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### Awards and Honours

Name	Award Name	Extra Information
National Aluminium Company (Nalco)	excellence in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for its flagship project 'Nalco Ki Ladli	Basant Kumar Thakur, Director (HR), NALCO received the Award from Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur at a glittering ceremony in New Delhi, a company statement said.
Sudarsan Pattnaik	Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019	Sand artist and Padma Shri awardee Sudarsan Pattnaik has been selected for the Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019. He will be honoured at the International Scorrana Sand Nativity in Italy scheduled to be held from November 13 to 18.
Sara Damnjanovic	Miss Asia Global 2019	Sara Damnjanovic from Serbia was crowned 'Miss Asia Global 2019' at the international beauty contest held in Kerala.
Rajinikanth	Icon of Golden Jubilee of IFFI award	The Government is to confer the Icon of Golden Jubilee of IFFI award to the eminent film personality Shri S Rajinikanth.
Madhuri Vijay	JCB Prize for Literature for 2019	The 27-year-old, Madhuri Vijay has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel 'The Far Field'.
Ghulab Kothari	Raja Ram Mohan Roy award	The Press Council of India (PCI) presented the National Awards For Excellence in Journalism, 2019, on 6 November 2019.
Venu Srinivasan	Deming award	TVS Group Chairman Venu Srinivasan was conferred with the prestigious Deming Prize at a ceremony held in Tokyo. Srinivasan becomes the first industrialist from India to be bestowed this award for his contributions in the field of total quality management (TQM), TVS Motor Company said in a statement.
Ratan Tata and G M Rao	doctorate by Amity University	The honorary doctorates were conferred on them by Amity University during its annual convocation ceremony attended by Human Resource

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		Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
Kumar Mangalam Birla	ABLFGlobal Asian award	Kumar Mangalam Birla who is the chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, conferred the ABLF Global Asian Award, for powerful individuals whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention.
Dr. K. Ullas Karanth	George Schaller Lifetime Award	The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS, New York) has honoured Dr. K. Ullas Karanth, upon his retirement, with The Wildlife Conservation Society's George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science.
Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey	National Entrepreneurship Awards 2019	The fourth edition of the award ceremony was organized today to mark the completion of 5 years of setting up of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in 2014.
Kung Fu Nuns	Asia Society's Game Changer Award	The Kung Fu Nuns of the Drukpa Order, some of the Himalayas' most prominent human rights advocates, received Asia Society's prestigious Game Changer Award in New York for their path-breaking work to empower women and dismantle gender stereotypes in Himalayas.
JioTV	IPTV Innovation Award at World Communication Awards	JioTV, the extremely popular TV and broadcast content app enjoyed by hundreds of millions of mobile phone users has been conferred the award for IPTV Innovation at the World Communication Awards 2019, at a ceremony in London, said a release from the company.
Avneet Sidhu	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Achievers Award	The former international shooter Avneet Sidhu, a DSP with the Punjab Police, was honoured with Guru Nanak

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		Dev Ji Achievers Award in a state-level function at Sultanpur Lodhi, Punjab.
Amit Panghal	Haryana Gaurav award	India boxer Amit Panghal was conferred the Haryana Gaurav award for winning the silver medal in the World Boxing Championship. The award was conferred by the Haryana in UK Association.
Ravi Prakash	BRICS-Young Innovator Prize	He won the first prize carrying \$25,000 for inventing an affordable indigenous milk chilling unit for smaller and marginal rural dairy farmers.
Tobacco Board	Golden leaf award	Executive director K Sunitha received the award on behalf of the company at Tab Expo 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
Sudarsan Pattnaik	Italian Golden Sand Art Award	Mr Pattnaik created a 10-foot-high sand sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi along with Russian artist Pavel Minilkov. Around 8 sculptors from different countries participated in the event.
Rezwana Choudhury Bannya	ICCR Alumni award	The award was given away by the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das in a musical function organised by the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC).
Sir David Attenborough	2019 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development	Renowned naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough is to be conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2019.
Virat Kohli	PETA India's Person of the Year for 2019 award	India captain Virat Kohli was named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019' for his animal advocacy efforts.
Satya Nadella	Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019	Other Indian-origin CEOs in the Top 20 list are Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga (8th spot) and Jayshree Ullal, head of California-based computer

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		networking company Arista (18th position).
Meghan Markle	Most Powerful Dresser of 2019	The Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle has been named the Most Powerful Dresser of 2019, according to the global fashion search platform Lyst.
Chitharesh Natesan	Mr Universe 2019	Chitahresh Natesan who is a 33yr old former hockey player turned bodybuilder. He is known as the 'Indian Monster' by bodybuilding circles. He became the first Indian to win Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019 in the 90kg category at the 11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship(WBPF) in South Korea.
Greta Thunberg	International Children's Peace Prize	Greta Thunberg, a young environmental activist, was recently awarded the International Children's Peace Prize. She has been given this honour to fight for environmental protection.
G Satheesh Reddy	honorary fellowship by Royal Aeronautical Society of UK	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman G Satheesh Reddy was awarded honorary fellowship by Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) of United Kingdom (UK) during the Medals and Awards presentation ceremony in London.
Akkitham Namboodiri	55th Jnanpith Award	Akkitham is the 6th Malayalam writer to be conferred with the award after G Sankara Kurup, Thakazhi, SK Pottekatt, MT Vasudevan Nair and ONV Kurup.
NDTV	International Press Institute India award for Excellence in Journalism	NDTV was awarded for its 'expose of the conspiracy to scuttle' the Kathua rape and murder case probe.

## Appointments

Name	Designation	Extra Information
Pavan Kapoor	Ambassador to UAE	During his diplomatic career, Pavan Kapoor has served in different capacities at the Indian Missions in Moscow, Kyiv, London and Geneva. During his last posting, Mr Kapoor served as the Ambassador to Israel.
Satya Pal Malik	Goa governor	Satya Pal Malik would be sworn in as Goa Governor on November 3, a Raj Bhavan official said here. Malik, 73, former governor of Jammu and Kashmir, will replace Mridula Sinha, the first woman governor of Goa.
Sumant Kathpalia	MD, CEO of IndusInd Bank	Kathpalia will succeed Romesh Sobti, the current MD & CEO of the bank. Sobti will be retiring in March 2020. He will be appointed after the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). His name has been forwarded to RBI for approval.
Lt Gen Anup Banerji	Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DG AFMS)	Anup Banerji is an alumnus of the prestigious Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. He is an outstanding cardiologist and an exceptional administrator.
Manoj Pande	Member Staff, Railway Board	Pande is a Post Graduate in Economics from Delhi School of Economics, MBA, L.L.B. and holds a Diploma in Russian language from JNU. He has written several articles on Railway Heritage and History.
Aditya Mishra	chairman of Land Ports Authority of India	Aditya Mishra is a 1989 batch IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre. He is presently posted as ADG, CBCID, Uttar Pradesh Police.
Arun Alagappan	Chola Investment MD	Mr. Alagappan started his career with GE Capital Services India and after a two-year stint there, joined the Murugappa Group in 1999.

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Sheikh Khalifa	President of the UAE	The Council would continue to lead the UAE to strengthen the pillars of the Union and its prosperity and fulfill the aspirations of its honourable people.
Akil Kureshi	Tripura HC CJ	After months of delay, the Centre is understood to have cleared the name of Justice Akil Kureshi of the Bombay High Court for appointment as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court.
Sanjay Gupta	country manager at Google India	Gupta, the former Star and Disney India managing director, will contribute to Google's efforts to expand the internet ecosystem in the country.
Naftali Bennett	new defence minister of Israel	Naftali Bennett approved as new defence minister of Israel. Jerusalem, Nov 10 (IANS) Israel's pro-settler lawmaker Naftali Bennett was approved by the cabinet as defence minister.
Thomas Dennerby	Indian Head Coach - FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup	Sweden's Thomas Dennerby has been appointed as the Head Coach of the Indian Women's U-17 team, AIFF announced.
Sanjay Karol	Chief Justice of Patna HC	He succeeded Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, who has been transferred as Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Chennai.
Anjani Kumar	Ambassador of India to the Republic of Mali	The appointment was announced by the Ministry of external affairs (MEA). Anjani Kumar is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of batch 2003. He will be replacing Pradeep Kumar Gupta.
Prakash Javadekar	Union minister of heavy industries and public enterprises	Javadekar is already in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
Pravind Jugnauth	Mauritius PM	Jugnauth, 57, took over from his father in 2017 without

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		going through a vote, and the decisive victory of his centre-right Morisian Alliance in the November 7 elections has strengthened his legitimacy.
Nita Ambani	Honorary Trustee of New York City's The Metropolitan Museum of Art	Her election took place at the meeting of the Museum's board and the announcement in this regard was made by Daniel Brodsky, the Chairman of Museum.
Shafqat Mehmood	President of UNESCO's Education Commission	Shafqat Mehmood would work closely with all delegations in a constructive manner in pursuance of the main objectives of UNESCO.
Dr Ravi Ranjan	13th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court	Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan was sworn in as the 13th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court. He was administered oath to office and secrecy under Article 219 of Constitution by Governor Draupadi Murmu at the Raj Bhavan in Jharkhand's capital Ranchi.
Gotabaya Rajapaksa	Sri Lanka's new president	Rajapaksa, who is the first retired military officer to assume the top office, appealed to minority Tamils and Muslims – who form about 20 percent of Sri Lanka's 22 million population – to rally around him.
Laishram Sarita Devi	member of AIBA athletes' commission	India's boxing ace, Laishram Sarita Devi, has been elected unopposed as a member of the first-ever international boxing body (AIBA) athletes' commission.
Su Bingtian	Athletes Commission of World Athletics	Chinese sprinter Su Bingtian has been appointed to the Athletes Commission of World Athletics, formerly known as the International Association of Athletics Federations.
R Rajagopal	Chief information commissioner (CIC) of the state.	amil Nadu State government appointed senior bureaucrat and additional chief secretary to the governor, R Rajagopal, as the next Chief information



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		commissioner (CIC) of the state.
Mahinda Rajapaksa	Sri Lanka's new PM	Mahinda Rajapaksa took oath as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister after Ranil Wickremesinghe resigned as the PM.
Devendra Fadnavis	Maharashtra CM	BJP's Devendra Fadnavis took oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra at 8 am in the morning on November 23, 2019. NCP's Ajit Pawar took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state.
Ajit Pawar	Deputy CM	The BJP claims the support of all NCP legislators while forming the government in Maharashtra. The BJP stated that it will form a stable government in the state.
Suman Billa	Director of UNWTO	Suman Billa, a Kerala cadre IAS officer from 1996 batch will join United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) at its headquarter in Madrid, Spain. He will take charge as Director, technical cooperations.
Bhuwan Chandra	Indian Overseas Bank - chief financial officer (CFO)	His appointment will be effective from December 1, 2019 according to the bank's filing with the stock exchanges.
Jabr Al-Azeeby	Emirates - vice-president of India and Nepal	Al-Azeeby began his career with Emirates in October 2005 as a commercial graduate trainee, and quickly moved up the ranks to the role of manager – Uganda in 2008.

### Banking and Finance

#### SREI-UBI jointly offers loans under co-lending programme

- Srei Equipment Finance Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance, has partnered with the United Bank of India (UBI) to offer loans to the MSME sector and retail customers under a co-lending arrangement.
- The NBFC and the bank jointly organised Loan Utsavs across 20 cities. These loan melas were held many cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Ranchi, Patna, Vijaywada, Chandigarh, Lucknow and Bhopal.

### **Dhanlaxmi Bank announces resignation of MD & CEO**

- Ms T.Latha has submitted her resignation as MD & CEO and Director of Dhanlaxmi Bank, Vide her letter dated October 30, 2019 due to personal reasons. The same has been accepted by the Board w.e.f close of business hours on October 31, 2019, at its meeting held on October 31, 2019. The same has been intimated to RBI.

### **SBI Card and Vistara Join Hands to Launch Co-branded Credit Cards**

- SBI Card and Vistara have joined hands to launch a one-of-its-kind premium credit card for travel savvy urban Indians. Launched in two variants, Club Vistara SBI Card PRIME and Club Vistara SBI Card, the new card has been designed to offer a rewarding travel experience to cardholders, through unique benefits and unmatched value proposition, on domestic and international travel spends.

### **AIIB to invest 100 million USD in solar and wind projects in India**

- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) which is headquartered at Beijing expects an investment of 100 million USD in India in a year. The foreign investment is to enter India through the bank in Wind and solar projects. AIIB has so far invested 2.9 billion USD. It amounts to 30% of the total investment. India is the largest borrower of AIIB.

### **India and ADB sign 91 million USD to improve water resources in Karnataka**

- On November 18, 2019, India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 91 million USD agreement to improve water security of Karnataka. The loan will help to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems and also to increase the efficiency of Krishna river basin.

### **IndiaFirst Life Insurance partners with Spice Money for 'Insurance Khata' product**

- IndiaFirst Life Insurance has entered into a strategic & technical partnership with Spice Money, a tech-led financial services provider, for distribution / marketing of 'insurance khata' through the latter's platform, which has nearly 3 lakh customers. Insurance Khata is targeted at the informal/agriculture sector.

### **European Investment Bank to stop Fossil Fuel Funding by 2021**

- The European Investment Bank is to stop funding oil and coal projects at the end of 2021. Since 2013, the European Union through the bank has funded 13.4 billion Euros for fossil fuel projects. In 2018, it was around 2 billion Euros. The Union has been reducing its funding to fossil fuel projects and is stopping by 2021.

### **RBI increases household income limits for borrowers of NBFCs and MFIs**

- Reserve Bank of India increased the household income limits for borrowers of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) from 1 lakh to 1.25 lakh rupees.

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- **Aim:**
- The move is aimed at strengthening credit to those at the bottom of the economic pyramid in rural areas. The limit is increased from 1.6 lakh for urban or semi-urban areas to 2 lakh rupees. The limit has been increased after taking into consideration the important role played by microfinance institutions in delivering credit to those at the bottom of the economic pyramid and to enable them to play their assigned role in a growing economy.

### **COCO by DHFL General Insurance launches customisable health insurance plan**

- COCO by DHFL General Insurance announced the launch of its First Retail Health Indemnity Insurance Product COCOCure. COCOCure is a comprehensive, new-age health insurance product that is designed to make health insurance easy to understand and convenient to purchase.

### **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launches Instant Digital Savings and Instant Fixed Deposit Account**

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank in an effort to offer distinctive banking and digital services to its customers launched Digital Savings Account along with fixed deposit and privilege savings account.

### **Tencent buys 10% of Policybazaar, enters India insurance market**

- Tencent Holdings Ltd. has acquired a minority stake in Policybazaar.com valuing the Indian online insurance aggregator at \$1.5 billion, according to a person familiar with the deal, as it tries to get a foothold in the country's burgeoning insurance sector.
- The Chinese technology giant bought 10% of Policybazaar, half of Tiger Global Management LLC's stake in the company, the person said, asking not be identified as the matter was not public. The \$150 million deal was signed earlier this week, the person added.

### **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launches 'Farmitra' app**

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, the private general insurer launched industry's first mobile app 'Farmitra' catering to the specific needs of farmers. Through this app, farmers will not only get insurance solutions, but also a range of other information and advisories which will cater to their day to day farming needs.
- The Company, through this app intends to help farmers address their worries and provide them relevant information which they can use in optimizing their farming practices. This will create value for farmers, thereby increasing engagement with them.

### **Exim Bank gives \$30 million line of credit to Ghana**

- Export-Import (Exim) Bank provided a \$30 million line of credit to Ghana for the potable water projects in the country. Exim Bank entered into an agreement with Ghana for a line of credit (LoC) of \$30 million (about Rs 210 crore) for financing rehabilitation and up-gradation of potable water system in Yendi, Ghana.

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- Under the arrangement financing of export of eligible goods, works and services from India would be allowed subject to their being available for shipping under the Foreign Trade Policy of India and whose purchase may be agreed to be financed by the Exim Bank.

### **MSTC ties up with Allahabad Bank to develop e-auction platform**

- MSTC Ltd has signed an agreement with Allahabad Bank for the development of a dedicated e-Auction platform directly linked with the Indian Banking Association's portal (<https://ibapi.net>) for sale of non-performing assets (NPAs) through the SARFAESI (Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest) Act.

### **ADB to provide USD 451 mn for the CKIC corridor**

- The Asian Development Bank is to provide a \$451 million loan to strengthen the power connectivity between southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.
- **CKIC Project:**
- The total estimated cost of the project is \$653.5 million, of which the government will provide \$202.5 million. The project has been estimated to be the completed date of the project is the end of 2024.

### **Aditya Birla Finance becomes first company to list commercial papers on stock exchanges**

- Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL), the Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) arm of Aditya Birla Capital, has now become the first company to list its commercial papers (CPs) on stock exchanges.
- The move comes after stock exchanges- the BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) and NSE (National Stock Exchange), came out with a framework for listing of commercial papers (CPs), in a bid to broaden investors' participation in such securities.

### **From January, banks cannot charge you for online NEFT transactions**

- From January 2020, banks can no longer charge savings bank account holders for online transactions in the NEFT system. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has now mandated banks to do this through a press release. In its press release, RBI stated that it is doing this to promote digital payments.

### **HDFC AMC, IGL added to MSCI India index, Yes Bank removed**

- MSCI, the world's biggest index compiler, has added eight Indian stocks including HDFC Asset Management or HDFC AMC, Info Edge (India) and Indraprastha Gas Ltd to its India Index, while removing Vodafone Idea, Yes Bank and four others that have seen significant market capitalisation erosion this year.

### **PNB Housing Finance Raises Rs 2,500 Crore By Issuing Bonds To LIC**

- Life Insurance Corporation of India has invested Rs 2,500 crore in PNB Housing Finance Ltd. by subscribing to the mortgage lender's secured redeemable non-convertible debentures. This issuance is on private placement basis with a door-to-door tenure of 10 years. The proceeds will be utilised by the company for its normal course of business operations.

### **Muthoot Finance to acquire IDBI Mutual Fund for ₹215 crore**

- Gold loan financier Muthoot Finance has agreed to acquire IDBI Mutual Fund to foray into the mutual fund segment. As per the deal, it will acquire 100% shareholding in IDBI Asset Management for ₹215 crore. The mutual fund firm has assets worth over ₹5,300 crore under its management.

### **Ashok Leyland, ICICI Bank ink MoU for vehicle financing**

- Commercial vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) has entered into a two-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ICICI Bank to offer customised financial solutions to customers across India with a focus on semi-urban and rural geographies.
- With this MoU, ICICI Bank will be a preferred financier for providing finance to customers buying ALL Ashok Leyland vehicles. The bank will work in close coordination with the authorised dealers of Ashok Leyland to provide financial solutions to the customers, said the company in a statement.

### **ADB Grants \$451 Million Loan to Boost Power Transmission Capacity in Tamil Nadu**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a \$451 million (~₹31.77 billion) loan to the state of Tamil Nadu for a project that will enable better power transfer between the southern part of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) and the northern regions where there is higher power demand.

### **ADB approves \$300 million for power transmission expansion in Bangladesh**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a 300 million dollar loan for a project to expand power transmission lines in Greater Dhaka and the western zone of Bangladesh.
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has 200 million dollars in co-financing to fund transmission lines, substations, and an enterprise resource planning system. The assistance also comprises a 750,000 dollar grant from China's Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund.

### **Wholesale inflation eases to 0.16 per cent in October**

- Wholesale prices based inflation eased further to 0.16 per cent in October, as against 0.33 per cent in September. Government data showed subdued prices of non-food articles and fall in prices of manufactured items.

### **Irdai calls for wellness features in health insurance plans**

- In order to popularise wellness and preventive features in health insurance, the insurance regulator has issued draft guidelines suggesting insurers offer outpatient consultations or treatments, health check-up diagnostics and redeemable vouchers to obtain protein supplements.

### **SBI Life, ICICI Pru Life to enter MSCI India index**

- Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) recently re-balanced its India index under its semi-annual review. Of the eight additions it did to the index, two belong to the insurance sector – SBI Life and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, possibly underlining brighter prospects in the segment.

### **World Bank to fund USD 300 million to the West Bengal**

- World Bank announced that it is to fund \$300 million to the West Bengal State government. The announcement was made by the West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra. The fund will be used for the development of logistics infrastructure within the city metropolitan area.
- World Bank submitted a master plan to the state on logistics infrastructure in and around the Kolkata metropolitan area. It has also expressed its interest in a review of industrial parks, logistics hubs, and SEZs. It aims to improve logistics competitiveness, employment generation, and ease of doing business.

## **Indian Affairs**

### **Pasighat to host multilingual writers meet**

- East Siang HQ Pasighat of Arunachal Pradesh is to host Multilingual writers meet at the College of Horticulture & Forestry on 2nd and 3rd November 2019. The event is held for the first time ever.
- **Hosted by:**
- The meet is being hosted by the Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Manipur-based Central Agricultural University, Imphal and the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS), Itanagar. This event is the second national-level event that is being hosted in Arunachal Pradesh after the recent Senior Women's National Football Tournament (DIPRO).

### **KVS Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Parv was inaugurated in India Gate**

- KVS- Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Parv was inaugurated at India Gate, Lawn No. 6, Maharashtra. It was inaugurated by Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the four-day mega cultural event KVS Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Parv.
- **Aim:**
- The event aims to celebrate Unity in Diversity of the country and to reconnect and preserve the widespread emotional bonds among the people of the country at India Gate.

### **Bamboo Tech Parks in J&K and Ladakh**

- The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Council (NEC) will set up new Bamboo Technology parks in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territories. The nodal agency CBTC (Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre) under the Ministry of NEC will implement the project.

### **Mumbai-now a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network**

- On October 30, 2019, 66 cities were designated by UNESCO as Creative Cities. The cities are named creative based on their mission to place creativity and creative economy at the core of their urban development to make their city safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal.
- From India, Hyderabad and Mumbai were included in the list of Creative Cities this year. They were announced on World Cities Day. Till now the following cities were included in the list for the respective categories
- Varanasi-Music  
Chennai-Music  
Jaipur-Crafts and Folk art

### **Santosh Gangwar Launches 3 Apps: Uan Registration, E-Inspection and DIGI Locker**

- Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment launched 3 Apps: UAN REGISTRATION, E-INSPECTION AND DIGI LOCKE, developed by Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at its 67th Foundation Day here today. Speaking on the occasion Shri Gangwar said that these Apps will immensely enhance the Ease of Doing Business and promote transparency in the working in the EPFO.

### **Global Exhibition on Services-2019 organised in Bengaluru**

- Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways inaugurated the Global Exhibition on Services (GES) 2019 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The year 2019 is the 5th edition of GES. The inaugural function was also attended by Chief Minister of Karnataka B. S. Yediyurappa.

### **FASTag countdown begins: Get the tag before December 1 to avoid paying double**

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is going to make fast tag facility mandatory on all its toll plazas from December 1. FASTag is using Radio Frequency Identification technology that makes toll payments directly from the prepaid account of the vehicle owner.
- FASTag is a Pan-India level initiative to eliminate bottlenecks on toll plazas and ensure uninterrupted movement of traffic.

### **India's urban unemployment rate fell to 9.3% in March quarter: Report**

- The urban unemployment rate in India during the January to March period fell to the lowest level in at least four quarters to 9.3%, as per an unreleased government report seen by Reuters. The rate had reportedly been 9.9% in the preceding quarter.
- Unemployment rate among the youth, aged 15-29 years, declined to 22.5% during the period from 23.7% earlier.

### **India's first largest biotechnology conference Global Bio-India Summit, 2019 concludes**

- India's first largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate, – the Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019 concluded in New Delhi. The three-day event was organized by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology,
- Government of India along with its Public Sector Undertaking, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC). The associated partners for this event were Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE) and Invest India.
- Biotechnology is recognized as the sunrise sector- a key driver for contributing to India's USD 5 Trillion economy target by 2025.
- The Summit provided an opportunity to showcase the potential of India's biotech sector to the international community, identify, create opportunities and deliberate on the key challenges in the areas of Bio-pharma, Bio-Agri, Bio-Industrial, Bio-Energy and Bio-Services and allied sectors.

### **All India Institute of Ayurveda Signs MoU with Western Sydney University Australia**

- All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Western Sydney University, Australia at New Delhi. The MoU will promote the collaboration in research and developing guidelines for integrating Ayurveda principles with modern medicine.
- The memorandum was agreed and exchange on the occasion of the event "India Australia International Education and Research Workshop" at Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi.

### **Cabinet approves the Patent Prosecution Highway programme**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for adoption of Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme by the Indian Patent Office (IPO) under the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks, India (CGPDTM) with patent offices of various other interest countries or regions.
- PPH programme would lead to the following benefits for the Indian IP office:
- Reduction in time to dispose patent applications.
- Reduction in pendency of patent applications.
- Improvement in quality of search and examination of patent applications.
- An opportunity for Indian inventors including MSMEs and Start ups of India to get accelerated examination of their patent applications in Japan.
- The ambit of the programme may be extended in future, as decided by the Commerce & Industry Minister. The patent offices will frame their own guidelines for implementation of the programme.



### **Cabinet approves establishment of the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR) at Leh**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH. Consequent to the formation of Ladakh as Union Territory and for the promotion of native culture of Ladakh, it has been decided by the Government of India to promote Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine by establishing a National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) at Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh at an estimated cost of Rs.47.25 crore.
- Sowa-Rigpa is a Traditional Medical system of the Himalayan belt in India. It has been popularly practiced in Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Darjeeling (West Bengal), Himachal Pradesh, Union Territory of Ladakh and now all over India.
- The objective is to establish the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) as an apex Institute for Sowa-Rigpa with aim of bringing a valid and useful synergy between Traditional Wisdom of Sowa-Rigpa and modern science, tools and technology. It will help to promote interdisciplinary research & education of Sowa-Rigpa.

### **Cabinet approves MoU between India and Finland for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- **Benefits:**
- The main objectives of the Memorandum of understanding, inter alia, are:
- Establish the basis for a cooperative relationship to encourage and promote successful bilateral cooperation in the field of tourism
- Sharing data; knowledge, expertise etc. related to tourism
- Sharing experiences in making policies, regulation and standards in planning, implementation and development of tourism policy
- Facilitating the identification and expansion of joint projects, pilots and partnerships between companies and organizations through visits, meetings, workshops, co-creation sessions and site evaluations
- Exchanging best practices through workshops and study visits for experts of Finland and India on the field of cooperation
- Encouraging development of partnerships in the context of multilateral development programs and projects of international Financial Institutions, in which both Participants have common interests

### **Kolkata International Film Festival to start on November 8**

- The Kolkata International Film Festival will start on November 8. Satyajit Ray directed Gupi Gayen, Bhagha Bayen will be the inaugural film of this festival. Cine Super-star Amitabh Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and a galaxy of Bollywood and Tollywood stars will be present at the inaugural programme of the festival.

### **Agra to host first-ever Global Taj International Film Festival**

- Agra will host the first-ever Global Taj International Film Festival from November 15-17 and films from around 10 countries will be showcased at the festival. The final screening will have films from India and six other countries, festival director Suraj Tiwari said. It'll be inaugurated by Raza Murad and the opening speech will be delivered by Dadasaheb Phalke's grandson Chandrashekhar.

### **NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 to be held in Manesar, Haryana**

- The three-day NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 will be held in Manesar, Haryana from November 27 to 29, 2019. It will be organized by International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar based on the theme "Smart & Green Mobility" to find alternative mobility solutions to problems like pollution emanating from vehicular emissions.
- It will be inaugurated by Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari.

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### **Cabinet approves Recycling of Ships bill, 2019**

- The Union Cabinet on 20th November, 2019 approved the proposal for enactment of Recycling of Ships bill, 2019. It also nodded to the Hong Kong International Convention for safe and environment sound recycling of ships.

### **India to host men's Hockey World Cup in 2023**

- India will host the Men's Hockey World Cup for the second consecutive time after the country was picked to host the game's showpiece event in 2023 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in Lausanne.
- According to the FIH, the Men's Hockey World Cup will be held in India from January 13 to 29.

### **The 27th Conference of COCSSO is being held in Kolkata**

- The 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) is being held at Kolkata, West Bengal. It is being held from 11-12 November 2019. It was inaugurated by Prof. Bimal K Roy, Chairman, National Statistical Commission.
- Theme: The theme of the conference was the Sustainable Development Goals. The theme highlighted the measures taken by MoSPI for a robust monitoring mechanism for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### **Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan organized in New Delhi**

- The first ever Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan or Sanskrit World Conference was organised in New Delhi from 9 to 11 November 2019. In this first-of-its-kind global conference, thousands of delegates and Sanskrit lovers from across the world participated.

### **Indian Oil to set up new 2G Ethanol Plant in Panipat**

- The Indian Oil Corporation recently received environment clearance from Ministry of EFoCC (Environment, Forest and Climate Change), to set up a new 2G Ethanol plant at Panipat. Indian Oil will invest Rs 766 crore in setting up the plant.

### **Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant announces decision to quit as Union minister amid power tussle with BJP in Maharashtra**

- Union Heavy Industries Minister and Shiv Sena leader Arvind Sawant on Monday announced his decision to quit the NDA government at the Centre. The Sena's lone minister in the Modi Cabinet took to Twitter to announce his decision, a day after Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari invited his party to stake claim to form government in the state.

### **Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan**

- Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the programme called 'Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan', from 11 -17 November 2019.
- Objective: To strive to make coastal areas across country clean, and to create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems so as to save marine creatures from plastic waste, industrial effluents and other harmful substances.

### **President's Rule imposed in Maharashtra after parties fail to form govt**

- President Ram Nath Kovind has accepted the recommendation of Union Cabinet for the imposition of President's Rule in Maharashtra. This comes after Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari submitted a report to the Centre after parties failed to form the government in the state. Governor had invited BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP to stake claim to form the government.

### **10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine held in New Delhi**

- The 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) was inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi. The conference will be held from 7-10 November 2019. This is the first time that the biennial conference is being held in India.

### **NASSCOM Report: India-third largest startups hub in the world**

- The Nasscom report on Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem said that India continues to be the third largest start-up ecosystem after China and US. India has added more than 1300

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tech start-ups in 2019 according to the report. Between January to September in 2019, there were 8900 to 9300 startups as compared to 7700-8200 a year ago.

### **International Lavi fair being organised in Himachal Pradesh**

- The four-day-long International Lavi fair is being organised in Rampur district of Shimla, Himanchal Pradesh from 11 to 14 November 2019. It was inaugurated by Himachal Pradesh Governor Bandaru Dattatreya. The governor also inaugurated 'Kinnauri market' and an exhibition organised by various government departments.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the Integrated Check Post at Kartarpur Corridor on 9th November 2019**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Integrated Check Post of the Kartarpur Corridor at Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur in Punjab. Prime Minister shall participate in public programme at Dera Baba Nanak.
- India signed the agreement with Pakistan on the 24th of October 2019 on the modalities for the operationalization of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor at Zero Point, International Boundary, Dera Baba Nanak.

### **Gadkari inaugurates 11th edition of Agro Vision**

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari stressed upon the importance of Agricultural allied businesses for the development of farmers in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra inaugurating the 11th edition of Agro Vision- 2019, at Reshimbag Ground of Nagpur.

### **11. India's urban unemployment rate drops to 9.3%- Jan-March 2019**

- As per PLFS Survey by NSO, urban unemployment rate dropped to the lowest level in four quarters at 9.3 per cent during January-March 2019. Also, urban unemployment rate (UR) was 9.9% in April-June 2018, 9.7% in July-September 2018 & 9.9% in Oct-Dec 2018.

### **NASSCOM Foundation's Social Innovation Forum (NSIF) award**

- NASSCOM Foundation, the Indian IT industry body's social arm, and Bangalore based software firm Mphasis announced the winners of the 11th edition of NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum (NSIF) award. The NSIF is an ecosystem of over 2,200 social innovations, awarding over 90 social innovation projects, and has given more than Rs.1.5 crore in catalytic grants.
- In 2019 edition of awards, seven organisations were declared winners across a range of categories who will receive catalytic grants for innovatively applying technology for social impact. The winners will receive Rs.10 lakh each as catalytic grants and a 12-month Support to Scale industry mentorship from experts, worth more than Rs.20 lakh.

### **12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held in Lucknow**

- The 12th edition of Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 was held in Uttar Pradesh's capital city Lucknow from 15th to 17th November 2019. It was organised by

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Institute of Urban Transport (IUT), professional body under Union Ministry of Urban Development. The theme of this year's conference was "Accessible and liveable Cities".

### **India to host the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme**

- The Plenary meeting of Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) is to be hosted by India between November 18, 2019 and November 22, 2019. The event is hosted by Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The meeting is held annually to make sure that the trade of diamonds is conflict free.

### **Grassroot Olympic- Mission Talent Hunt launched in Assam to groom talent**

- Assam Olympic Association (AOA) has launched new programme- 'Grassroot Olympic – Mission Talent Hunt' to identify and groom sports talent in the state. Its launch was announced by Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal during the executive committee meeting of AOA. Sarbananda Sonowal is President of AOA and minister of state (MoS) for health Pijush Hazarika is its vice-chairman.

### **NMCG organized 'Ganga Utsav' in New Delhi**

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organized the 'Ganga Utsav' in Major Dhyanchand stadium in New Delhi to mark the 11th anniversary of Ganga being declared as national river. It was organized in coordination with Union Jal Shakti Ministry.

### **India to host 'No Money For Terror' meet in 2020**

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy said that India in 2020 will host the next edition of 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Terrorism-Financing. This comes as Reddy is currently in Australia's Melbourne attending the second edition of the same. The conference is a group of countries that focuses on countering terror financing.

### **Cabinet approved the 2019 Arms Act Amendment Bill**

- Union Cabinet approved the amendment of the old Arms Act on 27 November 2019. The amendment prohibits individuals, with few exceptions, from possessing more than one gun, down from three now.

### **Cabinet approves loan waiver of worth Rs.4 Cr against Sikkim Mining Corporation**

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved waiver of repayment of loan and interest thereon, of nearly worth Rs.4 crore outstanding against Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC) including interest accrued on total amount from 1 April 2019, till this approval outstanding against SMC. CCEA is chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### **Parliament passes National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill**

- Parliament has passed National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019, with the Lok Sabha approving it on 26 November 2019. The bill was already passed by Rajya Sabha on 6 August 2019. The Bill will now be placed before President to seek his assent, before it becomes a law.

### **Parliament passes Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019**

- Parliament has passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019 with the Rajya Sabha approving it by a voice vote on 26 November 2019. The bill was already passed by the 17th Lok Sabha on 5 August 2019. The bill now awaits Presidential assent, after which it will become a law.

### **Cabinet approves India-Saudi Arabia Agreement on Strategic Partnership Council**

- Union Cabinet headed Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved Post Facto the Agreement signed by Prime Minister for establishment of Strategic Partnership Council between India and Saudi Arabia. The agreement was signed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on 29 October 2019 during former's two-day visit to the Gulf Kingdom.

### **NuGen Mobility Summit-2019 being held in Haryana**

- Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated NuGen Mobility Summit-2019 at International Center of Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Haryana. This three-day conference will be held from 27 to 29 November 2019.

### **Cabinet approves MoUs with Saudi Arabia to combat smuggling of narcotic drugs**

- Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) between Republic of India and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in field of combating illicit trafficking and smuggling of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors.

### **Seminar “DEFCON INDIA 2019” underway in New Delhi**

- A two-day seminar “DEFCON INDIA 2019” is underway in New Delhi with the theme “Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness”. The seminar, which began, is devoted to the seminal theme of leveraging communications for achieving jointness between the three services.

### **UNDP launches Accelerator Lab in New Delhi**

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has launched the India chapter of its new initiative, Accelerator Lab in New Delhi. The objective behind launching lab is to address some of the most pressing issues facing India, including air pollution,

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through innovation. To achieve its objectives, the UNDP has also partnered with NITI Aayog 's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).

### **Railways installs RTIS on the locomotives**

- The Ministry of Railways has announced that a Real-time Train Information System (RTIS) is being installed on the locomotives for automatic acquisition of train movement data. The data includes the arrival, departure and run-through timings at the stations en route. The announcement was made by the Union Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal.

### **All India Police Science Congress organised in Lucknow**

- The 47th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC) was organised from 28-29 November 2019, at Police Headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The chief guest for event was former cop and current Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi.

### **Avian Botulism-Reason behind birds' death in Sambhar Lake**

- The Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) on November 21, 2019, confirmed that a neuro muscular illness called Avian Botulism is the reason for mass mortality of migratory birds in Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan. The doctors say that the birds were suffering from Avian Botulism that was caused due to a toxin produced by bacterial strain.
- On November 12, 2019, thousands of migratory birds died in Sambhar lake that sent shock waves throughout the country.

### **Cabinet approves Industrial Relations Code, 2019**

- On November 21, 2019, the Union Cabinet approved the introduction of Industrial Relations Code, 2019. This is the third code under labor reforms. Under the new code, forty-four laws are to be amalgamated into four codes. The four codes include wage rates, social security, industrial relations and industrial security and labor welfare.

### **NIA hosts the first counter terrorism exercise for Quad Countries**

- The National Investigation Agency will host the first "Counter Terrorism Exercise" between November 21, 2019 and November 22, 2019. The CT-TTX, Counter Terrorism Table Top Exercise will exercise the Quad countries namely India, Japan, US and Australia.

### **GeM signed an MoU with NCT of Delhi**

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed an MoU with the Government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. The MoU aims to facilitate buyer organizations of Delhi towards a market-based procurement.
- The move is because Delhi has been consistently among the top buyers on GeM. The MoU was signed by Rajeev Kandpal, CFO & Joint Secretary of GeM and Neeraj Bharati, Special Secretary Finance of Government of NCT of Delhi.

### **Union Min to inaugurate Destination North East Festival at Varanasi tomorrow**

- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the 'Destination North East' Festival at IIT BHU grounds in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 23 November 2019.
- The festival is being organised by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India. The Secretary (DoNER) Inderjit Singh and Secretary (NEC) K Moses Chalai will also attend the event.

### **NCDEX launches agricultural futures index**

- NCDEX launched return based agricultural futures index. The exchange has partnered with NSE Indices Limited, a leading index service provider, as a third party to maintain and disseminate real time NCDEX AGRIDEX values. The one of its kind index, the AGRIDEX tracks and replicates the performance of the ten most liquid commodities traded on the NCDEX's platform.

### **India to host 20th SCO's CHG meeting in 2020**

- The Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addressed the Council of Heads of Government of SCO at Tashkent in Uzbekistan. He represented as a Special Envoy of PM Modi at the conference. During the meet, it was decided that the next meeting of Council of Heads of Government in 2020 is to be conducted in India

### **Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the robotic surgery facility in SJH**

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the robotic surgery facility in the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.
- **Safdarjung Hospital:**
- Safdarjung Hospital (SJH) is one of the biggest tertiary care referral centre of India. It functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. SJH caters to all poor patients of uro-oncological cancers like kidney, bladder cancers, prostate, and kidney failures across India.

### **Cabinet nod for signing revised DTAC with Brazil**

- The Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, gave nod for signing of a revised Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) with Brazil with an aim to provide tax certainty, among other things, to investors and businesses of both countries.
- The existing DTAC between India and Brazil, being very old, was required to be amended to bring it in line with international developments and also to implement the recommendations contained in the G-20-OECD Base Erosion and Prof.

### **Govt approves Rs 25,000 cr fund to complete stalled housing projects: Nirmala Sitharaman**

- The government approved a Rs 25,000 crore fund to help complete over 1,600 stalled housing projects, including ones that have been declared NPAs or admitted for insolvency proceedings, as it looks to boost growth by steering consumption in real



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estate and associated sectors. The move is likely to help 4.59 lakh housing units across the country.

### **Centre to establish sports training for the differently abled people**

- The Union Minister Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot announced that the government is to establish sports training centres at five locations in the country. The centres will be exclusively used for the differently-abled people.

### **Indian Railways introduced Uttam Rake**

- Indian Railways celebrated the occasion of 69th Foundation Day of Western Railway on 5 November 2019. During the occasion, Indian Railways introduced Uttam Rake in its inaugural run as Ladies Special local train from Churchgate to Virar.
- Uttam rake facilitates advanced features and improved interiors to provide more comfort for Mumbaikars. Uttam rake will run on its normal services from 6 November 2019 with ten services a day.

### **11th edition of Bal Sangam festival begins**

- The Eleventh edition of Bal Sangam festival is being organised by National School of Drama (NSD) in its premises in New Delhi. The four-day festival will be held from 9 to 12 November 2019.
- It is a confluence of folk and traditional art forms performed by children. The four-day festival will showcase enthralling folk and traditional performing arts and folk theatre dedicated to children.
- Briefing media, Director, In-Charge, NSD, Suresh Sharma said as many as twelve States including Assam, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat are participating in the event. He said, 12 folk presentations and three folk theatres programme will be displayed.

### **Shaala Darpan portal for Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti launched**

- The Union Minister of State for Human Resources Development Sanjay Dhotre launched the Shala Darpan Portal for Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS). It is an end to end e-Governance school automation and management system for NVS.

### **Ayodhya Verdict**

- The Supreme Court on November 9, 2019 pronounced its judgement on Ayodhya Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case. The security arrangements were tightened across the country before the pronouncement of the verdict. Section 144 was imposed in UP, Delhi and other states. Also schools and educational institutions were closed for the safety of the students.

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### GoI releases Steel Scrap Recycling Policy

- The National Steel Policy that was released on November 8, 2019 aims at developing globally competitive steel industry. It aims at creating 300 million tons of steel per annum by 2030. The policy was released by Ministry of Steel

### International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate is being held in New Delhi

- The International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture and Global Food and Livelihood Security began in New Delhi on 5th November 2019. The international conference will be held on 5-9 November 2019. It was inaugurated by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary of Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Director General (DARE) & Director General (ICAR).

### Five Indian students won prizes at Oxford Big Read Asia Prize

- Five students from India won prizes at Oxford Big Read Asia Prize at the Asia level. Among the five students, four were from Nagpur while one from Madurai. A total of 6000 submissions from schools from China, Malaysia, Pakistan, and India participated in the competition.
- This competition provides students with an opportunity to augment the ambit of their reading and also demonstrate their literary and creative skills.

### 'Red Atlas Action Plan Map' unveiled for flood mitigation in Chennai

- Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu unveiled the 'Red Atlas Action Plan Map' atlas and the 'Coastal Flood Warning System App (CFLOWS-Chennai)' for flood mitigation in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Both the atlas and the CFLOWS-Chennai are intended as decision support systems covering aspects, including preparedness and prevention. Such initiatives to effectively tackle urban flooding are likely to be replicated in other Indian cities including Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### Govt. launches ATITHI app for improved customs clearance

- Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman launched 'ATITHI' app, an IT initiative to facilitate electronic filing of customs baggage and currency declarations by arriving international passengers.
- **About ATITHI app**
- ATITHI app is an easy to use mobile application for international travelers to file Customs declaration in advance. Passengers can use this app to file declaration of dutiable items as well as currency with Indian Customs even before boarding the flight to India.

### The 3rd edition of women scientists conclave to be organized at IISF

- The 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) is being held in Kolkata from 5th to 8th November 2019. The third edition of women scientists' and Entrepreneurs'

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conclave will be organized at the India International Science Festival (IISF) at Kolkata on 7-8 November 2019.

- **Aim:**
- The objective of the conclave aims to provide a platform for young women scientists and entrepreneurs to interact with the women leaders in science and technology. The move is to acknowledge the contribution of women in catalyzing sustainable growth.

### **Centre, IBM to launch the Skills Build platform**

- Centre is to launch the Skills Build platform in collaboration with IBM. It was announced by the Directorate General of Training (DGT), which functions under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- **Aim:**
- This initiative by the Centre is aimed to help the youth to scale themselves as per the changing market trends. The government is planning to use technology effectively to benefit the public and to bring innovation in welfare schemes.

### **UPI transactions cross 1 billion mark in October**

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on November 1 said the number of transactions of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has crossed the landmark figure of 1 billion in October. “The total transactions of UPI jumped to 1.15 billion in October 2019 from 0.96 billion in September 2019,” NPCI said in a release.
- Total transaction value of UPI stood at Rs 1.91 lakh crore during the month, up from Rs 1.61 lakh crore in the previous month.

### **Home Ministry launched an awareness campaign to end violence against women**

- The Ministry of Home Affairs, in association with the UN Women, flagged off an awareness campaign to end violence against women from Sultanpur metro station in Delhi. The initiative is a part of the #OrangeTheWorld global campaign. The 112 India App and the emergency response support system has been developed in-house by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).

### **IFFCO introduces India’s first Nanotechnology based products for On-Field trials**

- The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), world’s largest fertiliser cooperative today announced the introduction of its ‘Nano-technology’ based product range by introducing Nano Nitrogen, Nano Zinc, Nano Copper for on-field trials at an event held at its mother unit in Kalol, Gujarat.

### **The 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Water Management was held in Pune**

- The 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Water Management was held in Pune on 6 November. It was inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister of Jalshakti. He announced that India would achieve the target of providing safe drinking water to everyone by 2024.

### **Eaton opens its first aerospace manufacturing facility in Bengaluru**

- Power management company Eaton opened its first manufacturing facility in India in Bengaluru following demand from its main customers Boeing and Airbus to make fluid conveyance products locally and cater to the growing aircraft fleet in the country.
- Eaton has invested \$ 10 million in the facility and plans to have a workforce of around 100 people in the first phase.

### **First BIMSTEC Ports Conclave at Visakhapatnam**

- Between November 7 and November 8, 2019, the Ministry of shipping is hosting the first ever BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave.
- The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation is an international organization that involves South East Asian and South Asian countries. India's growing interests in the region makes the conclave crucial and significant.
- Also, the conclave will be a path way for India's maritime security measures and its interests in the Indo-Pacific region'

### **More than one-fourth of households in villages have no access to toilets – NSO**

- More than one-fourth of households in villages have no access to toilets, according to the latest official survey conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- Around 71.3 per cent of rural households and 96.2 per cent of urban households had access to toilets during 2018, according to the NSO's "Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Condition in India" report, released on Saturday. The survey was conducted between July and December last year.

### **Inox Wind gets SECI extension to commission 550 MW wind projects**

- Wind energy solutions provider Inox WindNSE said it has been granted extension by state-run SECI for the scheduled commissioning of 550 MW inter-state transmission system (ISTS) connected wind power projects in Gujarat. The time extension has been granted by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) due to delay in operationalisation of long-term access by the central transmission utility, Inox Wind said in a regulatory filing to BSE.

### **National Tribal Craft Mela- 2019 being held in Bhubaneswar**

- Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the 8th National Tribal Craft Mela at State Tribal Museum Complex in Bhubaneswar. The seven-day long event will be opened for public from 2.00 PM to 8.00 PM every day from 23 to 29 November.

### **Etawah Lion Safari inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh**

- The Etawah Lion Safari, formally known as Etawah Safari Park was thrown open for public in Uttar Pradesh on 24 November 2019 without the lion segment. It is a drive-through safari park located in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh and is one of the biggest safari parks in Asia with an area of 350 hectares (860 acres).

### **Devendra Fadnavis resigns as Maharashtra chief minister**

- The Maharashtra assembly needs to prove the majority; the BJP found itself wanting for numbers and decided to pull the plug on its bid for power. Fadnavis announced his resignation to Governor BS Koshiyari since the BJP was not in a position to form the government. The Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress alliance paraded 162 MLAs. Of them, 52 were from the NCP.
- Sharad Pawar is confident of the 53rd lawmaker returning to the party fold, which would have left Ajit Pawar as the sole defector. The party claimed the support of in its letter to Governor Koshiyari on November 22, the BJP was left with 116 lawmakers 105 of its own and 11 from smaller parties and independents far short of the halfway mark of 144. The NCP and Congress to together stake the claim to power and form the government.

### **Centre introduces bill to merge Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli in Lok Sabha**

- The Center introduced the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill 2019 in Lok Sabha.
- **About the Bill :**
- The bill seeks to merge the two union territories into one that is yet to be taken up for consideration and passage in the Lower House, was introduced by the minister of state for home affairs G. Kishen Reddy. The move comes three months after Jammu and Kashmir was divided into two UTs Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

### **Centre introduces Bill to amend SPG Act in Lok Sabha**

- Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy on Monday introduced the Special protection Group Bill 2019 in Lok Sabha. The Bill demands to focus more on the security of Prime Minister, saying it should be of paramount importance to the government. Former PM's families if not residing with them will not security.

### **Railways sets up Institute for Financial Management in Hyderabad**

- The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up here. The new entity, set up to impart professional training in management of railway finances, was formally inaugurated by Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board, on a 14-acre campus at Moula-Ali, Secunderabad.
- Speaking on the occasion, Yadav said, "IRIFM will herald a fine chapter in financial management in Indian Railways."

### **RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat inaugurates IPEC at Nagpur**

- RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat inaugurated the International Principal's Education Conference (IPEC) at Nagpur on 19 November 2019. The IPEC conference will be held on 19-21 November. The theme of the conference is Scripting the Legends of Human Excellence through Schools.

### **India withdraws from RCEP**

- On November 4, 2019, India decided against joining Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade deal as India did not receive any credible assurance on market access and non-tariff barriers. This paved way for the other 15-members to go ahead and sign the deal keeping the door open for India to join at later date.

### **Kolkata students create Guinness World Records for largest astrophysics assemble**

- The Guinness World Records for the largest astrophysics lesson (45 minutes) and assembly of spectrosopes was successfully achieved by Kolkata students at Science City, Kolkata. The record was attempted on the first day of 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 in which over 1,598 students participated. The session was dedicated to Meghnad Saha and Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman.
- The session was organized by Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, who were conferred a memento at the end of the programme, on behalf of the Guinness Book of World Records.

### **11th Maitree Diwas: North East Industrial Corridor to be set up**

- Defense Minister on November 14, 2019 addressed at the 11th Maitree Diwas in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. During his address, he announced several new plans of the government to develop the region
- **Maitree Diwas**
- Maitree Diwas is a 2-day socio-military cultural program that is jointly organized by Tawang Civil Administration and Indian Army. The program is organized to celebrate special relationship between the people of Tawang and the Indian army. This year, the theme was-Theme: Know your army.

### **India hosts World Customs Organization RCP meeting of Asia Pacific**

- India hosted the World Customs Organization (WCO) Asia Pacific Regional Contact Points (RCP) that was held for 3 three days on Puducherry. The conference is being held for the fourth time in India. Previously it was held in Jaipur and Cochin.

### **Parliament passes Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2019**

- Parliament has passed the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019. Rajya Sabha approved the bill while Lok Sabha had passed it in the last session.
- The Bill seeks to amend the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951. It has a provision to remove the President of the Congress party as a trustee and clarifies that when there is no Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the leader of the single largest Opposition party will be the trustee.

### **Smriti Irani addresses South Asia Safety Summit**

- Union Minister Smriti Irani has stressed the need to ensure the safety of women and children within their homes, and create safe neighbourhoods to protect them against

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violence and abuse. The Women and Child Development Minister was addressing the 2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit in New Delhi.

### **2.2% of Indian population suffering from disability, says NSO survey**

- Overall percentage of persons with disability in the population was 2.2% during July 2018 to December 2018 in the country, showed a National Statistical Office (NSO) survey report on Saturday.
- The NSO, a wing of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has conducted a Survey of Persons with Disabilities during July 2018 to December 2018 as a part of 76th round of National Sample Survey (NSS).

### **Guru Ghasidas National Park to be declared as Tiger Reserve**

- Chhattisgarh government has decided to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park in Koriya district as the Tiger Reserve. The decision was taken in the 11th meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his official residence. It may be mentioned that National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) already gave in-principle approval for creation of Guru Ghasidas National Park as the Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh. At present, Chhattisgarh has three tiger reserves-Indravati, Udanti-Sitanadi and Achanakmar. According to an NTCA, these reserves have 26 tigers as per tiger census of 2010.

### **Cabinet approves Agreement and Protocol between India and Chile for the avoidance of double taxation**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the signing of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) and Protocol between the Republic of India and the Republic of Chile for the elimination of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion and avoidance with respect to taxes on income.

### **India's first natural gas exchange to be unveiled by March 2020**

- India's largest electricity trading platform Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) is planning to unveil the country's first natural gas exchange by March 2020. IEX's strategies director Rajesh Mediratta said the company has started putting together the infrastructure and a 20-member team to run the exchange. He added the bourse will help bring down the price of natural gas through competitive trade.

### **President Ram Nath Kovind launches web portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme**

- The President of India Ram Nath Kovind launched a web portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme on the occasion of 70th anniversary of the adoption of Indian Constitution. The President emphasized the rights of the countrymen as well as the duties.

#### **About National Youth Parliament Scheme Portal**

- India's all recognized educational organizations will be eligible to take in the National Youth Parliament Scheme.

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- This web-portal will be the only medium for applying for participation and registration by the educational institutions.
- National Youth Parliament Scheme Portal will provide photographs, videos, scripts and e-training modules for online self-learning.
- Once the registration is done, the eligible educational institution will be able to take part in youth parliament sittings in their respective.
- Students, taking part in the programme, will be given ‘certificate of participation’ and each head of the institution and teacher-in-charge will be given a ‘certificate of appreciation’ through the web-portal.
- It is believed that the National youth Parliament Scheme Portal will provide shape to PM Modi’s vision of organizing youth parliament sessions across the country.

### **BJP govt in Maharashtra gone in 80 hours, Uddhav Thackeray set to be CM**

- Thackeray, along with two deputy chief ministers and a council of ministers comprising legislators from all the three parties, will take oath of office, November 28, at a ceremony to be held at Mumbai’s Shivaji Park.

### **GoI conducts first ever National Agro Chemicals Congress in New Delhi**

- The National Agro Chemical Congress was conducted for four days in New Delhi. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare hosted the event. It was the first of its kind. It is to be conducted once in three years. The Theme of the Congress was : Country’s Status on various fronts of Agro chemicals

### **Darjeeling Green Tea & White Tea receive GI Tag**

- On November 16, 2019, two tea varieties of Darjeeling were registered under “Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999”. It includes Green Tea and White Tea of Darjeeling. Darjeeling produces 85 lakh kilograms of tea. Of this Green Tea constitutes 10 lakh kilo grams and White Tea constitutes 1 lakh kilo grams.

### **63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship kicks off in New Delhi**

- The 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship Competitions 2019 began in New Delhi . The Women’s Trap qualification kicked off the competition at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range. The women’s events have seen 71 entries across the senior and junior categories. The Women’s Trap finals are scheduled for tomorrow.

### **Regional Conference on ‘Replication of Good Governance Practices in J&K, Ladakh’**

- Centre is holding a two-day regional conference on theme- ‘Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh’ from 15-16 November 2019 in Jammu. It was inaugurated by Minister of State for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Dr. Jitendra Singh.



### **NITI Aayog to soon release a report on health system for new India**

- NITI Aayog will release a report which integrates viewpoints on the efforts required for strengthening the existing fractured health system to meet the challenges that lie ahead.
- The report 'Health System for a New India: Building Blocks – Potential Pathways to Reform' will be released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar in the presence of Bill Gates, co-chairman of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and representatives from national and international academia.

### **Will set up yogasana federation to promote yoga: Shripad Naik**

- Minister for Ayush Shripad Yesso Naik on Friday said that his ministry has taken steps to establish an international yogasana school federation to promote yoga.
- Speaking after inaugurating an international conference on 'Yoga for Healthcare' organised by Union ministry of Ayush at Karnataka State Open University auditorium, Naik said that yoga has become a global entity and considering its importance to health and wellness, a federation will be constituted which will be headed by Patanjali Yogapeeth founder and yoga.

### **First ever international buyer-seller meet in Arunachal Pradesh**

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) held the first ever international buyer seller meet on agriculture and horticulture produce in Arunachal Pradesh.
- "Ten International buyers from seven countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Indonesia, UAE, Sultanate of Oman and Greece participated in the meet and interacted with exporters," commerce and industry ministry said in a release on Friday.

## **State related Affairs**

### **Bihar: Chhath festival celebrations begin with religious fervour**

- In Bihar, the four days long auspicious Chhath festival worship of the Sun god began with ritual of Nahay Khaya Devotees specially women across the state are taking holy dip in Ganga and other rivers, ponds and water bodies. After that they will take cooked Arwa rice and bottle gourd as prasad. Tomorrow Kharna will be observed which mark beginning of 36 hours long fast.

### **Kolkata becomes first City to Install 'Third Umpire' RT-PCR Machines in India**

- In a bid towards upholding state's public health the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has installed first of its kind high-end Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Machines in India for quick detection of diseases such as dengue, tuberculosis (TB) and swine flu.

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### **UP government to rename Agra to Agravan**

- The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh State government is planning to rename Agra to Agravan. The state government has asked the history department of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University in Agra to look for historical evidence if the city was known by any other name.
- The researchers have begun the research regarding the name change. Earlier, it has changed the names of Allahabad to Prayagraj, Faizabad to Ayodhya, and Mughalsarai to Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar.

### **Haryana to set up new Foreign Cooperation department**

- The Haryana state government has decided to create a new department called the Department of 'Foreign Cooperation' to focus on initiatives taken by the state for the promotion of investment, youth employment and welfare of Non-Resident Indians.

### **State Formation Day celebrated by Several States**

- Seven Indian States namely Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh celebrated their formation day in November 1, 2019. PM Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind and several other leaders wished the states for their prosperity.
- The day is celebrated as "Rajyotsav" by the state of Karnataka every year. There are 28 states and 9 Union Territories in India as on November 2, 2019.

### **Odisha tagged with Maharashtra under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**

- Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat is an initiative of Government of India to pay tribute to Sardar Patel, who played a key role in integrating the nation, for his great contributions to the nation.
- This initiative can build bonds between the people of various States of India. This programme is giving a boost to the existing cultural connect between different parts of the country and enhancing interaction between people living in different states.

### **Mangaluru to host shipping, logistics summit**

- Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), in association with India Seatrade, will organise 'Karnataka Ports Shipping and Logistics Summit 2019' in Mangaluru on November 22.
- An FIEO statement said that the Summit is an effort to bring together the maritime stakeholders across the country to present the potential that exists, to deliberate on the challenges being faced, and to evolve the way forward for a larger, inclusive and sustainable growth of the maritime industry in Karnataka.

### **J&K achieves highest road length under PMGSY in 2019**

- During 2019-20 fiscal, around 11,400 kms of different road projects against the total sanctioned length of 19,700 kms. Also against sanctioned 2,214 habitations, 1,838 have

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been provided connectivity as on date including 101 connected this fiscal. Under Central Road Fund, 88 schemes have been completed.

### **UP govt launches immunisation campaign against Filaria**

- Uttar Pradesh government launches a massive immunization campaign against the filariasis or Filaria. The Central government has the set year 2021 as the deadline for complete eradication of filaria in the country.
- The campaign of more than 65 thousand teams of health workers will distribute medicines to around 6.5 crore people till 10 December in 19 districts. The Health and Family Welfare Minister Jai Pratap Singh at present, there are 1.25 lakh cases of filaria in these 19 districts. Last year as a pilot project, triple-drug therapy was tested in 5 districts of the country, including Varanasi.

### **Madhya Pradesh govt to give 5% reservation to sportspersons in jobs**

- Madhya Pradesh's government announced a five percent reservation to sportspersons in state government jobs. Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare Jitu Patwari announced while inaugurating the Regional Olympic Games in Gwalior. The Chief Minister's recommendation, an arrangement is being made in the new sports policy so that sportspersons can get a 5 percent reservation in government jobs.

### **Manipur Sangai Festival 2019 being organised in Imphal**

- The 2019 edition of Manipur Sangai Festival is being organised from 24-30 November in Imphal. Every year in November, Gateway of North-East region, Manipur celebrates the 'Sangai Festival', which was named after the State animal, Sangai, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.

### **Andhra Pradesh launches 'Nadu-Nedu' programme**

- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme which seeks to transform government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions. The programme is set to turn a new leaf over education sector and will provide opportunities to weaker sections and underprivileged.

### **Hyderabad: 'She Shuttle' for women launched**

- In a move to improve measures for the safety and security of women, the Rachakonda Police inaugurated the exclusive bus service for women passengers in Hyderabad.
- Speaking to the media, Mahesh Bhagwat, CP, Rachakonda, said: "On the occasion of the International Day of Elimination of Violence against women, Infosys has taken up a valuable initiative to launch an exclusive bus service for women."

### **Assam launches Sishu Suraksha App for child right violations**

- On the occasion of Children's Day on 14 November 2019, the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR) launched a mobile app called 'Sishu

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Suraksha', an e-complaint box for child right violations. The ASCPCR decided to develop an e-complaint box, keeping in mind the mission of a Digital India.

### **Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojna Scheme: Haryana includes more crops**

- The state government Haryana has decided to bring more crops under its 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojna (BBY)' scheme. The decision was taken at a BBY's review meeting which was presided by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
- **About Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojna (BBY) scheme**
- BBY is a scheme for vegetable growers. Under it farmers get compensated for selling their crop at a price lower than that fixed by government. The scheme launched in January 2018 then included potato, onion, tomato and cauliflower. It has been very successful in past two years it.

### **Tamil Nadu State gets Global Agri award**

- The award was received by Agriculture Minister R Doraikannu at a function held in New Delhi on November 5, an official release said on Thursday. Tamil Nadu, a pioneer in IT initiatives in agriculture was a two-time winner of National e-Governance Gold Award.
- Based on these achievements, it was declared as the Best Agriculture state and chosen for Global Agriculture award. Minister Doraikannu and Agriculture Department Secretary Gagandeep Singh Bedi showed the award to Chief Minister on Thursday.

### **UP govt launches e-Ganna app, web portal**

- Uttar Pradesh government has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, e-Ganna App, for sugarcane farmers of the state. Cane supply slip will now be issued to the farmers by sugar mills online.
- Launching the facilities at a function in Lucknow, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said his government is relentlessly pursuing the goal set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to double farmers' income.

### **Uttar Pradesh govt to set up state's 1st vulture conservation**

- In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the Uttar Pradesh government will set up state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre in farenda area of Maharajganj district.
- Environment Minister had recently told the Parliament that There has been a sharp decline in the population of vultures in the country which has come down from 40 million to 19,000 in a span of over three decades.

### **Assam pacts with AFD to restore its forest**

- Assam State government signed an agreement worth 50 million euros (Rs.400 crore) with the French Development Agency (AFD). The agreement aims to help restore the state's forests and preserve its biodiversity.

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- The project reaffirmed the commitment of the two countries towards the restoration and preservation of rich and diverse natural ecosystems. The budget allocated for the second phase by the state for the project is Rs.500 crore.

### **International Boarding School Fair to be held in New Delhi on November 6**

- The event will have representatives from over 25 international boarding schools across the US, UK and Canada.
- US-based global boarding school admissions marketing firm Linden Educational Services in collaboration with The Red Pen, an education consulting company are hosting an International Boarding School Fair in New Delhi, on November 6.

### **Bihar to ban auto rickshaws running on diesel**

- Bihar state government has announced a ban on auto-rickshaws running on diesel on 6 November 2019. It will be effective from 31 January 2021. The move comes after Patna recorded the worst air quality of the season in India on 5 November 2019, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaching alarmingly high levels. The AQI remained at 324 in Delhi, but it reached 414 in Patna.

### **Uttarakhand celebrating its Foundation Day on November 9th**

- Uttarakhand is celebrating its Foundation Day. It became a State of the Union, after separation from Uttar Pradesh. Police Parade, Marathons, and cultural programmes are being organized across the 13 districts of the state.
- Trivendra Singh Rawat flagged off Cultural Procession in the state capital. The hill state of Uttarakhand as it is known today carved out of Uttar Pradesh on 9th of November 2000, under the BJP Government, after a long-drawn agitation. President Ram Nath Kovind extended his greetings and good wishes to the people of Uttarakhand on statehood day.

### **Suranga Bawadi entered the World Monuments Watch List**

- Suranga Bawadi has entered the World Monuments Watch List under the Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau of the World Monument Funds. It is situated in Bijapur, Karnataka. It is an integral part of the ancient Karez System by which water was supplied through subterranean tunnels.

### **National Research Institute of Unani Medicine inaugurated in Sikkim**

- On November 3, 2019, the Union Minister of State (independent charge) for AYUSH inaugurated the National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders. The institute was upgraded from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine.

### **Vigyanika-International Science Literature Festival held at Kolkata**

- Vigyanika is the International Science Literature Festival that is organised as a part of fifth India International Science Festival (IISF) at Kolkata. It also features a Science Book Fair where more than 30 publishers are to display their scientific publications.

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- **Highlights of the event**
- Vigyanika is an annual event organised by Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
- It is coordinated by the CSIR-NISCAIR (National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources), Vigyan Bharati and Vigyan Prasar

### **Gujarat CM launches online registration portal to facilitate setting up of new MSME units**

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched an online registration portal to facilitate setting up of new MSME units. He approved the first online application through the portal and issued a certificate through an e-mail to a woman entrepreneur.
- Quoting official sources, AIR Ahmedabad correspondent reports that a certificate of applications is approved and the certificate is issued within a few minutes after online declaration of intent is registered on the portal.

### **CM BS Yediyurappa inaugurated the Kalaburagi airport**

- Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is to inaugurate the Kalaburagi airport in Kalaburagi, Karnataka. CM Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for building the airport on 14 June 2018. The state government had entered into an agreement with Maytas Infra for 30 years for the implementation of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

### **Andhra Pradesh launched YSR Matsyakara Bharosa**

- Andhra Pradesh State government launched YSR Matsyakara Bharosa on 21 November. The scheme will extend the benefits of the scheme to fishermen who have already benefited from Rythu Bharosa, Vahana Mitra and pension schemes.

### **Assam Industries & Commerce dept signs MoU with Malaysia India Business Council**

- Assam Industries and Commerce Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia India Business Council (MIBC) to improve the two-way trade and investment between India and Malaysia.

## **International Affairs**

### **Spain to host COP25 Climate conference**

- The Spanish government confirmed that it made its bid to host the COP25 climate summit on the scheduled dates of 2-13 December 2019. The move comes after Chile withdrew its plans to host the summit due to deadly anti-government protests. The COP25 summit is aimed to bring out details of the implementation of the Paris Agreement climate pact.
- The 25th annual Climate Change Conference will feature the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the UNFCCC and the meetings of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies.

### **World's first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange in Singapore**

- Singapore-based AirCarbon Pte launched the world's first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange. This will allow airlines and other corporate buyers to buy as well as sell tokens backed by carbon offset credits approved by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.
- The company is applying to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for a recognized market operator license and targets for the exchange to be fully operational in 2020, it said in a statement.

### **The 18th World Wind Energy Conference was held in Brazil**

- World Wind Energy Association (WWEA) organized the 18th World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition (WWEC2019) from 25-27 November 2019 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The conference focused on opportunities offered by a renewable energy strategy.

### **270 mn people are migrants : World Migration Report 2020**

- The number of international migrants globally reached an estimated 272 million in 2019, an increase of 51 million since 2010. Currently, international migrants comprise 3.5 per cent of the global population, compared to 2.8 per cent in the year 2000, according to new estimates released by the United Nations.

### **Last Sumatran rhino dies in Malaysia, smallest rhino species now extinct in Malaysia**

- The last Sumatran rhinoceros in Malaysia died, leaving the smallest species of rhino which once roamed all across Asia — even till India — almost extinct with only around 80 rhinos alive, primarily in Indonesia.
- The last Sumatran rhino in Malaysia, a 25-year-old female named Iman, who has been cared for in a wildlife reserve since her capture in 2014, died of cancer in the state of Sabah on the island of Borneo. She had been suffering from uterine tumours since before her capture.

### **In bid to repair ties, Japan and South Korea agree to summit**

- Japan and South Korea agreed on Saturday to hold formal talks next month, taking a step towards improving relations strained by decades of bitterness over their wartime past and now exacerbated by a simmering trade dispute.
- The decision to return to the table came a day after Seoul made a last-minute move to stick to an intelligence-sharing deal with Japan.
- The feud is rooted in a decades-old disagreement over compensation for South Korean labourers forced to work at Japanese firms during World War Two. Seoul has seized local assets of Japanese companies and Tokyo this year curbed exports of materials used to make semiconductors.

### **South African university, Unitaaid tie up to develop child-friendly treatments for multi-drug resistant TB**

- South Africa's Stellenbosch University and Unitaaid have signed a \$18.9 million grant agreement to develop child-friendly treatments and preventive therapy for children suffering from multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (TB). The agreement was announced today at the ongoing 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health (WCOLH) in Hyderabad.

### **SCOJtEx-2019: Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue- 'SCOJtEx-2019' in New Delhi. The four day exercise will be held from 4-7 November 2019. The joint exercise is being hosted by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).
- The SCOJtEx will be followed by a meeting between SCO experts and officials of ministries responsible for prevention as well as elimination of emergency situations.

### **6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus to be held in Thailand tomorrow**

- The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with 17 other Defence Ministers of ADMM-Plus countries will attend the meeting.

### **Microsoft's Bill Gates beats Amazon's Jeff Bezos as the world's richest person**

- Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates overtook Amazon.com's Jeff Bezos as the world's richest person, reclaiming the top ranking for the first time in more than two years.
- Gates may have been helped in part by the Pentagon's surprise decision announced on October 25 to award a US\$10 billion cloud-computing contract to Microsoft over Amazon.

### **Dhaka International Folk Festival was celebrated at Bangladesh**

- The fifth edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival was held at Bangladesh Army Stadium, Bangladesh. It was inaugurated by the Information Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Hasan Mahmud. More than 200 artistes from 6 countries performed in the largest folk festival in Asia. The event was held from 14-16 November 2019.

### **The 2nd Summit of World Religious Leaders began in Baku**

- The 2nd Summit of World Religious Leaders began in Baku, Azerbaijan. The summit will be held from 14-15 November 2019. The Summit aims to contribute to the development of inter-religious dialogue, promotion, and evolution of such human values as mutual understanding and human solidarity.
- **Azerbaijan:**
- President: Ilham Aliyev  
Vice President: Mehriban Aliyeva  
Prime Minister: Ali Asadov



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### **China and France sign deals worth \$15 billion during Macron's visit**

- China and France signed contracts totaling \$15 billion during a visit by President Emmanuel Macron, a Chinese government official told a news briefing. Deals were struck in the fields of aeronautics, energy and agriculture, including approval for 20 French companies to export poultry, beef and pork to China.
- They also agreed to expand a protocol for poultry exports reached this year to include duck and geese as well as foie gras, and to work on a protocol allowing France to export pig semen to China, said a statement from Macron's office.

### **Iran discovers new oil field with 53 Bn barrels of reserves**

- Iran has discovered a new oilfield with 53 billion barrels of crude oil in Khuzestan province, home to Iran's Khuzestan's crucial oil industry. The announcement however did not reveal how much oil could be produced from the reservoir but the find could boost country's battered economy amid stringent US sanctions.

### **Italy becomes first country to make climate change lessons compulsory for all children**

- Italy is to become the first country to make climate change lessons compulsory for schoolchildren.
- Lorenzo Fioramonti, the education minister, has announced all state schools will dedicate almost one hour per week to climate change issues from the start of the next academic year.

### **ETVAX: Potential Diarrhea vaccine developed in Sweden**

- The researchers of University of Gothenburg in Sweden have developed a potential Diarrhea vaccine candidate, named as 'ETVAX'. This vaccine has been proved safe and effective in an early-stage clinical trial in Bangladesh. The findings were published in Science journal, The Lancet.

### **Sri Lanka hosts biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference**

- The biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference is being held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4-7 November 2019. India will be represented at the conference by Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- **Theme for 2019 CLM Conference is- 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'.**
- Law Ministers and Attorney Generals from Commonwealth countries will be participating in the four-day conference. The conference will be chaired by Sri Lanka's Minister of Justice and Prison Reforms, Thalatha Atukorala.

### **Trump invites Xi Jinping to sign phase one of a bilateral trade deal**

- The US President Donald Trump invited Chinese President Xi Jinping to sign phase one of a bilateral trade deal when it is agreed upon. The trade talks between China and the US began in November 2018. The talks did not yield desired results even after many rounds of negotiations in both China and the US.

### **Ocean Dance Festival begins in Cox's Bazar**

- Ocean Dance Festival of Bangladesh is going to be held in the longest sea beach, Cox's Bazar from 22nd-25th November. World Dance Alliance will organize the show "Dashavatar" in association with cultural organization Dhriti Nartanalaya on 24th November, 2019 in the district. Dashavatar – means 10 different forms of Hindu God "Lord Krishna."

### **Saudi Arabia officially approves Aramco oil IPO**

- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's financial regulator officially gave the green light to the initial public offering (IPO) of its state-run oil company Saudi Aramco, a move that had been promised by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman since 2016. It is one of the largest companies in the world and could result in the largest-ever IPO.
- The listing announcement was made by the Capital Market Authority, the government's financial regulatory agency.

### **Freedom on Net 2019 report-China the worst abuser of internet freedom**

- The Freedom of Net report 2019 titled "The Crisis of Social Media" was released by the The Freedom House, an international watchdog. The report recorded an overall decline in global internet freedom status between July 2018 and May 2019.
- India obtained an overall score of 55 and was reported to be "partly free".

### **Google celebrates 30th anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall**

- German marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with rallies, memorials, and exhibitions. A bronze statue of late US President Ronald Reagan, clutching the cards inscribed with his 1987 speech challenging Mikhail Gorbachev, was unveiled by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Germany's capital city on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The statue located in the US Embassy overlooks the landmark.

### **Pakistan: First Country to introduce WHO approved Typhoid Vaccine**

- Pakistan becomes the first country to introduce WHO approved typhoid vaccine. The Vaccine is to be used in southern Sindh province as more than 10,000 cases of Typhoid were documented since 2017.

## **Dhaka Global Dialogue held in Bangladesh**

- The first edition of Dhaka Global Dialogue was held from 11-13 November 2019 in Bangladesh. The three day long programme was inaugurated by Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina. The programme was jointly organised by New Delhi based Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS).

## **Foreign relation**

### **PM Modi to visit Thailand for ASEAN, East Asia and RCEP summits**

- PM Modi will embark a three-day visit to Thailand to participate in the ASEAN, East Asia and RCEP summits. In 2018, India had hosted the Indo-ASEAN summit commemorating its 25th anniversary, where all the 10 ASEAN leaders participated. Later the Delhi Declaration was adopted where the leaders agreed to further strengthen and deepen ASEAN-India strategic partnership.

### **Joint statement of 7th INDIA – US Economic and Financial Partnership meeting**

- The Seventh Meeting of the Economic and Financial Partnership (EFP) was held in New Delhi on 1st November, 2019, between the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of India and the Department of the Treasury, United States of America.
- The Indian delegation was led by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance, Government of India and the U.S. delegation was led by Mr. Steven Mnuchin, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

### **India, Switzerland hold bilateral meeting to discuss fight against tax evasion**

- India and Switzerland held Secretary-level bilateral meeting today in New Delhi and discussed enhanced cooperation in the fight against tax evasion.
- An official release said, the Secretaries expressed satisfaction over the progress made over the past few years in the area of administrative assistance in tax matters, particularly the efforts made by Switzerland in providing assistance in HSBC cases.

### **India Germany sign Agreements**

- Around 17 agreements were signed between India and Germany in the fields of agriculture, ayurveda, yoga, maritime technology and others. German Chancellor Angela Merkel along with her team, signed the agreements with PM Modi and his cabinet. The German team led by the Chancellor is on a two-day visit to India.

### **8th Indo German Energy Forum**

- The eighth Indo-German Energy Forum was conducted in Delhi to enhance cooperation in the energy sector. Both the countries signed eight agreements in the following sectors-
- Thermal Power Plants
- Demand-side energy

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- renewable energies
- low carbon growth strategies
- green energy corridors

### **India Japan Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue held in New Delhi**

- India-Japan Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue 2+2 is held in New Delhi on 30 November 2019. The dialogue will be chaired by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The Indian delegations will be held by the External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and the Japanese delegation will be led by Foreign Affairs Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Minister of Defence Taro K.

### **5th India – Europe 29 Business Forum held in New Delhi**

- The 5th edition of India-Europe 29 Business Forum was recently held at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi from 20 to 21 November 2019. It was organized by industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Union Ministry of External Affairs.
- It saw participation of some 400 delegates from 29 European countries. The focus sectors for this edition of forum were Smart Cities, IT & ITES, Renewable Energy, Pharma and Artificial Intelligence (AI). India-Europe 29 Business Forum is India's largest European Platform.

### **India-Netherland: “Water 4 change”, an urban water management system**

- The Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), operating under the Government of Kerala has launched the “Water 4 Change”. Under the project, six prominent institutions from Netherlands will perform a long-term research and field level action on urban water management systems along with Indian scientists.

### **India attends WATEC Conference in Israel**

- Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat represented India at the WATEC Conference in Israel. The Water Technology and Environment Control (WATEC) conference help to get updates on technologies related to water and environmental management. Several countries participated in the conference showcasing their revolutionary technologies and solutions.

### **Dharmendra Pradhan to visit to UAE for ADIPEC**

- Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan has arrived in UAE on Sunday to participate in the Inaugural Ministerial Session of Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC) and a Ministerial Panel Discussion. He is visiting on the invitation of UAE Minister of State and CEO, ADNOC Dr. Sultan Ahmad Al Jaber.

### **US okays sale of naval guns worth \$1 bn to India, focus on supremacy in Arabian Sea**

- The US has approved the sale of 13 naval guns and related equipment worth \$1 billion to India to help it “meet current and future threats, according to the Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).
- The DSCA said that the State Department approved the sale of the anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence MK 45 5 inch/62 calibre (MOD 4) naval guns and the agency notified Congress about it on Tuesday clearing the way for the deal to go through.

### **India attends IUCN’s 7th Regional Conservation Forum held at Islamabad**

- International Union for Conservation of Nature organized the 7th Regional Conservation Forum in Islamabad, Pakistan. Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change represented India at the forum. More than 500 representatives from different countries, corporate sector and NGOs participated in the forum

### **Mumbai : Indo French Investment Conclave in GOA**

- Indo French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI) is organizing one of the biggest events of the chamber ‘Indo-French Investment Conclave’, 8th November 2019 in Goa.

### **Indo-French collaboration: Largest FDI project of Indian Railways**

- The Indian Railways and Alstom came together in the intention of transforming the freight transportation of India. In line with the collaboration, the MELPM-Madhepura Electric Locomotive Private Limited has been established. MELPM will now manufacture 800 electric locomotives for freight services with the foreign investment of 3.5 billion Euros.

### **PM Modi to attend BRICS**

- PM Modi is to attend the 11th BRICS summit that is to be conducted in Brazil on November 13, 2019. He will be accompanied by a large business delegates during the visit. The theme of 2019 BRICS summit is Economic Growth for an Innovative Future

### **Rajnath Singh to co-chair India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation**

- Defence minister Rajnath Singh will co-chair the 19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation starting in Moscow.
- During his visit, Mr Singh is expected to hold discussions with Defence Minister of Russian Federation General Sergei Shoigu. He is also scheduled to inaugurate, along with Russian Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov, India-Russia Defence Industry Cooperation Conference.

## **2nd Joint India-China Capacity Building Programme for Afghan Diplomats**

- The 2nd Joint India-China Capacity Building Programme for Afghan Diplomats is being held at External Affairs Ministry's Foreign Service Institute (FSI) in New Delhi from 11-23 November as part of both countries efforts to work together for development of war-torn Afghanistan. India-China are also looking at other areas to cooperate in Afghanistan.

## **India and Russia to set up cyber security**

- India and Russia are to set up cybersecurity cooperation in the backdrop of cyber-attack on the Kudankulam nuclear power plant. The plant was built by a global nuclear major, Rosatom.

## **India attends International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

- India attended the eighth session of the International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) at Rome, Italy. Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Tomar attended the session representing India.
- The Treaty is in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity. The treaty was negotiated through FAO.

## **PM Narendra Modi reaches Brazil to attend 11th BRICS Summit**

- The summit will take place tomorrow while BRICS Business Council meeting and BRICS Business Forum will take place. Huge business delegations from all the BRICS countries are participating in the Business forum.
- During the summit, the leaders will discuss intra group cooperation for the economic development of BRICS societies. Economic growth and innovative future for BRICS economies is the theme for this year's Summit.

## **India and China spar over legacy of traditional medicinal system Sowa-Rigpa**

- India and China is one of the oldest systems of traditional medicine, known as Sowa-Rigpa, which has similarities with Ayurveda. India sought recognition of the ancient medicinal tradition as its intangible cultural heritage.
- **Sowa-Rigpa**
- Sowa-Rigpa is a traditional Tibetan system of medicine practiced in India. It is popular in Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal's Darjeeling, Himachal Pradesh. The theory and practices of Sowa Rigpa are similar to that of Ayurveda and include a few principles of the traditional Chinese system of medicine.

## **India to sign over \$7 billion defence deal with US to procure combat drones, spy aircraft**

- India is close to inking a defence deal with the US for the procurement of Sea Guardian armed drones and P-8I anti-submarine warfare and surveillance aircraft. The deal is valued at over \$7 billion.

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- “Indian Navy, Air Force, and Army are coordinating their requirements and specifications for the acquisition of these Sea Guardian armed drones from the US under the FMS route,” Defence sources told India Today TV.

### German to invest 1 billion euros for creating friendly urban mobility

- The German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel announced that Germany would invest 1 billion euros over the next five years. The purpose of the investment is environmentally-friendly urban mobility in India. Germany also plans to invest 200 million euros in reforming the bus sector in Tamil Nadu.
- **FTA:**
- On 1st November, India and Germany agreed to deepen efforts to restart the stalled negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the European Union (EU). The failure of India and Germany to bridge substantial gaps on import issues has stalled the FTA negotiations since 2013.

### PM Modi meets Indonesian President and Thailand PM

- PM Modi on the sidelines of 353th ASEAN summit and 14th East Asia Summit, met the President of Indonesia H.E. Joko Widodo and the Thailand PM Prayut Chan-o-Cha (Gen (retd)).
- **Highlights of the meetings: Indonesia President**
- The leaders discussed the threat to extremism and terrorism and agreed to work closely. The meeting on terrorism is important for India’s interests in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Also, they discussed on trade, investment and connectivity and Indo-Pacific

## Rank

### Manipur most violent NE state: Report

- Manipur has emerged as the most violent north-eastern state in 2018. According to a union home ministry report, it accounted for 50 per cent of the total incidents reported across the region last year.
- Manipur witnessed a decline in insurgency-related incidents by 24 per cent compared to 167 in 2017, and civilian deaths went down from 23 in 2017 to eight in 2018. A total of 127 violent incidents were reported in Manipur in 2018.
- In comparison, 252 similar incidents were reported from entire north-eastern region. In 2018, counter insurgency operations led to the neutralization of 10 militants, arrest of 404 militants and recovery of 99 weapons in Manipur.

### Mukesh Ambani overtakes Larry Page, Sergey Brin to become 9th richest in the world

- With a net worth of USD 60 billion, Reliance Industries chief Mukesh Ambani has been ranked the 9th richest person globally, according to ‘The Real-Time Billionaires List’ of Forbes, that was topped by Amazon Founder and CEO Jeff Bezos.
- The list tracks the daily ups and downs of the world’s richest people and reflects changes since 5 pm EST of the previous trading day. Ambani was ranked 13th in the annual Forbes’ rich list for 2019.

### **Mumbai tops ranking for tap water quality; Delhi finishes at bottom**

- Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan said that tap water in Delhi and several other cities did not comply with the requirements according to a study conducted by the Bureau of Indian standards.
- “Mumbai tops ranking released by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for quality of tap water. Delhi is at the bottom, with 11 out of 11 samples failing on 19 parameters,” Paswan said while addressing a press conference here on Saturday.

### **Delhi was the most polluted major city in the world on Friday: AirVisual data**

- Delhi was the most polluted major city in the world with an air quality index (AQI) of 527, as per data by AirVisual on the World AQI rankings. Six of the 10 most polluted cities fall in the Indian sub-continent including Delhi, Lahore, Karachi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Kathmandu. Mumbai is in ninth place with AQI of 153.

### **Bribery Risk Index: Bangladesh has highest risk in South Asia**

- Bangladesh has been identified as the “country with the highest risk” in terms of bribery threats in South Asia, according to the latest Global Bribery Risk Index. In the updated index report titled Trace Bribery Risk Matrix, Bangladesh scored 72 out of 100 this year, which is two points higher than last year. The global average score is 51.

### **Dutee Chand named in TIME 100 Next list**

- India sprinter Dutee Chand has been named in the TIME 100 Next, an expansion of the TIME 100 list of the most influential persons in the world. The list, an initiative of TIME magazine, highlights 100 rising stars who are shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science, activism etc.

### **Mumbai named as the worlds worst cities to drive**

- The Driving Cities Index released by European car parts retailer Mister Auto, a part of the PSA Group, reported that Mumbai and Kolkata had been rated as the world’s worst cities to drive in 2019. The retailer released a detailed study on the best and worst places in the world to drive in.
- The three main parameters that were considered by the study that impacts the driving condition are Infrastructure, Safety, and Costs. These three main categories were then broken down into 15 sub-categories.

### **JK Grameen Bank ranked first among the 56 RRBs across India**

- J&K Grameen Bank secured the top position in terms of achievement of Rupay Card transaction targets (POS and eCOM). It has been ranked first among the 56 RRBs across the country. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) survey reported that Bank had achieved a 94.95% target for POS/ eCOM transactions for the last financial year 2018-19.



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- JKGB offers digital products to its customers as RuPay Debit Cards, PMJDY Debit Cards, Kisan Cards, NEFT/ RTGS, POS, IMPS, eCOM, SMS Alerts, BHIM UPI, ABPS, and DBT. The Bank has been providing digital services to its customers.

### **India Justice Report, 2019 : Ranking states on Police, Judiciary, Prisons & Legal Aid**

- This is the first-ever ranking of Indian states on justice delivery. The report has divided states on the basis of the population into two parts:
- The large-medium states (Population 1 crore and above)
- The small states and Union Territories (Population less than 1 crore)
- Maharashtra has topped the list among large-medium States followed by Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and Haryana. In this category, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are at the bottom. Goa leads the list of smaller states followed by Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh.
- The report has been prepared based on publicly available data of different government entities on the four pillars of justice delivery — police, judiciary, prisons, and legal aid.

### **Report: India-2nd largest in sending students to US**

- On November 18, 2019, the “2019 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange” was released. According to the report, India remained the largest source of foreign students to the US for the 10th consecutive year.
- This year alone, India has sent around 202,000 students to the US. It is the second largest number of foreign students from a country to the US. The first largest source is China.

### **India ranks 59th in 2019 IMD World Talent Ranking**

- India was ranked 59th among 63 countries in the 2019 IMD World Talent Ranking released by International Institute for Management Development. This year, India slipped by 6 places as compared to 53rd rank in 2018 edition of this global annual list. India’s poor performance was on account of low quality of life and expenditure on education.

### **Microsoft CEO Nadella tops Fortune’s Businessperson of the Year 2019 list**

- Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella topped Fortune’s Businessperson of the Year 2019 list released by the American business magazine. Fortune ranked business leaders based on the challenges they faced and listed “Assembling the right team” as Nadella’s challenge. He was followed by Australia’s Fortescue Metals Group CEO Elizabeth Gaines and Chipotle Mexican Grill’s CEO Brian Niccol on the list.

### **Bangalore, Delhi, Mumbai make it on new global prosperity index**

- Bangalore emerged as India’s highest ranked city at No. 83 in a new index of the world’s 113 cities in terms of economic and social inclusivity, topped by Zurich in Switzerland.
- The first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index, released in the Basque Country capital of Bilbao in northern Spain evening, is designed to

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showcase not only the quantity of economic growth of a city but also its quality and distribution across populations.

### **India ranks third in terms of mobile VPN downloads: Report**

- India has emerged as the country with the third-highest number of VPN downloads, after Indonesia and the US, as per a Top10VPN report. From October 2018 till September 2019, the VPN downloads in India grew the most globally by 405% to 57 million. Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) allow users to hide their IP address to bypass geo-blocks and government censorship.

### **UNICEF Report: India Second largest in Pneumonia deaths**

- On November 14, 2019, United Nations' new report on Pneumonia stated that India has the second largest deaths of children under the age of five due to Pneumonia in 2018. Globally more than 800,000 children died due to Pneumonia under the age of 5.
- The report stated that though the disease is preventable through vaccines, more than 10 million die annually due to the disease

## **Business**

### **Sun Pharma pacts with AstraZeneca to develop oncology products for China**

- Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd entered into a licensing agreement with AstraZeneca UK Ltd. The partnership aims to introduce new infusion oncology products in China. It aims to introduce specialty and generics products in the China market and the licensing agreement.

### **Tech Mahindra, Business Finland ink MoU for R&D in 5G, 6G technology**

- Tech Mahindra, Indian IT services major, said it has signed an agreement with Business Finland for research and development in 5G and 6G technology. Tech Mahindra will develop, pilot and implement state-of-the-art digital products and services to foster growth, productivity and innovations in the area of 5G and 6G, a statement said.

### **Truecaller to foray into credit business in early 2020: Co-founder Nami Zarringhalam**

- Truecaller plans to use its payments platform to foray into credit business early 2020, turning it into a complete fin-tech company, co-founder Nami Zarringhalam said here.
- In an exclusive interview to the PTI at the company headquarters, Nami said the Truecaller is becoming a “superapp”, providing a spectrum of services to its consumers.

### **Ola and Microsoft come together to measure air quality on the streets of India's national capital**

- Indian ride hailing unicorn Ola and global tech giant Microsoft inked a partnership to measure real-time street air quality index in Delhi. The national capital's residents have been gasping for air for over three weeks now as air quality index (AQI) levels have spiked beyond 1000 leading to an emergency-like situation.

### **RIL became first Indian firm to cross Rs.9.5 lakh crore m-cap**

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) became the first Indian firm to cross the Rs.9.5 lakh crore market capitalization mark. Reliance Industries share price rose up to 3.66% to Rs.1,511.9 compared to the previous close of Rs.1,458.50 on BSE. In October 2019, RIL hit the milestone as the first Indian company to cross the staggering Rs.9 lakh crore market-cap mark.

### **PayPal is buying deal-finding service Honey for \$4 billion, its biggest acquisition ever**

- PayPal is making the biggest acquisition in its two-decade history, announcing that it's buying Honey Science for about \$4 billion.
- Honey, which is best known for providing a service that helps consumers find deals while they shop online, works with 30,000 online retailers and claims to have 17 million monthly users. PayPal said Honey's technology will help it reach consumers as they begin their "shopping journeys" with personalized offers.

### **ACI Worldwide, Microsoft strike cloud partnership in payments space**

- ACI Worldwide, a global provider of real-time electronic payment and banking solutions, announced a global strategic collaboration with Microsoft via the Microsoft Partner Network to support the payments industry's rapid adoption of technology deployed in the public cloud.

### **Amazon launches 'Project Zero' in India to block counterfeit goods**

- In a bid to ensure that customers receive authentic goods when shopping on Amazon. Amazon announced to bring "Project Zero" to India. "Project Zero" introduces additional proactive mechanisms and powerful tools to identify, block and remove counterfeits.

### **CCI approves Adani's 23.5% stake-buy in Mumbai International Airport**

- The competition watchdog approved the acquisition of 23.5% stake in Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) by Adani Properties Private Limited (APPL). APPL is set to acquire 13.5% stake in MIAL from Bid Services Division (Mauritius) Limited and 10% stake from ACSA Global Limited.

## **Defence News**

### **Dustlik 2019: India Uzbekistan joint Military Exercise**

- India will conduct its first ever military exercise with Uzbekistan in a 10-day session on counter terrorism tactics. The exercise will be held at Chirchiq Training Area, Uzbekistan between November 4 and November 13, 2019. The Defence Minister Shri Raj Nath Singh during his 3 day visit met the Indian contingent participating in the joint exercise.

### **India, Uzbekistan to sign MoUs for military medicine and military education**

- India and Uzbekistan are planning to sign two memorandum of understanding (MOUs) concerning military medicine and military education. The 2 MoUs were signed during the three-day visit of the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Uzbekistan, the Central Asian nation.

### **Tiger TRIUMP: First Tri-services amphibious exercise between India and US**

- India and US are to jointly conduct Tiger TRIUMP, the first ever tri-services amphibious exercise. It is to be conducted in Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. It includes field training and events that simulate humanitarian assistance in disaster times. The event will also hold simulations in moving disaster relief forces from ship to shore.

### **Samudra Shakti: India- Indonesian Joint Naval exercise**

- The Navies of India and Indonesia are holding bilateral naval exercise called ‘Samudra Shakti’ in Bay of Bengal on 6-7 November 2019. This year is the second edition of India, Indonesia Bilateral Naval Exercise. The inaugural edition of exercise was held at the port of Surabaya, Indonesia in November 2018.

### **IAF launches multiplayer version of ‘Indian Air Force – A Cut Above’ game**

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) launched the multiplayer version of its interactive mobile game named ‘Indian Air Force – A Cut Above’. The game lets users experience the thrill of flying a combat aircraft. The single-player version of the game was first launched by then Chief of Air Staff (COAS), B S Dhanoa, on 31 May 2019.

### **Indian Navy Commissions Sixth Dornier Aircraft Squadron In Gujarat**

- The Indian Navy has commissioned its sixth Dornier aircraft squadron in strategically located Porbandar town of Gujarat, giving a fillip to coastal security near the sea border with Pakistan.
- The Indian Naval Air Squadron 314, called Raptors, which will operate with four newly-inducted, next generation Dornier aircraft, was commissioned by Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice-Admiral MS Pawar.

### **Indian Army conducts Sindhu Sudarshan exercise in Barmer, Rajasthan**

- The Strike Corps (also known as Sudarshan Chakra Corps) of Indian Army is conducting the annually held exercise, dubbed Sindhu Sudarshan-VII, in Barmer, Rajasthan. The annual exercise will test the operational readiness and maneuver warfare capability of Indian Army’s 21 Corps, one of the service’s three so-called Strike Corps. The Corps currently consists of 2 infantry divisions, 1 armored division, and 3 support brigades.

### **Bilateral Maritime Exercise Zair Al Bahr is being held in Doha**

- The Bilateral Maritime Exercise Za'ir-Al-Bahr, Roar of the Sea, is being conducted from 17-21 November 2019 in Doha, Qatar. The exercise is held between the Indian Navy and Qatari Emiri Naval Forces.
- **Aim:**
- The five-day bilateral exercise aims to strengthen cooperation and enhance interoperability between the Indian Navy and Qatari Emiri Naval Forces.

### **Indian Navy test-fires Brahmos supersonic cruise missile**

- Indian Navy test-fired the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, from the Navy's stealth destroyer INS Kochi. The supersonic missile successfully hit a decommissioned target ship in Arabian Sea. Moreover, the second ship of Project 15-A 'Kolkata-class' guided missile destroyer test-fired advanced missile during a naval drill in west coast.
- Earlier the BrahMos missile has been successfully test fired twice from INS Kolkata, (one in June 2014 and February 2015) and one successful test firing has been from INS Kochi in November 2015. The recent test firing from INS Kochi has now re-validated ship's precise strike capability.

### **CARAT- 2019: US-Bangladesh Navy exercise**

- The biggest US- Bangladesh Navy exercise dubbed as 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) – 2019' is being held in Chattogram (or Chittagong City) in Bangladesh. The CARAT is a yearly exercise conducted between the navies of Bangladesh and United States in the Bay of Bengal. The first edition of exercise was held in 2011.

## **Science and Technology**

### **11,000 scientists in 153 countries declare climate emergency**

- In a paper published in the journal BioScience, 11,258 signatories (69 from India) declared Global Climate Emergency. They presented climate change trends and methods to mitigate the threat. The report was titled "World Scientists"
- It is based on the scientific analysis of more than 40 years of publicly available data. It illustrates several key climate change indicators since the scientists from 50 nations met at the First World Climate Conference in Geneva in 1979.

### **Voyager 2: NASA's Solar System Explorer reaches interstellar space**

- NASA's Voyager 2 has exited heliosphere and has entered interstellar space. It is now at 11 billion miles from the earth. Information from the spacecraft takes 16.5 hours to reach earth at the speed of light. (Light from the sun takes 8 minutes to reach earth)
- The spacecraft joined its twin voyager 1 on December 10, 2018. The Voyagers were launched to study the outer solar system up close. Voyager 2 will target Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus.

### **India completes Agni II test fire successfully**

- India on November 11, 2019, conducted its first night trial of AGNI II missile successfully. It is the first night trial being tested by the country. The nuclear capable missile was tested at the Abdul Kalam Island of Odisha Coast.

### **IIT-Madras launches country's first standing wheelchair: Arise**

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched country's first indigenously designed standing wheelchair named as 'Arise' in presence of Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thawarchand Gehlot at the institute.

### **University Of Michigan to Collaborate With AIIMS, KMC On Genetic Testing**

- National Institute of Health (NIH) of \$2.3 million helps a University of Michigan researcher to collaborate with India's premier health-education institutes, AIIMS and Kasturba Medical College (KMC)Manipal to expand genetic testing in the country.
- This partnership would help the geneticists to identify and confirm that genetic changes are the basis of developmental disorders. An accurate molecular diagnosis can dramatically improve the care management of individuals with rare developmental disorders and involved treatments.

### **NASA: A Huge X Ray burst detected from outer space**

- NASA's NICER (Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer) telescope detected a sudden spike of X Rays. The spike was caused by a massive thermo nuclear flash on the surface of a pulsar.

### **IIT Guwahati researchers develop paper based sensor that detects freshness of milk**

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati researchers have developed a paper-based sensor that can make an assessment of the freshness of milk by a simple and instantaneous method. The quality and freshness of milk are decided by the invasion and presence of microbes in the milk.
- Bacteria and other microbes that can grow in milk can not only affect the taste and freshness, but can also result in health issues. Pasteurization is commonly used to kill the microbes in milk and various tests are used to ensure the effectiveness of pasteurization.

### **Pakistan successfully test fires Shaheen-1 surface-to-surface ballistic missile**

- Pakistan conducted successful test launch of Shaheen-1 surface-to-surface ballistic missile. The test was conducted part of a training exercise aimed at testing the operational readiness of Army Strategic Forces Command for ensuring Pakistan's credible minimum deterrence.
- The test come days after India conducted the first night trial of Agni-II surface-to-surface medium range nuclear-capable missile having strike range of 2,000 km.

### **ISRO to Launch 13 satellites and Cartosat-3**

- The Indian Space Research Organization will launch 13 commercial nano satellites of the United States along with the imaging and mapping satellite Cartosat-3. The launch is scheduled on November 25, 2019.

### **New ‘warm Jupiter’ exoplanet discovered**

- Astronomers have reported the discovery of a new “warm Jupiter” exoplanet that is transiting a main sequence late F-type star. The newfound exoplanet, designated TOI-677 b, is about 20% bigger and more massive than Jupiter.
- The “warm Jupiter” planets are gas giant planets with a minimal mass of 0.3 Jupiter masses and orbital periods ranging between 10 and 100 days.

### **Astronomers Have Detected Record-Breaking Light Emissions From Gamma-Ray Bursts**

- Scientists have managed to see two violent explosions in galaxies that are billions of light-years away. The results from the study published in the journal Nature. The explosions were gamma-rays bursts or short eruptions of the most energetic form of light.
- The second captured in January, produced light that contained 100 billion times as much energy as the light visible to human eyes. The telescopes (Hubble Space Telescope) on Earth had to catch the light barely 50 seconds after the Gamma-ray bursts appeared since they last for only a few seconds. The Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov (MAGIC) telescopes in the Canary Islands were the first to see the bursts.

### **ISRO launches CARTOSAT-3, 13 nano satellites from Sriharikota**

- India’s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-XL (PSLV-XL) rocket carrying advanced earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 and 13 US nano satellites lifted off from the second launch pad of the rocket port here. At about 9.28 a.m. the 44.4 metre tall, weighing 320 ton rocket blasted off from the second launch pad at the country’s rocket port here. The launch was normal despite a clouded sky. According to ISRO, the 1,625 kg Cartosat-3 is an advanced agile satellite to obtain panchromatic and multispectral imagery with an operational life of five years.

### **Researchers discovered a massive black hole in the Milky Way**

- Researchers from the National Astronomical Observatory of China have discovered a black hole in the Milky Way. The black hole is so huge that it challenged the existing models of the evolution of stars. The black hole was discovered by an international team of scientists using China’s sophisticated Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fibre Spectroscopic Telescope (LAMOST) telescope.

## Tree rings can predict climate change : Asian Dendrochronology Conference

- Reconstructions of past responses of vegetation from different ecosystems can predict the impact of climate change on weather and other environmental parameters, scientists said at the 6th Asian Dendrochronology Conference being held at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences in Lucknow.
- This is the first time that the conference is being held in India. The studies presented and deliberated at the conference were mostly from different ecological niches within Asia.

## Marengo Sachintendulkar: Newly discovered spider species named after cricketer

- Dhruv Prajapati, a junior researcher pursuing a PhD in spider taxonomy with Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation, recently discovered two new species of spiders.
- He has named one of the species as Marengo sachintendulkar after Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and other as Indomarengo Chavarapatera which is inspired by Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara who was a campaigner towards creating awareness about education in Kerala.

## Sports

Name	Title Name	Extra Information
South Africa	Rugby World Cup	South Africa lifted the Rugby World Cup 2019 title after defeating England 32-12 in the final at Yokohama. This is the third time that the South African team has won the trophy equalling New Zealand's record.
Maisnam Meiraba Luwang	Korea Open Badminton - boys' singles U-19 title	Maisnam Meiraba Luwang clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea.
Pooja	.U-23 World Wrestling C'ships	Wrestler Pooja Gehlot (53kg) claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's 2017 world champion Haruna Okuno in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships.
Rafael Nadal	No 1 spot for eighth time in his career	Rafael Nadal is back to the world No. 1 for the eighth time



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		in his career in the ATP rankings released.
Lakshya Sen	SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament	India's Lakshya Sen has won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany. He defeated Sen Weng Hong Yang of China in an exciting final.
Smriti Mandhana	becomes 2nd fastest Indian to score 2,000 ODI runs	The 23-year-old reached the landmark in her 51st innings, second only to Shikhar Dhawan (48 innings). Mandhana is the third-fastest player in women's cricket to achieve the milestone.
Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty	bronze in Fuzhou China Open 2019	The Indian men's doubles pair lost against Indonesian top seeds Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya in the semi-final stage of the tournament. The scoreline of the match read 21-16, 22-20.
Shafali Verma	youngest Indian to score international 50	Shafali Verma, now 15 years and 285 days old, shattered her idol's 30-year-old record when she became the youngest Indian to score an international fifty in the first T20 international against the West Indies in St Lucia.
Kento Momota	China Open Crown 2019	Kento Momota won his 10th title of a remarkable year as Japan's world number one defeated Chou Tien-chen to retain his Fuzhou China Open badminton crown.
Saurabh Chaudhary	Asian Shooting Championship - 10m air pistol silver	Teen shooter Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian championship.
Sundar Singh	gold in World Para Athletics Championships – Javelin throw	Javelin thrower Sundar Singh Gurjar has won India's second gold defending his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event in Dubai.
Sharad Kumar	silver medal in the World Para Athletics Championships	Sharad Kumar won a silver medal in the World Para-Athletics Championships in

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		Dubai. Mariyappan Thangavelu also won a bronze medal in the championship. This win has to lead both of them to qualify into the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
Harmeet Desai	men's singles title at ITTF Challenge Table Tennis tournament	This was Harmeet's first title on foreign soil and overall second International title of the year, after he had won Commonwealth championship in July 2019 held in Cuttack, Odisha.
Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg)	five gold medals in Asian Youth Boxing C'ship	Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Mongolia.
Stefanos Tsitsipas	ATP Finals title	A nerveless Stefanos Tsitsipas came from a set down to beat Dominic Thiem on a thrilling final-set tie-break and become the youngest winner of the ATP Finals in 18 years.,
Joohyung Kim	Panasonic Open Golf Championship	Korean teenager Joohyung Kim became the second-youngest winner on the Asian Tour when he won the shortened Panasonic Open in India by one stroke ahead of local challengers Shiv Kapur and Chikkarangappa S.
Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan, Divyansh Panwar	ISSF World Cup Final – gold medals	Shooting sensations Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar, bagged their maiden ISSF World Cup Final gold medals in women's 10m Air Pistol , 10m Air Rifle and men's 10m Air Rifle respectively.
Vijender Singh	12th successive win	Indian boxing star Vijender Singh for Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu claim his 12th successive win and ensure that his four-year unbeaten streak in the professional circuit.
Lakshya Sen	Scottish Open title	Fast-rising Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen claimed his fourth title in three months, bagging the Scottish Open title with a

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		thrilling win over Brazil's Ygor Coelho in the men's singles summit clash here.
Rafael Nadal	Davis Cup title	In tennis, world number one Rafael Nadal has clinched sixth Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Madrid.
Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela, Elavenil Valarivan	Golden Target award	Despite competing in the company of two of the world's best shooters Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela, the young Elavenil Valarivan was able to close the season as the World No.1 in women's air rifle.
Sangram Dahiya, Varsha Varman	Gold at the 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship	In men's category, Sangram shot 142 out of 150 targets to leave behind former world champion Ankur Mittal, who managed 137 hits over the five rounds of 30 targets each to win a silver. Punjab's Prithvi Singh Chahal won bronze with a score of 135.
Abhishek Verma-Jyothi Surekha	gold at Asian Archery Championships	Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam claimed the top honours in compound mixed pair event to fetch India's lone gold at the 21st Asian Archery Championships, which ended here with the country picking up seven medals.
Deepika Kumari-Atanu Das	bronze medal at Asian Archery Champions	Competing under a neutral flag due to the suspension of Indian federation, the Indian archers opened their account with a bronze medal in the recurve mixed pair event where Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari defeated Yichai Zheng and Shaoxuan Wei of China 6-2 without breaking a sweat.

## Obituary

Name	Associated Field
Gurudas Dasgupta	Veteran CPI leader and former MP
Tazeen Ahmad	The award-winning journalist and broadcaster
Ramakant Gundecha	Dhrupad maestro
Tirunellai Narayana Iyer (TN ) Seshan	Former Chief Election Commissioner
Vashishth Narayan	Famous mathematician
Azad Yusuf	Singer - popularly known as Cochin Azad
Abdul Jabbar	Bhopal Gas Tragedy Activist
Goo Hara	South Korean singer and actress
Sudhir Dar	Renowned cartoonist
Brad Gobright	American rock climber

## Important Days

Day	Date	Theme
World Vegan Day	November 01	
International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	November 02	
World Tsunami Awareness Day	November 05	
International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	November 06	
International Day of Radiology	November 08	Sports Imaging
World Science Day for Peace and Development	November 10	Open science, leaving no one behind
National Education Day	November 11	
Public Service Broadcasting Day	November 12	
World Pneumonia Day	November 12	
World Kindness Day	November 13	
World Diabetes Day	November 14	The Family and Diabetes
UNESCO's World Heritage Week	November 19, 2019 and November 25, 2019	
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	November 16	
National Epilepsy Day	November 17	
Women's Entrepreneurship Day	November 19	
International Men's Day	November 19	Making a Difference for Men and Boys
World Toilet Day	November 19	Leaving no one behind
World Children's Day	November 20	

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Africa Industrialization Day	November 20	Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market
World Television Day	November 21	
Poonch Link up Day celebrated by Indian Army	November 23	
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	November 25	Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape
National Milk Day	November 26	
70th Constitution Day - Samvidhan Divas	November 26	