFA women U-20 World cup
- India boxer Shiva Thapa, a four-time Asian medallist, became India's first gold medallist at the Kazakhstan President's Cup Boxing Tournament 2019 by defeating Kazakhstan's Zakir Safiullin in the finals held in Astana, Kazakhstan in the 63kg category.
- Adam Peaty becomes a 1st man to swim under 57 sec in the 100m breaststroke
- Shane Lowry of Ireland won his maiden golf title at the British Open 2019 by beating England's Tommy Fleetwood by six strokes
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2019 was held at the Shooting Center, Suhl, Germany
- John Isner of America won the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships 2019 in the finals after defeating Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan
- Sri Lankan pacer Lasith Malinga retires from ODIs
- Mexico won CONCACAF Gold Cup title 2019 by beating USA
- The 34th edition of Sailing Championship 2019 concluded in Telangana
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- Magnus Carlsen of Norway, the world champion, won the Croatia Grand Chess Tour 2019 title against Maxime Vachier Lagrav of France.
- Lewis Hamilton won record sixth British Grand Prix at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom
- Kerala long jumper, M.Sreeshankar (20) has won the long jump gold with 7.97m at the XXII Tatyana Kolpakova international athletics meet 2019 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Hima Das bagged her 3rd international gold within two weeks at the Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet 2019 in Czech Republic
- Wimbledon Championships- Men's Singles -Novak Djokovic(Serbia), Women's Singles-Simona Halep(Romania)
- The ICC Men's World Cup 2019 was the 12th Cricket World Cup held in England and Wales from 30 May to 14 July 2019. The Finals were held at the Lord's Cricket Ground between New Zealand and England. England lifted the first World Cup title beating New Zealand on boundary count after both the match and the subsequent Super Over finished as ties.
- Britain's Amir Khan, Olympic silver medallist, won the World Boxing Council (WBC) International Welterweight Title defeating Australian Billy Dib in the fourth round of his bout at the inaugural Super Boxing League 2019 held at King Abdullah Sports City, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- Former Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from ODIs

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- International Olympic Committee (IOC) has removed a ban on the Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) and permitted to compete in the 2020 Olympics
- Canada Open 2019, officially known as the YONEX Canada Open 2019, held in Markin-MacPhail Centre, Canada with total prize money of \$75,000. Li Shi Feng of China won the Men's Singles title after defeating India's Parupalli Kashyap. While An Se-young of South Korea defeated Wang Zhiyi of China
- Brazil beats Peru in the final to lift the Copa America 2019 title
- Indian boxing star Vijender Singh Beniwal(Haryana) clinched his 11th consecutive win in US professional Boxing (United States) against Mike Snider of US in Newark, New Jersey
- Sathiyam and Amalraj pair Wins Bronze to Get India's First Medal at Australian Open
- Ellyse Perry of Australia becomes the first cricketer to reach 1000 runs & 100 wickets in T20 format
- The 18th edition of the FIFA U-17 World Cup for the year 2019 will be hosted by Brazil between 26 October and 17 November 2019.
- ICC's Anil Kumble-led Cricket Committee will discuss issues concerning controversial boundary count back rule
- Indian track and field athletes won six medals (3Gold,2 Silver,1Bronze) on the 1st day of the Qasanov Memorial Meet 2019 in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Former England Striker Peter Crouch announced retirement from Football
- The 38th edition of the Indonesia Open for the year 2019 was held from July 16-21, 2019 at Istora Gelora Bung Karno in Jakarta, Indonesia. Men's Singles-Chou Tien Chen (Taiwan), Women's Singles Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju unveiled All India Football Federation's (AIFF) Golden Baby Leagues Handbook 2019-20 on the sidelines of the Intercontinental Cup in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Former India batsman and Andhra Pradesh skipper Venugopal Rao announces retirement
- Rani Banga won a gold medal in the Rope exercise and a silver medal in the clubs exercise at the annual Championship held at Holon, northern city of Israel.
- 2nd Edition of Hero Intercontinental Cup football tournament for the year 2019 won by North Korea
- Nigerian footballer John Obi Mikel announces retirement
- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship 2019- Overview, India Topped The Medal Tally In The Championship
- Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar was inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame along with South African pace legend Allan Donald and Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick.
- Hima Das bags her 4th gold at in the Tabor Athletics Meet 2019
- 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship commenced at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha
- Arjun Bhati of India won Future Champions Golf (FCG) Callaway Junior World Golf Championship 2019 by defeating Taiwan's Jeremy Chen with 199 strokes in Palm Desert, California.
- Indian archer Deepika Kumari won silver at the Ready Steady Tokyo test event for the 2020 Olympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan

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- Zimbabwe cricket has been suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) with immediate effect after it breached the ICC Constitution by failing to provide free and democratic elections and ensuring that there is no government interference in its administration.
- Right-arm medium pacer, Jade Dernbach(33) of England announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket on the day England won 2019 World Cup held at Lord's (also known as Lord's Cricket Ground), London
- In the latest Women's Tennis Association (WTA) 2019 and Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings 2019, Ashleigh Barty of Australia got the top position in women's ranking while Novak Djokovic of Serbia remained at world number one in men's ranking.
- 30th Summer Universiade Games 2019. Dutee Chand-Women's 100-metre sprint(Gold), Elavenil Valarivan-Women's 10m Air Rifle(Silver)
- A 9 member Indian Army team has left for Belarus to compete in the Sniper Frontier Competition as part of the International Army Games scheduled on 03 Aug to 17 Aug 2019.
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) approved India's application to host the ISSF World Cup stages. ISSF World Cup in rifle/pistol/shotgun events to be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad, New Delhi
- Byju's replaces Oppo as Team India's official sponsor
- Former France and Manchester United defender Patrice Evra has announced his retirement.
- Kristof Milak shattered Michael Phelps' long-standing world record in the 200 metres butterfly at the World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju.
- American Collin Morikawa has won the US PGA title at the Barracuda Championship.
- The BCCI has approved the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA). The ICA is not affiliated to Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA) and is only open to former men and women cricketers.

DEFENCE NEWS

- Indian Air Force (IAF) has received 1st batch of 4 of total 22 AH-64E Apache Guardian Attack helicopters from US (United States)aerospace major Boeing at Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh(UP).
- Indian Navy Ship LCU L-56, the sixth of the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class ships, was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Vice-Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, at Naval Dockyard.
- Defence Minister launched dashboard of Department Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence.
- Bhabha Kavach called as "India's lightest bulletproof jacket" was launched at the International Police Expo
- China has tested its latest submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), JL-3. The JL-3 is expected to have a range of around 14,000 kilometers, with a capacity to carry 10 independent guided nuclear warheads.
- The Indian Army will buy the Excalibur artillery ammunition from the US (United States) under the emergency procurement procedures. It can strike targets more than 50 km away with the use of the GPS (Global Positioning System)
- Indian Army successfully conducted the trials of third Generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile- NAG at Pokhran, Rajasthan

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- The Indian Army and the National eGovernance Division (NeGD), a part of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a revamped application.
- The Indian Naval Ship(INS) Tarkash reached Sweden on a three-day visit, as a part of Indian Navy's mission of building "bridges of friendship" and strengthening international cooperation with friendly countries.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) and Armée de l'Air (French Air Force) are participating in the Garuda VI bilateral exercise at Mont de Marsan in France. The Indian Contingent was comprised of 0 air-warriors and four Sukhoi 30 MKI along with an IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft
- The Indian Army releases special tribute video to commemorate 20 years of 'Operation Vijay'
- The operation, code named 'Sudarshan' was launched by the Border Security Force (BSF) to fortify Anti-Infiltration Grid along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu.
- Under 'Operation Milap', the Delhi Police Crime Branch has rescued 333 children in 7 months
- INS Tarkash reached Tangier in Morocco as part of a visit for overseas development programme
- INS Tarkash which was constructed for the Indian Navy by Russia reached Saint Petersburg, Russia to take part in the Russian Navy Day parade
- Jordan, an Arab country in Western Asia, opened its first Underwater Military Museum Dive Site, off its Red Sea coast, Aqaba.
- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh commissioned the fifth Dornier squadron of the Indian Navy- Indian Naval Air Squadron 313 (INAS 313) at the Naval Air Enclave in Meenambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- The coffee table book titled 'Fire and Fury Corps - Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice', was released by Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh.
- PM Narendra Modi releases book "Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics" is written by Deputy Chairman in the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh and Ravi Dutt Bajpai
- India's leading publishing house Srishti publishers and distributors announced the second print of 'Who Stole My Job' by nationally acclaimed author Sunil Mishra.
- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled Vivekadeepini, a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika written by Adi Shankaracharya, one of India's greatest spiritual and literary geniuses.
- "War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960" authored by Devika Sethi released
- Author Rachna Bisht Rawat's new book titled "Kargil: Untold stories from the War" released
- Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani launched new book 'Whispers of Time' written by Dr. Krishna Saksena
- The Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu released book titled 'New-Age Technology and Industrial Revolution 4.0' in New Delhi. It is authored by Rajya Sabha Member, Dr Narendra Jadhav.

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AWARDS AND HONOURS

The prestigious “Indian Women of Influence” award at the House of Lords, The United Kingdom Parliament, London.	Priya Priyadarshini
Miss Deaf World 2019	Vidisha Baliyan from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh
Shortlisted for Leading European Architecture Forum (LEAF) Awards in category of best future building under construction project.	Trichy International Airport
People's Choice Prize at Boston International Sand Art Championship	Sudarsan Pattnaik
Leopard Club Award at the 2019 Locarno International Film Festival	Hilary Swank
Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019	Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya
Top honours at the 21st MEMC Week	IMFA's SMC & MMC Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys
‘Best Farm to Fork Fresh Meat Brand’	Zappfresh
The first civil servant & IPS Officer to conquer the ‘Seven Summits’ challenge	Aparna Kumar
The Lifetime Achievement Award at UK-India Awards 2019	Mark Tully
Inaugural Tribute Actor award in Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)	Meryl Streep
The “Mr. South Asia” award at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2019	bodybuilder Ravinder Kumar Malik
Honorary doctorate by IIT Kanpur	Pullela Gopichand
World Economic Forum's(WEF) 'Technology Pioneers' award 2019	Quantela Inc
Sports Journalists Federation of India 2019 Awards	SJFI Medal (SJFI's Highest Honour) was conferred upon Prakash Padukone (Badminton) while Sportsperson of the Year 2019 was awarded to Pankaj Advani (Billiards and Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling).
Global Excellence Award of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)	Wipro Chairman Azim Premji & Mastercard CEO and President Ajay Banga
CSR Implementation Partner in the leadership category	Genesis foundation
World Wealth Yoga Championship 2019	Toran Yadav
New World Heritage sites included in the list by UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bahrain's Dilmun Burial Mounds Italy's Prosecco Hills China's Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia's Ombilin Coal Mining Heritage of Sawahlunto Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan Megalithic Jar Sites in Xiengkhouang- Plain of Jars
The most valued firm by market capitalization	Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
Honorary Doctorate by Melbourne's La Trobe	Shah Rukh Khan
FRCS of Thailand	Raghu Ram
'Best Feature Film' at SAARC film festival 2019	Kaushik Ganguly's Bengali film Nagarkirtan
Gandhi Mandela Peace Medal	Buddhist teacher and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh
'Best Innovation Award' for the year 2019	NFR's Plan Bee, a strategy to keep wild elephants away from train tracks
NETPAC Award for Best Asian Film at BIFAN 2019	Film 'Gully Boy' directed by Zoya Akhtar
'The Commonwealth At 70: From Westminster to the World' Book	Aditya Birla World Academy
Top honours at AIFF Awards	Sunil Chhetri and Ashalata Devi
PATA Gold Award 2019	"Find The Incredible You" Campaign Of The Tourism Ministry
2nd Richest Person In The World: Bloomberg	French Tycoon Bernard Arnault Overtakes Bill Gates
India's most valuable brand for 2019: Brand Finance India 100 2019 report	"Tata"
Outstanding performance in terms of Self-Help Group (SHG)	Repco MFI
Nishagandhi Sangeetha Awards	Kerala Tourism
3rd Edition of the CSR Journal Excellence Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tata Power won in the category "Education & Skill Training". ReNew Power won in the category "Women Empowerment & Child Welfare". YES Bank Ltd. won in the category "Health & Sanitation". Mahindra & Mahindra won in the category "Environment". Hindustan Zinc won in the category "Agriculture & Rural Development".

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. won in the category "Sports".
Society Global Indian Icon Award 2019	Dinesh Tiwari
First Pilot of IAF To perform Wingsuit Skydive Jump	Wing Commander Tarun Chaudhri

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the use of anti-Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) drug Dolutegravir (DTG) as the preferred first-line and second-line treatment for all populations, including pregnant women and those of childbearing potential.
- Pakistan informed that it will send its first astronaut to space in 2022 using China's satellite launching facilities
- The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched an online encyclopedia called Securitypedia and also launched customised video interface for its personnel called CISFTube.
- Beijing-based startup "Interstellar Glory Space Technology" also known as iSpace successfully launched the china's first commercial rocket.
- North Korea successfully test-fired two short-range ballistic missiles off its East coast
- India's heaviest rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mk-III, nicknamed 'Bahubali' carried the Chandrayaan-2 mission successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, off the coast of Andhra Pradesh. It is a Rs 978-crore project
- Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Lucknow based Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) designed a novel molecular framework to destroy superbugs
- Iran test-launched a medium-range ballistic missile inside its borders- Shahab-3.
- Amazon, an e-commerce and tech giant, launched an Indian Institute of Technology Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) preparation app called JEE Ready
- According to a study published in the journals Nature, and Nature Geoscience, Global temperatures rose faster in the late 20th century than at any other time in the last 2,000 years.
- The Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan in Hyderabad launched NGS facility at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), which will be used for genomics study.
- Researchers from Technion – Israel Institute of Technology have created an algorithm rather than a machine called Ramanujan Machine to honor the prominent and path-breaking mathematician of the 20th century, Srinivasa Ramanujan
- NASA's PUNCH mission has selected Indian Scientist Dipankar Banerjee as its co-investigator
- For the first time, an international team of researchers has discovered the source of FRB 180924, a mysterious powerful pulse of cosmic energy known as Fast Radio Burst (FRB), which lasted for just a fraction of a second.

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- America's space agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA) has planned to send a flying multi rover vehicle, 'Dragonfly' to Saturn's moon Titan to search for signs of life. It will be launched in 2026 and set to land on Saturn's largest moon in 2034
- Arctic mission will trap scientists in ice to study the impact of climate change
- New gene linked to schizophrenia discovered by Indian and Australian scientists
- Pune's Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) researchers have developed an extended range prediction system aims at the real-time monitoring and prediction of forthcoming heat waves 2 to 3 weeks in advance
- First-ever image of quantum entanglement "Bell entanglement" unveiled by the physicists of Glasgow University
- The Russian space agency has successfully launched Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr- RG(Spectrum Roentgen Gamma) space telescope from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- Manav, a new human atlas initiative has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Persistent Systems, a biotechnology company towards improving knowledge on human biology
- Lucrezia Terzi provides a new way of predicting the monsoon two months in advance, by measuring how much Beryllium-7(Be- 7, an isotope of Beryllium) is present in the air
- The Russian space agency Roscosmos has successfully launched its Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket with a hydrometeorological satellite and 32 small satellites.
- Coffee Table Book commemorating 50 years of partnership with UN-WFP (United Nation World Food Programme) towards food and nutrition security in India has been launched by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
- The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) in its First Comprehensive Census of Orchids of India stated that the country has 1256 species of orchid or taxa
- A research team at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) has found that electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes-ECs) damage brain cells
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully conducted the test of a launch-abort system for the Orion capsule designed to take United States (US) astronauts to the Moon.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a contract with a Russian company, Glavkosmos, a subsidiary of the state corporation Roscosmos, for selection support, medical examination and space training of Indian astronauts for 'Gaganyaan' mission.
- India enhanced with Atomic energy and replacing fossil fuel. Setting of World Record in the continuous operation of 962 days by Unit-1 of Kaiga Generating Station among nuclear power plants of all technologies.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has developed two interconnected android smartphone applications named 'CARE4U' which will inform the caregiver when the elderly person falls down with the exact location

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OBITUARIES

NAME	DESIGNATION
Peter McNamara	former Australian Tennis Star
Yukiya Amano	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief
Ramchandra Paswan	Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) Member of Parliament from Bihar
Mandla Maseko	first black African in space
AU Celestine	a former India football goalkeeper
M J Radhakrishnan	Veteran Malayalam cinematographer
Fernando Corbato	inventor of computer password
C Kapur	BSFI Secretary
Fernando de La Rúa	Argentine President
Rip Torn	Emmy winning actor
Pernell Whitaker	Olympic boxing gold medallist
Hussein Mohammed Ershad	Bangladesh military dictator
Raja Dhale	An Indian writer, artist & activist
Johnny Clegg	South African musician
Marc Batchelor	South Africa footballer
Sharp Dutt	Bengali actor
Cesar Pelli	Argentine architect
Sheila Dikshit	3-time chief minister of Delhi
Attoor Ravi Varma	Malayalam poet
Jaipal Reddy	Union Minister & Senior Congress leader
Donkumar Roy	Meghalaya Speaker
Rakesh Shukla	Leg-spinner of India
Momir Bulatovic	President Of Montenegro
Carlin Dunne	motorcycle racer
Santosh Rana	leaders of the Communist Party
Barun Haldar	veteran newsreader of All India Radio
Sudershan Agarwal	Uttarakhand Governor
Babu Narayanan	Malayalam film director
Srikanth Sharma	Telugu writer and lyricist
Beji Caid Essebsi	Tunisia's President
Mukesh Goud	Andhra Pradesh state Minister
SubirGokarn	Former RBI deputy Governor

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IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Celebrated as	Theme
1	National Doctors day	Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment
1	2nd anniversary of GST	
2	World UFO day	
2	World Sports Journalists Day	
6	International Day of Cooperatives	Coops 4 decent work
6	World Zoonoses Day	
11	World Population Day	
12	International Malala Day	
14	Bastille Day	
14	International Shark Awareness Day	The sharks in crisis: a call to action for the Mediterranean
15	World Youth Skills Day	Learning to learn for life and work
16	The U.S. celebrates the 50-year anniversary of 'Apollo 11' human moon landing mission	
17	International Justice Day	
18	Nelson Mandela International Day	
23	National broadcasting Day	
26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	"Remember, Rejoice and Renew".
28	World Hepatitis Day	"Invest in Eliminating Hepatitis".
28	World Nature Conservation Day	
29	World Tiger Day 2019	
30	World day against trafficking in persons	"Human Trafficking: call your government to action"



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