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15 January celebrated as Indian Army Day

- **Indian Army Day** is observed on **January 15** in India every year. This year **72nd Army Day** is being celebrated across the country. This day celebrated every year to commemorate the day when General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa took over the command of Army from General Sir F R R Bucher the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949 and became the first Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army post Independence.
- The Army Day is celebrated at all Army Command headquarters to honour our country's soldiers who set the greatest example of selfless service and brotherhood, and above all, love for the country. The Indian Army is one of the most powerful militaries of the world, competing with superpowers like the US, Russia and China.
- The motto of the Indian Army is 'service before self' and its mission is to ensure national security and national unity, defend the nation from external aggression and internal threats, and maintain peace and security within its borders. Salute to the brave soldiers, who risk and sacrifice their lives to protect us. Even the Prime Minister of India **Lal Bahadur Shastri** in 1965 had given the slogan like "**Jai Jawan Jai Kisan**".
- Indian Army has responded to a wide array of national security challenges that are becoming more complex and multi-dimensional and demand utmost dedication, the highest level of proficiency and resilience in dealing with them. Indian Army has the dedication to the motherland by being effective responders during calamities and through the contributions to wider nation-building. Indian Army enjoys a distinctive pride of place in the national mind space.

Nitin Gadkari presenting the National Highway Excellence Awards 2019

- **Union Road, Transport and Highway Minister, Nitin Gadkari** presenting the **National Highway Excellence Awards 2019** in New Delhi. This award is Instituted in the year 2018, National Highway Excellence Awards aim to recognize the well-performing companies in the field of construction, operations, maintenance, toll collection and road safety on National Highways.

The 7 categories of the award are:

- 1) Excellence in Project Management
- 2) Excellence in Operation and Maintenance
- 3) Excellence in Toll Management

- 4) Excellence in Highway Safety
- 5) Innovation
- 6) Outstanding Work in Challenging Conditions
- 7) Green Highway

Indian Lawyer Harish Salve appointed as Queen's Counsel

- Indian Lawyer **Harish Salve** was appointed into **Queen Elizabeth II's counsel of Senior Advocate**. He has been appointed as Queen's Counsel (QC) for the **courts of England and Wales**. His name featured in the list of silk appointments released by the UK Ministry of Justice on January 13. Salve and other appointees will be formally appointed as Queen's Counsel on March 16 2020. The title of Queen's Counsel is awarded to those who have demonstrated particular skill and expertise in the conduct of advocacy.
- Harish Salve did his LL.B. from Nagpur University and began his career with JB Dadachandji & Co. in 1980. He was designated as Senior Advocate by the Delhi High Court in 1992. Salve was called to Blackstone Chambers in 2013. He had represented India before the International Court of Justice in Kulbhusan Jadhav extradition case.

Noted writer Vasdev Mohi to be honoured with 29th Saraswati Samman

- Noted Sindhi writer **Vasdev Mohi** will be honoured with **29th Saraswati Samman**. He has been selected for his short stories collection:- **Chequebook**, published in **2012**. This short stories collection talks about the agonies and sufferings of marginalized sections of the society. He has authored 25 books of poetry, stories and translations. He has also received the Sahitya Akademi Award.



- Saraswati Samman a literary recognition given annually by the **KK Birla Foundation**. Saraswati Samman carries a cash award of 15 lakh rupees, a citation and a plaque. Besides the Saraswati Samman, two other awards have been instituted by the KK Birla Foundation – the Vyas Samman (for Hindi works by Indian citizens) and Bihari Puraskar (for Hindi/Rajasthani works by Rajasthani writers) —, a literary and cultural organisation.

- Afghanistan (107) was among the world’s worst passports.
- Serbia is the only European country to which Indian passport holders can travel visa-free.
- The top 10 most powerful passports for 2020 are Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Germany, Italy, Finland, Spain, USA and UK, Luxembourg, Denmark.
- The document which has opened the door to the largest number of new territories in ten years is the United Arab Emirates passport, which is placed 18th in the ranking and allows for easy access to 171 countries.

Henley Passport Index 2020: Check Details Here

- **Henley Passport Index 2020** has been launched. The ranking report is based on data from the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, a trade association of some 290 airlines, including all major carriers. The Henley Passport index includes 199 different passports and 227 different travel destinations.

Important key Points: Henley Passport Index 2020

- The list was topped by Japan. Japan has been topping the Index for three years continuously. Japan can access now 191 countries.
- Japan was now followed by Singapore, Germany, and South Korea.
- The Indian passport ranked 84th, along with Tajikistan and Mauritania in the world’s most powerful passport index 2020, which is a drop by 2 places as it ranked 82nd in 2019.
- At present Indian citizens can access only 58 destinations in the world without obtaining prior Visa.

What is Henley Passport Index?

- The Henley Passport Index was launched in 2006 with the aim of providing a global picture of freedom of travelling. The Passport index includes Visa-Frees score, World Openness score, Welcoming score and Global Mobility score. When these scores are high, the passport index is also high and such a passport is said to be highly powerful.

Global Risks Report 2020: Important highlights

- The **World Economic Forum** has released the “**The Global Risks Report 2020**“. The Global Risks Report 2020 is the 15th edition of the WEF’s Global Risks Report prepared in partnership with Marsh & McLennan and Zurich Insurance Group.
- Here is the list of the “top 10 risks by likelihood (stated by multistakeholders)” and “top 10 risks by impact (stated by multistakeholders)” to be faced by the world in 2020:

S.No.	Top 10 risks by “Impact”	S.No.	Top 10 risks by “Likelihood”
1	Climate action failure	1	Extreme Weather
2	Weapons of mass destruction	2	Climate action failure
3	Biodiversity loss	3	Natural disaster
4	Extreme weather	4	Biodiversity loss
5	Water crises	5	Human-made environmental disasters
6	Information infrastructure breakdown	6	Data fraud or theft
7	Natural disasters	7	Cyberattacks
8	Cyberattacks	8	Water crises
9	Human-made environmental disasters	9	Global Governance failure
10	Infectious diseases	10	Asset Bubble

Here is the complete list of Short-Term Risk Outlook (stated by multistakeholders):

S.No.	Short Term Risk Outlook
1	Economic confrontations
2	Domestic political polarization
3	Extreme heat waves
4	Destruction of natural ecosystems
5	Cyberattacks: infrastructure
6	Protectionism on trade/investment
7	Populist and nativist agendas
8	Cyberattacks: theft of money/data
9	Recession in a major economy
10	Uncontrolled fires

ICC Awards 2019: Check Complete list of Winners

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the list of winners of its annual awards of 2019.

Below is the complete list of winners of ICC Men's Cricket Awards:

S. No.	Award	Award Winner
1	Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Best Cricketer of the Year	Ben Stokes (England)
2	Test Cricketer of the Year	Pat Cummins (Australia)
3	ODI Cricketer of the Year	Rohit Sharma (India)
4	T20I Performance of the Year	Deepak Chahar (India, for taking 6 wicket haul conceding 7 runs vs Bangladesh)
5	Emerging Cricketer of the Year	Marnus Labuschagne (Australia)
6	Associate Cricketer of the Year	Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)
7	Spirit of Cricket Award	Virat Kohli (India, for stopping the fans booing Steve Smith during India-Australia Match at the Oval)
8	David Shepherd Trophy for Umpire of the Year	Richard Illingworth
9	Fans' Moment of the Year 2018	India wins U19 Cricket World Cup 2018

- ICC has also announced its **ICC Test Team of the Year** (Team as per batting order): Mayank Agarwal, Tom Latham, Marnus Labuschagne, Virat Kohli (captain), Steve Smith, Ben Stokes, BJ Watling (wicketkeeper), Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Neil Wagner, Nathan Lyon.
- ICC has also announced its **ICC ODI Team of the Year** (Team as per batting order): Rohit Sharma, Shai Hope, Virat Kohli (captain), Babar Azam, Kane Williamson, Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler (wicketkeeper), Mitchell Starc, Trent Boult, Mohammed Shami, Kuldeep Yadav

Below is the complete list of winners of ICC Women's Cricket Awards:

S.No.	Award	Player
1	Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year	Ellyse Perry (Australia)
2	ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year	Ellyse Perry (Australia)
3	ICC Women's T20I Player of the Year	Alyssa Healy (Australia)
4	ICC Women's Emerging Player of the Year	Chanida Sutthiruang (Thailand)

- ICC has also announced the **ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year** (Team as per batting order): Alyssa Healy (wk), Smriti Mandhana, Tamsin Beaumont, Meg Lanning (captain), Stafanie Taylor, Ellyse Perry, Jess Jonassen, Shikha Pandey, Jhulan Goswami, Megan Schutt, Poonam Yadav
- ICC has also announced the **ICC Women's T20I Team of the Year** (Team as per batting order): Alyssa Healy (wk), Danielle Wyatt, Meg Lanning (captain), Smriti Mandhana, Lizelle Lee, Ellyse Perry, Deepti Sharma, Nida Dar, Megan Schutt, Shabnim Ismail, Radha Yada.

US removes China from "currency manipulator" list

- The **Treasury Department of United States** has removed **China** from the designation as "**currency manipulator**". The decision was taken just before the commencement of first phase of US-China trade agreement. In August 2019, China was labeled officially as "currency manipulator" by the United States and also accused China of using yuan to gain "unfair competitive advantage" in trade. This was the first time since 1994 that China was labelled as "currency manipulator".

National Affairs

- The **Kolkata Port** has been renamed as **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port** on the occasion of **150th years** celebration of **Kolkata Port Trust**.
- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas **Dharmendra Pradhan** will be inaugurated "**Saksham**" campaign. "Saksham" is a fuel conservation mega campaign of **Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)**.
- Union minister for women and child development and Member of Parliament from Amethi, Smriti Irani has launched 3 welfare schemes for women in Goa. The schemes are **Yashaswini Scheme** for Women Entrepreneurship, Swasthya Sahayak Project and breast cancer screening initiative handheld device facilitating detection of cancer.
- Union Minister of Steel launched mission **PURVODAYA** for the development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in **Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- The **Income-Tax Department** has launched a **24x7 control room** to monitor black money and illegal inducements in poll-bound Delhi.
- **India's Statue of Unity** has become the part of '**8 Wonders of SCO**' list. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation has included the Statue of Unity in its '**8 Wonders of SCO**' list.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** to inaugurate a new Centre of **Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu** on January 21 in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.

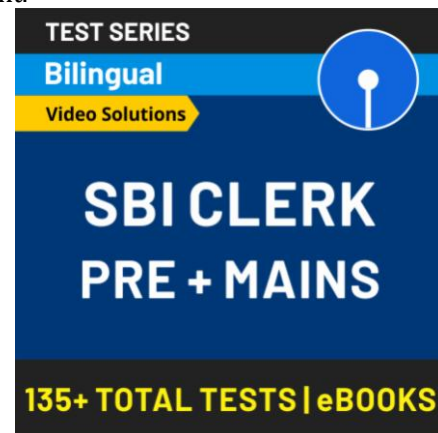
- Indian Army Officer Captain **Tania Shergill**, an officer with Army's Corps of Signals, will be the first woman parade adjutant for the **Republic Day parade**.
- **Parshuram Kund Mela** begins in **Arunachal Pradesh**. **Parshuram Kund** is a Hindu pilgrimage centre situated on the Brahmaputra plateau in the lower reaches of the Lohit River.
- **Super Senior Citizens (over 80 years of age)** and **PwDs** now vote through **Postal Ballot in Delhi Assembly Election**.
- Union Culture and Tourism Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel** launched an exhibition titled "**Indian Heritage in Digital Space**" at National Museum, New Delhi.

States in the News

- The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India "**AASHVAST**" in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The **AASHVAST** project will act as a helpline for the cyber crime victims.
- Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** has launched the 7th Economic Census process in the state.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** inked a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN)** to red-listing of orchids.

International Affairs

- The **18th Dhaka International Film Festival** begins at **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. The theme of the festival is '**Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society**'.
- **Sayyid Haitham bin Tariq al Said** has took over as **Sultan of Oman**. He will succeed Sultan Qaboos bin Said who passed away recently.
- First phase of "**Bishwa Ijtema**" has commenced in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. It is the second largest congregation of Muslim community after Hajj.
- **Tsai Ing-wen** has won the Taiwan presidential election. She wins the second term as Taiwan president.



- The **World Future Energy Summit** commences in **Abu Dhabi** with the theme “**Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment**”.
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- Russian Prime Minister **Dmitry Medvedev** has resigned. They submit their resignation to President **Vladimir Putin**.
- Labour Party candidate **Robert Abela** elected as **14th prime minister of Malta** with 57.9% of the vote. He defeated his closest rival Chris Fearne.
- The US tech giant **Microsoft** has announced that it would become “**carbon negative**” by year **2030**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Infosys**, an IT consulting company has inked a deal for 5 years with GEFCO to digitally transform its worldwide operations.
- To provide doorstep banking services, the **South Central Zone of the Indian Railways** has signed an MoU with the **State Bank of India**.
- The **Indian Institute of Management, Indore** has signed an MoU with the video sharing platform “**TikTok**”.
- For the implementation of **Assam Inland Water Transport Project**, the Government of India (GoI), the Government of **Assam** and the **World Bank** have signed a **\$88 million loan** agreement.
- **NITI Aayog** and **Union Territory of Ladakh** sign MoU for Development of Infrastructure Projects in **Ladakh**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **SEBI** defer deadline to April 2022 for **split “Chairman and Managing Director” post**.
- **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** has developed a special class diesel conforming to **NATO grade** for use in ships and vessels of Indian Navy.
- The global e-commerce firm, Amazon has announced the incremental investment of **USD 1 billion in India**.

Appointments/Resignations

- The Centre government has appointed **Michael Debaprata Patra** as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India.
- **Anand Prakash Maheshwari** has been appointed to head the world’s largest paramilitary force “Central Reserve Police Force”. He will replace **Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar**.

- A noted chemist **Bipul Behari Saha** has been elected as a bureau member of the **International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)** for the period **2020-23**.
- **Lt Col Yuvraj Malik** has been appointed as the Director of the **National Book Trust** on deputation from the Indian Army. He will replace Sahitya Akademi-awardee writer **Rita Chowdhury**.

Defence News

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** dedicates the **51st K9 Vajra-T guns** to the nation. This gun is self-propelled Howitzer gun made by **L&T’s Armoured System Complex** at Hazira in Gujarat.
- **Russia** has started production of **S-400 long-range surface-to-air missile systems** for India. All five units will be delivered to India by 2025.

Awards and Recognitions

- Famous Agricultural Scientist **Dr M S Swaminathan** was honoured as the first recipients ‘**Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence**’ for his distinguished contribution to the field of agriculture.
- A 10-year-old British Indian yoga boy **Ishwar Sharma** wins **Global Child Prodigy Award**.
- Puri, Odisha has been awarded for its initiatives for plastic waste management with the **Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019**.
- A senior scientist **Sakya Singha Sen** from **National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL)** Pune, has been awarded “**Merck Young Scientist Award 2019**” for doing remarkable research in chemical science.

Summit and Conference

- The **23rd National Youth Festival 2020** started from 12-16 January at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- **India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA)**, the nodal body for the country's pulses trade and industry on announced that the 5th edition of **"The Pulses Conclave 2020"**, will be held from February 12-14 in **Lonavala, Maharashtra**.
- The 5th edition of the prestigious **Raisina Dialogue** will begin in **Delhi**.
- The **6th meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA)** was chaired by the Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** in **New Delhi**.
- The **India-Bangladesh Information and Broadcasting Ministers' Meet 2020** was held in **New Delhi**. India's Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, **Prakash Javadekar** and Bangladeshi counterpart **Muhammad H Mahmud** were representing their respective countries in the meet.
- The **7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)** India Region will start in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **India** will host the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** Council of Heads of Government meeting 2020.
- The **3rd edition of North Zone Conference' of Media Units** of Information and Broadcasting Ministry, held in **Jammu**.
- A **Conference of the Chief Secretaries and Administrator State and Union Territories on Census 2021** and updating of National Population Register, NPR was held in **New Delhi**.

Science and Technology

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will launch **GSAT-30 satellite** onboard **Ariane-5 launch vehicle (VA 251)** from **French Guiana**, overseas department of France. This satellite will launch on **17 January 2020**.

Sports News

- Indian pacer **Jasprit Bumrah** will receive the BCCI's prestigious **Polly Umrigar Award** for his super performance in international cricket in the 2018-19 season.
- World no. 1 ranked Japanese badminton player **Kento Momota** won the **Malaysia Masters 2020** title.
- The **ICC Under-19 World Cup Cricket 2020** begins in **South Africa**. Indian team played under the captaincy of **Priyam Garg**.

Important Days

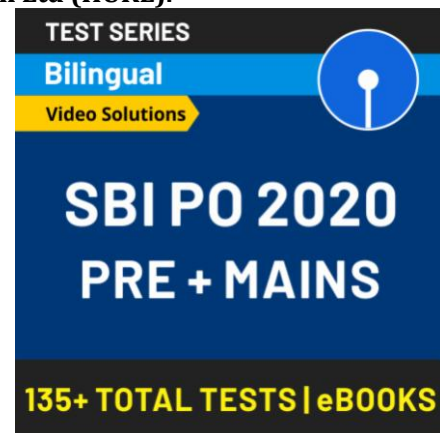
- The **National Youth Day** has been celebrated every year on **12 January**. This is the day when **Swami Vivekananda**, one of the greatest social reformers, thinkers, and philosophers of India, was born.
- **Armed Forces Veterans Day** is observed each year on **14th January**. The day is being celebrated since 2017.
- **Indian Army Day** is observed on **January 15** in India every year. This year **72nd Army Day** is being celebrated across the country.
- The **India Meteorological Department** or **IMD** is celebrating its 145th Foundation Day on 15 January 2020. **IMD** was created in 1875.

Obituaries

- Veteran Odia filmmaker **Manmohan Mohapatra** passed away. He was considered as the **'Father of New Wave Odia Cinema'** and won eight national awards consecutively for **'Best Feature Odia film'**.
- Former India legendary all-rounder **Bapu Nadkarni** passed away. He was a left-handed batsman and slow-left arm orthodox bowler.
- World's shortest man **Khagendra Thapa Magar** passed away. He was born on 14 October 1992, stood at 67.08 cm (2 ft 2.41 in) tall.

Miscellaneous News

- **Union Territory Ladakh** is hosting the **1st-ever Food Processing Summit** to attract investors to the region.
- The **5th edition of Science Film Festival of India (SCI-FFI 2020)** was started in **Goa's capital city Panaji**.
- The 1st edition of **Krishi Manthan**- the largest Food, Agri-business and Rural Development Summit of Asia begins in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister **D.V. Sadananda Gowda** unveiled the logo and brand **'Apna Urea Sona Ugle'** of **Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd (HURL)**.



Static Takeaways

- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly; Headquarter of BCCI: Mumbai.
- UP Present CM: Yogi Adityanath, Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports: Kiren Rijju.
- Swami Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Math and Mission on 1 May 1897.
- In 1898, he established Belur Math.
- Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan is President of the UAE.
- Abu Dhabi is the capital of the UAE.
- The United Arab Emirates dirham is the currency of the UAE.
- Union Minister of Steel: Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Chief Minister of Gujarat: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat.
- Capital of Taiwan: Taipei; Currency of Taiwan: New Taiwan dollar.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- Capital of Oman: Muscat; Currency: Omani rial.
- CM of West Bengal: Mamta Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Chairman of IPGA: Zaverchand (Jitu) Bheda.
- Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- Sunil Arora is the Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- Chief of the Army Staff: Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- Headquarters of Petroleum Conservation Research Association: New Delhi.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency of Russia: Russian Ruble.
- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh: Radha Krishna Mathur.
- President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry: Qi-Feng Zhou.
- Headquarters of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry: North Carolina, United States.
- Chairman of ICC: Shashank Manohar; Chief Executive: Manu Sahney; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Chairman of World Economic Forum: Klaus Schwab; Headquarters: Switzerland.
- Chief Minister of Goa: Pramod Sawant; Governor of Goa: Satya Pal Malik.
- Capital of Malta: Valletta; Currency: Euro; President: George Vella.
- Capital of United Kingdom: London; Currency: Pound sterling.
- Prime Minister of United Kingdom: Boris Johnson.
- The K.K Birla foundation is named after Krishna Kumar Birla, famous Indian industrialist.
- Established: 1991, Delhi.
- Secretary-General of SCO: Vladimir Norov.

- YS Jaganmohan Reddy is the present CM of Andhra Pradesh.
- Biswa Bhusan Harichandan is the Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
- Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd: Sanjiv Singh.
- Headquarters of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd: New Delhi.
- The Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- ISRO Chairman: K. Sivan; Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys: Salil Parekh; Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- President of United States: Donald Trump; Capital: Washington, D.C.
- SEBI Headquarter: Mumbai, Chairperson: Ajay Tyagi.
- Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highway: V.K. Singh.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu.
- Governor of Arunachal Pradesh: B. D. Mishra.
- Capital of Andhra Pradesh: Hyderabad.
- Indian Army Day is observed on January 15.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- CEO of Amazon: Jeff Bezos; Established: 5 July 1994.
- Director-General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department: Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.
- Chairman of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA): M. M. Kutty.
- Founded: 19 September 2003; Headquarters: Beijing, China.
- 28th Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- Gujarat CM: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat; Capital: Gandhinagar.
- Union Minister of Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Headquarters of Henley & Partners: London, United Kingdom; Founded: 1997.
- Chairman of Henley & Partners: Christian Kalin.
- Chief Executive Officer(CEO): Juerg Steffen.
- President of World Bank: David R. Malpass; Headquarter: Washington DC.
- Capital of Assam : Dispur; Chief Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal, Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Founder of Merck Company: Friedrich Jacob Merck; Established: 1668.
- Chairman of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd: Sanjiv Singh.
- Headquarter of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd: New Delhi.
- NITI Aayog: National Institution for Transforming India.
- NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant, Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar.