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AWARDS AND HONOURS

AWARD WINNER	AWARD NAME	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Pratibha Patil	'Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca'	Mexico's highest civilian honour. Second Indian head of state, after late former President S Radhakrishnan, to get the award.
Sunder Pichai, Nasdaqs Friedman	2019 Global Leadership Award	They both are recognized for their companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.
Tayari Jones	Women's Prize for Fiction	American novelist Tayari Jones won this year's Women's Prize for Fiction for her fourth novel "An American Marriage".
PM Modi	The Most Honourable Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen	Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Saturday conferred the Maldives' highest honour accorded to foreign dignitaries
Jimmy Carter	Statesmanship Award	Jimmy Carter, Ex-President of United States of America (USA) won the inaugural George H. W. Bush Award .
Greta Thunberg	Amnesty prize	She is a Swedish teenage climate activist and a fierce campaigner
Rachna Khaira	RedInk Award	Excellence in Indian Journalism 'Journalist of the Year' 2019
Veyil Marangal	Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award at the 22nd Shanghai International film festival.	This is the first time that a Malayalam film won an award at the festival.
Deccan Development Society (DDS)	Equator Prize 2019	The Equator Prize 2019 was awarded to six women farmer belonging to Deccan Development Society (DDS) sanghams. They became only Indian group to have won 2019 award.
Mahindra Group	Gold Award In South Africa	They received the award from the country's National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) and resided at Africa for 16 years and they tested dealers satisfaction with the way a brand supports and communicated with them.

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Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar	JNU alumni award	JNU to confer alumni award to Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar. Executive Council of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) planned to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
Ms. Tony	Eco Champions of Recycling award	Indian girl honoured in UAE for Green efforts. Eight-year-old Indian expat student collected nearly 15,000 kg of paper waste. Dubai is part of Emirates Environmental Group's nationwide recycling campaign.
Amitav Ghosh	54th Jnanpith Award	He was awarded for his contribution to the enrichment of Indian literature in English at a ceremony
Xi Jinping	Manas Order of the First Degree	The highest national award in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. He was awarded during visit to Kyrgyzstan before the SCO summit.
Priyanka Chopra	Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award	Indian actress Priyanka Chopra with the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Snowflake Ball in the month of December.
Akshay Patra	BBC Award	Akshaya Patra, a Bengaluru-based non-profit organisation (NGO) running one of the world's largest school meals project in India was awarded BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) World Service Global Champion Award for the programme.
Suman Rao	Miss India 2019	Rajasthan's Suman Rao was named Miss India at the 56th Femina Miss India 2019.
Makarand Tiloo	Save Water Hero Award	This award presented to him in order to encourage his efforts to raise awareness about water conservation in the city.
Nitesh Kumar Jangir	Innovation for Sustainable Development Award	Indian engineer Nitesh Kumar Jangir whose low-cost neonatal breathing device saved the lives of new-born babies across small towns.

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Priya Serrao	Miss Universe Australia 2019	India-born Priya Serrao has been crowned Miss Universe Australia 2019.
Nirmala Sitharaman	'100 Most Influential in I-JK-India Relations : Celebrating Women' list	India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II. A surface-to-surface missile, from a test range off the Odisha coast.
Dr Gaurav Nigam	'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019'	Dr Gaurav Nigam, an educationist, pediatrician and author, honoured with 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019'.

APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POST	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Namrata Menon	brand ambassador to promote yoga in Goa	Yoga Instructor, and fitness expert
Ajay Singh	IATA board	SpiceJet's Chairman and Managing Director
Anton Aditya Subowo	President of Badminton Asia	Indonesia's Anton Aditya subowo re-elected as president of badminton for another four year period
Rakesh Makhija	Axis Bank Chairman	He has been appointed as the Non-Executive (Part-time) Chairman of the Bank, for a period of 3 years
Ajit Doval	National Security Adviser (NSA)	Ajit Doval has been granted cabinet status and five more years
Rajesh Patnekar	Speaker of Goa Assembly	defeating ex-state CM Pratapsingh Rane of Congress by 22-16 votes.
Shah Rukh Khan	Brand Ambassador for Veeba foods	Popular consumer brand, Veeba foods make inroads into a nutrition segment with its new brand V- Nourish.
Nayib Bukele	new president of El Salvador	El Salvador is a Central American Country
Satish Chandra Verma	Advocate General of Chhattisgarh	He was previously working as additional Advocate General
Rajiv Mehrishi	External Auditor for WHO	CAG Rajiv Mehrishi was elected at 72nd World Health Assembly (WHA) held in Geneva, Switzerland on May 2019.

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Yousef Aldobeay	Special Envoy For J&K	The decision was taken at the 14th OIC Summit held in the holy city of Makkah, in Saudi Arabia.
Ajeya Kallam	Principal Advisor To Andhra CM	Kallam retired as Chief Secretary in 2017, when N Chandrababu Naidu was Andhra CM.
Sachin Bansal	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank as Director	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank appointed Flipkart founder Sachin Bansal as its independent director.
VP Sivakolundhu	Puducherry Assembly Speaker	The post fell vacant after Congress' V Vaithilingam stepped down on March 21 to contest the Lok Sabha election from the lone Union Territory seat of Puducherry
Mrutyunjay Mohapatra	Director-General the India Meteorological Department (IMD)	The 54-year-old cyclone warning specialist is Scientist 'G' (grade) in IMD.
Gianni Infantino	FIFA President	The ninth president in the history of the organisation was first elected at an Extraordinary Congress in February 2016
Tijjani Muhammad-Bande	President of 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)	Muhammad-Bande, was nominated by Nigeria and endorsed by African group, at the election.
P Jayadevan	Executive Director Of Indianoil Corporation Ltd For Tamil Nadu And Puducherry	He will head as the chairman's secretariat at the corporate office, New Delhi.
Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel	Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court	Justice Patel was posted at the Jharkhand High Court
Prashant Kumar	CJ Of Jharkhand HC	Justice Prashant Kumar Appointed As Acting CJ Of Jharkhand HC.
Romila Thapar	Member of American Philosophical Society	She is Professor Emerita of history at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi
K Natarajan	Director General of Indian Coast Guard	He joined the force on January 18, 1984, and holds a Masters Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from Madras University
Surendra Ahuja	Managing Director of Boeing Defense India	Ahuja had served as Rear Admiral before opting for early retirement in 2018.
PJS Pannu	Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (operation)	He is currently posted as Deputy Chief Integrated

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		Defence Staff (Doctrine Organisation and Training).
RK Chibber	interim chief of J&K Bank	They decided to take long term measures to improve the functioning of the bank so that it becomes an example of a well managed government-owned bank.
Kassym-Jomart Tokayev	Kazakhstan president	Interim President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, won the country's snap Presidential elections with nearly 71%.
V.S. Kaumudi	Director General of BPR&D	The Centre government has appointed senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer V.S. Kaumudi as Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) by lowering the post to the rank of Additional Director General.
Sun Weidong	Ambassador to India	China has appointed its former envoy to Pakistan, Sun Weidong, as the new Ambassador to India.
I V Subba Rao	secretary to Vice President	IV Subba Rao continues as secretary to Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu as per an order issued by the Ministry of Personnel.
MP Virendra Kumar	pro-tem speaker of Lok Sabha	BJP MP Virendra Kumar to be pro-tem speaker of Lok Sabha. Virendra Kumar, a seven-time MP from Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh chosen as the pro tem speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha.
Mekathoti Sucharitha	Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh	A Dalit Women was inducted into the Congress by the late Dr Y S Rajashekara Reddy (YSR) spotted her during his historic 'padayatra' in 2003.
Thawarchand Gehlot	Leader of Rajya Sabha	He is the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment was recently appointed as Leader of Rajya Sabha (Council of States).
Tammineni Sitaram	Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly	The first session of the 15th Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly as the senior leader of YSR Congress Party Tammineni Sitaram

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		unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Assembly.
Narasimhan	CEO of Reckitt Benckiser	PepsiCo executive Laxman Narasimhan has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the British consumer goods giant Reckitt Benckiser.
Amitabh Kant	NITI Aayog CEO	Graduated in economics from Delhi's St. Stephen's College is a 1980 batch IAS officer of the Kerala cadre.
Amit Agarwal	chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)	Amazon India head Amit Agarwal has been appointed as the new chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
Samant Goel	RAW chief	PM Narendra Modi has appointed Samant Goel, who was part of planning the Balakot air strikes, as the next chief of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
Arvind Kumar	Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)	He will succeed Rajiv Jain whose tenure comes to an end on 29 June 2019.
Zuzana Caputova	Slovakia's first female President	Zuzana Caputova sworn as Slovakia's first female President. Zuzana Caputova sworn as Slovakia's first female President.
Inger Andersen	Executive Director (ED) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).	Inger is a Danish economist and environmentalist with over 30 years of experience in international development economics, environmental sustainability and policy-making.
Faiz Hameed	Pakistan ISI chief	He was previously serving as the head of the Counter Intelligence wing in the ISI.
Rudra Dalmia	Executive Director and Board member of Paytm Mall	Dalmia is an SRCC alumnus and has an MBA from Cornell University's Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management.
Naveen Uppal	Chief Risk Officer of Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd	His appointment will be for a period of three years with effect from June 17, 2019
Kona Raghupati	Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly	He is a two-time MLA from the ruling YSRCP who is

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		representing Bapatla constituency.
Om Birla	17th Lok Sabha Speaker	He is a two-time Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member of Parliament (MP) from Rajasthan.
Sharad Kumar Saraf	FIEO's new President	Exporters body Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has elected Sharad Kumar Saraf as its new president.
GM Sarada Kumar Hota	National Housing Bank MD	The appointment comes nine months after Sriram Kalyanaraman's forced resignation amid allegations of irregularities and misconduct against him.
Narinder Batra	elected as a member of International Olympic Committee (IOC)	He was elected to prestigious seat during the 134th IOC Session being held in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Huaiyuan Yang	Vice President of UC Browser	UC Web Global subsidiary of Alibaba Group has appointed Huaiyuan Yang as its VP to look overseas business of UCWeb, including India and Indonesia.
Prabhat Kumar	UPPSC chairman	Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik Friday approved the appointment of Prabhat Kumar as the new chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission.
Amish Tripathi	Director of London's Nehru Centre	He is the author of best-selling books such as 'Secret of the Nagas' and 'Sita – Warrior of Mithila'.
Raghvendra Singh Chauhan	second Chief Justice of Telangana High Court	He succeeded Chief Justice T.B. Radhakrishnan in April, 2019. He belongs to Rajasthan.
V Ramasubramanian	Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court	The ceremony was administered by Governor Acharya Devvrat. He served as an Additional Judge of the Madras High Court.
Mohamed Ould Ghazouani	Mauritania President	Mauritania's ruling party candidate Mohamed Ould Ghazouani has won the presidential election with 52 percent of the vote.

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BANKING AND FINANCE

Max Bupa partners with MobiKwik for health insurance

- Max Bupa partners with MobiKwik for health insurance. Max Bupa, a standalone health insurer entered into a strategic partnership with MobiKwik, a fintech platform to promote affordable and convenient bite-sized group health insurance products for MobiKwik's 107 Million customers across the country.
- Max Bupa come up with a slew of innovative offerings, including a Cancer cover at a nominal premium

RBI sets up 6 member panel to examine the ATM charges and fees

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- The committee will examine ATM charges and fees by banks amid demands for reviewing the levies.
- There have been persistent demands to change automated teller machines (ATM) charges and fees as its uses are growing significantly.

RBI deputy governor Viral Acharya quits six months before his term ends, to return to academia

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** deputy governor **Viral Acharya** has put in his papers six months before his term ends on January 20, 2020.
- Acharya, who joined RBI from New York University's Stern School of Business, was a close aide of former governor Urjit Patel and it was his fiery speech in October 2018 that brought out the differences between RBI and the government.

State Bank of India introduces Repo Rate-Linked Home Loan

- State Bank of India introduces Repo Rate-Linked Home Loan. State Bank of India introduced repo rate-linked home loans. SBI, the country's largest bank by assets home loans linked to the repo rate from July 1, 2019. Key interest rate reduced to 5.75

Financial Literacy Week 2019 organised by RBI

- The **Financial Literacy Week 2019** will be observed from **3 June to 7 June**. It is an annual initiative by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to promote awareness on key topics through a focused campaign.
- The theme of Financial Literacy Week 2019 is '**Farmers**' which focuses on how they can benefit by being a part of the formal banking system.

RBI advises commercial banks to adopt Education Loan Scheme

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- Private sector lender IndusInd Bank and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL) announced their merger which will be effective from July 4.
- The National Company Law Tribunal on June 10, 2019 approved the Scheme of Arrangement among BFIL, IndusInd Bank and IndusInd Financial Inclusion and their respective shareholders and creditors.

CCI approves Indiabulls Housing Finance and Lakshmi Vilas Bank merger

- CCI approves Indiabulls Housing Finance and Lakshmi Vilas Bank merger. Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the merger of the Indiabulls Housing Finance and Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- Lakshmi Vilas Bank is going to merge with Indiabulls Housing Finance .

RBI permits ARC to buy financial assets from Peers

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) to acquire financial assets from peers i.e. other such entities.
- However, RBI, the apex banking regulator cleared that all such transactions have to be settled in cash.

ICICI Bank launches centre for MSMEs in Bengaluru

- ICICI Bank launches centre for MSMEs in **Bengaluru**. ICICI Bank launched a centre in Bengaluru to provide business solutions exclusively to start-ups and MSME sector. ICICI Bank along with Viral Rupani, Retail Business Head South, ICICI Bank inaugurated the centre.

IIT-Bombay best-ranked Indian institute in QS World Rankings

- The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay), has emerged as best-ranked Indian institute globally at 152nd position in QS World University Rankings' 2020.
- IIT-Bombay has been securing top position among all Indian institutes for past three years and in 2020 edition it has improved its rank by 10 moving up places from 2018 ranking.

Bangladesh emerged as the fastest economy in Asia-Pacific: Asian Development Bank

- According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), 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. Bangladesh registered a growth rate of 7.9%.

Ex-chemistry teacher now Asia's richest self-made woman at \$10.5 bn

- China's **Zhong Huijuan**, a former chemistry teacher who founded **Hansoh Pharmaceutical** in 1995, became **Asia's wealthiest self-made woman** with a \$10.5-billion fortune, according to Bloomberg.
- Hansoh, in which she holds a 68% stake, surged 37% during its first day of trading. Zhong's wealth has now surpassed her husband Sun Piaoyang's separate \$9.4-billion fortune from his pharma firm Jiangsu Hengrui.

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- **India remained at 101** in the latest FIFA Rankings. The Indian men's football team remained static at the 101st position in the latest FIFA rankings.
- India recently participated in King's Cup in Thailand, in which it lost one match and won the other in the tournament.
- Belgium remained to top the overall FIFA world rankings, followed by France, Brazil, England, and Portugal.

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- India ranked 113 out of 176 countries in End of Childhood Index. According to the 3rd End of Childhood Index Global Childhood Report 2019, India ranked 113 in 176 countries with 769 scores out of 1000.
- The Index released on May 28, 2019, by 'Save the Children', a United Kingdom (UK) based non-profit organization which works for child rights.

Virat Kohli is the only Indian in the list of top paid athletes

- Indian cricketer **Virat Kohli** is the **only Indian in the Forbes list of world's highest-paid athletes**. He has been estimated with an annual earnings of \$25 million.

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- According to the report, his earnings are \$21 million from endorsements and USD 4 million from salary and winnings for the last 12 months.
- Kohli, the Indian captain, has dropped 17 spots to be **100th** in the rankings despite an increase of \$1 million in endorsements. He was ranked 83rd in 2018.

Jay-Z named world's first billionaire rapper by Forbes magazine

- **Jay-Z has been named the world's first billionaire rapper by Forbes.** Apart from a \$100 million (over ₹691 crore) stake in subscription-based streaming service Tidal, the 49-year-old rapper's assets also include shares in Uber and an art collection worth \$70 million (around ₹484 crore) each.

Mumbai traffic worst among world's 403 cities, Delhi ranks 4th: Study

- **Mumbai had the worst traffic** congestion in 2018, an analysis of 403 cities across 56 countries on six continents in 'Traffic Index-2018', compiled by location technology specialist TomTom, has found.

Rihanna named world's richest female musician with \$600 mn wealth

- **Rihanna has been named the world's richest female musician** by Forbes magazine with an estimated wealth of \$600 million.
- Majority of her wealth comes from her partnership with LVMH, the French luxury goods giant run by the world's third-richest person Bernard Arnault.

India ranks 95 in the Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index

- India ranks 95 in the Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index. **India ranked 95th out of 129 countries** in the **Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index.**
- India's score of 56.2 on a scale of 0–100.

India ranks 137th on Global Peace Index 2018

- India has moved up four places to the **137th rank among 163 countries** on the 2018 **Global Peace Index** according to a report by an Australian think tank. India has improved by four positions in the overall ranking from 141st to 137th.

BUSINESS NEWS

LG emerges as the most trusted TV Brand in 2019: Report

- As per TRA's Brand Trust Report for 2019, LG TVs have been named the most trusted Television Brand for 2019. With a plethora of advanced TV Technologies like AI ThinQ,
- OLED and NanoCell, LG Intends to consistently enhance the TV Viewing experience regardless of the price bracket, the reason LG leads this category by a wide margin.

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Randstad Employer Brand Research 2019 reported Amazon India most attractive employer brand

- According to the Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2019 reported that **Amazon India**, the E-commerce giant, is the **most attractive employer brand** in the country.
- Amazon scored high on financial health, utilisation of latest technologies and a strong reputation.

ONGC overtakes Indian Oil to become most profitable PSU

- Oil and gas producer **ONGC has overtaken Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** to regain the tag of **India's most profitable Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)**.
- ONGC reported a 34% jump in its 2018-19 fiscal net profit to ₹26,716 crore compared to IOC's ₹17,274 crore net profit during the same period.

Dell emerged as the most trusted brand in India in 2019: TRA

- Dell emerged as the most trusted brand in India in 2019: TRA. Dell emerged as the most trusted brand in India in 2019, according to the report of TRA Report 2019.
- Around 31% Brand Trust Index (BTI) difference from Dell, an auto brand Jeep attained a dramatic entry in the second spot.
- LIC and Amazon ranked on third and fourth spots .
- Apple and iPhone emerged as India's fifth most trusted brand.
- Samsung at the sixth spot and it is top among mobile phones.
- LG's televisions are the leader and occupied the 7th position in the list

Amazon clinches top spot in the world's most valuable brand ranking

- Amazon clinches top spot in the world's most valuable brand ranking. **Amazon** clinched the **world's most valuable brand in cloud computing**, consumer tech and movie production.
- It is founded by the world's richest man Jeff Bezos.
- to the 2019 BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands rankings, Amazon online retailer set its brand value quintuple in the past five years to reach \$315.5billion.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

India to host COP-14 of UNCCD in September 2019

- For the first time ever India will be hosting the 14th session of Conference of Parties (COP-14) of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019, to address the issue of land degradation and desertification.

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- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology reported that 2.22 crore villagers are given Digital Education under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA). The report was submitted by Minister Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad in Rajya Sabha.

Mumbai in top 20 most expensive cities in Asia for expatriates

- Mumbai in top 20 most expensive cities in Asia for expatriates. Mumbai is India's most expensive city and included in the list of top 20 most expensive cities in Asia.
- The residential housing prices remain the highest in the world according to a recent survey done by the global consulting leader- Mercer.
- As per Mercer's 25th Annual Cost of Living Survey, Mumbai dropped down to 12 spots. It ranked at the 67th position out of the total 209 cities that were surveyed.

Govt plans to raise income tax limit to Rs 3 lakh, hike 80C deduction limit

- Govt plans to raise income tax limit to Rs 3 lakh. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman may increase the personal income tax exemption limit to Rs 3 lakh of the annual income from the existing Rs 2.5 lakh for salaried class in the upcoming Budget 2019-20.
- At present, income up to Rs 2.5 lakh is exempt from personal income tax.
- However, income between Rs 2.5 to 5 lakh attracts 5 per cent tax plus 4 per cent cess, while that between Rs 5 to 10 lakh is levied with 20 per cent tax plus Rs 12,500 plus four per cent cess. Income above Rs 10 lakh is taxed at 30 per cent.

India will overtake China as most populated nation in 8 yrs: UN

- India will overtake China to **become the world's most populated country in eight years** and will remain so through the end of the current century, a United Nations report stated.
- India is expected to add nearly 27.3 crore people between now and 2050, it added.
- In China, the population is projected to decrease by 3.14 crore between 2019 and 2050.

GI Tag: Namma Kolhapuri chappals

- Kolhapuris, the sturdy ethnic leather chappal (footwear) that rose from its humble rural origins to occupy high table of fashion globally, now has a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI tag approval was jointly received by Karnataka and Maharashtra for making these chappals.

Lok Sabha approves extension of President's Rule in J&K

- The Lok Sabha on Friday passed the Jammu & Kashmir (Reservation) Bill and a statutory resolution to extend President's rule in Jammu & Kashmir by another six months.
- The debate on both the issues were clubbed in the lower house with Union home Minister Amit Shah initiating the discussion.

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- The hours-long debate saw Shah making a strong pro-development pitch for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government and cornering the Congress party on its governance record and historical role in the state.

India proposes to host 2023 IOC session

- India has proposed to host 2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in Mumbai, which is expected to choose host city for 2030 Winter Olympics.
- An IOC Session: is the general meeting of members of Committee (about 100-odd), held once in a year, in which each member has one vote. It is the supreme organ of IOC and its decisions are final.

Rajya Sabha cleared the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- Rajya Sabha cleared the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
- The Rajya Sabha cleared the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019 on June 27 that seeks to allow trusts to set up units in special economic zones, a day after the Lok Sabha passed the measure.
- The Bill will replace the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019, promulgated in March.

India's first solar-powered cruise boat to be rolled out in December

- A ₹3-cr. cruise boat that can carry 100 passengers is under construction at a boatyard in Aroor. The initiative comes from the State Water Transport Department (SWTD), whose solar ferry Aditya in the Vaikom-Thavanakadavu route has proved to be a success.
- Kerala is gearing up for the launch of the country's premier solar-powered cruise boat by December.

Govt to widen the spectrum of Khelo India Programme: President Ram Nath Kovind

- Govt to widen the spectrum of Khelo India Programme: President Ram Nath Kovind. President Ram Nath Kovind highlighted the importance of the government's flagship 'Khelo India Programme'.
- The joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament in New Delhi. President the new government decided to widen the spectrum of the 'Khelo India Programme' to cover the entire country.

All panchayats to have Broadband Connectivity by March 2020: Govt

- Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister Electronics and Information Technology in a written reply in Lok Sabha informed Parliament that all gram panchayats will be provided high speed broadband connections under BharatNet project by March 2020.

Government approves Motor Bill; steep penalties for traffic offences proposed

- The Bill proposes ₹10,000 fine for not providing way to emergency vehicles, ₹10,000 for driving despite disqualification and ₹10,000 for drunk driving. The Bill, which was

pending for approval in the Rajya Sabha, lapsed after the term of the 16th Lok Sabha ended.

India's First Dinosaur Museum Park inaugurated in Gujarat

- India's First Dinosaur Museum Park inaugurated in Gujarat .
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani inaugurated India's first Dinosaur-Museum-cum-Park in the Mahisagar district. It is set to give visitors a Jurassic Park kind of feel.
- The museum is located in Raiyoli area in Balasinor exhibit remains of various dinosaurs and fossil records. Dinosaur Museum cum Park is the first park in the country and the world's third park.

ASI declares Chaukhandi Stupa as of national important monument

- ASI declares Chaukhandi Stupa as of national important monument. Chaukhandi Stupa, an ancient Buddhist site located in Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, has been declared as a Monument and protected area of national importance by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Bancha, the first solar kitchen only village in India

- Bancha the first solar kitchen only village in India. **Bancha in Betul district (Madhya Pradesh) is the first village in India** to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders with all its 75 houses relying on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs.

FICCI survey predicted GDP growth of India at 7.1% for FY20

- FICCI survey predicted **GDP growth of India at 7.1% for FY20**. FICCI's (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) economic outlook survey projected India's median GDP (Gross Domestic Product) 7.1% for FY20 and 7.2% for FY21.
- The survey was conducted among economists belonging to the industry, banking and financial services sectors. Minimum and maximum growth estimate stood at 6.8 per cent and 7.3 per cent.

Tribal Odisha's woman Chandrani Murmu of BJD became the youngest MP in the country and her debut in Parliament

- Tribal Odisha's woman **Chandrani Murmu(25) of BJD, became the youngest MP in the country and her debut in Parliament**. A tribal woman from Odisha, Chandrani Murmu aged 25 of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party became the youngest MP in the country.
- She defeated the two-time BJP MP Ananta Nayak by a margin of 66,203 votes and claimed the Keonjhar constituency, Odisha.

Government forms new 'Jal Shakti' Ministry

- The Centre has created a new Ministry called '**Jal Shakti**' by merger of **Ministries of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation along with Drinking Water and Sanitation**.

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- The move will bring all aspects of water management and regulation under one department.

Arjun Munda Tribal Affairs Minister launched the e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes

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- Arjun Munda Tribal Affairs launched the “e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes” . It is organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs.

Tenth National Science Film Festival of India to be held in Agartala, Tripura in 2020

- **Tenth National Science Film Festival of India to be held in Agartala, Tripura in 2020.** 10th National Science Film Festival of India(NSFFI) will be in Agartala, Tripura in January-February 2020. This is for the second time the event will be held in a North-Eastern city.

India unemployment rate at 45-year high of 6.1% in 2017-18: Govt

- India’s unemployment rate rose to a 45-year high of **6.1% in 2017-18 fiscal year**, the Statistics Ministry said on Friday, matching data earlier leaked to a newspaper.
- The data showed that 7.8% of all employable youth in urban areas were jobless, while the figure was 5.3% in rural areas.

Govt extends PM-KISAN scheme, announces Rs 6,000 cash handout scheme to all farmers

- Govt extends PM KISAN scheme. In the first Cabinet meeting, Modi led new government decided to extend PM- KISAN scheme to all 14.5 crore farmers in the country costing Rs 87,000 crore a year

Go Tribal campaign to be launched today in New Delhi

- The government will launch the Go Tribal Campaign in New Delhi today to promote the use of tribal handicrafts and natural products.
- Tribal Affairs Ministry said TRIFED has organized this event to institutionalize collaborations and partnerships with different organizations to promote tribal products.
- The Ministry said, during the event, Tribes India and Amazon Global Marketing will launch TRIBES India products globally through Amazon platform.

CSO-GDP growth slips to 5.8% in Q4 in 2018-19

- CSO-GDP growth slips to **5.8%** in Q4 in 2018-19. As per the data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the rate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the January-March quarter of 2018-19 decreased to 5.8% as compared to the forecast of 6.5%.

India has lost its spot as the worlds fastest growing economy to China

- India has lost its spot as the worlds fastest growing economy to China. The Indian economy has lost its spot as the world’s fastest-growing economy to China.
- A Reuters survey of economists said that **India** 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.

SEBI introduced enhanced disclosure guidelines for credit rating agencies

- SEBI introduced enhanced disclosure guidelines for credit rating agencies. The markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** introduced enhanced disclosure guidelines for credit rating agencies (CRA).
- SEBI asked the rating companies to disclose the probability of default for the issuers they rate, troubled by the raters’ track record of detecting defaults or near-defaults.

Yoga Mahotsava was organized in New Delhi

- Yoga Mahotsava was organized in New Delhi. A Two-day Yoga Mahotsava, a Curtain Raiser for **International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 was organized in New Delhi**. It was inaugurated by the Vice-Chairman, NITI AYOJ Rajeev Kumar.

Amasebailu Becomes First 100% Solar Powered Village in Karnataka

- **Amasebailu**, a small village situated on the left bank of Haldi river in Udupi. It is the first village in Karnataka to have 100% solar-powered houses.
- The dream of the three-year-long project. The closing ceremony of the project was organized on June 9.

EQUIP: 5-year Vision Plan on Quality Education by HRD Ministry

- The Higher Education Department of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development has finalized and released a 5-year Vision Plan titled as Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP).

India has the highest data usage per smartphone in the World: Report

- India has the highest data usage per smartphone in the World. According to the Ericsson Mobility Report, monthly data usage per smartphone in India rose to 9.8 gigabytes (GB) at the end of 2018, the highest in the world.
- It is expected that, Monthly data usage per smartphone would grow at 11 percent to reach 18 GB by 2024 from 9.8 GB in 2018.

India gets new C-ATFM System

- India now has a state-of-the-art Central Command Centre for Air Traffic Flow Management (C-ATFM) in New Delhi, which will optimise utilisation of resources such as airspace and aircraft at the capacity-constrained Indian airports.

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- It is a system that integrates flight data from various subsystems like ATC (Air Traffic Control) Automation System, flight updates and flight update messages so as to provide safe and orderly flow of traffic.

Indian Railways conducting trials of Tri-Netra technology

- Union Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal during Question Hour informed Rajya Sabha members that Indian Railways is conducting TRI-NETRA (Terrain Imaging for Drivers Infrared, Enhanced, Optical & Radar Assisted) technology for detecting obstructions on tracks.
- First in 2002-03 India Railways has developed a modern technology and tried it extensively but it was found to be not successful.
- So the project was aborted and subsequently another technology of Fog-past devices for seeing in fog was developed. Thus, TRI-NETRA system is another attempt by Indian Railways to develop modern technology.

Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Siddhi Scheme

- Union Cabinet has approved the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Siddhi Scheme**. Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Siddhi Scheme. It will cost over Rs.87,000 crore a year to the exchequer.
- The government has announced its decision to extend the benefit of Rs.6,000 per year under the PM-KISAN scheme to all 14.5 crore farmers in the country, irrespective of the size of their landholding.

Ministry for Information and Broadcasting instituted Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS)

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has instituted its first **Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS)**. It was announced by the Minister **Prakash Javadekar**.
- The aim of the award is to acknowledge the positive role & responsibility of media in disseminating the outreach of **Yoga in India and abroad**. The award will be conferred to Media Houses engaged in Print Media, Electronic and (Television & Radio).

Government to launch Universal Smart Card Driving License

- Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has decided to modify the format of driving licenses to smart card type driving licences so as to follow a standardised format nationwide.
- Nitin Gadkari, Road Transport and Highways Minister in a written reply in Rajya Sabha, notified that MoRTH has prescribed a common standard format and design of Driving Licence for Pan India.

Centre plans to add 500 GW of renewable energy to its electricity grid by 2030

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- The plan aims to clean up air in its cities and lessen the rapidly growing economy's dependence on coal.

31.4% of Indian children will be stunted by 2022: report

- Almost one in three Indian children under five years will still be stunted by 2022 going by current trends, according to an analysis of the country's food and nutrition security released on Tuesday.
- At this rate, 31.4% of children will still be stunted by the 2022 deadline. India must double its rate of progress to reach the target of 25% by that time, says the report.

Government schools to introduce self defence training programmes for girls

- The Union Minister of Education, Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', presented Samagra Shiksha scheme under which the self defence programme will be running.
- The crime rate in India has been rising and especially crime against women, therefore, safety and security of girls is really a concern for the government. Self Defence training will be imparted to girls from classes 6 to 12 studying in government schools.

DEFENCE NEWS

Operation Sunrise 2: Armies of India, Myanmar target NE Militants

- Starting from 16 May 2019, the armies of India and Myanmar carried out a 3-week-long coordinated operation in their respective border areas called '**Operation Sunrise 2**' to bust terror camps.
- The operation was targeted at militant groups operating in Manipur, Nagaland and Assam. This was the 2nd edition of Operation Sunrise.

ICG co-hosts 12th ReCAAP ISC capacity building workshop in New Delhi

- ICG co-hosts 12th ReCAAP ISC capacity building workshop in New Delhi.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) co-hosted the 12th Capacity Building workshop in New Delhi.
- The cooperation with the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre ('SC) in New Delhi.
- It began on June 19, 2019, and concluded on June 20, 2019.

20th anniversary of Operation Vijay to be celebrated

- India will be celebrating this year the 20th anniversary of Operation Vijay also called **Kargil Vijay Diwas** for over three days from 25 July to 27 July 2019 at Dras and New Delhi.
- The day is observed to commemorate victory in Kargil war with pride, honour and inspiration.
- The day will be celebrated with theme- **Remember, Rejoice and Renew.**

Operation Bandar: IAF's code name for Balakot Airstrike

- The pre-dawn air strike conducted by Indian Air Force (IAF) on a terrorist training camp in Balakot, Pakistan, on 26 February 2019 was code-named **Operation Bandar (Monkey)**.
- The code name was given as a nondescript, mundane tag to the air strikes, in order to maintain secrecy and ensure that plans about Balakot operations.

Kharga Prahar: Army training exercise concludes

- The “**Kharga Prahar**”, a major training exercise conducted by the Indian Army in Punjab from 27 May 2019 concluded on 4 June 2019.
- Kharga Prahar exercise was undertaken in plains of Punjab by various units and formations of Army's Kharga Corps.

India and France to carry out Garuda, a two week long mega air exercise

- **Indian Air Force and French Air Force** have planned to carry out **Garuda**, a two-week-long mega air exercise, beginning on July 1 in France.
- The aim is to boost the military-to-military ties between the two countries.

20 Years of Kargil War: IAF Commemorates at Gwalior Air Base

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) commemorated 20 years of Kargil War (held between May-July 1999) by turning Gwalior air base virtually into a ‘war theatre’ with a dramatic reenactment of some milestones of 1999 operation such as Tiger Hill Attack.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

WHO launched a new tool to handle AMR named “AWaRe”

- WHO launched a new tool to handle AMR named .
- The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a global campaign named “**AWaRe**” urging governments to adopt a tool to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), adverse events and costs.
- It is developed by the WHO Essential Medicines List.

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- United Nations report said that India is set to overtake China as the most populous country by 2027. India will have almost 1.64 billion inhabitants by 2050.
- South Asia's opportunity to reap the demographic dividend will peak by 2047.

Mauritania holds election for 1st time in 60yrs

- Mauritania, a country in Northwest Africa went to polls for the first time since the African nation gained independence from France nearly 60 years ago..

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- President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz (62), who seized power in a military coup in 2008, agreed to step down and abide by serving period of maximum two five-year elected terms.
- Under his reign he has positioned Mauritania, as an ally of West against Islamist militants.

Australia and Qatar to be guest nations at the 2020 Copa America

- Australia and Qatar to be guest nations at the 2020 Copa America. Australia will be one of the two guest nations at the 2020 Copa America.
- Qatar will also return to 2020 tournament, which will be co-hosted by Argentina and Colombia. Qatar and Japan are the guest nations in 2019 Copa, which started on June 15 in Brazil.
- This year's Copa America broadcast to a record 178 countries.

SWIFT India and South Asia Conference was held in Mumbai

- **SWIFT India and South Asia** Conference was held in **Mumbai**. The SWIFT India and South Asia Conference held 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.

Europes highest volcano Mount Etna erupted

- Europes highest volcano **Mount Etna** erupted. Mount Etna, Europe's Highest Volcano and one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted spitting molten lava high into the sky. It is located on the east coast of Sicily, Italy, in the Metropolitan City of Catania.

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit held at Mecca

- **Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** summit held at **Mecca**. The 14th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia was hosted by Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) meets in Bangkok

- The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue also known as Quad is an informal strategic grouping consisting of **India, US, Australia and Japan recently met in Bangkok in Thailand**. The meet in Bangkok was attended by senior officials of Quad (India, US, Japan and Australia).

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- **‘Disability Summit, Argentina 2019’**, the three-day summit will be held from 6 June to 8 June 2019.

Russia launched first Arctic train service

- Russia launched first Arctic train service. Russia launched its first ever tourist train traveling through Russia’s Arctic region to Norway set off from Saint Petersburg station with 91 passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey.

Saudi Arabia becomes 1st Arab country to get FATF membership

- Saudi Arabia has become the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** following the group’s annual general meeting in the US.
- Now, FATF has 39 full members, including the permanent members of the UN Security council and most countries of G-20.

World’s first infinity pool with 360-degree view to open in London

- **London** is set to get the world’s first infinity pool with a 360-degree view atop a 55-storey building and its construction may begin as early as 2020.
- Compass Pools, a UK-based pool manufacturer, has unveiled its design for a 6,00,000-litre pool **‘Infinity London’**.

IOC formally opens new Headquarters in Switzerland

- On Olympic Games’ 125th anniversary, International Olympic Committee (IOC) has formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- The inauguration of new headquarters comes exactly 125 years after Olympic Games were revived.

Singapore topped the IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2019

- **Singapore topped the IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2019**. Swiss-based International Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Ranking 2019 said Singapore has dethroned the US to become the most competitive economy in the world.

Mount Sinabung volcano erupted in Sumatra Island

- Mount Sinabung volcano erupted in Sumatra Island of western Indonesia. A huge column of ash was blasted and spread 7 km high to southeast and south of crater. Mount Sinabung blew for nine minutes. It caused panic among the island’s residents.

SriLankan Airlines: World’s Most Punctual Airline

- **SriLankan Airlines**, the National Carrier of island nation has been named the **‘World’s Most Punctual Airline’** for second consecutive time.

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- SriLankan Airlines, the flag carrier of Sri Lanka, has been named ‘World’s Most Punctual Airline’ for second consecutive time in less than 12 months with over 90% of its flights in May being “on time”.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

India, China Agree To Seek Mutually Acceptable Solution To Boundary Issue

- India and China have agreed to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through negotiations, the government informed Rajya Sabha on Thursday.
- In a written response to a question in Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said China disputes the international boundary between India and China.

Saudi Arabia raises India’s Hajj Quota by 30,000

- In a significant step, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia increased India’s Haj quota by 30,000 thus lifting the figure to 200,000 per year (from 170,000).
- This move will pave the way for more Indians to go for the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi kingdom.
- In 2018, Saudi Arabia increased India’s Haj quota by 5,000, while in 2017 it was increased by about 35,000.

World Bank partners with First Resilient Kerala Program

- The Government of India, Government of Kerala and World Bank recently signed a Loan Agreement of \$250 Million for First Resilient Kerala Program which seeks to enhance State’s resilience against impacts of natural disasters and climate change.

The 48th DG conference was held between India’s BSF and BGB was concluded in Dhaka, Bangladesh

- The **48th DG conference** was held between India’s BSF and BGB was concluded in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**.
- The 48th DG conference was held between India’s Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).
- It was concluded on 15 June at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- A Joint Record of Discussion was signed by DG, BSF, Rajni Kant Mishra and DG, BGB, Major General Md Shafeenul Islam.

Japan gifts Manipur a Peace Museum built on WWII memories

- Japan gifted Manipur, one of India’s north eastern state a Museum of Peace built on the memories of Battle of Imphal, one of the fiercest battles of 2nd World War (WWII).
- The inauguration of Imphal Peace Museum marked 75th anniversary of Battle of Imphal. The Imphal Peace Museum was inaugurated at Red Hill which lies about 20 km southwest of Imphal (Manipur capital).

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- The 2nd edition of India and Italy Joint Working Group on counter terrorism was held in New Delhi.
- The 2nd Meeting of India-Italy Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi, India on 17 June 2019.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary (Counter Terrorism), Ministry of External Affairs and Diego Brasioli, Principal Director for Security, Disarmament and non- Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Italy.

India designated as guest country at Guadalajara International Book Fair in Mexico

- India designated as guest country at Guadalajara International Book Fair in Mexico.
- India designated as the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair) in Mexico, the National Book Trust.
- The book fair organized from November 30 – December 8. India pavilion at the fair will showcase over 35 Indian authors and artists, along with 15 publishing houses.

PM Modi to participate in Japan G20 summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the G20 summit in Osaka in Japan from June 27 to 29, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. It ministry also said that former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu will be India's Sherpa at the G20 summit.

India, Indonesia set \$50-billion trade target by 2025 to boost bilateral ties

- India and Indonesia on Saturday set an ambitious \$50 billion target for bilateral trade over the next six years as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joko Widodo discussed ways to deepen cooperation in a number of key areas including economy, defence and maritime security.
- The two leaders, who are in Osaka, Japan for the G20 Summit, met in the morning and discussed ways to boost bilateral ties and enhance cooperation in trade and investment.

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- India granted USD15 million to Niger for holding African Union Summit.
- India has extended USD 15 million assistance to Niger for organising the African Union (AU) summit scheduled to be held in Niamey from July 7-8.
- The support of grant assistance was in response to a specific request made by the Niger government. This year, Niger is hosting an AU summit for the first time.

India partners with Portugal to set up a national maritime heritage museum at Lothal

- India partners with Portugal to set up a national maritime heritage museum at Lothal. India has partnered with Portugal to set up a national maritime heritage museum at Lothal in Gujarat.

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- The Indian Navy will be the stakeholder in the project and the Portuguese Navy will assist as they have experience in it by administering the maritime museum in Lisbon, Portugal.

India Foreign Minister Jaishankar in Bhutan on his 1st bilateral visit

- India Foreign Minister **Jaishankar** in **Bhutan** on his 1st **bilateral visit**. External Affairs Minister of India, S Jaishankar reached Bhutan on June 7 on a two-day visit.

Jaipur Foot Korea: launched by Korean Ambassador to India

- Bong-kil Shin, South Korean Ambassador to India launched Jaipur Foot Korea, a collaborative initiative between South Korea (or Republic of Korea) and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), a Jaipur-based prosthetic limb non-profit organisation.
- Republic of Korea (ROK) ambassador to India signed an agreement with BMVSS for providing assistance in prosthetic limbs sector.

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- The **16th Asia Media Summit** was successfully concluded on 13 June in **Cambodia**. The 16th Asia Media Summit was concluded on 13 June in Cambodia.
- The summit called for regulation-making to fight against fake news and cyber-crimes. The **theme** of the summit was **Media Digitalisation – Focusing on Developing Markets**.

STATE RELATED CURRENT AFFAIRS

Unemployed Graduates To Get Up To Rs 3,500 in Rajasthan

- Unemployed Graduates To Get Up To Rs 3,500 in Rajasthan .
- Unemployed youth who completed their graduation or equivalent degree will be given unemployment allowance by the Rajasthan government. Male applicants will get Rs 3,000/month .
- While the women and differently-abled will get Rs 3,500/month under Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana. The applicants must be natives of Rajasthan.

For the first, the Lucknow government has begun the construction of roads using plastic waste

- For the first, the Lucknow government has begun the construction of roads using plastic waste.
- The Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) is constructing a road using plastic waste for the first time ever.
- The road is constructed from Gomti Nagar Police Station to Indian Institute of Management (IIM) under a pilot project by LDA in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The LDA has followed guidelines of the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) in road construction.

Mela Kheer Bhawani celebrated in J&K

- With commencement of annual festival of Kheer Bhawani Mela on Zeasht Ashtami, hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees prayed at famous Ragnya Devi temple in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Ganderbal district.
- An elaborate security arrangement was made by J&K administration so that mela passed off peacefully for devotees who thronged temple from across the country.

Bihar Government bans Tree-Felling

- The Bihar Government recently announced ban on felling of trees in different cities of Bihar, citing increasing pollution as well as a fatal heatwave in the state as reason for the ban.
- Bihar Government has taken this decision as most cities of Bihar are ranked in list of World's most polluted cities which includes – Patna (7th position), Muzaffarpur (13th position), Gaya (18th position) and Bhagalpur.

Rajasthan Health Department wins WHO's Award for Tobacco Control

- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** awarded **Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department its Tobacco Control Award for year 2019** in recognition of Rajasthan's achievements in the field of tobacco control.

Telangana State Formation Day was celebrated on 2 June

- **Telangana State Formation Day** was celebrated on **2 June**. Telangana was formed on 2nd June in 2014 following the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.
- A number of cultural events, sports, and social events lined up in the state as part of the celebration.

Telangana Government enhanced Rythu Bandhu scheme

- Telangana launched Rythu Bandhu scheme. **Telangana government** released Rs 6,900 crore for the **Rythu Bandhu** scheme for Kharif season. The order is mainly passed to the agriculture department.

Tripura to host 10th National Science Film Festival of India in 2020

- Tripura to host 10th National Science Film Festival of India in 2020. The **10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) organized in Tripura in January and February 2020**. The NSF debuted in Chennai eight years ago in 2011.

High Court declared all animals in Haryana to be 'legal persons'

- High Court declared all animals in Haryana to be legal persons. The Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued the status of "legal person or entity" to all animals in Haryana, granting them the "corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person".

Haryana government announced an annual of Rs.5 lakh to Loktantra senanis

- Haryana government announced an annual of Rs.5 lakh to Loktantra senanis.
- The Haryana State government has announced an annual financial assistance of Rs.5 lakh to loktantra senanis or their spouse for treatment at private or government hospitals.
- The term “emergency victim” on their identity cards would be replaced with “loktantra senani”.
- The announcement was made by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar while addressing the Loktantra Senanis from across the state at the state-level Loktantra Senani Samman Samaroh organized at Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh.

Delhi government plans free rides for women in metro and buses

- Delhi government plans free rides for women in metro and buses. Delhi government has announced its plan to subsidize travel in public transport for women commuters in the Capital. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Haryana CM announces Annual Health Assistance to Loktantra Senanis

- Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister of Haryana has announced an annual financial health assistance of Rs.5 lakh to loktantra senanis or their spouse for treatment at private or government hospitals.
- Loktantra Senanis: are people who were jailed during 1975-1977 Emergency under preventive detention laws.

Delhi Metro Station becomes India’s first project to receive power from waste-to-energy

- **Delhi Metro became the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant.** The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.

Gujarat topped the country with annual fish production of 7.8 lakh tonnes

- Gujarat topped the country with annual fish production of 7.8 lakh tonnes, followed by Tamil Nadu (7.02 lakh tonnes) and Kerala (6.43 lakh tonnes) according to the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

Kerala tops NITI Aayog’s Health ranking; Bihar, UP worst performers

- Kerala topped NITI Aayog’s Healthy States Ranking for larger states for the second time in a row while Bihar and Uttar Pradesh emerged as the worst performing states.
- Haryana, Jharkhand and Assam emerged as the states which improved the most while Chhattisgarh witnessed the least improvement among larger states. Kerala was followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra on the list.

Karnataka government has launched Pink Sarathi vehicles for womens safety

- Karnataka government has launched **Pink Sarathi vehicles for womens safety**. Karnataka government has launched 'Pink Sarathi' vehicles that are procured by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC).
- It was launched by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. BMTTC will use the vehicles to attend to the grievances of women passengers in city buses.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ISRO opens its laboratories for Indian school students

- ISRO opens its laboratories for Indian school students. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is an agency which has the legacy of India's ancient knowledge and modern technology.
- She opened its laboratories for Indian school students to undergo two-week training from this year.

Raavana-1: Sri Lanka's 1st satellite successfully launched

- Sri Lanka's first ever satellite '**Raavana-1**', designed and developed by two Sri Lankan engineers, was successfully placed into orbit.
- It was launched from International Space Station (ISS) along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal.
- The satellite was officially handed over to JAXA (Japanese Aerospace and Exploration Agency) on February 18 and was sent to International Space Station on April 17, through assistance of Cygnus-1 spacecraft from United States.

Two female scientists Ritu Kridhal and Vanitha to head Indias 2nd Moon mission Chandrayaan-2

- For the first time, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has appointed two women scientists – **Ritu Karidhal** (as mission director) and **Muthayya Vanitha** (as project director) – to head the India's second Moon mission Chandrayaan-2.
- ISRO Chairman K Sivan announced that close to 30 percent of the ISRO team working on Chandrayaan 2 are women.

Scientists places worlds highest weather stations atop Mount Everest

- Scientists places worlds highest weather stations atop **Mount Everest**. Scientists from National Geographic Society and Tribhuvan University installed have installed two highest weather stations in the world in an expedition to Mount Everest that wrapped up in June 2019.
- The two weather monitoring stations are located at an altitude of 8,430 meters (27,657 feet) and 7,945 meters (26,066 feet).

NASA's Curiosity rover confirmed the presence of Methane in Mars

- NASA's Curiosity rover confirmed the presence of Methane in Mars. NASA has confirmed that the Curiosity rover, the NASA's Mars Science Laboratory mission, recently detected the largest amount of methane ever measured during the mission.
- Curiosity's methane reading came to 21 parts per billion units by volume. It is thrice the amount it sniffed out during a surge in 2013.

Three astronauts landed after spending more than six months aboard the International Space Station (ISS)

- Three astronauts landed after spending more than six months aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Oleg Kononenko with the Russian space agency Roscosmos, Anne McClain of NASA and Canadian Space Agency astronaut David Saint-Jacques landed aboard Russia's Soyuz MS-11 spacecraft on June 24.
- They landed after spending more than six months aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

NASA's OSIRIS REx spacecraft creates new record

- NASA's OSIRIS REx spacecraft creates new record. NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft entered its second orbital phase around asteroid **Bennu**, called Orbital B on June 12, 2019.
- It broke its own world record for the closest orbit of a planetary body.
- In the Orbital B phase, the maneuver placed the spacecraft in an orbit 680 meters above the surface of asteroid Bennu.
- The previous record was set by OSIRIS-REx on 31 December, 2018, when the spacecraft flew 1.33 km above the asteroid's surface during Orbital A phase.

Astronomers discovered the Forbidden Planet, NGTS- 4b in the Neptunian Desert

- Astronomers discovered the Forbidden Planet, NGTS- 4b in the '**Neptunian Desert**'.
- An international collaboration of astronomers with the University of Warwick, I-JK, have discovered an exoplanet, Next-Generation Transit Survey(NGTS)- 4b, the Forbidden Planet, in the Neptunian Desert.

James Webb Space Telescope successfully passed final thermal vacuum test

- James Webb Space Telescope successfully passed final thermal vacuum test. NASA's \$8.8-billion James Webb Space Telescope, the **world's largest and most expensive one**, has successfully passed final thermal vacuum test, making its parts cleared for use in space.

Indian scientist to be Co-I for NASA's PUNCH mission

- NASA has selected Texas-based Southwest Research Institute to lead its PUNCH mission which will image the Sun.
- This is a landmark mission that will image regions beyond the Sun's outer corona.

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- Dipankar Banerjee, solar physicist from Indian Institute of Astrophysics is also a Co-Investigator of the PUNCH mission.
- PUNCH, which stands for “Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere,” is focused on understanding the transition of particles from the Sun’s outer corona to the solar wind that fills interplanetary space.

NASA’s Mars Rover detects High Levels of Methane

- The Curiosity Rover of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), an independent federal agency of United States has found the largest amount of methane ever measured during its mission on Red Planet (Mars).

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- China was found to have the largest internet user base at 21%. The internet users in India are 12%, and the United States are 8%.

SPORTS

NAME	TITLE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Shakib Al Hasan – cricketer	-	first-ever Bangladesh batsman to score 1,000 runs in World Cup history
Sofia Kenin	Mallorca Open title	Sofia Kenin DEFEATED Belinda Bencic
Liverpool	Champions League	Liverpool defeated Tottenham Hotspur (Spurs)
Sreekiran, Rohit Yadav	Under-20 Eurasian Athletics Championship	Sreekiran bagged the boys’ 800m gold . Rohit Yadav added the fifth gold medal in the boys’ javelin throw by clearing a distance of 74.55m.

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Sidharth Rawat	ITF Mens Future Tennis Title	He is associated with coach Gaurav Sharma for nearly 15 years.
Mitchell Starc		Become the fastest bowler to reach 150 wickets in ODI cricket
Mithali		1st Indian lady to hit 2000 T20I runs
Ashleigh Barty	Birmingham Classic grass court title	Become the first Australian woman in 43 years to reach the top of the singles rankings
David Warner		become the first batsman to reach 500 runs in 2019 World Cup
India	Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title	Indian junior women's hockey team won Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title after beating Ireland 1-0 in the final
Rohit Sharma		Become the fastest batsman to score 2,000 runs against a particular team in ODIs
Ashleigh Barty	Roland Garros title in one-sided final	Ashleigh Barty, the Australian who ditched tennis to play professional cricket for a year, smashed Marketa Vondrousova for six on Saturday to lift the French Open
Japan	FIH Hockey Series	Japan defeat Mexico and won FIH Hockey Series. International Hockey Federation (IHF) conducted Men's Hockey Series.
Rafael Nadal	12th French Open title	Rafael Nadal maintained his stranglehold on the French Open by beating Austrian fourth seed Dominic Thiem in four sets to lift a 12th men's singles title.
Lewis Hamilton	Canadian Grand Prix 2019	Lewis Hamilton won Canadian Grand Prix , the world of Formula One championship title 2019.
Peter Gilchrist	2019 Pacific International Billiards Championship	Peter Gilchrist defeated Kolkata cueist Kothari who had been on a roll winning the International Reventon Classic Snooker championship

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United States	FIFA Women's World Cup	They defeated Thailand in Group-F match at Reims in France.
Virat Kohli		become the fastest batsman to reach 20,000 international runs
Indian Cricket Team		Virat Kohli-led India have toppled England to become the world number one ODI side as per the latest rankings.
Naomi Osaka, Novak Djokovic		In the latest Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings Naomi Osaka of Japan's and Novak Djokovic of Serbia continue to be as World Number 1.
Punjab Police	33rd Federation Cup Basketball Tournament 2019	Punjab Police won the match by winning over Indian Army with 91-71.
Rashid Khan		Become the first spinner in history to give away 100 runs in an ODI.
Eoin Morgan		set the world record for most sixes (17) in an ODI
P. U. Chitra	gold medal in women's 1500m at Folsam Grand Prix 2019	She produced the best time of her season so far by clocking 4 minute 12.65 seconds (4:12.65s).
Rashid Khan		becomes most expensive bowler in World Cup history
David Warner		Become the first batsman to score two 150-plus scores in World Cup history.
Taylor Fritz	maiden ATP title	American Taylor Fritz claimed his maiden ATP title in Eastbourne, beating compatriot Sam Querrey 6-3 6-4 in the final on Saturday. Playing only his second final, Fritz made a solid start to break Querrey to love in his first return game.
Annu Rani	Bronze - 58th Ostrava Golden Spike Athletics meet	Annu Rani won the women's javelin bronze in the 58th Ostrava Golden Spike athletics meet
PU Chitra and Sreeshankar	Gold-Folsam Grand Prix 2019	Asian champion PU Chitra of India won a gold medal in

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		women's 1500m at Folsam Grand Prix 2019.
Pranati Nayak	Bronze - Asian Artistic Gymnastic Championship	The 23-year-old from West Bengal came up with a score of 13.384 to claim the bronze medal.
Roger Federer	win the Halle Open	It is the first time that the 37-year-old has won the same title 10 times in his career.
India women's rugby team	Asia Rugby Women's Championship Division 1	The Indian women's rugby team claimed their first-ever international 15s victory on Saturday by defeating Singapore 21-19
Shakib Al Hasan		Become the first-ever Bangladesh batsman to score 1,000 runs in World Cup history
Sofia Kenin	Mallorca Open title	American 20-year-old Sofia Kenin saved three match points on her way to beating third seed Belinda Bencic 6-7(2-7), 7-6(7-5), 6-4 in the final of the Mallorca Open.
Indian Women's Hockey Team	FIH Series Finals	India clinched the women's FIH Series Finals Hockey Tournament by beating hosts Japan 3-1 in summit clash at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium in Japan.
Lewis Hamilton	French Grand Prix	Mercedes' British driver and defending world champion Lewis Hamilton registered his sixth win of the season after winning the French Grand Prix.
Imran Tahir		become the highest wicket-taker among South Africans in World Cup history

OBITUARY

NAME OF THE PERSON DIED	ASSOCIATED FIELD
BM Khaitan	Veteran industrialist and Williamson Magor Group patriarch
Lennart Johansson	Champions League in 1992 during his 17-year reign as president of European football's governing body
Malcolm John Rebennack	Six-time Grammy-winning musician Malcolm John Rebennack , better known as Dr John, passed away on Thursday aged 77.

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Madan Lal Saini	Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and the party's Rajasthan unit chief, Madan Lal Saini, passed away
Mohan Ranade	Veteran freedom fighter Mohan Ranade, who also participated in the Goa liberation movement.
Girish Karnad	Veteran playwright, actor and director
Pazhavila Ramesan	Poet and lyricist
Vijaya Nirmala	Veteran Telugu actress and director
Jaya Arunachalam	Founder of Working Women's Forum (WWF), and a pioneer of the women's self-help group movement in the country
VR Lakshminarayanan	Former Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu VR Lakshminarayanan, who arrested late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in a corruption case in 1977, passed away at the age of 91

IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
World Milk Day	June 01	Drink Milk: Today & Everyday
International Sex Workers Day	June 02	-
World Bicycle Day	June 03	
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	June 04	
World Environment Day	June 05	"Beat Air Pollution"
Maharana Pratap Jayanti	June 06	
UN Russian Language Day	June 06	
World Food Safety Day	June 07	"Food Safety, everyone's business"
World Oceans Day	June 08	Gender and Oceans
World Brain Tumor Day	June 08	
Coral Triangle Day	June 09	
International Day Against Child Labour	June 12	Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams!
International Albinism Awareness Day	June 13	Still Standing Strong
World Blood Donor Day	June 14	Blood Donation and Universal Access to Safe Blood Transfusion
Global Wind day	June 15	
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	June 17	
Autistic Pride Day	June 18	
Sickle cell disease day	June 19	
World Refugee Day	June 20	Step With Refugees
Fifth International Yoga Day	June 21	Yoga for Climate Action
World Hydrography Day	June 21	Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge
International Widows Day	June 23	

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UN Public Service Day	June 23	
International Day of Seafarer	June 25	
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	June 26	Health for Justice. Justice for Health
International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	June 26	
Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises Day	June 27	
Statistics Day	June 29	Sustainable Development Goals
International Day of the Tropic	June 29	