

The Most Important Current Affairs November 2019

ISRO Launches CARTOSAT-3

- ❖ India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, **PSLV-C47 Launch Vehicle-XL (PSLV-XL) rocket** carrying advanced earth observation satellite **Cartosat-3 and 13 US nano satellites** lifted off from the second launch pad of the rocket port from Sriharikota.
- ❖ At about 9.28 a.m. the 44.4 meters tall, weighing 320-ton rocket blasted off from the second launch pad at the country's rocket port.
- ❖ The launch was normal despite a clouded sky.
- ❖ According to ISRO, the 1,625 kg Cartosat-3 is an advanced agile satellite to obtain panchromatic and multispectral imagery with an operational life of five years.

Important Points:

- ❖ **PSLV-C47** is the 21st flight of PSLV in the 'XL' configuration (with 6 solid strap-on motors). This will be the 74th launch vehicle mission from Sriharikota.
- ❖ Cartosat-3 satellite is a third-generation agile advanced satellite having high-resolution imaging capability. The satellite will be placed in an orbit of 509 km at an inclination of 97.5 degrees.
- ❖ PSLV-C47 will also carry 13 commercial nanosatellites from the United States of America as part of commercial arrangement with New Space India Limited (NSIL), Department of Space.

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.

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- ❖ 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.

Uddhav Thackeray takes oath as Maharashtra CM

- ❖ Shiv Sena Chief and Maha Vikas Aghadi nominee **Uddhav Thackeray** took oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He is the 19th Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- ❖ He was named as the leader of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress alliance called the '**Maha Vikas Aghadi**'.
- ❖ Governor of Maharashtra **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari** administered the oath to Thackeray at Shivaji Park, Dadar in Central Mumbai.
- ❖ He is the first Thackeray family member to become Maharashtra's CM. The alliance is yet to decide the candidate for the Deputy CM post.

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.

Union Cabinet recommends President's rule in Maharashtra Recently

- ❖ **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.

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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.

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.

Constitution Day of India 2019

- ❖ **Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas** is celebrated **26 November** cross the country to mark the adopting of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on this day in 1949.
- ❖ In 2019, it marks the **70th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution**.
- ❖ It came into force on 26th January 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of the Indian Republic.
- ❖ It is aimed at reiterating and reorienting the citizens towards the values and principles expressed in the Constitution and encouraging all Indians to play their rightful role in strengthening the Indian Democracy.
- ❖ It also aims to create awareness of Fundamental Duties as enshrined in the Constitution.
- ❖ India's constitution is the longest written constitution in the world. It took around 2 years, 11 months and 17 days to complete the Constitution.

RIL market cap hits 10 lakh crore, a first for an Indian company

- ❖ **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** is the first Indian company to cross **Rs.10 lakh in market capitalization (m-cap)**.
- ❖ Recently Vodafone India and Bharti Airtel had announced their tariff hike which will be implemented from December 2019.
- ❖ This has increased the share price of RIL in the market and is believed to attract more subscribers for Reliance Jio.

- ❖ On 26 Nov 2019, its m-cap touched Rs 9,99,045 crore nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark.
- ❖ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), RIL's closest rival in market capital had a share price of Rs.2,110, 2% lower on BSE and m-cap of Rs.7,71,996.87 crore.

Logo, motto introduced for Lokpal

- ❖ Lokpal Chairman Justice (retired) **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** launched the new **logo and motto** for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman.
- ❖ A new motto, "**Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone's wealth)**", was also adopted.
- ❖ Earlier, an open competition was conducted, inviting entries for the logo and the motto.
- ❖ A total of 2,236 entries for the logo and 4,705 entries for the motto were received.
- ❖ The logo symbolises how Lokpal protects and cares for the people of India by establishing justice as per law.

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- ❖ The finance service company, **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank(SFB)** has launched an instant digital savings account (SA) along with Fixed Deposit (FD) and Privilege Savings Account to offer distinctive banking and digital services to its customers.
- ❖ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has launched a new mobile app called '**Farmitra**' for the ease of farmers.
- ❖ The **Export-Import (Exim) Bank** has provided a **USD 30 million (about Rs 210 crore) line of credit to Ghana** for a potable water project in the country.
- ❖ 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**".
- ❖ 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 **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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **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**.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has expressed concern over rising bad loans from **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)**.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs. 1.50 crore** on Corporation Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by RBI.
- ❖ Non-bank lender **Aditya Birla Finance** became the first company to list its commercial papers borrowing of **Rs 100 crore on the bourses**.

Economy Current Affairs

- ❖ **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** unveiled two new IT Initiatives – **ICEDASH** and **ATITHI** for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.
- ❖ The **Asian Development Bank** will provide a **\$451 million** (about Rs 3,200 crore) loan to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the **Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC)** in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The American financial service company **Moody's** has downgraded India's economic outlook to "**Negative**" from "**Stable**". **Moody's Investors Service** has slashed **India's economic growth** forecast to **5.6%** for the fiscal year **2019**.
- ❖ 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 **Asian Development Bank** has approved the 2nd tranche of **USD 150 million** (about Rs 1,065 crore) for West Bengal to boost capital investment and infrastructure in the state.
- ❖ Global rating agency **Moody's** expects the Centre's fiscal deficit to touch **3.7%** of the GDP.

- ❖ **India's GDP growth** hit an over six-year low of **4.5 percent in July-September 2019**, dragged mainly by the deceleration in manufacturing output and subdued farm sector activity. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was recorded at 7 percent in the corresponding quarter of **FY 2018-19**.

Business Current Affairs

- ❖ **Markets regulator SEBI** imposed a total fine of **Rs 40.5 lakh** on 7 companies for indulging in fraudulent trading in the illiquid stock options segment on the BSE.

Schemes/Committees by the Union & State Government

- ❖ **National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)** has been launched in the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- ❖ **Assam Govt** approves **Arundhati scheme** to provide **1 Tola Gold to Brides free of cost**.
- ❖ The **Jammu and Kashmir** government has set up a **10-member committee** to declare Srinagar's famous **Dal Lake** and its surrounding areas as an **eco-sensitive zone (ESZ)**, following concerns over its shrinking size. The capacity of the lake has shrunk to 40%.

States Current Affairs

- ❖ The **25th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)** will start on November 8.
- ❖ Punjab State Cabinet passed a unanimous resolution to institute **Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Award** for Promotion of Peace and Interfaith Understanding, in commemoration of the 550th Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- ❖ The Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Amarinder Singh has launched a first of its kind job helpline number 76260-76260 for the unemployed youth of the state under '**Ghar Ghar Rozgar**' programme.
- ❖ The Indian Railways has installed two '**Health ATMs**' at the Charbagh railway station in **Lucknow**.
- ❖ The **Odisha state** government signed agreements with **Tata Strive and Tech Mahindra** to add new dimensions in skilling and employability of the youth.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a two-day **Himachal Pradesh Global investors' meet - 'Rising Himachal'** in Dharamshala.
- ❖ **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.

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- ❖ The **green tea and white tea** of Darjeeling have been registered as a **geographical indication (GI)** products in the country.
- ❖ In Jammu, the Directorate of School Education (DSE) 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.
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced **5% reservation** to national and international medallists sportspersons in state government jobs.

- ❖ The **Etawah Lion Safari**, formally known as **Etawah Safari Park** was thrown open for public in Uttar Pradesh without the lion segment.
- ❖ Chief Minister of **Odisha Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated the **National Tribal Craft Mela - 2019** in Bhubaneswar.
- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** government is launching a massive immunisation campaign against the **filariasis or Filaria**.
- ❖ In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the **Uttar Pradesh** government will set up the state's **first vulture conservation and breeding centre in farenda area of Maharajganj district**.
- ❖ The **Chhattisgarh** government has decided to declare **Guru Ghasidas National Park** in the state's Korea district as a tiger reserve.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- ❖ **Sanjeev Nandan Sahai** assumed charge as **Secretary, Ministry of Power**. Prior to this, he was serving as the Special Secretary in the Ministry of Power.
- ❖ Private sector lender **Dhanlaxmi Bank** managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) **T. Latha** has resigned. The bank's board has accepted the resignation.
- ❖ Senior IPS officer **Aditya Mishra** was appointed as the chairman of the **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)**.
- ❖ A private sector lender, **IndusInd Bank** has appointed its consumer banking head **Suman Kathpalia**, as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ❖ **Dr Vinaya Shetty** is the first Indian to be elected to the position of **General Vice President (GVP), International Organisation Development Association (IODA)** since its inception in 1986.
- ❖ **Arvind Singh**, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, took charge as the **chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.
- ❖ 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.

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- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma** has been appointed as Indian Army's **first female Judge Advocate General officer** to be deployed on a foreign mission.
- ❖ **Kerala cadre senior IAS officer Suman Billa** is set to join the **United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)** at its headquarters in **Madrid, Spain**.
- ❖ Chief Minister of Maharashtra **Devendra Fadnavis** announced his resignation after the Supreme Court asked him to face a floor-test to test the strength of his BJP-led government's position.
- ❖ General **Bipin Rawat** to be first **Chief of Defence Staff**. He will end his tenure as the Army Chief in December 2019.
- ❖ The **Board of Tata Communications (Tata Comm)** appointed **Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan** as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the telecom company for a term of five years with effect from **26 November 2019**.
- ❖ Former deputy governor of RBI, **HR Khan** has been appointed as the first chairman of the steering committee of the **Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in micro-credit**.

Sports Current Affairs

- ❖ The Indian football team dropped two places to **106th position** in the latest FIFA rankings. **Belgium** has managed to hold on to the top spot, followed by **France and Brazil**.
- ❖ The **Indian cricket team** will play its first-ever Day-Night Test match against **Bangladesh**. The Test is scheduled to be held at the **Eden Gardens, Kolkata** from November 22-26 and will be the second game of a two-match series.
- ❖ The 6-time world champion **Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom** has been inducted into the 10-member sports ambassador group by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** on Boxing workforce to represent boxers ahead of the **2020 Tokyo Olympic Games**.
- ❖ India's **Maisnam Meiraba Luwang** clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the **Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019** in Miryang, Korea.
- ❖ **Pooja Gehlot (53kg)** in wrestling claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's **Haruna Okuno** in the finals of the **UWW Under-23 World Championships** in Budapest.
- ❖ **Novak Djokovic** won the **Paris Masters 2019** title. He won the title for the fifth time.
- ❖ India's **Lakshya Sen** has won the **SaarLorLux Open badminton** tournament at **Saarbrücken** in Germany.
- ❖ **South Africa** defeated **England's team** by 32-12 scores in the final of the 9 edition of Rugby World Cup 2019 held at International Stadium, Yokohama, Japan.
- ❖ **Manu Bhaker** won gold medal in women's 10m air pistol event in **Asian Shooting Championships 2019**.
- ❖ Two-time Olympic boxing champion **Nicola Adams (37 years)** announced her retirement from the sport on medical advice due to the vulnerability of losing eyesight.
- ❖ **India** will host the **2023 Men's Hockey World Cup** from **13th to 29th of January**.
- ❖ 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**.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Sangram Dahiya and Varsha Varman** clinched double trap titles, winning gold at the **63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship in New Delhi**.
- ❖ Indian archers **Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das** won a bronze medal in the recurve and compound mixed event at the **Asian Archery Championships in Kolkata**.
- ❖ **Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam** claimed the gold in compound mixed pair event at the 21st Asian Archery Championships, which ended in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- ❖ **Steve Smith** became the fastest cricketer to score **7,000 Test runs**, shattering a record that had stood since 1946, while moving past **Donald Bradman** to become Australia's 11th highest scorer.

Important Days

- ❖ The **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** is a UN-recognized day observed annually on **2 November**.
- ❖ The **World Tsunami Awareness Day** was observed across the world on **5 November**.
- ❖ **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** is an international day observed annually on **November 6**.
- ❖ The **National Cancer Awareness Day** is observed annually in India on **November 7**, to spread awareness on cancer, its symptoms and treatment.
- ❖ **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.

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- ❖ **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 AfCFTA 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”**.
- ❖ **National Milk Day** is celebrated across the country on November 26 every year on the birthday of **Dr Verghese Kurien**.
- ❖ In 1977, the General Assembly called for the annual observance of **29 November** as the **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**.

Summits And Conferences

- ❖ The **35th ASEAN Summit** began in **Bangkok, Thailand** from October 31 to 4 November. The theme of the summit for this year is **“Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”**.
- ❖ The **biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers’ Conference** is being held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4-7 November 2019. India will be represented at the conference by Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad. The theme for the 2019 CLM Conference is **‘Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law’**.
- ❖ Union Home Minister inaugurated the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) joint exercise on urban earthquake search and rescue 2019** at the Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi.
- ❖ **Lok Sabha** speaker **Om Birla** composed the Indian Parliament delegation for **6th parliamentary summit of G20 countries**, held in **Tokyo, Japan 2019**.
- ❖ The **2nd ‘No Money for Terror’ 2019 conference** going on in **Melbourne, Australia**.
- ❖ The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and climate change & Information and Broadcasting(I&B), Prakash Javadekar, has participated in the **15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme 2019 (SACEP)** in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**.

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- ❖ Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurating **10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine** in New Delhi.
- ❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will be on a 2-day visit to **Brazil** from the 13th of this month to attend the **11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia, Brazil**. The theme of the Summit this year is **“Economic Growth for an Innovative Future”**.
- ❖ 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)”**.
- ❖ 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**.
- ❖ Union Minister of Jal Shakti, represented India at the **8 WATEC (Water Technology and Environment Control) Conference 2019**. The theme of the conference is **“Water Stewardship and Innovation-driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water”**.
- ❖ The DEFCOM INDIA 2019 seminar commenced at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The theme for the seminar is, **“Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness”**.
- ❖ The **47th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC)** begins in Lucknow. The event will be inaugurated by Puducherry Lieutenant Governor and retired IPS officer Kiran Bedi.
- ❖ The **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)** is organizing a **NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019** in **Gurugram, Haryana**.
- ❖ Minister of State for Home Affairs, inaugurated the **1st International Conference on “Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience”** in **New Delhi**.

National News

- ❖ The people over **80 years** of age and Persons with Disability can now cast their votes **through postal ballot**.
- ❖ Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan inaugurated the **3rd edition of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019**. The two-day summit organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will deliberate on the theme **“Mainstreaming Ayurveda through Startups, Innovation and Branding”**.
- ❖ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the **21st North East Book Fair** in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched Intensified Mission **Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 portal** in New Delhi.
- ❖ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH inaugurated **National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD)** upgraded from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM) at Erragadda, Hyderabad.
- ❖ The Government of India released the maps of **newly created union territories of Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh** and the map of India depicting these union territories.

- ❖ The first-ever containerised cargo movement via **Indo-Bangladesh** protocol route and Brahmaputra river will start from West Bengal's Haldia. The vessel **MV Maheshwari**, carrying 53 containers of petrochemicals, edible oil and beverage will take 12-15 days to reach the IWAI terminal at Pandu in Assam's Guwahati.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** launched the **SkillsBuild platform** in collaboration with **IBM**.
- ❖ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar released the **5th edition of Wastelands Atlas 2019**.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates **5th India International Science Festival (IISF)** at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, **Kolkata** through video conferencing. The theme of the festival is "RISEN: Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation".
- ❖ Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal will launch **three books on Guru Nanak Dev Ji**. The National Book Trust has published three titles: **Guru Nanak Bani, Nanak Bani, and Sakhian Guru Nanak Dev** to spread the message of Guru Nanak Dev's writings among readers of Indian sub-continent.
- ❖ **Indian Railways** has launched three applications for all-India roll out. The applications, namely **CRS Sanction Management System, Rail-road crossing GAD approval system and TMS for construction aim at beefing up IT-enabled services**.
- ❖ 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**.
- ❖ The Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati 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.
- ❖ Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs has launched **Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal, CLAP**, in New Delhi.
- ❖ Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister launched the **kartavya.ugc.ac.in** portal for holding monthly essay competitions for students. The portal was launched as part of year-long '**Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan**' being observed throughout the country.
- ❖ **India** wins bid to host **2023 Men's Hockey World Cup** Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar and Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium in Rourkela to be the venues for the tournament.
- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the 3-day-long **Military Literature Festival (MLF)** on 13 December 2019 at Chandigarh.
- ❖ The Transport Ministry has extended the **01st December** deadline for **100% electronic toll collection** across National Highways in the country by two weeks (15th December).

International Current Affairs

- ❖ **Russia's Knyaz Vladimir submarine** of Borei-class vessel, test-fired its most advanced nuclear-powered missile named, **Bulavaintercontinental ballistic missile** which precisely hit the target range of 1000 km away in the Russian region of Kamchatka.
- ❖ The Spanish capital city of **Madrid** will host the **UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25)** from 2 to 13 December.
- ❖ According to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, **Guyana's GDP** is expected to be more at **86%** in 2020 after expanding 4.4% in 2019.
- ❖ **Sudan's** first-ever satellite for conducting research in military, economic and space technology has been launched by China. **Sudan's remote-sensing satellite (SRSS-1)**, was developed by the Shenzhen Aerospace Oriental Red Sea Satellite Co.

- ❖ The **UAE's** Supreme Council of the Union has re-elected his Highness **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan** as its President for a 4th five-year term, in accordance with the provisions of the UAE Constitution.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **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. The theme of this year's festival is 'Bridging the distance' or Durotter Shetubandhan.
- ❖ The **European Union's legislature** has declared a **climate emergency**, in a symbolic move aimed at increasing pressure on the incoming European Commission to take a stronger stance on climate change.

Defence Current Affairs

- ❖ The first-ever **India-Uzbekistan** joint military exercise **Dustlik-2019** begin at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- ❖ The second phase of the biggest **US- Bangladesh** Navy exercise named '**Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)- 2019**' started in Chattogram, Bangladesh.
- ❖ Union Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik inaugurated the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) Igniter Complex at **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL)** in Pune, Maharashtra.

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- ❖ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE)** delivered Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) **ICGS Annie Besant**, the second in the series of five such ships, to the Indian Coast Guard.
- ❖ India is jointly exercising its anti-submarine warfare corvette **INS Kamorta** along with Indonesian warship **KRI Usman Harun**, a multi-role corvette, in the Bay of Bengal as part of an ongoing bilateral exercise “**Samudra Shakti**”.
- ❖ The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** tested its efficiency and preparedness during the **Regional Level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise 2019 (ReSAREX- 19)** conducted off the Goa coast.
- ❖ 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**.
- ❖ The **Indian Navy** will host military drill ‘**Milan 2020**’ in March which will witness the participation of several countries. 41 nations from South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe that share defence cooperation with India have been invited for the drill. **MILAN** stands for ‘**Multilateral Naval Exercise**’.

- ❖ A maiden bilateral exercise between the **Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF)** have conducted Mine Countermeasure Exercise (MINEX) 2019 at Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ The Indian Army has successfully test-fired **2 Spike long-range anti-tank missiles** at Mhow in **Madhya Pradesh**.

Ranks and Reports

- ❖ According to ‘**India Justice Report 2019**’, **Maharashtra** is the top state in delivering justice to its citizens followed by **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Haryana** in the first-ever ranking of states on their capacity to deliver justice to citizens. In this classification, **Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are at the bottom**.
- ❖ **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**.
- ❖ The first-ever **Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA)** Index, released in the Basque Country capital of Bilbao in northern Spain.

Agreement/Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU)

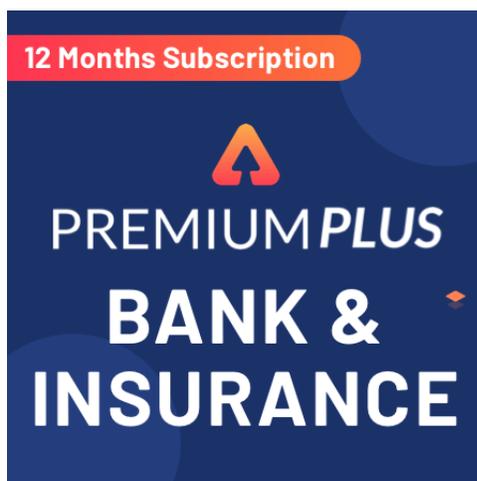
- ❖ **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** has signed MoU with **Indian Bank and Canara Bank**. The MoU will facilitate a cashless, paperless and transparent payment system on the portal and would create an efficient procurement system for government entities.
- ❖ The **Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D)** will set up a space technology cell (STC) in collaboration with the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**.
- ❖ **Siemens** signs MoUs with **NTPC, TERI** on decarbonisation, energy transition.
- ❖ **MSTC Ltd** has signed an agreement with Allahabad Bank for the development of a dedicated e-Auction platform.
- ❖ IT services firm **Tech Mahindra Ltd (Tech M)** has acquired BORN Group, a New York-based digital content and production agency, for \$95 million.
- ❖ **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** signed MoU with **Central Bank of India**.

- ❖ Public sector **Indian Bank** has signed a memorandum of understanding with **Muthoot Microfinance** to serve Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- ❖ **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.

- ❖ Commercial vehicle manufacturer **Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL)** has entered into a two-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **ICICI Bank** to offer customised financial solutions to customers across India with a focus on semi-urban and rural geographies.
- ❖ **India and Uzbekistan** have signed a pact for further strengthening of cooperation in the fields of counter-terrorism and organised crime.
- ❖ **NewQuest-backed U GRO Capital** inked an SME loan co-origination agreement with **State Bank of India** to facilitate broader credit outreach and faster disbursal.

Awards & Recognition

- ❖ Indian actor **Nawazuddin Siddiqui** has been awarded the prestigious **Golden Dragon Award** for his works in Hindi cinema at the **Cardiff International Film Festival (CIFF) 2019** held in Wales, United Kingdom.
- ❖ US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo presented the prestigious Award for Corporate Excellence to **Pepsico India**.
- ❖ The **50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** will honour superstar **Rajinikanth** with a special Icon of Golden Jubilee Award and the Life Time Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste will be conferred to French **Actress Isabelle Huppert**.
- ❖ Noted writer **Anand** has been selected for the **27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2019**. This award is given by Kerala **Sahitya Akademi Award** and the **Government of Kerala**.
- ❖ A documentary on **Real Kashmir Football Club** has bagged the prestigious British Academy of Film and Television Awards (BAFTA) and Scotland Awards at a glittering ceremony in Glasgow, Scotland.
- ❖ International acclaimed Sand Artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** who belongs to Odisha has been selected for the prestigious Italian **Golden Sand Art Award 2019**.
- ❖ Indian-origin researcher **Neeraj Sharma** has been given the 'Early Career Researcher of the Year award' by the Australian government.
- ❖ U.S. based-Indian author **Madhuri Vijay's** debut novel, "**The Far Field**" bagged this year's JCB prize for Literature, the most expensive Indian award for writing.
- ❖ The **5th Edition of 'Miss Asia Global Title 2019'** was organized at Gokulam Convention centre in Kochi, Kerala. **Sara Damnjanovic** from Serbia has been crowned '**Miss Asia Global 2019**'.
- ❖ Rajasthan Patrika group chairman **Gulab Kothari** has been chosen for the prestigious **Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award**, presented by the **Press Council of India**, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.



- ❖ At the 9th edition of the **Dhaka Literature festival**, West Bengal-based writer **Abhishek Sarkar** and **Bangladeshi** poet **Rofiquzzaman Rony** were given the **Gemcon Young Literature Award** and **Gemcon Young Poetry Award**.
- ❖ **Kumar Mangalam Birla**, chairman of the **Aditya Birla Group**, was conferred the **ABLF Global Asian Award**, for “powerful individual whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention”.
- ❖ 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**.
- ❖ **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**.
- ❖ Floating school project of **Bangladesh wins Aga Khan Architecture Award**. Bangladesh is a land of water.
- ❖ Noted writer from Rajasthan, **Manisha Kulshreshtha**, was awarded the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018 for her novel ‘**Swapnapash**’. The award is presented by the KK Birla Foundation and is for writers of Rajasthani origin.
- ❖ Indian journalist **Neha Dixit** has receipt **2019 International Press Freedom Awards**. This award is awarded by Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), a non-profit organization whose aim is to enable journalists to work without the fear of reprisal.
- ❖ **India’s first ‘Quality Ratna’ award** to **Suresh Krishna, Chairman, Sundram Fasteners Ltd**.
- ❖ Odia women weightlifter **Jhilli Dalabehera**, who has brought laurels for both the State and the country in several national and international events, will receive the **27th Ekalabya Award for 2019**.
- ❖ Singer **Billie Eilish** will be honoured as **Billboard’s 2019 Woman of the Year**. Pop star Taylor Swift will also be honoured at Billboard’s event, receiving the inaugural Woman of the Decade award.
- ❖ **Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) London** has conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Society for the year 2019 to **G Satheesh Reddy**, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO. He is the first Indian recipient of this prestigious award in over 100 years.
- ❖ ‘**Particles**’ directed by **Blaise Harrison** and produced by **Estelle Fialon** has won the coveted **Golden Peacock Award at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, which concluded in Goa on November 28, 2019.

Science and Technology

- ❖ Union Minister of Science & Technology and Minister of Earth Science has inaugurated India's 1-ever multi-venue Mega science exhibition, '**Vigyan Samagam 2019**', in **Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- ❖ **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras**, in collaboration with Phoenix Medical Systems, launched the country's first indigenously-designed **standing wheelchair**.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **ISRO** has transferred its indigenous technology to produce space-grade Li-Ion cells to **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**.

Books & Authors

- ❖ Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu released a monograph, '**Musical Excellence of Mridangam**', a rare fusion of art and science of an ancient South Indian instrument on the CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) campus in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ On 11th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, a book titled "**Hemant Karkare -A Daughter's Memoir**" by his daughter **Jui Karkare Navare** was released in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** launched 3 books which are a collection of stories for **Children namely Kumbh, Garam Pahad and Dilli ki Bulbul (Sindhi edition)** in New Delhi.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- ❖ **Singapore-based AirCarbon Pte** launched the worlds' first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange.
- ❖ **India** has taken inspiration from Brazil's success in the field of **human milk bank** decided to adopt a similar model in creating a wide network of human milk banks.
- ❖ **National Carrier Air India** has painted '**Ek Onkar**' symbol on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft's tail to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. The aircraft will fly on October 31 from Amritsar to London.
- ❖ UNESCO has designated **Mumbai** as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of **FILM** and **Hyderabad** in the field of **GASTRONOMY**.
- ❖ Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs has inaugurated a new **Guru Nanak Chair** by the support of Indian government, at the **University of Birmingham** to enable research around the teachings of the founder of the Sikh religion.
- ❖ The world's largest **fertilizer cooperative Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** introduced India's 1st nanotechnology-based product range by introducing Nano Nitrogen, Nano Zinc, Nano Copper for on-field trials at an event held at its Kalol unit in Gujarat.

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- ❖ The official emblem of **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the year 2020** which is to be conducted in India was unveiled.
- ❖ **China's** National Medical Products Administration has officially approved an indigenously developed Alzheimer's drug called GV-971 (sodium oligomannurate).
- ❖ Renowned Indian authors like **R K Narayan** (Swami and Friends), **Arundhati Roy** (The God of small things), **Salman Rushdie** (The Moor's Last Sigh), **Vikram Seth** (A Suitable Boy) and **S. Naipaul** (A House for Mr Biswas) are among 100 writers who have featured on a list of the most inspiring novels chosen by a panel of experts and revealed by the BBC.
- ❖ This year, at the **Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, will have the screening of Accessible India Films. This unique film section will witness the screening of three films, two in Hindi – **Lage Raho Munna Bhai** and **M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story** and one in Konkani- **Questao De Confusao in Konkani**.
- ❖ **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 Ijtimia**, 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.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ The **Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM)** has been set up in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
- ❖ **Indian Women's Association (IWA)** has donated **two electric vehicles** to Pashupati Area Development Trust (PADT) in Nepal.
- ❖ The **Indore-based Devi Ahilya University** becoming **Madhya Pradesh's** first varsity to be accorded A-plus grade by the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)**.

Obituaries

- ❖ Former Parliamentarian and veteran CPI leader **Gurudas Dasgupta** passed away.
- ❖ Popular Telugu actress **Geetanjali**, who is remembered for her role as Goddess Sita in Sitarama Kalyanam, passed away.
- ❖ Film producer **Champak Jain** passed away. He was one of the owners of Venus Records and Tapes which produced hit films like the 1994 blockbuster Main Khiladi Tu Anari starring Saif Ali Khan and Akshay Kumar.

- ❖ legend & Nazi camps survivor **Yvette** French Resistance **Lundy** who helped Jewish prisoners of war to escape prison during the Nazi occupation of France passed away at the age of 103.
- ❖ Justice **N.V. Balasubramanian**, retired Judge of Madras High Court passed away.
- ❖ Former President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Chairman of Modi Enterprises **Krishnan Kumar Modi(K.K.Modi)** passed away.
- ❖ Former Maharashtra minister and senior Congress party leader **Babasaheb Dhabekar** passed away.
- ❖ **Sahitya Akademi** awardee writer **Nabaneeta Dev Sen** passed away.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Kailash Joshi** has passed away.
- ❖ The General Secretary of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) and former West Bengal Minister **Kshiti Goswami** passed away.
- ❖ Australian writer and broadcaster, **Clive James** passed away.
- ❖ Renowned cartoonist **Sudhir Dar** whose works graced several newspapers in a career spanning 58 years, passed away.
- ❖ Veteran Tamil actor and theatre artist **Bala Singh** passed away.
- ❖ A world-renowned rock climber, US national **Brad Gobright**, fell to his death while climbing a sheer rock face in northern Mexico.

- ❖ **Yasuhiro Nakasone**, one of Japan's longest-reigning Prime Ministers and known for his friendship with Ronald Reagan, has passed away at the age of 101.

Static Takeaways

- ❖ Minister of Law and Justice: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- ❖ Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan.
- ❖ President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Prime Minister(PM) of Russia: Dmitry Medvedev.
- ❖ Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency of Russia: Russian ruble.
- ❖ 10 ASEAN member countries: Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), Laos.
- ❖ BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- ❖ Headquarters of IOC: Lausanne, Switzerland; President: Thomas Bach; Formation: 23 June 1894.
- ❖ Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare: Ashwini Kumar Choubey.
- ❖ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare: Harsh Vardhan.
- ❖ Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor of West Bengal: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- ❖ Punjab CM: Amarinder Singh; Governor: VP Singh Badnore.
- ❖ Chairman of Dhanlaxmi Bank: Sanjeev Krishnan; Founded:1927; Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala.
- ❖ IIT Delhi Director: V Ramgopal Rao.
- ❖ ISRO Director: K.Sivan; Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- ❖ Chairman and CEO of Pepsico: Ramon Laguarta.
- ❖ Chief Minister of Goa: Pramod Sawant; Governor of Goa: Satya Pal Malik.
- ❖ UNESCO President: Audrey Azoulay; Founded: 16 November 1945; Headquarters: Paris, France.
- ❖ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH: Shripad Yesso Naik.
- ❖ Director-General, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM): Asim Ali Khan.
- ❖ Chairman and Managing Director(MD) of NTPC: Gurdeep Singh; Headquarters of NTPC: New Delhi.
- ❖ Director of TERI: Ajay Mathur; Headquarters of TERI: New Delhi.
- ❖ Capital of Uzbekistan: Tashkent; Currency of Uzbekistan: Uzbekistani Som.
- ❖ President of South Africa: Cyril Ramaphosa.
- ❖ Capitals of South Africa: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein.
- ❖ The rand is the official currency of South Africa.
- ❖ Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.

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- ❖ Managing Director of IFFCO: Uday Shankar Awasthi; Founded: 3 November 1967; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ❖ Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee; Prime minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe; President: Maithripala Sirisena.
- ❖ Headquarters of IndusInd Bank: Mumbai; Founded: 1994; Tagline: we make you feel richer.
- ❖ Headquarters of LPAI: New Delhi; Founded: 2012.
- ❖ Capital of Punjab: Chandigarh; Governor of Punjab: V.P. Singh Badnore.
- ❖ President of Guyana: David A. Granger; Prime minister of Guyana: Moses Nagamootoo.
- ❖ Capital of Guyana: George Town; Currency of Guyana: Guyanese Dollar.
- ❖ Union Minister of Science & Technology and Minister of Earth Science: Harsh Vardhan.
- ❖ DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy; Formed: 1958; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ❖ Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Manila, Philippines, President: Takehiko Nakao.
- ❖ Union Home Minister: Amit Shah.
- ❖ Chairman & MD of MSTC: Bam Bahadur Singh; Founded: 9 September 1964; Headquarters: Kolkata.
- ❖ MD & CEO of Allahabad Bank: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao; Tagline: A tradition of trust.
- ❖ President of Sudan: Omar al-Bashir.
- ❖ Sudan Capital: Khartoum; Currency: Sudanese pound.
- ❖ Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE): Mahendra Nath Pandey.
- ❖ IBM India Pvt Ltd MD: Karan Bajwa; Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh CM: Yogi Adityanath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- ❖ Headquarters of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank: Bengaluru.
- ❖ Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer: Samit Kumar Ghosh.
- ❖ Chairman of Mahindra: Anand Mahindra; MD & CEO: C.P. Gurnani; Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) Founded: 1884; Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❖ IIT Madras Established: 1959, in Chennai, TamilNadu; Motto: Success is born out of action.
- ❖ Alzheimer disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking ability, and the capability to carry out simple tasks.
- ❖ Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal; Capital: Bhubaneshwar.
- ❖ President-Shinzo Abe; Capital: Tokyo; Currency: Yen.
- ❖ Prime minister: Scott Morrison; Capital: Canberra; Currency: Australian dollar.
- ❖ Prime minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Bangladeshi taka.
- ❖ Managing Director of Bajaj Allianz: Tapan Singhel; Headquartered: Pune, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Press Council of India Formation: 1966; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ❖ Capital of UAE: Abu Dhabi; Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- ❖ President of IODA: Michelle de Bruyn; Formed: 1986.
- ❖ World Cancer Day: February 4th.
- ❖ Indian Bank founded: 15 August 1907;
- ❖ Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Tagline: Your Own Bank.
- ❖ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Moody's: Raymond W. McDaniel Jr; Headquarters: New York, United States; Founded: 1909.
- ❖ Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- ❖ BRICS is the acronym coined for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- ❖ Originally the first four were grouped as "BRIC", before the induction of South Africa in 2010.
- ❖ Indian Coast Guard founded: 18 August 1978; Headquarters: New Delhi; Motto(s): Vayam Rakṣāmaḥ (We protect).
- ❖ President of Ghana: Nana Akufo-Addo; Capital of Ghana: Accra; Currency of Ghana: Ghanaian cedi.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Assam Capital: Dispur; CM: Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- ❖ Iran Capital: Tehran; Currency: Rial; President: Hassan Rouhani.

- ❖ 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.

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- ❖ 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 Gowda.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka; PM: Sheikh Hasina.
- ❖ Capital of Manipur: Imphal.
- ❖ Governor of Manipur: Najma Heptulla.
- ❖ Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- ❖ Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- ❖ Managing Director (MD) of Muthoot Finance Ltd: George Alexander Muthoot; Founded: 1939; Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ Secretary-General of SCO: Vladimir Norov; Founded: 19 September 2003; Headquarters: Beijing, China.
- ❖ Capital of Scotland: Edinburgh; Currency: Pound sterling.
- ❖ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microsoft: Satya Nadella; Founded: April 4, 1975; Headquarters: Washington, United States (US).
- ❖ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) NVIDIA: Jensen Huang; Headquarters: Santa Clara, California, United States (US).
- ❖ Director-General of NCC: Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra; Founder: Government of the United Kingdom; Founded: 16 April 1948; Headquarters location: New Delhi.
- ❖ Governor of Andhra Pradesh: Biswabhusan Harichandan.
- ❖ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy.
- ❖ Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh CM: Kamal Nath; Governor: Lal Ji Tandon.
- ❖ UP Present CM: Yogi Adityanath, Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- ❖ Utkal Divas or Odisha Day falls every year on 01st April; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- ❖ UNWTO's membership includes 158 countries; Founded: October 1975.
- ❖ Parent organization of Ashok Leyland Ltd: Hinduja Group; Headquarters: Chennai; Founder: Raghunandan Saran.
- ❖ Chairperson of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi; Founded: 12 April 1992; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- ❖ World Milk Day is observed on 1 June every year by the United Nations.
- ❖ Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- ❖ John Mathai was the first Railways Minister of Independent India.
- ❖ Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey.
- ❖ Capital of Uzbekistan: Tashkent; Currency: Uzbekistani soʻm.
- ❖ Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of U GRO Capital: Abhijit Ghosh.
- ❖ U GRO Capital Launch: December 2017.
- ❖ The K.K Birla foundation is named after Krishna Kumar Birla, famous Indian industrialist; Established: 1991, Delhi.
- ❖ Committee to Protect Journalist (CPJ) formation: 1981; Headquarters: New York, United States.
- ❖ CII Formation: 1895; Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- ❖ Ekalabya award was instituted in 1993.
- ❖ Reliance Industries Limited Founded: 8 May 1973; Founder (Reliance Industries Limited): Dhirubhai Ambani; CEO: Mukesh Ambani; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- ❖ Headquarters of ISRO: Bengaluru.
- ❖ Chairperson of ISRO: Kailasavadivoo Sivan.
- ❖ Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- ❖ DRDO formed: 1958, Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ❖ Capital of Japan: Tokyo.
- ❖ Currency of Japan: Japanese yen.
- ❖ Prime Minister of Japan: Shinzo Abe.
- ❖ Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Manila, Philippines; President: Takehiko Nakao.
- ❖ Union Minister of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- ❖ International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) Director: Dinesh Tyagi.

- ❖ ICAT headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
 - ❖ Headquarters of Lokpal: New Delhi, India.
 - ❖ Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC): S. C. Sharma; NAAC Headquarters location: Bengaluru; Founded: 1994.
 - ❖ European Union Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
 - ❖ European Parliament president: David-Maria Sassoli.
 - ❖ Minister of State for Home Affairs: G Kishan Reddy.
 - ❖ Odisha CM: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
 - ❖ The motto of Indian Army: "Service Before Self"; Headquarters: New Delhi; Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind.
 - ❖ Moody's founder: John Moody; Headquarters: New York City, United States; Moody's founded: 1909.
 - ❖ Chairman & MD of BHEL: Nalin Shinghal; Founded in: 1964; Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
 - ❖ Nitin Jairam Gadkari is the current Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Government of India.
- ❖ The total expenditure on the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for 2019-20 is estimated at Rs 83,016 crore.
 - ❖ PV Bharathi is Chief Executive Officer of Corporation Bank.
 - ❖ Corporation Bank headquartered in Mangalore.

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