

The Most Important Current Affairs September 2019

New Governors Appointed in 5 Indian States

- A total of **five governors** have been appointed by President Ram Nath Kovind, including the transfer and appointment of **Kalraj Mishra**.
- **Kalraj Mishra**, the **Governor of Himachal Pradesh**, was transferred and appointed as the **Governor of Rajasthan**. He will replace **Kalyan Singh**.
- Taking over Mishra's role as Himachal governor is former Union minister **Bandaru Dattatreya**.
- Tamil Nadu BJP president **Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan** has been appointed as the Governor of **Telangana**, replacing **ESL Narasimhan**.
- **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** has been appointed as the new Governor of **Maharashtra**. Koshyari will replace **Vidyasagar Rao**.
- **Arif Mohammed Khan** has been appointed as the Kerala governor in place of **P Sathasivam**.

ISRO loses contact with Moon lander "Vikram"

- **Indian Space Research Organisation** has announced that it lost contact with the **Moon lander "Vikram"** which was scheduled to land on the moon between **1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. (IST)**. Further the roll out of the rover **"Pragyan"** was scheduled between 5.30 a.m and 6.30 a.m. **Lander "Vikram"** started its descent at about 1.38 a.m. from an altitude of **30 km at a velocity of 1,680 metres per second**, but **lost its communication with the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter** when it was at an altitude of **2.1 Km from Moon's surface**.
- According to ISRO, the performance of the lander was as per the plan till it was **2.1 km from the moon surface**. Although, the **2,379 kg Chandrayaan-2 orbiter** continues to fly around the moon. Its mission life is of one year.
- ISRO launched the Chandrayaan-2 (on July 22, 2019) into the space from India's heavy lift rocket **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV Mk III)**. The Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft comprised three segments: the Orbiter, **lander 'Vikram' and rover 'Pragyan'**.

US Open 2019: Complete List

- The **2019 US Open** was the **139th edition** of tennis' US Open. Since 1987, the US Open has been chronologically the fourth and final Grand Slam tournament of the year. This year US Open was held on outdoor hard courts at the **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center** in New York City. The tournament was an event **run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF)** and was part of the 2019 ATP Tour and the 2019 WTA Tour calendars under the Grand Slam category. The tournament consisted of both men's and women's singles and doubles draw as well as a mixed doubles event.

S. No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
2.	Women's Singles	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	Serena Williams (USA)
3.	Men's Doubles	J.S. Cabal (Colombia) and R. Farah (Colombia)	M. Granollers (Spain) and H. Zeballos (Argentina)
4.	Women's Doubles	E. Mertens(Belgium) and A. Sabalenka(Belarus)	V. Azarenka (Belarus) and A. Barty(Australia)
5.	Mixed Doubles	B. Mattek-Sands (USA) and J. Murray (U.K)	H. Chan(Taipei) and M. Venus (New Zealand)

Government Appoints Four Supreme Court Judges

- The Centre has cleared four names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium for elevation as judges of the apex court. The four appointed judges are
- Himachal Pradesh High Court: Chief Justice **V. Ramasubramanian**

- Punjab and Haryana High Court: Chief Justice **Krishna Murari**
- Rajasthan High Court: Chief Justice **S. Ravindra Bhat**
- Kerala High Court: Chief Justice **Hrishikesh Roy**
- The Supreme Court vacancies had increased its judicial strength from 31 to 34 following the enactment of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Bill of 2019.

20th Edition of IIFA Awards 2019 in Mumbai

- The 20th Edition of NEXA International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA Awards) for 2019 was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Here's the complete list of winners:

S. No.	Category	Winners
1.	Best Film	Raazi
2.	Best Actor in a leading role (Female)	Alia Bhatt (Raazi)
3.	Best Actor in a leading role (Male)	Ranveer Singh (Padmaavat)
4.	Best Actor In Supporting Role (Female)	Aditi Rao Hydari (Padmaavat)
5.	Best Actor In Supporting Role (Male)	Vicky Kaushal (Sanju)
6.	Best Director	Sriram Raghavan (Andhadhun)
7.	Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh (Ae Watan from Raazi)
8.	Best Playback Singer (Female)	Harshdeep Kaur and Vibha Saraf for Dilbaro (Raazi)
9.	Best Music	Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety
10.	Lifetime Achievement Award	Legendary actor and comedian Jagdeep Jaffery
11.	Best Debut Award (Female)	Sara Ali Khan (Kedarnath)
12.	Best Debut Award (Male)	Ishaan Khatter (Dhadak)
13.	20 Years Best Actor (Female)	Deepika Padukone
14.	Outstanding performance by a director in the last 20 years	Rajkumar Hirani (Sanju)
15.	20 Years Best Actor (Male)	Ranbir Kapoor
16.	Best music in the last 20 years	Pritam
17.	Best film of the past 20 years	Kaho Na Pyaar Hai

71st Emmy Awards 2019 Declared

- The **71st annual primetime Emmy Awards** honours handed out at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.
- Here is the complete list of winners of **EMMY AWARDS 2019**:

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES	Game of Thrones (HBO)
2.	OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES	Fleabag (Amazon)
3.	LEAD ACTOR, DRAMA	Billy Porter, Pose
4.	LEAD ACTRESS, DRAMA	Jodie Comer, Killing Eve
5.	LEAD ACTOR, COMEDY	Bill Hader, Barry
6.	LEAD ACTRESS, COMEDY	Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Fleabag
7.	SUPPORTING ACTOR, DRAMA	Peter Dinklage, Game of Thrones
8.	SUPPORTING ACTRESS, DRAMA	Julia Garner, Ozark
9.	SUPPORTING ACTOR, COMEDY	Tony Shalhoub, The Marvelous Mrs Maisel
10.	SUPPORTING ACTRESS, COMEDY	Alex Borstein, The Marvelous Mrs Maisel
11.	OUTSTANDING LIMITED SERIES	Chernobyl (HBO)
12.	OUTSTANDING TELEVISION MOVIE	Black Mirror: Bandersnatch (Netflix)
13.	LEAD ACTOR, LIMITED SERIES OR MOVIE	Jharrel Jerome, When They See Us
14.	LEAD ACTRESS, LIMITED SERIES OR MOVIE	Michelle Williams, Fosse/Verdon
15.	SUPPORTING ACTOR, LIMITED SERIES OR MOVIE	Ben Whishaw, A Very English Scandal
16.	SUPPORTING ACTRESS, LIMITED SERIES OR MOVIE	Patricia Arquette, The Act
17.	COMPETITION PROGRAM	RuPaul's Drag Race
18.	VARIETY SKETCH SERIES	Saturday Night Live

FIFA Football Awards 2019

- The “**Best Fifa Football Awards 2019**” felicitated in Milan. Barcelona’s **Lionel Messi** won the best men’s player at the Best Fifa Football Awards in Milan. It is the 6th time Messi has been voted the world’s best men’s player after winning it in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015.
- The complete list of awards is as follows:
 - Best Men’s Player Award: Lionel Messi
 - Best Women’s Player Award: Megan Rapinoe
 - Men’s Coach of the Year: Jurgen Klopp
 - Women’s Coach of the Year: Jill Ellis
 - Best Men’s Goalkeeper: Alisson
 - Best Women’s Goalkeeper: Sari van Veenendaal
 - Fair Play Award: Marcelo Bielsa and the Leeds United squad
 - Puskas Award for the Best Goal: Daniel Zsori
 - FIFA Fan Award: Silvia Grecco

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- **IDBI Bank** will introduce two Repo Linked Products -**Suvidha Plus Home Loan** and **Suvidha Plus Auto Loan**.
- The Cabinet has approved a capital infusion of **Rs 4,557 crore** into IDBI Bank.
- **Standard Chartered Bank**, a British multinational banking and financial services company has launched a **DigiSmart credit card**.
- The Finance Ministry has introduced a **Code of Conduct** for **non-official directors** of **public sector banks** to improve corporate governance in banks. Under the new rules, the PSBs board will also have to send an annual performance report that rates a director based on professional and ethical conduct, and contribution to the board.
- The Department of Financial Services has approved the **Rs 12,000 crore** capital infusion plan in the 3 state-run general insurance companies: **National Insurance, Oriental Insurance** and **United India Insurance**.

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- **Reserve Bank Of India (RBI)** is to implement the idea to develop a mobile application with an aim to help the **visually impaired** people to **identify currency notes**. For this, RBI has selected **Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd**.
- India Post Payments Bank (**IPPB**) rollout of **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System Services (AePS)**.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has announced that Public Sector Banks will organise ‘**loan melas**’ or “**Shamiana meetings**” in **400 districts**.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** launched “**Bharosa savings account**” services, designed for deepening the financial inclusion in the country.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has imposed restrictions on **Punjab and Maharashtra** Co-operative Bank, under which the depositors cannot withdraw more than **Rs 1,000** from their accounts.

Economy Current Affairs

- Rating agency **CRISIL** has revised India’s fiscal year **2020 GDP** growth forecast to **6.3%**.
- The **Goods and Services Tax Network** has decided to make **Aadhaar** authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from **January 2020**.

Business Current Affairs

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** has imposed a penalty of over **Rs 22 crore** on **Aurobindo Pharma** and its promoters. They have been penalised for violating insider trading norms.
- **Wipro Consumer Care** and Lighting has launched “**Wipro Consumer Care-Ventures**”, a startup venture fund to invest in startups in the consumer brands space.

Schemes/Committees by the Union & State Government

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the **Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-dhan Yojana**, the Centre’s pension scheme for traders.
- **4th Indian Ocean Conference 2019** was recently held in **Male, Maldives**. The theme for 4th Indian Ocean Conference 2019 was: ‘**Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges**’.
- The **National Green Tribunal** has constituted a committee to formulate steps to cease illegal groundwater extraction.

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Export Credit Guarantee Corporation has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme called **NIRVIK**. The **Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana** has been launched to enhance loan availability to exporters and to ease the lending process. Under the new scheme NIRVIK, up to 90 per cent of the principal amount and interest will be covered through insurance.
- The Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has launched a single-window system '**Private Security Agency Licensing Portal**'. The single-window system will be used for issuing licences to private security agencies.
- The **Assam Government** has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme "**Aponar Apon Ghar**". The scheme was launched to provide financial assistance on purchase or construction of the first house for a family. The subsidy of up to Rs 250000 will be provided for loan amounts from **Rs 5,00,000 to Rs 40,00,000**.
- The Indian government has approved the construction of **1.23 lakh houses** under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**. The approval was given by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC).

States Current Affairs

- **Ambikapur municipal corporation** of **Chhattisgarh** will open a first-of-its-kind '**Garbage Cafe**'.
- **Rajasthan government** has launched a new health insurance scheme **Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY)**.
- Haryana government has announced **Rs 4,750 crore** interest and penalty waiver on crop loans. The step will benefit around **10 lakh farmers in the state**.
- **SpiceJet** has started the air shuttle service between **Hisar and Chandigarh** under the **Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik (UDAN)** Regional Connectivity Service scheme.

- **UNESCO and Rajasthan government** joined hands to promote community-based responsible tourism based on the rich intangible cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- Lieutenant General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** has assumed charge as **Vice Chief of the Indian Army**. He succeeded Lieutenant General D. Anbu.
- The Government of India has accepted the resignation of State bank of India Managing Director **Anshula Kant**. Now she has been appointed as the MD and CEO of the World Bank.
- IPS officer **Vivek Kumar Johri** took charge as the **Director General (DG)** of the country's largest border guarding force, **BSF**.
- Chief election commissioner **Sunil Arora** took charge as chairman of Association of **World Election Bodies (AWEB)**. The CEC will serve a two-year term till 2021.
- India's High Commissioner to South Africa, **Jaideep Sarkar** has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the **Kingdom of Lesotho**.
- Senior diplomat **B Bala Bhaskar** was appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to Norway.
- **Vijay Kumar Chopra**, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers and **Vineet Jain**, the publisher of Times of India, is unanimously elected as **Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)**, the country's premier news agency.
- **Microsoft** has appointed **Rajiv Kumar** as the new **managing director** of Microsoft India Research and Development Pvt Ltd (MIRPL). He will replace Anil Bhansali.
- Justice **Vikram Nath** has been appointed as the chief justice of the **Gujarat High Court**.
- **Pramod Kumar Mishra** will replace Nripendra Mishra as the new **Principal Secretary** to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Former Cabinet Secretary **Pradeep Kumar Sinha** has been appointed the **Principal Advisor** to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Mahabaleshwara MS**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Karnataka Bank**, has been inducted to the managing committee of **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**.
- Former judge of the **Andhra Pradesh High Court P. Lakshmana Reddy**, who has been appointed as State's **Lokayukta**.
- United Nations Secretary-General appointed **Lieutenant General (Retired) Abhijit Guha** as the head of the UN mission in **Hodeidah, Yemen**.

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- Cognizant Technology Solutions has appointed **Ramkumar Ramamoorthy** as Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India.
- **Wing Commander Anjali Singh** has joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as India's **first female military diplomat** to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad. She has joined her new assignment as the Deputy Air Attache.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** President **Takehiko Nakao** has announced his resignation. He became the president of ADB on April 28, 2013.
- **Robert O'Brien** has been appointed as the **National Security Adviser of United States of America**. He will replace John Bolton as the NSA of US.
- The central Government has appointed Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF) **Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria** as the next **Chief of Air Staff (CAS)**. He will take over on 30th September. He will have a two-year tenure.
- IDBI Bank's Board of Directors has approved the appointment of **Samuel Joseph Jebaraj** as **Deputy Managing Director (DMD)** for a period of 3 years.
- **Central Board of Direct Tax (CBDT)** has newly set up **National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC)** in Delhi. CBDT has also appointed 1984 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer **Krishna Mohan Prasad** as the first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax of NeAC.
- **Nilesh Shah**, Managing Director of **Kotak Asset Management Company (AMC)**, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). The AMFI also elected **Saurabh Nanavati**, Chief Executive Officer, Invesco Mutual Fund as the vice-chairman of AMFI, for a period of one year.
- **Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Guinea Bissau**.
- National women's badminton coach **Kim Ji-Hyun** has stepped down from her post of **National women's coach of India**.
- Bulgarian economist **Kristalina Georgieva** has been selected as the new Managing Director of the **International Monetary Fund**. She will succeed Christine Lagarde.
- **Adille Sumariwalla** has been elected as the member of the International Association of Athletics Federations council.
- Payment technology company Visa announced that it has signed up world badminton champion **Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (PV Sindhu)** as its brand ambassador for two years.

- Actor **Madhuri Dixit** has been chosen as "**goodwill ambassador**" by the Chief Electoral Office in **Maharashtra** to create awareness among people about the importance of voting.
- **Air Marshal HS Arora** has been appointed as the **Vice Chief of Indian Air Force**. He will succeed Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria who will take over as the Chief of Air Staff.
- **Suresh Chitturi** has been appointed as **chairman** of the **International Egg Commission (IEC)** for the next two years.

Sports Current Affairs

- Indian shooter **Yashaswini Singh Deswal** won gold in the **women's 10meter Air Pistol event** at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.
- Indian pace bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** has become the third Indian to register a hat-trick in test cricket against West Indies, held in Kingston, Jamaica.
- **Charles Leclerc** won the **Belgian Grand Prix** after defeating Lewis Hamilton by less than a second.
- **India U-15 team thrashed Nepal 7-0** to lift the **SAFF U-15** title at the Kalyani Stadium in Kolkata.
- Shot putter **Tejinderpal Singh Toor** won a silver medal during an athletic meet at Decin in the Czech Republic.
- Zimbabwe captain **Hamilton Masakadza** has announced to retire from international cricket after conclusion of Bangladesh & Afghanistan T20I Tri-series.
- Senior India **batswoman Mithali Raj** has announced retirement from International T-20 Cricket.
- **Qatar** unveiled the logo for the **FIFA 2022 World Cup**. The design is a stylised Arabic white unisex shawl with maroon patterning, which is displayed in a figure-of-eight symbolising infinity.
- Former captain **Misbah-ul-Haq** has been appointed as head coach and chief selector of Pakistan's cricket team. **Waqar Younis** will join him as the team's new bowling coach.

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- **Anupama Swain** won a bronze medal in the recently concluded **World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019**.
- **Rashid Khan** holds a new record when he dons the whites for Afghanistan as captain. He broke the 15-year-old record by becoming the youngest Test captain in the Test Cricket history.
- **Manu Bhaker** and **Saurabh Chaudhary** won the gold medal in **mixed 10m air pistol** at the **ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro**.
- The United Nations **observes 5 September** every year as **International Day of Charity** with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people.
- The 8th edition of **Ladakh Marathon** was held in **Leh**. It is the **highest marathon** in the world as it is held at over 11,000 feet above the mean sea level.
- **India Red** beat India Green by an innings and 38 runs to clinch the **Duleep Trophy title** on the fourth day at Bengaluru.
- Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc** has won the **Italian Grand Prix**.
- Kenya's **Brigid Kosgei** completed the **fastest half-marathon** ever ran by a woman. She won the Great North Run in a time of 1 hour, 04 minutes and 28 seconds.
- Sri Lanka's **Lasith Malinga** has become the first T20I bowler to take **100 wickets** and became the first-ever bowler to **pick up 2 hat-tricks** in T20I cricket during the 3rd T20I against New Zealand at Pallekele.
- The Sports Ministry of India has **de-recognised** the **Paralympic Committee of India** for violation of the National Sports Code. The committee violated the code by removing its elected president Rao Inderjit Singh.
- Australian fast bowler **Megan Schutt** scripted history by becoming the **first woman** to claim **two hat-tricks** in white-ball cricket.
- Former England captain **Andrew Strauss** has been appointed as the **chairman** of the England and Wales Cricket Board's **cricket committee**.
- **Pankaj Advani** defeated Nay Thway Oo to win the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship held in Mandalay, Myanmar.
- **Sourabh Verma** has won the Vietnam Open Super 100 title held at the Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He defeated China's Sun Fei Xiang in the thrilling Men's Singles.
- Indian Badminton star, **Lakshya Sen** has won the Belgian International badminton title. He defeated Victor Svendsen of Denmark.
- Indian shuttler **Kaushal Dharmamer** has won the Myanmar International Series. He defeated Indonesia's Karono Karono.

- **Spain** defeated **Argentina** by 95-75 to win the Basketball World Cup held in Beijing, China.
- Former Indian Cricket all-rounder **Dinesh Mongia** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Anurag Thakur** announced that a **cricket and sports academy** will be set up in Leh, Ladakh.
- The International Cricket Council has banned Sri Lankan off-spinner **Akila Dananjaya** from bowling in international matches for **1 year**.
- The Indian football team slipped a place to **104th position** in the latest FIFA rankings released.
- **Bajrang Punia** won a bronze medal at the 2019 **World Wrestling Championships** in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. He defeated Mongolia's **Tulga Tumur Ochir** 8-7 to clinch the medal in the 65 kg weight category.
- Indian wrestler **Rahul Aware** has won a bronze medal in **men's 61-kilogram freestyle category** at the World Championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- **Aryna Sabalenka** defeated American Alison Riske in the summit clash by 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to win the **WTA Wuhan Open** held in Wuhan, China.
- **Amit Panghal** settled for the silver medal at **World Boxing Championships** after he lost to Uzbekistan's **Shakhobidin Zoirov** 3-2 in the **52kg category final**.
- **Ferrari Sebastian Vettel** has won the **Singapore Grand Prix**. The event was held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit, Singapore.
- Indian tennis player **Divij Sharan** clinched the men's doubles title in ATP Tour tennis tournament in St. Petersburg, Russia. Divij Sharan Open with partner Igor Zelenay, defeating Matteo Berrettini and Simone Bolelli 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.
- **Daniil Medvedev** won a sixth career title as he defeated **Borna Coric** 6-3, 6-1 in the final of the St Petersburg Open, Russia.
- Olympic gold medalist **Carolina Marin** defeated Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying 14-21, 21-17, 21-18 in the women's badminton singles final match to lift the China Open title.

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- Indian shuttler **Malvika Bansod** has won the Maldives International Future Series held in Maldives. She defeated Myanmar's **Thet Htar Thuzar** by 21-13, 21-11 to win the Maldives International Future Series.
- **Nelly Korda** has won the Ladies European Tour Title at **Lacoste Ladies French Open**. She shot a four-under 67 to win her first Ladies European Tour title.
- Indian chess grandmaster, **Koneru Hampi** of Gudivada (Andhra Pradesh) has clinched Fide World Grand Prix 2019 title with 8 points from 11 rounds in Skolkovo, Russia.
- **Manipur** defeated Railways by 1-0 to win the Senior Women's National Football Championship held in **Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh**. This was Manipur's 20th National title.
- The Indian team of **Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta** to win the "IBSF World Snooker" title.
- Indian track and field legend **P. T. Usha** was presented the **Veteran Pin** by the world athletics governing body, in recognition of her contribution to the growth of the sport.
- **Rupa Gurunath** was appointed as the first woman president of **Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA)** at the 87th Annual General Meeting of TNCA in Chennai, TamilNadu.
- Indian tennis player **Sumit Nagal** has won the men's singles title at the **ATP Challenger Tournament** held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- The United Nations observes **16 September** every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. Theme of the day for 2019: **32 Years and Healing**.
- **World Bamboo Day** is observed every year on the **18th of September** by the World Bamboo Organization to generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry.
- **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world on 21 September. The theme for International Day of Peace 2019 is "**Climate Action for Peace**".
- The United Nations General Assembly observes **23 September** every year as the International Day of Sign Languages. The theme of day for 2019: **Sign Language Rights for All!**
- The United Nations observes **26 September** every year as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**.
- The United Nations observes **International Translation Day** on **30 September** every year.
- The United Nations observes **26 September** every year as the **World Maritime Day**. This year the theme for the day is: Empowering women in the maritime community.
- The United Nations observes **27 September** every year as **World Tourism Day**.
- **World Heart Day** was observed on **29 September** across the world with the theme "**My Heart, Your Heart**" to create awareness of Cardiovascular Disease including heart disease & stroke and highlights the preventive and control measures.
- **UNESCO** observes **International Day for Universal Access to Information on 28 September** every year. The theme of this year's celebration: **Leaving No One Behind!**
- **The World Health Organization** observes **World Rabies Day** on **28 September** every year.

Important Days

- The United Nations **observes 5 September** every year as **International Day of Charity** with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people.
- The National Teachers Day is observed every year on **5th September** in India to commemorate birthday of country's first Vice President and second President **Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**.
- **International Literacy Day** celebrated annually on **8 September**. The **theme** of International Literacy Day 2019 is **Literacy and Multilingualism**.
- The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) observes **World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)** on **10 September** every year. WHO has been co-sponsor of the day.
- **Hindi Diwas** is observed every year on **14 September** to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India.
- The United Nations observes **15 September** every year as **International Day of Democracy**. Theme of International Day of Democracy 2019: **Participation**.

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Summits And Conferences

- Election Commission of India will host the **4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies** at Bengaluru.
- Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate the **5th edition of the aquaculture event, Aqua Aquaria India**, in Hyderabad. The theme for this year's event is **'Taking Blue Revolution to India's Hinterland'**.
- **14th Conference of Parties** to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification begins in Greater Noida.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh co-chaired the **Japan-India Defence Ministerial Meeting** held in **Tokyo, Japan**.
- **72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee** for South-East Asia held in New Delhi. The committee is the highest decision making and governing body of WHO in the region.
- A joint **India- New Development Bank** workshop was held in New Delhi. The workshop was organized to enhance the NDB's engagement with the India's private and public sector.
- Central Bureau of Investigation's **1st National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics** inaugurated in New Delhi.
- **5th Eastern Economic Forum** held in **Vladivostok, Russia**. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated as the Chief Guest at the Eastern Economic Forum. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **"Act Far East"** policy for Russia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also announced a **\$1 Billion line of credit to Russia** for the development of the resource-rich region.
- The **68th** Plenary session of the **North Eastern Council (NEC)** begins in Guwahati, Assam. Union Home Minister Amit Shah Chaired the 2-day event.
- The 1st conference on military medicine for the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** member states will be held in Delhi.

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation organised India's first-ever **helicopter summit** in **Dehradun**.
- The **6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue** was held in **New Delhi**. The Indian side was led by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and the Chinese side by Mr. He Lifeng, Chairman, National Development and Reforms Commission.
- The 22nd Session of **UN Committee on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities** was held at **Geneva**. The UN Committee on CRPD took up India's First Country Report for consideration during the session.
- International conference **ANGAN** (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) for **Energy Efficiency** in the Building Sector is being organized by the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency** in **New Delhi**.
- The **24th World Energy Congress** commence in **Abu Dhabi** under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates. The **theme** of this World Energy Congress is **"Energy for Prosperity"**.
- Bureau of Police research and development will organize the **National Conference on "Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails: Vulnerability of Inmates and Jail Staff and their Protection"** in **New Delhi**.
- **Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2019** was held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. The **theme** of the summit was **"Resilient Infrastructure for Sustainable Development"**.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** will chair the **29th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council**.
- The **World Sindhi Congress (WSC)** hosted a 31st international conference on Sindh in **London**.
- **7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019** held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra** with the theme of **"Prosperous Society: Stronger Society"**.

National News

- The amended provisions of the **Motor Vehicle Act**, which hike the penalty for traffic rules violation have come into force from **01st September 2019**. As many as **63 clauses** of the Act, which correspond to an increase in the fine for traffic rule violation came into force.
- The Election Commission launched a new mega **Electors Verification Programme (EVP)** across the country. The programme, will go on till **15th of October**.
- The entire month of **September 2019** will be celebrated as the **Rashtriya Poshan Maah**. This year the theme is **Complementary Feeding**.
- Tourism Minister inaugurates **first-ever architectural LED illumination** at **Qutub Minar**.

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- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Garvi Gujarat Bhavan** in **New Delhi**.
- Government of India has announced a contribution of **22 million US Dollars** to the Global Fund for **AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM)** for the **6th replenishment cycle (2020-22)**.
- Delhi's **Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport** gets **India's tallest ATC tower** to enhance the safety and boost the efficiency of air transport management services. Its height is **102 metres**.
- Human Resource Development Ministry has awarded the Institute of Eminence status to 5 public institutions. The status was awarded to the following institutions: **IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, Delhi University, Benares Hindu University, University of Hyderabad**.
- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), flagged off the **first-ever Mobile Science Exhibition buses for the entire Ladakh Region in Leh**.
- The **central government** will spend **3.5 lakh crore rupees** in the next five years on 'Jal Jeevan Mission' to deliver potable water at every household across the country.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation India's second **riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT)** built at Sahibganj in **Jharkhand**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the **National Animal Disease Control Programme** in **Uttar Pradesh's Mathura**.
- Minister of State for Agriculture, Parshottam Rupala has launched a multilingual Mobile App "**CHC Farm Machinery**" during a conference on **Crop Residue Management** in New Delhi.
- **Skill India** gets its first Batch of **IES officers** to the **Indian Skill Development Services (ISDS)** cadre. The aim for this is to attract young and talented administrators towards institutionalizing the Skill Development environment in the country.

- Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), laid the foundation stone for **Indian Institute of Skills (IIS)** at **Mumbai**.
- **India** has joined the **Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research (AMR)** and Development hub as a new member.
- The **World Bank** will provide **Rs 3,000 crore** assistance to finance **mini and mega food parks** across India.
- Union Government has set a target of setting up **12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres** across the country.
- **Jal Shakti Minister** and Sports Minister flagged off "**Great Ganga Run-2019**" at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- **Saint Vincent and Grenadines** became the **79th country** to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, an initiative by India aimed at combating the threats of climate change and global warming.
- Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has launched the **Maritime Communication Services** at **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- India's first **National Antimicrobial Resistance Hub** was recently inaugurated in **Kolkata**.
- India has formally launched an initiative to fund **1000 scholars from South East Asian countries** to pursue **PhD** at its **23 Indian Institutes of Technology**.
- The Public Premises (**Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants**) **Amendment Bill, 2019** has come into effect.
- India has commenced a special training programme for **Maldivian and Bangladeshi civil servants** at **Mussoorie in Uttarakhand**.
- **5th International Ramayan Festival** organized by **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**, in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of State for Power **RK Singh** and Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** have jointly inaugurated 15 power projects.
- The **Jal Shakti Ministry** is planning to develop a **National Water Museum** to increase awareness among people on the conservation of the natural resource.
- The Department of India Posts has announced commencing of International Speed Post (EMS) Service to **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia**.
- **Google** has announced that it will open an **artificial intelligence (AI) based research lab "Google Research India"**. The lab will be opened in Bengaluru.

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- The country's **first central police university** will be set up by the Union home ministry off the **Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida**.
- Human Resource Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** has launched Waste Management **Accelerator for Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs (WAVE) summit**.
- The **Digital Communication Commission**, the highest decision making body in the Department of **Telecom** has approved multiple projects worth over **Rs 8,500 crore**.
- **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** plans to set up a 5-gigawatt solar park in the western state of Gujarat, which would be the **biggest in the country**.
- **Maharashtra and Haryana** Assembly (Vidhan Sabha) Election 2019 Date, Scheduled on 21st October, while counting of votes will be held on October 24.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated a 50 kilowatt '**Gandhi Solar Park**' at the UN headquarters. PM Modi and other leaders also released a commemorative postage stamp of Mahatma Gandhi, at the programme "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Contemporary World" at the UN headquarters.
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the sixth "**India Water Week-2019**" being organised with the theme of "Water cooperation-coping with 21st-century challenge" at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- As per the **Indian Meteorological Department**, Earthquake hits the Pakistan-India border region at around 4:31 PM on 24th September 2019. The earthquake was of the magnitude of **6.3** on the Richter scale and a depth of **40 km**.
- The Asian Development Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for fiscal year 2019-20 to **6.5% from 7%**.
- The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge), inaugurated the exhibition of **India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019 in New Delhi**.

- The President of India Ramnath Kovind unveiled the first **Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System**. This system is developed by **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**.
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an **asteroid**, formally known as a minor planet and located between Mars and Jupiter, after Indian classical singer **Pandit Jasraj**.

International Current Affairs

- Indonesia's president announced that the country's capital will move from overcrowded, sinking and polluted **Jakarta** to a site in sparsely populated **East Kalimantan** province on **Borneo island**.
- First **ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise (AUMX)** between the regional bloc and Washington, starting at the Sattahip Naval Base in Thailand and ending in Singapore.
- US's Federal Trade Commission has fined **Google's YouTube with \$170 million**. YouTube will have to pay \$170 million to settle allegations of collecting personal information about children.
- Indian army will participate in a multilateral exercise "**TSENTR 2019**" to be held in Russia. Armies of Pakistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russia will also participate in the exercise.
- World Health Organisation South-East Asia Region have resolved to eliminate **measles and rubella by 2023**.
- **Typhoon Faxai** has hit **Tokyo**, Japan with winds of up to 210km/h (130mph). Faxai is one of the strongest typhoons to hit the Japanese capital in a decade.
- **Thailand** became the **first Asian** nation to unveil **plain cigarette packaging** to reduce the appeal of smoking.
- **Vietnam** has inaugurated Southeast **Asia's largest** solar power farm "**Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex**" which has the capacity to produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually.
- **Sri Lanka** has flagged off 'Make In India' train "**Pulathisi Express**" rake from Colombo Fort Railway station. The rake of the train was manufactured in the **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)** in **Chennai**.
- **Sri Lanka** unveiled **South Asia's tallest tower**, costing over \$100 million, 80% of which has been **funded by China** under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). **The 350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower**, located in the heart of Colombo city.
- Japan launched an unmanned **H-2B rocket** towards the **International Space Station**. The **H-2B rocket** lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

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Defence Current Affairs

- Indian Air Force has inducted **8 Apache AH-64E attack helicopters** at the Pathankot Air Force station to enhance its combat capabilities. The AH-64E Apache is one of the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopters.
- Indian Army has announced that the first batch of **100 women soldiers in the Army** is likely to be commissioned by March 2021.
- **Indo-US defence cooperation**, a joint military training, Exercise "**Yudh Abhyas 2019**". This exercise is being conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, the USA.
- '**SLINEX 2019**', the bilateral maritime exercise between **India** and **Sri Lanka** commenced on 7 September 2019 at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) successfully flight tested an indigenously-developed low weight, fire and forget **Man-Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM)** in the ranges of Kurnool, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Indian Air Force (**IAF**) resurrected the Air Force Station (AFS) Ambala-based 17 Squadron '**Golden Arrows**', which will operate the first squadron of Rafale fighter jets.
- India's 2nd Scorpene-class submarine, **INS Khanderi** will be **commissioned** into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The Defence Research Development Organization (**DRDO**) has handed over the second airborne warning plane, **Netra**, to the Indian Air Force. The Netra is an Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft.
- **India** and **Thailand** are all set to organize Joint Military Exercise **MAITREE-2019** at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (**Meghalaya**) from 16-29 Sep 2019.

- The **Defence Acquisition Council** accorded approval for Capital Procurement for the Services amounting to approximately **Rs 2,000 crores**.
- DRDO and the Aeronautical Development Agency successfully executed the first-ever arrested landing of **Light Combat Aircraft(LCA) Tejas (Navy)** at the shore-based test facility in Goa. This is a step towards the aircraft getting operational on aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya**.
- The White water Rafting Expedition christened '**RUDRASHILA**' being undertaken by **Kalidhar Battalion** under the aegis of Battle Axe Division was Flagged Off at Jaisalmer Military station.
- A maiden trilateral exercise **SITMEX**, involving Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) started at Port Blair.
- Indian Air Force has successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile **Astra** off the coast of Odisha. The missile was launched from a **Sukhoi Su-30 MKI combat aircraft**.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** becomes the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas. He flew in the **Tejas fighter aircraft from the HAL airport in Bengaluru**.
- The Indian Army conducted a massive rare exercise '**Chang Thang**' in Eastern **Ladakh** bordering China. The exercise involved the use of infantry, **mechanised forces, T-72 tanks**, with force multipliers such as artillery guns and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The Indian Air Force was also roped in the exercise.
- **India and the United States** are set to hold their first tri-services exercise code-named "**Tiger Triumph**" at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh in November this year.
- 4th edition of Joint Military Exercise **KAZIND-2019** between **India** and **Kazakhstan** will be conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- Army officer **Ponung Doming** became the first woman officer from **Arunachal Pradesh** to be elevated to the rank of **Lieutenant Colonel** in the Indian Army.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has formally commissioned the Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel '**Varaha**' at the Chennai Port Trust.
- The **23rd edition** of the trilateral maritime exercise of **India, Japan and the United States(US)** named "**Malabar 2019**" exercise begun at Sasebo, Japan.
- Army chief Gen **Bipin Rawat** will take over as the new Chairman of the **Chiefs of Staff Committee**.

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Ranks and Reports

- According to a report of Economist Intelligence Unit, **Mumbai** has been ranked as the **45th safest city** on the **Safe Cities Index (SCI) 2019**, while **Delhi stood at the 52nd position**.
- "**Global Happiness Survey**" by Ipsos, Indian has been ranked 9th on the happiness index among **28 global markets**.
- **Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index for 2019**, released with both **Delhi and Mumbai** sliding down ranks. **Vienna** in Austria, **Melbourne** and **Sydney** in Australia make the top three cities.
- **India has surpassed the Netherlands** to move into the list of top10 countries in terms of total gold reserves. India has gold reserves totalling **618.2 tonnes**. U.S. leads the country list with total gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes followed by Germany with 3,366.8 tonnes.
- **World Economic Forum (WEF) report**, India has jumped 6 places to claim **34th spot** on **world Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019**.
- **Indian Institute of Technology Ropar** and **Indian Institute of Science Bangalore** were ranked number 1 among the 56 Indian institutes on the list of the best universities of the world in the **World University Rankings 2020**, topped by the University of Oxford, published by the United Kingdom based Times Higher Education.
- Filmmaker **Anurag Kashyap's Gangs Of Wasseypur** has become the only Indian film to feature in "**The Guardian**" list of **100 Best Films of the 21st century**. The film has bagged the **59th position**.
- The **International Migrant Stock 2019** was released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). As per the report, **India** was the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a **17.5 million** strong diaspora.
- **India** was ranked **44th** in the **IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019** produced by the IMD World Competitiveness Center.

Agreement/Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU)

- **ECL Finance Ltd**, a subsidiary of Edelweiss Financial Services, and **Central Bank of India** have signed an agreement for priority sector lending to (MSME's) customers.
- The Bangladesh government has signed an agreement with **Reliance Power of India** for gas-based power plant. The plant will set up a **750 MW gas-based power plant** in **Meghnahat near Dhaka**.

- Google and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology have signed a statement of intent to roll-out '**Build for Digital India**'.
- **Reliance Power** has signed a partnership agreement with Japanese energy major **Japan's Energy For a New Era (JERA)**.
- **IIT Kharagpur** has collaborated with **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** to develop a **National Artificial Intelligence resource platform (NAIRP)** to promote learning and development in artificial intelligence (AI).
- **Employees' State Insurance Corporation(ESIC)** signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with **State Bank of India** for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders.
- IT services major **Wipro Limited** has bagged a strategic contract valued at **\$300 million** from the **ICICI Bank**.
- **Microsoft India** and the **Central Board of Secondary Education** have partnered to build AI learning for schools.
- **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)** and **Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange (ZCE)**, one of the leading commodity exchanges in China, have signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for co-operation and the exchange of information.
- **Gujarat Government** and the **Delaware State of America** signed Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) for **sister state**.
- **6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED)** begins in New Delhi. The dialogue that will focus on collaboration between two countries on areas of infrastructure, energy, high-tech, resource conservation, pharmaceuticals policy coordination.
- Hiranandani Group energy arm **H-Energy** has signed a port service agreement with **Kakinada Seaports Limited** to develop a liquified natural gas (LNG) regasification and reloading terminal at **Kakinada port**.

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- The **Gurugram** traffic police have **tied up** with **Google maps** for real time traffic updates. The traffic related information will be shared in real time for public use.
- **National Institution for Transforming India** has selected **McKinsey & Company** to set up India's first **Digital Capability Centre (DCC)**.
- The **Industrial Development Bank of India** and **Life Insurance Corporation of India** Credit Cards Services will launch a **co-branded credit card**, which will be marketed to customers, agents, and employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- **India** and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed **200 million dollar** loan agreement to upgrade rural roads in 34 districts of **Maharashtra** to improve road safety.
- The **International Finance Corporation**, part of the World Bank Group, has signed a **MoU** with the **Finance Industry Development Council** to collaborate on the **training of NBFCs** in the country.
- The **Railway Ministry** signed a **MoU** with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for evaluating the **green initiatives** and rate the performance of its industrial units pursuing environmentally sustainable practices.
- **Kerala** signs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Maldives** to strengthen cancer care in the island nation.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** joined hands with **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** for the development of **human-centric systems** for the Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.
- Defence PSU **Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)** and **Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN)** have signed an MoU to work together in the areas of aerospace, industrial automation, 3-D printing, artificial intelligence and hydraulic system engineering.

- **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)** has partnered with Ola, a mobility platform, to extend the welfare to its drivers.
- **Tata Communications** has partnered with Cisco to offer enterprises a secure, fully-managed, multi-channel, intelligent and cloud-based **Cisco Webex Contact Center solution**.
- The **Directorate General of Training (DGT)**, under the skill development and entrepreneurship ministry, has signed an agreement with IT major IBM to carry out a nationwide Train-the-Trainer programme in basic artificial intelligence.
- **Nasscom's** Data Security Council of India (DSCI) collaborated with the electronics and IT ministry (**MeitY**) and **Google India** to launch a nationwide awareness campaign '**Digital Payment Abhiyan**'.
- The **World Sindhi Congress (WSC)** hosted a 31st international conference on Sindh in **London**.
- **7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019** held in **Mumbai**, Maharashtra with the theme of "**Prosperous Society: Stronger Society**".

Awards & Recognition

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will be honoured with the prestigious '**Global Goalkeeper Award**'. He will be felicitated by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for his leadership and commitment to the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan**.
- **Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine** in Jammu and Kashmir has been adjudged as the "**Best Swachh Iconic place**" in the country in the 'Swachh Iconic Places'. This list released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- Nobel Laureate Professor **Muhammad Yunus** from Bangladesh was conferred the '**Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis**' award by the Vatican.
- **Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA)** has won the IT Excellence Award, 2019. "**SATARK**" (System for Assessing, Tracking and Alerting Disaster Risk Information based on Dynamic Risk Knowledge) application has been chosen for the award.
- "**Oscars of science**" awarded to Event Horizon Telescope Team, with prize money **\$3 million**.
- Noted Odia writer **Pradeep Dash** will be conferred with the 40th edition of prestigious **Sarala Puraskar** for his poetry work Charu Chibar O Charjya. Sarala Puraskar is recognised as the foremost literary award of Odisha.
- **Dr Yusuf Hamied**, chairman of **Cipla**, a pharmaceutical company has been inducted as an honorary fellow of the **Royal Society** for his service to the cause of science.

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- Managing Director and Chairman of Hero MotoCorp, **Pawan Munjal** will be inducted into the 2019 **Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame**. He will be inducted for his support to “Golf” in India and around the world.
- England cricket greats **Geoffrey Boycott** and **Andrew Strauss** have been honoured with “**Knighthoods**” by Theresa May in her resignation honours list.
- **Navdeep Singh Suri**, India’s envoy to United Arab Emirates, has been honoured with the **First Class Order of Zayed II** award.
- Five **Indian women police officers** were **honoured** by the **United Nations** for their commendable services in the world body’s mission in South Sudan. The women officers who were conferred the UN medal were: Reena Yadav, Gopika Jahagirdar, Bharati Samantray, Ragini Kumari and Kamal Shekhawat.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** received the **Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019** in Dhaka.
- Arcadia Education Project which involves construction of floating school for marginalised children in **South Kanarchor of Bangladesh**, has been awarded the prestigious **Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019**.
- Bollywood actor **Neena Gupta** has won 2 awards at Indian **International Film Festival of Boston**. The actress won the Best Actress award for ‘Badhaai Ho’ and her film ‘The Last Color’ emerged victorious in Best Feature Film category.
- Meghalaya-based rights activist **Agnes Kharshiing**, who survived an assault by the coal mafia almost a year ago, received the **11th International Hrant Dink Award**.
- The Union Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, **Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey**, awarded **Vinod Kumar Yadav**, Chairman of Railway Board with **Eminent Engineers Award**.

- **Super 30 founder** and noted mathematician **Anand Kumar** has been felicitated in the **US with a prestigious Education Excellence Award 2019**.
- Twenty-two scientists across the country were awarded the **National Geoscience Awards for the year 2018**. The National Geoscience Awards were given in ten disciplines.
- The Film Federation of India (FFI) has chosen ‘**Gully Boy**’ as India’s official entry to the Oscars.
- Kerala Tourism has won three prestigious **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold awards** in Nur-Sultan (Astana), Kazakhstan.
- Physicist **Thanu Padmanabhan**, a professor of Inter-university Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics received the **M P Birla Memorial Award 2019** for his contributions to the world of cosmology.
- A documentary on Srinagar-based football club **Real Kashmir FC** has nominated in the prestigious British Academy Film and Television Arts (**BAFTA**) Awards.
- Senior journalist and Ramon Magsaysay awardee, **Ravish Kumar** has received the 1st **Gauri Lankesh National Award** for Journalism.
- Popular Bollywood playback singer **Sonu Nigam** has been honoured with the Magnificent Performing Arts Award at the annual 21st Century Icon Awards in London.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** received the **2019 Global Goalkeeper Award**. He received the award for **Swachh Bharat Mission from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on October 2, 2014, aims to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage in the country.
- The **SASTRA Ramanujan prize** for 2019 will be awarded to **Adam Harper**. Mathematician Adam Harper is an Assistant Professor with the University of Warwick, England.
- The country’s highest film honour, the **Dadasaheb Phalke award**, will be presented this year to **Amitabh Bachchan**.
- **Rajasthan’s Payal Jangid**, aged 17, became the first Indian to receive the **Changemaker Award 2019** at the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019.
- IT major **Infosys** has received the United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the ‘**Climate Neutral Now**’ category.
- Airport Council International has recognised **Cochin International Airport Limited** as the best airport in terms of services offered to passengers.

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- Odisha's **Tapan Kumar Mishra** has been honoured with the **National Tourism Award** for the Category of "**Best Tourist Guide**" for the year 2017-18 during celebration of the World Tourism Day.
- India's **Kallie Puri** has been awarded with "**India's Most Powerful Women in Media**" award at the famed Confluence Excellence Awards.

Science and Technology

- The 5th edition of **India International Science Festival (IISF)** will be held in Kolkata from November 5-8. IISF is the largest science festival in the world. The theme for this year's festival is '**RISEN India - Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation**'.

Books & Authors

- A new book on the history of Indian Railways named "**A Short History of Indian Railways**", has been penned by veteran journalist and author **Rajendra B Aklekar**.
- The book, "**India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan**", has been penned by veteran civil servant **Raghvendra Singh**.
- The Vice President of India, **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** will release 2nd editions of '**Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)**' and '**The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)**' in New Delhi.
- '**Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India To Glory**', book on India's spin quartet: **Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekhar and S. Venkataraghavan**, written by **Aditya Bhushan** and **Sachin Bajaj** has been launched.
- A book titled "**Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924**" which describes the life of freedom fighter and Philosopher **Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**, is penned by **Vikram Sampath** and published by Penguin.
- The book titled "**The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas**" written by the journalist **Dhaval Kulkarni** was released. It is published by Penguin Random House.
- A new book titled "**Being Gandhi**" written by award-winning author **Paro Anand** released.
- A new comic book series '**Professor Ayushman**' conceived by the **National Medicinal Plants Board(NMPB)** was unveiled by the Ayush ministry in New Delhi.
- Former president **Pranab Mukherjee** released a book named '**Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy**'. The book was written by **BJP MP Subramanian Swamy**.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- **Russia** will train four Indian astronauts for **India's ambitious manned mission to space, Gaganyaan**.
- Health minister has announced that the Central Government Health Scheme's services would be available to **100 cities by 2022**.
- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** has launched a '**Terracotta Grinder**' at Sewapuri in Varanasi. The machine will be able to grind the wasted and broken pottery items for re-using in pottery-making.
- Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting **Prakash Javadekar** unveiled the **new logo and certificate design of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)**.
- The High Commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji jointly organised a cultural event '**Namaste Pacific**' held in **Delhi, India**.
- **National Disaster Response Force, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan** under the Department of Youth Affairs of MoYAS will prepare Block Level Disaster Response Teams.
- Income Tax Department announced that it will automatically issue **PAN** to all taxpayers who do not have a **Permanent Account Number** and are using **Aadhaar** for filing income tax returns (ITR).
- Indian Army team from **18th battalion**, the Mahar Regiment successfully summited **Mount Leo Pargyl (6773M)**.
- Indian Cricket team vice-captain **Rohit Sharma** is launching **Rohit4Rhinos campaign**, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet. This campaign helps to build awareness for the need to conserve the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros or the Indian Rhino.
- Asia's first 5th Generation - **Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre** was launched at the Automobile Association of Southern India Centre (AASI), Chennai.

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- High Commissioner of India to Canada **Vikas Swarup** inaugurated the **India Pavilion at the 44th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2019**.
- A **fun zone**, the first of its kind in India, has been set up by the Railways at the **Visakhapatnam Railway Station**, Andhra Pradesh.
- **India** announced humanitarian assistance of **USD 1 million** to help people in the **Bahamas** affected by Hurricane Dorian.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal's Prime Minister K.P.Sharma Oli will jointly inaugurate **Motihari-Amlekhgunj** cross border petroleum products pipeline.
- Scientists have unveiled a newly discovered species of a **pterosaur "Cryodrakon boreas"** roughly translates to 'frozen dragon of the north wind', the largest ever flying animal according to a study conducted by Queen Mary University in London.
- Astronomers have **found water** for the first time in atmosphere of habitable **exoplanet K2-18b** which orbits in its star's "habitable zone".
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of **Guru Nanak Dev** in world languages to mark his **550th birth anniversary**.
- **Moti Bagh**, a documentary film based on the struggle of a farmer in a remote **Uttarakhand village**, has been nominated for the Oscars.
- American breast cancer survivor **Sarah Thomas** became the first person to swim across the **English Channel** four times non-stop in a **54-hour feat of endurance**.
- Beijing 2022 Paralympic and Olympic mascots unveiled. The mascot, named **Bing Dwen Dwen**, is a chubby giant panda wearing a suit of ice was revealed as the official mascot for Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 and Chinese lantern **Shuey Rhon Rhon** was declared as the official mascot for Winter Paralympics 2022.

- The first ever "**Jammu International Film Festival**" will be held in Jammu. **37 short films** and documentaries from 11 countries will be screened at the inaugural edition of Jammu International Film Festival.
- The **Telangana government** has decided to declare **2020 as Artificial Intelligence year** by organising various activities related to the emerging technology.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** launched the **(Management Information System) MIS portal** in New Delhi.
- The **16th Session of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC)** between **India and Belgium Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU)** was held in New Delhi.
- **Shondol dance**, which is known as the royal dance of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance.
- **Nepal Rastra Bank** issued three coins (**100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees**) bearing the **Sikh symbol** to commemorate the **550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev**.
- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched 2 mobile apps named **CHC Farm Machinery** and **KrishiKisan App** for geotagging purposes in for easy access of technical agricultural equipment at farmers' doorstep.
- **World University of Design (WUD)** hosted **Global Goals Jam 3.0**. The Indian edition of the global event focusing on design thinking and service design methodologies was hosted with the theme: **eWaste**.
- **Bangladesh** has lifted the ban on the exports of **Hilsa fish** to India as a goodwill gesture during the **Durga Puja**.



Obituaries

- The 4 Times Emmy Award-winning actress **Valerie Harper** passed away.
- Zimbabwe's former President **Robert Mugabe** passed away.
- Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer **Kiran Nagarkar** passed away.
- Veteran Congress leader and former MP **Sukhdev Singh Libra** passed away.
- Pakistan's master leg-spinner **Abdul Qadir** passed away.
- **Ram Jethmalani**, one of India's finest lawyers and a former union minister has passed away. He was 95.
- Actor and Kathak dancer **Veeru Krishnan** passed away.
- Rajasthan born freedom fighter of India **Heeralal Sharma** has passed away at the age of 95.

- Tamil Film Director, Actor and Cinematographer **Raja Sekar** passed away.
- Climate change campaigner of the South Pacific and Prime Minister of Tongan **Akilisi Pohiva** passed away.
- Former bureaucrat and Secretary to the PMO, **B.N. Yugandhar** passed away.
- Film editor **Sanjib Kumar Datta**, who has movies like Iqbal, Ek Hasina Thi and Mardaani to his credit, passed away.
- The renowned writer of Kerala **Sivaraman Cheriyana** passed away.
- Former speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly **Kodala Siva Prasada Rao** passed away.
- Veteran Kerala actor **Sathar** passed away.
- Tunisia's former President **Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali** passed away.
- Bollywood's famous horror film producer **Shyam Ramsay** passed away.
- The former Rangers and Netherlands football player **Fernando Ricksen** passed away at the age of 43.
- Veteran actor and multi-faceted artiste **S.K. Padmadevi** passed away. she was part of the first Kannada talkie film 'Bhakta Dhruva' (1934).
- Former Foreign Secretary **K.P.S. Menon** passed away. He served as Foreign Secretary from 1987 to 1989 and also served as Ambassador to Bangladesh, Egypt, Japan, Hungary and China.
- Noted American Journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner **Robert Skinner Boyd** passed away.
- Former Indian cricketer **Madhav Apte** passed away.
- Ex-PTI correspondent **B R Vats**, who covered 1st LS polls, passes away.
- Telugu film actor **Venu Madhav** passed away. He was popular as a mimicry artist.
- Former French President **Jacques Chirac** passed away.
- American television producer & a four-time Emmy Award winner **J. Michael Mendel** passed away.

- **Boman Rashid Kohinoor**, senior partner at the iconic Britannia & Co restaurant (Mumbai) passed away.
- Veteran Bollywood actor **Viju Khote**, who is remembered for his role as Kalia in the classic movie Sholay passed away recently.

Countries | Capital | Currencies | PM | President

- Indonesian President: Joko Widodo; Currency: Indonesian rupiah.
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka; PM: Sheikh Hasina.
- Capital of Brazil: Brasilia; Currency of Brazil: Brazilian Real.
- Japan Capital: Tokyo; Currency: Japanese Yen; PM: Shinzo Abe.
- Capital of Czech Republic: Prague; Currency of Czech Republic: Czech koruna.
- Capital of Lesotho: Maseru; Currencies of Lesotho: South African rand, Lesotho loti.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital: Moscow.
- The Russian ruble is the currency of Russia.
- Afghanistan Capital: Kabul; Currency: Afghan Afghani.
- Capital of Maldives: Males; Currency of the Maldives: Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- Prime Minister of Norway: Erna Solberg; Norway Capital: Oslo, Currency: Norwegian krone.

International or Indian Organizations/Companies in News

- Chief Executive Officer of Google: Sundar Pichai.
- SBI Chairperson: Rajnish Kumar; Headquarters: Mumbai. Established: 1 July 1955.
- Headquarters of BSF: New Delhi; Established: 1 December 1965.
- A-WEB was established on October 14, 2013; Permanent Secretariat at: Seoul, South Korea.
- Chairman of ISRO: K. Sivan; Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- CEO of Amazon: Jeff Bezos; Established: 5 July 1994.
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland; Director general: Tedros Adhanom.
- Chairman of KVIC: Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- Chairman of CBFC: Prasoon Joshi.
- President of New Development Bank: K V Kamath; Headquarters: Shanghai, China.
- IDBI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, MD and CEO: Rakesh Sharma.
- Chairman of Central Bank of India: Rajeev Rishi.
- MD & CEO of Central Bank of India: Pallav Mohapatra.

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- Governor of RBI: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- MD & CEO of ICICI Bank: Sandeep Bakhshi; ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai. Tagline of ICICI Bank: Hum Hain Na!
- MD & CEO of Wipro: Abidali Z. Neemuchwala.
- Headquarters of Economist Intelligence Unit's: London, UK; Founded: 1946.
- Director of Central Bureau of Investigation: Rishi Kumar Shukla.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Headquarters of FIFA: Zurich, Switzerland.
- Secretary-General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres; Headquarters: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank: Jose Vinals; Headquarters: London, United Kingdom. Tagline: Your Right Partner.
- Chairperson of Central Board of Secondary Education: Anita Karwal.
- Managing Director & CEO of MCX: P S Reddy.

- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal; Lt. Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Governor of Kerala: Arif Mohammed Khan; Capital of Kerala: Thiruvananthapuram.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare: Harsh Vardhan.
- Minister of State of Youth Affairs and Sports: Kiren Rijiju.
- Union Minister of Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge): Shri Prahlad Singh Patel.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal; John Mathai was the first Railways Minister of Independent India

Other Static General Awareness Current Affairs

- Chief of the Army Staff: General Bipin Rawat.
- Chief Election Commissioner of India: Sunil Arora.
- Director-General of ESIC: Rajkumar; Chairman of SBI: Rajnish Kumar.

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- CM of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel.
- Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare: Harsh Vardhan.
- Capital of Rajasthan: Jaipur.
- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh; Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar; Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal.
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.