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Most Important Current Affairs

World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Ranking

World Bank has released **Ease of Doing business Rankings** which includes **190** countries. As per the rankings, **India** has jumped 14 places and has been ranked at **63rd among 190** countries. **New Zealand** and **Somalia** retained their **1st** and **190th** spot respectively. The indicator measures the performance of countries across **10 different dimensions** in the 12-month period ending **May 1, 2019**.

From 2020, the World Bank has expanded its ease of doing business survey to **2 more cities: Bengaluru** and **Kolkata** in addition to **Delhi** and **Mumbai** that are currently surveyed. The World Bank has decided to have four cities from every country with a population above **100 million**.

Key **findings** of the Report:

- **India** has become one of the **top 10** most improved countries for the third consecutive time.
- The country's **score** improved from 67.3 (in 2018) to **71.0 (in 2019)**, as per The Doing Business 2020 study.
- **India** saw the biggest jump in ranking in the "**resolving insolvency**" category from 108th to **52nd** on the back of the government implementing the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
- **India's** ranking improved substantially in "**dealing with construction permits**" (from 52nd to **27th**) and "**trading across borders**" (from 80th to **68th**).
- **India's** ranking improved in "**registering property**" from 166th to **154th** despite a drop in score.

Crime in India Report 2017

National Crime Records Bureau has released the annual "**Crime in India Report 2017**". The report has been released after a delay of 2 years.

Key **findings** of the report are:

- According to the report, **3.59 lakh** cases of crime against **women** were reported in the country. **Uttar Pradesh** topped the list with 56,011 cases followed by Maharashtra with 31,979 cases and West Bengal 30,002 in cases of crime against women.
- Majority of cases under crimes against women were registered under '**Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives**' (27.9%) followed by 'Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty' (21.7%), 'Kidnapping & Abduction of Women' (20.5%) and 'Rape' (7.0%).
- The NCRB report also cited 58,880 incidents of rioting in 2017. **Maximum incidents** of rioting were reported from **Bihar (11,698)**, followed by Uttar Pradesh (8,990) and Maharashtra (7,743).

- The incidents registered under the Scheduled Caste Prevention of Atrocities Act saw an increase from 5,082 incidents reported in 2016 to 5,775 in 2017.
- Incidents of crime related to Scheduled Tribes dipped from 844 in 2016 to 720 in 2017.
- A total of 95,893 cases of kidnapping and abduction were registered during 2017.
- The NCRB for the first time collected data on circulation of "**false/fake news and rumours**". Under the category, maximum incidents were reported from **Madhya Pradesh (138)** followed by Uttar Pradesh (32) and Kerala (18).
- A total of 28,653 murder cases were registered across the country in 2017 and enmity cited as the maximum triggers for such murders. Among Union Territories, **Delhi** recorded the most **murder cases** in 2017 at 487.

BPRD releases "Data on Police Organizations (DoPO 2018)"

Bureau of Police Research and Development's flagship publication "**Data on Police Organizations**" (**DoPO 2018**) was released in **New Delhi**. It is an important compilation of information on police infrastructure, manpower and other resources from all States, Union Territories, CAPFs and CPOs.

Major **highlights** of the DoPO 2018:

- There has been an increase of **19,686 Police personnel** in the sanctioned strength of the State Police and 16,051 in the strength of CAPFs
- There has been **20.95% increase** in the strength of **Woman Police** which brings the total percentage of women in the Indian Police to **8.73%**
- The overall **Police Population Ratio** at the state level stood at **192.95 policemen per lakh** population
- Police Stations have increased from 15579 to 16422. This includes **Cyber Police Stations** whose number has risen from 84 to 120.
- **Electronic surveillance** has improved with addition of 2,10,278 CCTV Cameras.

HBR's list of 10 best performing CEOs has 3 Indian-origin CEOs

- The **Best-Performing CEOs in the World, 2019'** list compiled by the **Harvard Business Review (HBR)** features **100 CEOs**.
- The list has been **topped** by American technology company **NVIDIA's CEO Jensen Huang**. Among the **top 10 chief executives** on the list, **3 spots** have been occupied by the **Indian-origin CEOs**.

- **Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen** was ranked **6th**, followed by **MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga** was ranked **7th** and **Microsoft chief Satya Nadella** on the **9th** spot. The list also features India-born CEO of DBS Bank Piyush Gupta on the 89th spot. Apple CEO Tim Cook was ranked 62nd in the list. The 2019 list has 4 female CEOs in the top 50 of the rankings.
- The HBR took into account three metrics for each CEO's tenure: the total shareholder return (including dividends reinvested) adjusted by country and by industry and change in market capitalisation (adjusted for dividends, share issues, and share repurchases), measured in inflation-adjusted USD.

National Affairs

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated **Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu (Bridge)** which is named in honour of Colonel Chewang Rinchen and has been **constructed** by the **Border Road Organization** at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region.
- Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (IC), Prahlad Singh Patel launched the **E-Portal of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) 'Digital Bharat Digital Sanskriti'** and CCRT YouTube Channel in New Delhi. Film '**Rahas: Raaslila of Chhattisgarh**' directed by Sunil Shukla and a book "**Dewas ki Sanskritik Parampara**" written by Jeewan Singh Thakur was also released.
- The **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)** has launched a cinema advertisement campaign '**Feed Our Future**' to raise awareness and take steps against **hunger** and **malnutrition** in India.
- Government of India has decided to **open** the entire area from **Siachen base camp to Kumar Post for tourism purposes**. The step has been taken to boost tourism in Ladakh.
- **Indian Railways** has installed the most advanced **Electronic Interlocking System** on the **Grand Chord route** reducing the travel time between Delhi and Howrah to about 12 hours from the existing 17 to 19 hours. Grand Chord is part of the Howrah-Gaya-Delhi line and Howrah-Allahabad-Mumbai line.
- **IIM Kozhikode** and **Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Ltd.** have announced a special drive Labelled as "**La Eve (meaning The Woman)**" to support women entrepreneurs in the country.
- '**Maharatna**' status has been granted by the Government to state-owned **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited** and **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited**.
- The Ministry of **Health and Family Welfare** will observe the **Vigilance Awareness Week** from 28th October to 2nd November, 2019 with the theme of "**Integrity-a way of life**".
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the **merger** of loss-making telecom firms **BSNL** and **MTNL** as part of a revival package.

- The Centre's first-ever common foundation course "**Aarambh**" (Beginning) for 2019 batch probationer civil servants has begun at the **Statue of Unity** in Kevadia, **Gujarat** with the theme '**How to achieve the goal of making India a 5 trillion dollar economy**'.
- After the implementation of "**Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**" from **31st October 2019**, the total number of **states** in the country has reduced to **28** while the total **Union Territories** will go up to **nine**.

States in the News

- The State Cabinet of **Assam** has decided to make **government jobs** out of bounds for people with **more than 2 children** and policy will come into effect from **January 1, 2021**.
- **Ladakh** administration is organizing the first-ever **Ladakh Literature** festival to celebrate the uniqueness of the region in the fields of Art, Culture and Literature.
- **Odisha** has inked a Letter of Understanding on "**drink from tap mission**" with the **United Nations Children's Fund** to provide piped quality drinking water supply to each household on a 24-hour basis.
- **Odisha** has launched "**Odisha Mo Parivar**" (**Odisha, My Family**) programme which aims to encourage environment protection, blood donation and the welfare of Odias in distress.
- **Tamil Nadu** has become the **1st state** in the country to enact a **law on contract farming** after the approval of **Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2019**.

International Affairs

- **Sri Lanka** has been removed from the "**Grey List**" of the international terror financing watchdog **FATF** as Sri Lanka made significant progress in addressing the strategic AML/CFT deficiencies identified earlier.
- The world's oldest, 8,000-year-old pearl natural pearl named '**Abu Dhabi Pearl**' has been discovered on **Marawah Island** off **Abu Dhabi**, the capital of the **United Arab Emirates**.

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- **Prime Minister of Lebanon, Saad Hariri** has resigned from the portfolio amid anti-government protests.
- The **38th edition** of the **Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2019** was inaugurated by Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, UAE with the **theme 'Open Books Open Minds'**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **AYUSH** ministry has signed an **MoU** with the **Defence Ministry** to provide **traditional medicine services** at the armed forces' hospitals and dispensaries. **Ayurveda Palliative Care Unit** was inaugurated at the Base Hospital in the **Delhi Cantonment**.
- **Grasim Industries Limited** has signed a definitive agreement to form a **joint venture** company in India with **Maschinenfabrik Reinhausen GmbH (MR)** of Germany for the manufacturing and sale of **Composite Hollow Core Insulators**.
- The **Government e-Marketplace** signed a **MoU** with **Federal Bank** to offer services including transfer of funds through GeM Pool Accounts (GPA), advising of Performance Bank Guarantees (e-PBG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to the registered users on the portal.
- The Government of **India**, Government of **Odisha** and the **World Bank** have signed a **USD 165 million** loan agreement for Odisha's **Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture**.
- **Indian Overseas Bank** in association with **Universal Sompo General Insurance Co Ltd.** has launched upgraded health care plus insurance policy designed for IOB customers with a sum insured starting from **₹50,000** and going up to **₹15 lakh**.

Books and Authors

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a book titled '**Bridgital Nation**' in New Delhi and authored by **N Chandrasekaran**, Chairman, Tata Sons and Roopa Purushothaman Eminent industrialist.
- **Kashi Nath Pandit's** new book entitled "**Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics**", published by Academic Foundation.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **SBI Card** announced the launch of '**SBI Card Pay**', a feature which allows contactless payment using mobile phones at PoS terminals.
- **Vreedhi Financial Services (VFS)** has secured a **non-banking finance company licence** from the **Reserve Bank of India** to provide credit and other services to micro-enterprises operating in tier II-III cities and small towns.
- **RBI** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 35 lakh** on **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** for violating norms on **fraud classification and notification**.

Appointments/Resignations

- SBI chairman **Rajnish Kumar** will succeed Sunil Mehta as the new chairman of **Indian Banks' Association**. The MD & CEO of IDBI Bank **Rakesh Sharma** will be honorary **secretary of IBA** for 2019-20.
- The Ministry of External Affairs appoints **Upender Singh Rawat**, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Panama will be concurrently accredited as the **next Ambassador** of India to the Republic of **Nicaragua**.
- **Ashok Malik** has been appointed as the **Policy Advisor** in the **External Affairs Ministry** in the rank of Additional Secretary.
- The Ministry of External Affairs notified that **Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas** has been concurrently accredited as the next **Ambassador** of India to the Republic of **Cabo Verde**. He will replace Rajeev Kumar.
- The Government of India appointed IAS officer **Pankaj Kumar** as the new **CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India**.
- One of India's most decorated captains **Sourav Ganguly** takes over as the **39th President** of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**).
- **Mahim Verma** of Uttarakhand is the new **Vice President of BCCI**.
- Senior BJP leader **Manohar Lal Khattar** was sworn in as the **chief minister of Haryana** for second straight time and **Dushyant Chautala** took oath as **deputy chief minister of Haryana**.
- **Birender Singh Yadav** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador of India** to the **Republic of Iraq**.
- Justice **Sharad Arvind Bobde** was appointed as the **47th Chief Justice of India** and will take oath as the CJI on November 18th, a day after incumbent Ranjan Gogoi demits office.
- The Union Government has appointed **Girish Chandra Murmu** and **Radha Krishna Mathur** as the 1st Lieutenant Governors of **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** and **Ladakh** respectively.
- **Satya Pal Malik** has been appointed as Governor of **Goa** and **P S Sreedharan Pillai** has been appointed as the 15th governor of **Mizoram**.
- **Rafael Mariano Grossi** of Argentina has been elected as the new **Director-General** of the **International Atomic Energy Agency**.
- Former Mumbai Police Commissioner and Maharashtra DGP **Datta Padsalgikar** have been appointed as **Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA)**.

Defence News

- The **India-Myanmar** Naval Exercise called **IMNEX-2019** is being organised in **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh. The exercise would be conducted in two phases: Harbour phase and Sea Phase.
- 2-day long manoeuvres by **Sudarshan Chakra Vahini** of Indian Army Started at **Jaisalmer**, field firing range in Rajasthan.

- The **Defence Acquisition Council** has approved 3 projects worth **Rs 3,300 crore** of “indigenously designed and developed equipments”. The projects include 3rd generation Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (**ATGM**) and Auxiliary Power Units (**APUs**) for the T-72 and T-90 Tanks to be executed by the Indian industry.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** has started work to produce **hypersonic weapon missiles** that travel at 5 times speed of sound, or a little over a mile every second.
- The **Indian Army (IA)** is to conduct exercise codenamed “**Sindhu Sudarshan**” for the year 2019 in the deserts of **Rajasthan** to evaluate the capability of the defence services in an integrated air-land battle.
- The bilateral ‘**Exercise SHAKTI**’ between the armies of **India** and **France** will be conducted at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, **Rajasthan**.

Awards and Recognitions

- Vice President **Venkaiyah Naidu** presented the “**Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award**” to the scholar, legal luminary and former Attorney General of India **K Parasaran** on the occasion of Elder’s Day celebration.
- **Jennifer Aniston** to receive **People’s Icon Award 2019** at the 2019 **People’s Choice Awards**.
- Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt-starrer “**Gully Boy**” won the **best film from India** award in the regional finals at the **Asian Academy Creative Awards ceremony**.
- Netflix series “**Delhi Crime**” has won in a number of categories at the **Asian Academy Creative Awards**. Delhi Crime won for **Best Actress, Best Direction, Best Drama Series, Best Editing** and **Best Original Programme**.
- The **Mohun Bagan Athletic Club** has conferred **life membership** to Nobel laureate **Abhijit Banerjee**.
- The European Parliament has awarded the **Sakharov Prize** to Uighur intellectual **Ilham Tohti** for his attempts to “foster dialogue” between Chinese people and the Uighur.
- President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the first **National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards** to the **companies** for their outstanding contribution in the area of Corporate Social Responsibility. The CSR provisions under the Companies Act, 2013 came into force from April 1, 2014.

Summit and Conference

- The **18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit** has been scheduled to be held between 25 October and 26 October 2019 in Baku, **Azerbaijan**.
- The **1st India-Bangladesh Stakeholders’ meet** was held in **Guwahati**. Bangladesh was represented by Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi.
- The **Global Bio-India 2019** will be held for the first time in India in **New Delhi** from 21st to 23rd November, 2019.

- The **9th edition of Bangladesh-India Friendship Dialogue** will be held at **Cox Bazar** in **Bangladesh** from November 1, 2019.

Ranks and Reports

- The **IIT Bombay** has **topped** all Indian Institutes in the 2nd edition of **Quacquarelli Symonds India University Rankings 2020** with an overall score of 88.5 followed by IISc Bangalore (ranked 2 with 84.7 score) & IIT Delhi ranked 3rd with score of 82.2.
- Microsoft co-founder **Bill Gates** overtook Jeff Bezos to become the **world’s richest person**.

Sports News

- **Kuhoo Garg** and **Dhruv Rawat** win the badminton **mixed doubles** title at the **Egypt International 2019** in Cairo, **Egypt**.
- Indian cyclist **Ronaldo Singh** bagged a **gold medal** and **James Singh** clinched a **bronze medal** in the men’s junior **Keirin event** at the **Asian Track Cycling Championships** being held at Incheon in **South Korea**.
- **Great Britain** defeated **India** in the finals of the **9th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2019**, an international men’s under-21 field hockey tournament, held at Johor Bahru, **Malaysia**. India’s Shilanand Lakra emerged as a top scorer; Japan’s Kosei Kawabe named as the Best Player and Oliver Payne of Great Britain was named GoalKeeper of the tournament.
- **Raunak Sadhwani** has becomes India’s **65th Grandmaster**. He defeated Russian GM Alexander Motylev to become the Grandmaster at the age of 13 years, 9 months and 28 days.
- Canadian player **Denis Shapovalov** defeated Filip Krajinovic by 6-4, 6-4 to win the **Stockholm Open title**.
- **Riya Bhati** defeated Slovenian player Nastja Kolar 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 to win the **ITF women’s tennis** tournament in Lagos, **Nigeria**.

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- Indian cricketer **Rohit Sharma** smashed the former Australia cricketer Don Bradman's record of **highest average** in **Test cricket** on **home soil**. He broke the 71-year-old record that was previously held by Bradman by scoring an average of 99.84.
- Former South Africa skipper **Graeme Smith** and Former Australian off-spinner **Tim May** has been elected an **Honorary Life Member** of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- Para-athlete **Anandan Gunasekaran** has won **2 gold medals** in the disabled men's 100m and 400m IT1 events at the **7th CISM World Military Games** held in Wuhan, China.
- **Bengal Warriors** defeated Dabang Delhi in the final of **7th season of Vivo Pro Kabaddi League 2019**. Most Valuable Player award of the League was bagged by Naveen Kumar from Dabang Delhi.
- The **logo** "circular design with Paris 2024 in the art deco style incorporating the lips and outline of Marianne, the personification of the French Republic since the revolution in 1789" for the **Paris 2024 Olympic Games** unveiled at a ceremony in the French capital.
- Veteran Mumbai all-rounder **Abhishek Nayar** has announced his **retirement** from all forms of **cricket**.
- **Praveen Kumar** defeated Philippines' Russel Diaz by 2-1 in the **men's sanda event** in the **48kg** category and became the **1st Indian man** to win a **gold medal** at the **Wushu World Championships**.
- **Poonam** in women's 75kg category and **Sanathoi Devi** in women's 52kg category secured **silver medals** while **Vikrant Baliyan** bagged the **bronze** in the men's 60kg category at the **Wushu World Championships**.
- **Karnataka** defeated Tamil Nadu by 9 wickets in the finals to win the 2019-20 **Vijay Hazare Trophy**.
- Indian Fast bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** and batswoman **Smriti Mandhana** has won the **Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award**. The book titled "**Cricket Country: The Untold History of the First All India Team**" by Prashant Kidambi was adjudged the Wisden India Book of the Year 2019 (Published by Penguin India).
- **Prithvi Sekhar** beats Jaroslav Smedek to clinch the men's singles title in **World Deaf Tennis Championships 2019** held in Antalya, Turkey.
- Indian men's doubles pair **Chirag Shetty** and **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** has won the **silver medal** in the men's doubles event at **French Open**.
- The **International Cricket Council** has banned **Bangladesh** Test and T20 Captain **Shakib Al Hasan** for 2 years from all forms of cricket for not reporting to the ICC that he was approached by the bookies.

- Mercedes' driver **Lewis Hamilton** has won the **Mexican Grand Prix 2019**.
- The **Zozo Championship 2019** tournament title was clinched by America's **Tiger Woods**.
- Indian boxer **Shiva Thapa** and **Pooja Rani** has clinched **gold medal** while **Ashish** settled for a **silver**, in Olympic Test Event for Boxing in Tokyo, Japan.

Important Days

- **World Statistics Day** is observed on **October 20**, once every 5 years. The theme is "**Better Data, Better Lives**". The day acknowledges the fundamental importance of sustainable national statistical capacity.
- The **United Nations** observes **World Development Information Day** on **24 October** every year.
- **24th October** has been celebrated as **United Nations Day** since 1948. UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. United Nations will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN in 2020 with inclusive global conversation on the role of global cooperation in building the future we want.
- **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage** was celebrated on **27th of October** with the theme "**Engage the Past Through Sound and Images**".
- **India** is celebrating the **144th birth anniversary** of **Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel** i.e. **31st October** as **National Unity Day**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** observed **31st October** as **World Cities Day** with the theme "**Changing the world: innovations and better life for future generations**" to discuss how urbanization can be used to achieve sustainable development.

Obituaries

- Writer, philosopher and one of the founder members of Dalitha Sangharsha Samithi **K.B. Siddaiah** passed away.
- Former Co-Chief executive Officer (CEO) of Oracle **Mark Hurd**, passed away.
- **Dadu Chougule**, wrestler and recipient of Major Dhyanchand award, passed away.
- **Marieke Vervoort**, Belgian Paralympic athlete has ended her life at the age of 40 through euthanasia (the practice of intentionally ending a life to relieve pain and suffering).
- Former Gujarat Chief Minister **Dilip Parikh** passed away.
- Padma Shri awardee & India's oldest Yoga teacher **Nanammal** passed away.
- **N. Venkatachala**, former judge of the Supreme Court and former **Lokayukta of Karnataka** passed away.
- Actor and comedian **John Witherspoon** passed away recently.
- 1st female UN refugee chief **Sadako Ogata** passed away.

Miscellaneous News

- IIT Kharagpur graduate **Debayan Saha** has invented a device called “**PM 2.5**” which he claimed when fitted near the silencer pipe in vehicles will **curb air pollution**.
- A team of German researchers from the University of Ulm and Freiburg(Germany) discovered the **Saharan silver ant** which is the **fastest of the world’s** 12,000 known ant species, clocking 855 millimetres nearly a metre per second in Douz area of **Tunisia** in Northern Sahara. Its scientific name is *Cataglyphis bombycina*.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India** has imposed penalties of **Rs 1.01 crore** on **Cholamandalam MS GIC** for violations observed during an inspection.
- Bollywood actress **Deepika Padukone** and Indian badminton player **PV Sindhu** were named the ambassadors for **Bharat Ki Laxmi**, an initiative to celebrate the contribution & accomplishments of women of the nation for the public good. The hashtag for the initiative is #BharatKiLaxmi.
- The Amazon’s male white **Bellbird** is the **world’s loudest bird** which hits 125.4 decibels.
- The **Vijaya Bank Heritage Museum** has been inaugurated at the headquarters of the erstwhile Vijaya Bank i.e. **Bengaluru** having a rare collection of photos through which the growth of the bank is showcased.
- J&K’s **Chenani-Nashri Tunnel**, a 9 km-long tunnel that reduces the distance between Jammu and Srinagar by 31 km has been **renamed** as **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Tunnel**.
- **Indian Railways** has launched ‘**one touch ATVM**’ to render fast ticketing to millions of commuters at 42 suburban stations of Central Railway over Mumbai Suburban Network.
- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police** celebrated its **58th Raising Day** on 24th October 2019.
- **CBSE and NCERT** have launched an online aptitude test “Try And Measure Aptitude And Natural Abilities (**Tamanna**)” to help students of Class 9 and 10 to make a better choice of subjects, eventually helping them in making an informed decision while choosing subjects in Class 11 and 12.
- **Facebook** has unveiled a ‘**Preventive Health**’ tool in the **United States**. The tool connects people to health resources and sends check-up reminders.
- **Nepalese** mountaineer **Nirmal Purja**, created a new speed record by climbing the world’s 14 highest peaks over 8,000 metres (26,250 feet) in just **189 days**.
- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has released a special **commemorative coin** on **Paramahansa Yogananda** to mark Paramahansa Yogananda’s **125th birth anniversary**.
- Researchers from the **Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad (IIIT-H)**, **Telangana** have created the first-ever ‘**Indian brain atlas**’ (IBA).
- The government of **Pakistan** released a new coin worth **Pakistan Rupees 50** to commemorate the **550th anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak**.

Static Takeaways

- IRDAI Chairman: Subhash Chandra Khuntia; Headquarters: Hyderabad.
- President of France: Emmanuel Macron; Capital: Paris; Currency: Euro, CFP Franc.
- Headquarters of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS): London, United Kingdom.
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka; PM: Sheikh Hasina.
- DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy; Formed: 1958; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Headquarters of UIDAI: New Delhi.
- Union Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- Union Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh.
- Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Chief of the Army Staff: General Bipin Rawat.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- MD & CEO of Federal Bank: Shyam Srinivasan; Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner
- The headquarters of FATF is in Paris, France.
- Ranil Wickremesinghe is the current Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.
- CEO of the Indian Banks’ Association: V. G. Kannan; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Capital of Nicaragua: Managua; Currency: Nicaraguan Cordoba.
- Capital of Egypt: Cairo; Currency: Egyptian pound.
- South Korea Capital: Seoul; Currency: South Korean won.
- Director of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training: Rishi Kumar Vashist; CCRT Established: 1979.
- Executive Director of World Food Programme: David Beasley; Formed: 19 December 1961.
- CEO of SBI Card: Hardayal Prasad; Founded: October 1998.

Special Offer

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