

Current Affairs Tonic for IBPS PO Mains 2019


RBI Enhances Scope Of Non-Resident Rupee Accounts

- ✚ The RBI expanded the scope of **Special Non-Resident Rupee Accounts (SNRR account)** by permitting non-residents to open such accounts for rupee-denominated overseas borrowings, trade credit and trade invoicing for popularising cross-border transactions in the domestic currency.
- ✚ Any person resident outside India, having a business interest in India, can open a non-interest bearing **Special Non-Resident Rupee Account (SNRR account)** with a bank for bona fide transactions in rupees. The restriction on the tenure of SNRR account, which is currently 7 years, has also been removed. RBI has also modified norms regarding re-export of unsold rough diamonds from the special notified zone of Customs without **export declaration form (EDF)** formality.

Amaravati included in India map as the capital of Andhra Pradesh

- ✚ The **Survey of India**, India's central engineering agency in charge of mapping and surveying has released an updated map of India with **Amaravati as the capital of Andhra Pradesh (AP)**. Amaravati had been missing from the previous map released by the Centre On November 2, 2019, which showed Hyderabad as the common capital of **Telangana & Andhra Pradesh**.
- ✚ The state of AP was bifurcated in the year 2014 and while it was initially decided that Hyderabad would serve as the common administrative capital for a period of **10 years**.

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Justice SA Bobde takes oath as 47th Chief Justice of India

- ✚ Justice **Sharad Arvind Bobde** took oath as the **47th Chief Justice of India**.
- ✚ President Ram Nath Kovind administered him the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice Bobde succeeds Justice Ranjan Gogoi, who retired on 17 November.
- ✚ Justice Bobde will have a tenure of around 18 months till his retirement on April 23, 2021. Justice Bobde was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court on April 12, 2013.
- ✚ He was part of the five-judge constitution bench which delivered the landmark Ayodhya verdict.

Home Ministry launches campaign to End Violence Against Women

- ✚ The **Home Ministry** in collaboration with the **UN Women** flagged off an awareness campaign To End Violence Against Women from Sultanpur metro station in Delhi.
- ✚ The initiative is part of the **#OrangeTheWorld** global campaign.
- ✚ As part of the campaign, people would be made aware about India's single emergency helpline 112, an internationally recognised emergency number used in several countries.
- ✚ Under the campaign, people would be made aware of India's single emergency Response Support System helpline 112, which is launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs earlier in 2019.
- ✚ The **112 helpline services**, available in 27 States/UTs (Union Territories), can be reached through voice call, 112 India App, SMS (Short message service), email, respective state's 112 websites, and the panic button on mobile phones.

Parliament passes Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2019

- ✚ Parliament has passed the **Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019**. The Bill seeks to amend the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951.
- ✚ It has a provision to remove the President of the Congress party as a trustee and clarifies that when there is no Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the leader of the single largest Opposition party will be the trustee.
- ✚ The Bill also allows the Central government to terminate the term of a nominated trustee before the expiry of the period of his term, without assigning any reason.

Devendra Fadnavis takes oath as CM of Maharashtra

- Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP has taken oath as Maharashtra Chief Minister for a second time. Ajit Pawar of the NCP has also taken oath as Deputy Chief Minister.
- Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath to the two leaders. The BJP and NCP have formed an alliance to give a new government to Maharashtra after nearly a month-long wait after the results.

Union Cabinet recommends President's rule in Maharashtra

- President Ram Nath Kovind has signed the proclamation imposing **President's rule** in **Maharashtra**. The Union Cabinet has recommended the President rule on the report of the Governor invoking **Article 356** of the constitution in the state. The present-day Maharashtra came into existence on 1st may, 1960 and this is the **3rd time the state has come under the central rule**.
- Article 356**, commonly known as **President's rule** is applied where **'constitutional machinery has failed'**. This implies that, whenever the state government is unable to function in accordance with the constitution, the state will come under the president rule i.e. under the direct control of the central government or the Government of India. In the above situation, the central government exercises executive authority through the Governor who is appointed by the Government of India.

Important points to be remembered:

- President's rule was imposed for the first time in India in the state of Punjab in 1951.
- The President's rule was imposed for the first time in Maharashtra in 1980 and the second time in 2014.
- Presently, **Maharashtra** is the **only Indian state** where **President's Rule** has been imposed.

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Sri Lanka becomes 1st South Asian country to call match fixing a crime

- Sri Lanka has become the **first South Asian nation** to bring **match-fixing cases** to the **category of crime** as its parliament passed a bill related to **'Prevention of Offences Related to Sports'**. This new legislation related to match-fixing and corruption will apply to all sports & if a person is found guilty of corruption in the game, he can be punished for up to 10 years and also be required to pay other fines.

National Affairs

- The Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Agriculture inaugurated the **SARAS India International Trade Fair (IITF) Mela 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched **'SAANS'** campaign in Gujarat during the inauguration of 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable practices and innovations.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the supply of special **winter-grade diesel for high altitude Ladakh**, which faces sub-zero temperatures during the winter months.
- Meghalaya-based** insurgent group, **Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC)** has been banned by the central government for its increased activities of violence and other subversive acts.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the establishment of the **National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh, Ladakh**.
- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai informed that **Census 2021 will be conducted in 16 languages**.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of **Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)** Dr Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the **'Destination North East' Festival** in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 23rd November 2019.
- Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurating the **11th edition of Agro Vision-2019**, an Agricultural exhibition at Reshimbag Ground of Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- As a mark of tribute to one of the most decorated soldiers of Indian **Army Late Naib Subedar Chuni Lal**, an Army Goodwill Park was dedicated at his native village Bhara in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir.
- The **5th edition of Global Exhibition on Services (GES 2019)** will be held at **Bengaluru, Karnataka**, to engage industry and governments across the world and to promote greater exchange of trade in services between India and the rest of the world.
- Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the **India Pavilion** at the **Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC)**.

- ✦ The Government of India has given approval for setting up **four medical device parks** in **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala** with a view to support Make in India initiative and provide world-class products at an affordable price for treatment.
- ✦ The Supreme Court **five-judge bench** led by **Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi** ruled that the **office of Chief Justice** comes under the **transparency law, the Right to Information (RTI) Act**.
- ✦ Union Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan inaugurated an exhibition of **Technologies in Food Processing** developed by **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** organized in **New Delhi**.
- ✦ Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the programme called **'Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan'**.
- ✦ **39th India International Trade Fair 2019** begins in **New Delhi** with the theme of **'Ease of Doing Business'**. This year the status of **'Partner Country'** has been accorded to **'The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan'** and **'The Republic of Korea'** will be the **'Focus Country'**. **Bihar** and **Jharkhand** will be the **focus states** in this edition of the fair.
- ✦ The **Khadi Pavilion** has been inaugurated at the **India International Trade Fair (IITF)** in **New Delhi**. The Pavilion entrance has been themed upon Sabarmati Ashram, with melodious Shehnai celebrating the 'spirit of Indianness'.
- ✦ **India** will **contribute USD 13.5 million** for various operational activities of development across the **UN** agencies for the year **2020**.

States in the News

- ✦ **Gujarat** Government has given approval to the **world's first CNG terminal** at Bhavnagar port, Gujarat. Joint venture of United Kingdom-based **Foresight Group** and **Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group** will invest 1,900 crore in the project.
- ✦ The **Ministry of Environment** has granted clearance to the **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd** to set up a ₹ 766-crore **2G ethanol plant** in **Haryana's Panipat** district.
- ✦ The **Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights** is going to launch a mobile app **Sishu Suraksha** on the occasion of **Children's Day** to empower citizens to take moral responsibility for protecting future generations.
- ✦ The festival **'Bali Yatra'** which is organised every year in memory of the rich maritime history of the state, was inaugurated in Cuttack, **Odisha** at the bank of Mahanadi River.
- ✦ **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, **e-Ganna App**, for sugarcane farmers of the state which will ensure transparency in the process of getting slips, and facilitate sugarcane supply by farmers to mills and check irregularities.

- ✦ **Andhra Pradesh** government has launched the **'Nadu-Nedu'** programme which aims to **introduce English** medium from classes 1 to 6 in state-run schools. It will cover all schools in three years' time with a budget of **Rs 12,000 crores**.
- ✦ **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** has inaugurated **North India's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol** direct from sugarcane. The mill was inaugurated in **Pipraich area of Gorakhpur**.
- ✦ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated **Sisseri Bridge**, built by the Border Road Organisation (BRO) on Pasighat-Bomjir Highway, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✦ National Health Mission Jammu & Kashmir, has launched the **Bio-Medical Equipment Waste Management Programme (BMEWMP)** in the **Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**.
- ✦ Meghalaya Chief Minister has Inaugurated the **4th International Cherry Blossom Festival 2019** held in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- ✦ The **green tea and white tea** of Darjeeling have been registered as a **geographical indication (GI)** products in the country.
- ✦ **Assam Govt** approves **Arundhati scheme** to provide **1 Tola Gold to Brides free of cost**.
- ✦ In Jammu, the Directorate of School Education (DSEJ) has launched a special enrollment drive under the **banner 'Aao School Chalein'** for increasing the enrollment in government schools.
- ✦ **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a project that will connect **500 secondary schools** to virtual classrooms and schools in the state facing a shortage of teachers will benefit from the new technology.
- ✦ The **Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** has installed first of its kind high-end reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) machines in India for quick detection of diseases like **dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu**.
- ✦ **Assam** Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** released the **new Land Policy 2019** prepared by Revenue and Disaster Management Department. The Land Policy was approved by Cabinet on 21st October and it has been prepared by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department after 30 years.
- ✦ **Jammu and Kashmir** have achieved the highest road length in the country this year so far under a **Centre's rural roads' programme** with the completion of around 11,400 kilometres covering 1,838 habitations.
- ✦ The first flight from **Kalaburagi Airport** to Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru took off after the inauguration of Kalaburagi airport by the **Chief Minister of Karnataka**. The airport has been built under the UDAN-RCS Scheme of Govt.
- ✦ Every year the **State of Manipur celebrates the "Manipur Sangai Festival"** from 21st to 30th November. The 'Festival' is named after the State **animal, Sangai**, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur. It started in the year 2010 and has grown over the years into a big platform for Manipur to showcase its rich tradition and culture to the world.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- ✦ **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry** has signed a **MoU** with **Singapore Fintech Association (SFA)** as part of the growing Singapore-India fintech ecosystems during the 4th edition of **Singapore Fintech Festival**.
- ✦ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the **merger** of the **BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund** and the **Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund**, under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- ✦ Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), **Chandigarh** signed a **MoU** with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Bombay** to promote collaborative research.
- ✦ The Centre and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed an agreement to extend 91 million US dollar loan to modernize the **Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems** and prepare river basin management plans in the Krishna river basin.
- ✦ **ICICI Lombard** has been partnering with **Fino Payments Bank** to offer non-life insurance solutions to its customers. As part of this association, ICICI Lombard has introduced several innovative insurance solutions that complement Fina's technology-enabled platforms and harness its customer reach.
- ✦ The Union ministry of health and family welfare signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) with **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**.
- ✦ **IIM Indore** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)**, Mussoorie. The MoU has been signed with a view to exchange faculty members for various training programme.

International

- ✦ Mauritius's incumbent Prime Minister **Pravind Jugnauth** was sworn in for a **five-year term** after elections in which his coalition consolidated its grip on parliament.

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- ✦ **Iran** has discovered a new oilfield with **53 billion barrels** of crude oil in **Khuzestan province**, home to Iran's Khuzestan's crucial oil industry.
- ✦ **Sri Lanka's** former Defence Secretary **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** has won the Presidential election.
- ✦ **The Ocean Dance Festival 2019 kicked off** in Cox Bazar of **Bangladesh**. Ocean Dance Festival is the largest international dance festival of Bangladesh in which more than 200 dancers, choreographers and scholars from **15 countries** are participating.

Books and Authors

- ✦ Chief Justice of India Justice **Ranjan Gogoi** released the **Assamese version** of the book '**Courts of India: Past to Present**' in Guwahati, Assam.
- ✦ Union Minister for **Jal Shakti** released a short documentary film on Water Conservation named '**SHIKHAR SE PUKAR**' in New Delhi. The film has been made to promote '**Jalshakti Abhiyan**' and is based on the Journey of an IAS Officer Ravindra Kumar.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- ✦ The **Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB)** has launched '**mobile ATMs**' in **Kalaburagi**, among several other districts in the Karnataka.
- ✦ As per the report titled "**Furthering Digital Payments**" released by the **Reserve Bank of India**, banks can no longer charge savings bank account holders for online transactions in the **NEFT** system from **January 2020**.
- ✦ The economic research team from the **State Bank of India (SBI)** has revised **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** to **5%** from its earlier estimate of **6.1%** for the **Fiscal Year 2020** in their report titled "**EcoWrap**".
- ✦ **Moody's Investors Service** has slashed **India's economic growth** forecast to **5.6%** for the fiscal year **2019**.
- ✦ The **Government of India** has issued fresh rules under the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)** to govern the rescue of non-bank lenders. Reserve Bank of India has been given the authority to decide which companies will be taken up to a bankruptcy tribunal under these rules.
- ✦ The **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** has pegged India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2019-20 at **4.9%** as against **6.8% in 2018 (or FY-19)**.
- ✦ The **Reserve Bank of India** superseded the board of debt-laden **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL)** as it intends to shortly initiate the process of resolution of the company under the insolvency and bankruptcy rules.
- ✦ **Muthoot Finance Ltd**, the largest gold loan **non-banking finance company** in the country, entered into a definitive agreement to acquire **IDBI Asset Management Ltd** and **IDBI Mutual Fund Trustee Company Ltd**.

Appointments/Resignations

- ✦ The **Ministry of external affairs (MEA)** announced **Anjani Kumar** was the next ambassador of India to the **Republic of Mali**.
- ✦ Justice **Sanjay Karol** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice of Patna High Court**.
- ✦ Justice **Amreshwar Pratap Sahi** was sworn-in as **Chief Justice of the Madras High Court**.
- ✦ **All India Football Federation** has announced the appointment of **Thomas Dennerby** (Sweden) as the **Indian head coach** of the **Women's U-17 football team**. The FIFA U-17 women's football World Cup 2020 will be hosted by India.
- ✦ **Mohammad Imran** has been appointed as the **new High Commissioner of Bangladesh** to India. He will succeed Syed Muazzem Ali.
- ✦ British-Dutch consumer goods company **Unilever** has named non-executive director **Nils Andersen** as its **new chairman**. He will replace Marijn Dekkers.
- ✦ **India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)** has appointed **G Kamala Vardhana Rao** as the **new Chairman and Managing Director**.
- ✦ **Prakash Javadekar** took charge as the **Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises** after the resignation of Shiv Sena leader Arvind Sawant from the Union Cabinet.
- ✦ Justice **Muhammad Raffiq** took oath as **Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court**. He succeeds Ajay Kumar Mittal who is now the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- ✦ **Arsene Wenger** has been named **FIFA's Chief** of global football development.
- ✦ Senior IAS officer **Nilam Sawhney** has become the **first woman Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh**.
- ✦ Justice **Dr Ravi Ranjan** took oath as the **Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court**.
- ✦ Justice **Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi** was sworn in as the new **Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura**.
- ✦ Former Competition Commission of India chairman **Sudhir Mital** and **Shantikumar Singh** were elected as president and general secretary respectively, of the **Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)**.

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- ✦ **Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma** has been appointed as Indian Army's **first female Judge Advocate General officer** to be deployed on a foreign mission.
- ✦ **Devendra Fadnavis** of the BJP has taken oath as **Maharashtra Chief Minister** for a second time. **Ajit Pawar** of the NCP has also taken oath as Deputy Chief Minister.

Defence and Security

- ✦ The defence ministry is organising **Def-Connect** in **New Delhi** to showcase the accomplishments of the **Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)** initiative.
- ✦ The **India-U.S. tri-services** amphibious exercise "**Tiger Triumph**" has begun in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- ✦ **Lt. Cdr. Karabi Gogoi** has become the **first woman officer** from the **Indian Navy** to be posted as the **Assistant Naval Attache** at the Indian embassy in Moscow.
- ✦ **India** has successfully conducted the first night trial of **Agni-II**, its versatile surface-to-surface medium-range nuclear-capable missile from **Dr Abdul Kalam Island** off Odisha coast.
- ✦ The **Sudarshan Chakra** Corps of the Indian Army conducted '**Sindhu Sudarshan**' exercise in **Barmer, Rajasthan**.
- ✦ **Navies of India and Qatar** have started a 5-day bilateral maritime exercise "**Za'ir-Al-Bahr**" begins in **Doha, Qatar**.
- ✦ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE)** delivered to the **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Amrit Kaur'**, the third in a series of five 'Fast Patrol Vessels' (FPV).
- ✦ The **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** will host the first-ever counter-terrorism (CT) exercise for the Quad countries in New Delhi. The Quad countries include the **United States (US), India, Australia, and Japan**.
- ✦ President **Ram Nath Kovind** and Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces awarded **President's Colour to Indian Naval Academy (INA)**, Ezhimala at Kochi, Kerala.
- ✦ The US State Department cleared the sale of sophisticated **MK-45 naval guns** worth **\$1 billion to India**.

Awards and Recognitions

- ✦ The **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019** was conferred on writer, translator and film critic **Shanta Gokhale**. Poet **K Satchidanandan** was named the **Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019**.
- ✦ Wildlife biologist **K. Ullas Karanth**, Director, Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bengaluru, was awarded the **George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science** for his contribution to the field of conservation.

- ✚ **Ravi Prakash**, an Indian PhD scholar has won the **BRICS-Young Innovator Prize** for inventing an affordable indigenous milk chilling unit for smaller and marginal rural dairy farmers. The theme for 4th BRICS-YSF was “**Cybersecurity and Bio-economy**”
- ✚ Hollywood veteran and double Oscar winner **Robert De Niro** will receive the SAG-AFTRA’s highest tribute: **the SAG Life Achievement Award** for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment, at the 26th edition of the ceremony 2019.
- ✚ The **Tobacco Board of India, Guntur**, has been awarded the **Golden Leaf Award** at **Tab Expo 2019** event in Amsterdam, **Netherlands**. It has been awarded for its efforts to initiate various sustainability (green) initiatives in **Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV)** tobacco cultivation in India.
- ✚ The Critically acclaimed movie “**Bhonsle**” directed by **Devashish Makhija** has won awards in the ‘**Best Screenplay**’ and ‘**Best Director**’ categories at the **Asian Film Festival Barcelona**.
- ✚ The veteran actors **Sridevi and Rekha** were conferred with the **Akkineni Nageswara Rao National Award** for 2018 and 2019 respectively.
- ✚ Renowned **Rabindra Sangeet** exponent from **Bangladesh Rezwana Choudhury Bannya** has conferred the ICCR distinguished alumni award in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ✚ Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** has been conferred the Indian Personality of the Year Award (Sports) at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 in Dubai.
- ✚ World powerlifting champion **Mahant Gaurav Sharma** was also honoured with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award.
- ✚ The **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** has been conferred with two awards for its commendable initiatives in promoting the metro as a green and sustainable mode of transport among the masses.
- ✚ The **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019** will be conferred on renowned naturalist and broadcaster **Sir David Attenborough** for his tireless work to preserve and protect biodiversity.
- ✚ India captain **Virat Kohli** was named **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India’s ‘Person of the Year for 2019’** for his animal advocacy efforts.
- ✚ The Union Minister of the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers, conferred the **Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 awards**. The top-ranked state: **Tamil Nadu**, and the top-ranked district: **Peddapalli (Telangana)**, along with the state with the maximum citizen participation: **Uttar Pradesh**.

Ranks and Reports

- ✚ **Bangladesh** has topped the **business bribery risk** in **South Asia** according to the **Trace Bribery Matrix**.
- ✚ The **International Institute of Management Development’s (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR)** report for the year 2019 was released. In the released report, India was ranked at **59th position**, a slip by 6 places on a global annual list of 63 countries. The list was topped by Switzerland.
- ✚ Microsoft’s India-born Chief Executive Officer **Satya Nadella** has occupied the top spot in **Fortune’s Businessperson of the Year 2019 list**.

Summit and Conference

- ✚ Sanskrit **Bharati Vishwa Sammelan**, a mega event for discussing ideas, theories and research findings in the ancient Sanskrit language, begins in **New Delhi**.
- ✚ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, chaired the inaugural conclave on “**National Capital Region-2041**” organized by the National Capital Region Planning Board in **Delhi**. The **theme** of the conclave was “**Planning for Tomorrow’s Greatest Capital Region**”.
- ✚ Air Chief Marshal **RKS Bhadauria** will inaugurate the **58th Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine Annual Conference**. The **theme** for this year’s conference is ‘**Changing Paradigms in Aerospace Healthcare**’.
- ✚ **India** will host the **19th council of heads of government** of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 2020**. The latest Summit of heads of government was held in **Tashkent** in November **2019**.
- ✚ The Union Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region, has addressed the **India-ASEAN Business Summit 2019** in **New Delhi** on the **theme**: “**Today, Tomorrow, Together**”.
- ✚ National Statistical Commission inaugurated the **27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO)** organized by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) at **Kolkata, West Bengal**. The **theme** was “**Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**”.

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- ✦ Ministry of AYUSH will organize the **International Conference on Yoga at Mysuru, Karnataka** with the theme **'Yoga for Heart Care'**.
- ✦ Regional Conference on the theme **"Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh"** begins in **Jammu**.
- ✦ The Ministry of Agriculture will organize the **8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-VIII)** in New Delhi. The conference will be held with the theme of **'Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)'**.
- ✦ The Women and Child Development Minister **Smriti Irani** was addressing the **2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit** in New Delhi. The summit was joined by over 100 organisations from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and India.
- ✦ Three-day **Global Bio-India Summit 2019** begins in New Delhi. It will be one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate to be held in India for the first time.
- ✦ **India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Forum of Young Scientists and Innovators in 2020**. The 5th Meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States Heads of Ministries and Departments of Science and Technology and Permanent Working Group on S&T Cooperation concluded in Moscow, Russia.

- ✦ The **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)** has officially changed its name and will now be known as **"World Athletics"**.
- ✦ Spain's striker **David Villa** has announced his retirement from football.
- ✦ Indian paddler **Harmeet Desai** wins men's singles title at **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019** Table Tennis tournament held at Batam, Indonesia.
- ✦ **Laishram Sarita Devi (Manipur)** is among the 6 boxers from 5 continents who were elected as members of AIBA Athletes Commission.
- ✦ Reigning Commonwealth Games champion **Shreyasi Singh** won the women's Trap Gold at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship for shotgun events in New Delhi.
- ✦ The **Brazilian football team** defeated the football team of Mexico in the finals for 2-1, to win the 18th edition of the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) **under 17 World Cup trophy** held in Brasilia, Brazil.
- ✦ India's **Manu Bhaker** created history at World Cup Finals in Women's 10m Air Pistol event of **International Shooting Sport Federation at Putian in China**.
- ✦ Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) won F1 Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos in São Paulo, Brazil.
- ✦ **Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Panwar** clinching gold medals in their events to give the country its best ever single-day show in the **ISSF World Cup Finals in Putian, China**.
- ✦ **India's Lakshya Sen** has won the **Scottish Open badminton men's singles title**, defeating Brazilian Ygor Coelho to seal his fourth title in 3 months.
- ✦ **Rafael Nadal** has clinched **6th Davis Cup** title for Spain after beating **Denis Shapovalov** of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Madrid.
- ✦ **Eliud Kipchoge**, the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours, and **400 metres hurdles world champion Dalilah Muhammad** won the World Athlete of the Year awards.

Sports News

- ✦ India pacer **Deepak Chahar** has become the **first Indian bowler** to take a **hat-trick** in the **Twenty20 Internationals** during the match against Bangladesh and also produced the best-ever figures in the Twenty20 Internationals i.e. 6 wickets for 7 runs in 3.2 overs.
- ✦ **Saurabh Chaudhary** claimed the silver medal in **men's 10m air pistol** event to continue India's surge at the **14th Asian Championship in Doha, Qatar**.
- ✦ Javelin thrower **Sundar Singh Gurjar** has won India's second gold and defending his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's **F46 javelin throw** event in **Dubai**.
- ✦ **FIFA** has banned **3 South American football officials**-Former Peru Football Federation **Manuel Burga** and Argentinian officials **Eduardo Deluca** and **Jose Luis Meiszner**, for a lifetime for connection with a 2015 corruption scandal in football.
- ✦ The **2019 World Kabaddi Cup** will take place from December 1 to 9 and will be organised by the Punjab government in **Punjab**.
- ✦ South Korea's **Kim Joo Hyung** has won the Panasonic Open held at the Classic Golf and Country Club in Gurugram, India. India's **Shiv Kapur** finished tied runner-up with **S. Chikkarangappa**.

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Important Days

- ✦ **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated every year on **10 November**. The **theme** for 2019 is **“Open science, leaving no one behind”**.
- ✦ The **National Education Day** is celebrated on **11 November** on the **birth anniversary** of Independent India’s first Education Minister, freedom fighter, scholar and eminent educationist **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad** who was a freedom fighter, scholar and the first Education Minister of independent India.
- ✦ **Public Service Broadcasting Day** is celebrated on **12 November** every year to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.
- ✦ **November 13** is celebrated as the **World Kindness Day** to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. The **theme** of 2019 is **empathy, encouraging people across the globe to better understand “the pains of others” and touch their lives “positively”**.
- ✦ **World Pneumonia Day** is marked every year on **November 12**. The year 2019 marked the 10th anniversary of World Pneumonia Day to fight against pneumonia. The **theme** for the year 2019 is **“Healthy lungs for all”**.
- ✦ The **World Diabetes Day** (WDD) was observed globally on **14 November** with the theme **“Family and Diabetes”**. The day is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.
- ✦ On **14th November**, **Children’s Day** is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of our first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ✦ India celebrates **“National Press Day”** on **16th November** every year.
- ✦ The United Nations observes **“International Day for Tolerance”** on **16th November** every year.
- ✦ The United Nations observes **“World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims”** on **17 November** every year.
- ✦ World Toilet Day is celebrated on **19th November** every year. 2019 Theme: **Leaving No One Behind**.
- ✦ **Africa Industrialization Day** is celebrated on **November 20** each year. 2019 Theme: **“Positioning African Industry to Supply the ACFTA Market”**.
- ✦ **World Television Day** is observed on **21 November** every year. The day is observed to acknowledge the role of broadcast media.
- ✦ The **World Philosophy Day** is observed globally on the third Thursday of November every year. This year it was observed on **21st November**.
- ✦ **World Children’s Day** was first established in 1954 as **Universal Children’s Day** and is celebrated on **20 November** each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare.

- ✦ The **WHO (World Health Organization)** and Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) organize **World COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Day** on the third Wednesday of November every year. This year the day is marked to create awareness in the Theme: **All Together to End COPD**.
- ✦ **The National Cadet Corps (NCC)**, the world’s largest uniformed youth organization, is celebrating its **71st Raising Day on 24 November**.
- ✦ **The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** is observed across the world on **25 November annually**. The theme for this year is **“Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape”**.

Obituaries

- ✦ Padma Shri-awardee Dhrupad vocalist Ramakant Gundecha passed away.
- ✦ Former chief election commissioner TN Seshan passed away.
- ✦ Renowned mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh passed away. He was born in 1942 in Basantpur village of the Bhojpur district in Bihar.
- ✦ Veteran actor **Shaukat Kaifi** passed away. She is remembered for her roles in MS Sathyu’s Garm Hawa, Sagar Sathadi’s Bazaar and Muzaffar Ali’s Umrao Jaan.
- ✦ The General Secretary of the **Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP)** and former **West Bengal Minister Kshiti Goswami** passed away.
- ✦ Former **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kailash Joshi** has passed away. He was called as the **‘saint of politics’**, served as the state’s chief minister from 1977 to 1978.

Miscellaneous News

- ✦ **Dhruv Prajapati**, a research scholar from the Gujarat Ecological Education & Research Foundation, has discovered two new **spider species** in **Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat**. Their names are **“Marengo Sachin Tendulkar”** named after Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar & **“Indomarengo chavarapater”** named after Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara.
- ✦ **Suranga Bawadi** in Bijapur, **Karnataka** was selected as the **World Monument Watch List for 2020**, by the New York-based non-governmental organisation. It was selected under the category of **“Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau”** along with 24 monuments across the world.
- ✦ **Nita Ambani** has become the **first Indian** to be named an honorary trustee of **“The Metropolitan Museum of Art”**.
- ✦ The Information and Broadcasting Ministry launched the official **anthem and radio jingle** for the golden jubilee edition of **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, scheduled to take place in Goa.

- ✦ Brazilian President **Jair Bolsonaro** will be the chief guest at **India's Republic Day 2020** celebrations.
- ✦ The new signal fish "**Pteropsaron Indicum**" was found in Lakshadweep sea off **Kerala coast**, which is the home for unusual species like fish with a unique color.
- ✦ Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the National Tribal Festival "**Aadi Mahotsav**" with the theme "**Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce**" in **New Delhi**.
- ✦ **Pakistan** became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new **Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV)** in an effort to combat a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease in the Sindh province.
- ✦ The **Election Commission** has decided to establish a visiting chair on the inter-disciplinary approach to electoral studies to commemorate former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) **TN Seshan's** "special connect with the young and aspiring India".
- ✦ **UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)** has released a 28-page booklet called "From uttapam to sprouted dal parantha".
- ✦ The **Karnataka State Tourism Development Corp (KSTDC)** signed a memorandum of understanding with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to market and operate the Golden Chariot train. The luxurious Golden Chariot train will start plying from March 2020.
- ✦ The **Film Bazaar**, which is being organised by the **National Film Development Corporation**, was inaugurated by the Information and Broadcasting Minister on the sidelines of the golden jubilee edition of the International Film Festival of India.
- ✦ **International Film Festival of India 2019**, IFFI features a Country of Focus that brings out the cinematic excellence and contributions of that particular country every year and this year, the country of focus is Russia.
- ✦ In Madhya Pradesh, the 4-day **Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima**, world's biggest Islamic Congregation began in Bhopal.
- ✦ The first woman pilot, **Lieutenant Shivangi**, will join naval operations on completion of operational training here on December 2.

- ✦ **Microsoft rolled out its K12 Education Transformation Framework** more widely to schools across India at the second edition of the Microsoft Education Days in Gurgaon. **Microsoft Education Days 2019** brought together more than 700 school leaders, educators, students and Microsoft partners to deliberate on the future of learning.

Science and Technology

- ✦ NASA's "**Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer**" telescope on the **International Space Station** has detected a massive thermonuclear explosion coming from outer space, caused by a massive thermonuclear flash on the surface of a pulsar.
- ✦ **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has launched its **1st all-electric** experimental aircraft named the **X-57 "Maxwell"** to be **operational by late 2020**.
- ✦ **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has renamed a distant space rock **Ultima Thule**, to **Arrokoth** or "**sky**". Arrokoth is a name of the Native American Powhatan language following a significant backlash over the old name's Nazi connotations.
- ✦ **NVIDIA** has announced a new kind of **GPU-accelerated supercomputer** in the cloud on **Microsoft Azure**. NDv2 supercomputer is designed to handle demanding AI and high-performance computing applications, using up to **800 NVIDIA V100** Tensor Core GPUs interconnected on a single.

Static Takeaways

- ✦ Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.
- ✦ RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das, Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- ✦ Union Defence minister: Rajnath Singh.
- ✦ Minister of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal.
- ✦ President of All India Football Federation: Praful Patel; Founded: 23 June 1937.
- ✦ Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- ✦ Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- ✦ NASA Administrator: Jim Bridenstine; Established: 29 July 1958.
- ✦ Formation of Wildlife Conservation Society: April 26, 1895; Headquarters: New York, United States.
- ✦ Gujarat CM: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat; Capital: Gandhinagar.
- ✦ SCO Secretary-General: Vladimir Norov.
- ✦ Chairman of SBI: Rajnish Kumar; Formed: 1 July 1955.
- ✦ FICCI of Founded: 1927; Headquarters; New Delhi.
- ✦ Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka; PM: Sheikh Hasina.

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- ✚ Mauritius Capital: Port Louis; Currency: Mauritian rupee.
- ✚ Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.
- ✚ Director-General of CSIR: Shekhar C. Mande.
- ✚ Chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission: Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- ✚ President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904.
- ✚ Capital of Brazil: Brasilia; Currency: Brazilian real.
- ✚ Punjab CM: Amarinder Singh; Governor: VP Singh Badnore.
- ✚ Chairman of CCI: Ashok Kumar Gupta; Headquarters of CCI: New Delhi.
- ✚ Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee; Prime minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe.
- ✚ Governor of Uttar Pradesh: Anandiben Patel.
- ✚ Director-General of BRO: Lt. Gen. Harpal Singh; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ✚ Founder of BRO: Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ✚ Governor of Jharkhand: Draupadi Murmi; Chief Minister: Raghuwar Das.
- ✚ International Boxing Association Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ✚ Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- ✚ Secretary-General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres.
- ✚ Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Agriculture: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✚ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare: Harsh Vardhan.
- ✚ Chief Minister of Meghalaya: Conrad K Sangma; Governor: Tathagata Roy.
- ✚ Capital of Karnataka: Bengaluru; CM: BS Yediyurappa; Governor: Vajubhai Vala.
- ✚ Supreme Court established: 28th January 1950.
- ✚ Motto of Indian Army: "Service Before Self"; Founded: 1 April 1895; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ✚ ISRO Director: K.Sivan; Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- ✚ Capital of Pakistan: Islamabad; PM of Pakistan: Imran Khan.
- ✚ President of Pakistan: Arif Alvi.
- ✚ Election Commission formed: 25 January 1950 (also the day is celebrated as national voter's day).
- ✚ Headquarters of Election Commission: New Delhi.
- ✚ Chief Election Commissioner: Sunil Arora.
- ✚ Lt. Governors & Administrators of Ladakh(UT): Radha Krishna Mathur.
- ✚ Formation of United Nations Women: 2 July 2010.
- ✚ Headquarters: New York City, United States.
- ✚ Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah.
- ✚ Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi; Capital: Dispur.
- ✚ Capital of Uttarakhand: Dehradun; Governor: Baby Rani Maurya.
- ✚ President of UAE: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan; Capital: Abu Dhabi.
- ✚ Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- ✚ The Delhi metro's first service began in December 2002 on Shahdara-Tis Hazari corridor of Red Line, Delhi. It currently spans over 350 kilometers having over 250 metro stations. Founded: 3 May 1995; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ✚ Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Founded: 1952.
- ✚ Chairman of Fino Payment Bank: Mahendra Kumar Chouhan.
- ✚ MD & CEO of Fino Payment Bank: Rishi Gupta.
- ✚ Navy, Day in India is celebrated on 4th December.
- ✚ Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- ✚ President of National Council of Applied Economic Research: Nandan M Nilekani.
- ✚ Headquarters of National Council of Applied Economic Research: New Delhi; Founded: 1956.
- ✚ President of IMD: Jean Francois Manzoni; Established: 1990; Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ✚ UNICEF Formation: 1946; Headquarters: New York City, U.S.
- ✚ Minister of AYUSH: Shripad Yesso Naik.
- ✚ Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India: Vivek Joshi.
- ✚ Jagdeep Dhankhar is the governor of West Bengal.
- ✚ Mamta Banerjee is the CM of West Bengal.
- ✚ PETA established: March 22, 1980; Headquarters: Norfolk, Virginia, United States.
- ✚ Union minister of health and family welfare: Harsh Vardhan.
- ✚ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) Chairman and managing director: Admiral Vipin Kumar Saxena; GRSE Founded: 1934.
- ✚ IRCTC Parent organization: Indian Railways; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ✚ Governor of Assam: Jagdish Mukhi; Capital of Assam: Dispur.
- ✚ President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Prime Minister (PM) of Russia: Dmitry Medvedev.
- ✚ Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency of Russia: Russian ruble.
- ✚ Headquarters of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL): Haryana; CEO of DHFL: Kapil Wadhawan.

- ✦ Union Minister of the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers: D.V. Sadananda Gowdaand.
- ✦ DG of National Investigation Agency (NIA): Yogesh Chander Modi; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ✦ Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- ✦ Director of LBSNAA: Dr Sanjeev Chopra; Established: 1959; Located: Mussoorie, UK.
- ✦ Lieutenant (Lt) Governors of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K): Girish Chandra Murmu.
- ✦ Union Minister for Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- ✦ Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- ✦ Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath.
- ✦ Chief Minister of Karnataka: B. S. Yediyurappa.
- ✦ Governor of Karnataka: Vajubhai Vala.

