

CURRENT AFFAIRS - CAPSULE

JUNE

BANKING

- **ADB and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency** have agreed to expand **Development Finance** in **Asia and Pacific** to increase the **flow of private sector investment**.
- **Karur Vysya Bank** has entered into a pact with **Centrum Wealth Management Ltd** to form a private limited **joint venture** to offer **wealth management services to its clients**.
- **RBI** has reported that bank frauds have been reached to Rs **71,500 crore** in **2018-19** with over **6,800 cases**.
- **RBI** amended its **norms on banks? exposure to large borrowers** with a view to **reduce the concentration of risk** and align them with the global norms.
- **RBI** formed panel led by **Nandan Nilekani** has recommended to rope in local retailers and business correspondents to act as cash points in semi-urban centers.
- **ICICI** launched a **dedicated center** in **Bengaluru** to provide **hazel free services to small business owners and startups**.
- **RBI** will set up a committee headed by **VG Kannan** to **review ATM charges and fees**, a move that could impact the **charges paid by customers of other banks** to use the facility.
- **RBI** has revised **NPA norms** that the lenders must resolve **NPAs over Rs. 2,000 crore** within **180 days** and given banks **30 days** to review **stressed loans**.
- **Yes Bank** has conducted the **first e-auction of forest produce** in **Dhanora Mahasangh** in **Maharashtra** under its **Tech for Change initiative**.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** with **501.16 crore digital transactions** target set by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** for the **FY 2019-20**.
- **RBI** has relaxed the **Leverage Ratio (LR)** for **banks to 3.5 percent** to expand their **lending activities** and the LR is reduced to **4 percent** for **Domestic Systemically Important Banks**.
- According to **“Benchmarking India’s Payment Systems”** report, the **share of e-Money in India’s payment systems** raise to **21.5 percent** in **2017** from **0.8 percent** in **2012**.
- **RBI** has allowed **banks** to offer **cheque book facility** and other services to the **no-frills account holders**.
- **RBI** has waived off **all charges** for **transactions** using **NEFT** and **RTGS systems** with an aim to **encourage digital transfer of funds** with effect from **1st July 2019**.
- **SBI** has set up a new marketing outfit called **“Destination: The Home Shoppe?”** in **Hyderabad**.
- **IDBI Bank** and **Max Bupa** have signed a **bancassurance corporate agency agreement** to provide a wide range of **health insurance products** and **digital first propositions**.
- **The RBI** will infuse **Rs. 12,500 crore** into the **financial system** through **bond purchases** under the **Open Market Operation (OMO)**.
- **Bank of Baroda** has signed MoU with **“ECL Finance”** to form a strategic partnership to **explore co-lending opportunities**.

- **Jammu and Kashmir Bank** will now come under the purview of **Right to Information Act** and **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines**.
- **UCO Bank** declared **Yashovardhan Birla** as **willful defaulter** for **non-payment of Rs. 67 cr.**
- **ADB** has approved **Rs. 1650 crore** for **infrastructure projects development** in seven of the eight districts headquarter towns in **Tripura**.
- **EXIM Bank** will provide line of credit worth **USD 245 million** to **Ghana** and **Mozambique** for **agricultural and railway projects**.
- **Punjab National Bank** has put on sale **6 non-performing loans** amounting to over **Rs. 1,000 crore**, including two accounts of **Vandana Vidyut** and **Visa Steel**.
- **IDBI Bank** has entered a **bancassurance corporate agency** agreement with **Tata AIG** to provide the **general insurer's products to customers**.
- **World Bank** has signed **USD 918 million** loan agreement with **Pakistan** to support the **economy, reform the tax system** and **broaden the revenue base**.
- **Federal Bank** has raised **Rs. 300 crore** by issuing **Basel III compliant bonds** on **private placement basis**.
- **RBI** has assigned **lead bank** responsibility to **SBI** for **3 new districts** in **Telangana** and **MP**.
- **Flipkart** has signed MoU with **banks** and **NBFCs** to offer **quick loans** within **2 days** under **Growth Capital programme**.
- **SBI** is planning to introduce **YONO SBI app** in **Singapore** by enhancing its relationship across **small and medium enterprises (SMEs)**.
- **RBI** has launched "**Complaint Management System**" for **lodging complaints** against **banks and NBFCs** with a view to improve **customer experience in timely redressal of grievances**.
- **RBI** has advised all **Commercial Banks** to adopt "**Education Loan Scheme**".
- **RBI** has issued guidelines for setting up of **Financial Benchmark Administrator** for administering **significant benchmarks** in the **markets for financial instruments**.
- **Yes Bank** has launched the "**Click OD (Over Draft)**" facility for existing **MSME customers**.
- **RBI** has relaxed the **leverage ratio (LR)** to **4%** for **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs)** and **3.5%** for **other banks** to boost **their lending activities** w.e.f **1st Oct 2019**.
- **RBI** has allowed **asset reconstruction companies (ARCs)** to buy **financial assets** from **other such entities**.
- **India** has signed a lot of loan agreements with **World Bank** recently

Amount	Purpose
USD 250 million	First Resilient Kerala Program
USD 250 million	Rajasthan State Highways Development Program II Project
USD 287 million	Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme
USD 147 million	Urban services such as water supply, sewerage, drainage and urban road to Jharkhand
USD 31.58 million	Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project
USD 400 million	To eliminate TB by 2025
USD 328 million	To improve the quality and responsiveness of public health services in Andhra Pradesh

➤ **RBI has imposed penalties on different banks recently**

Name of the Bank	Amount	Purpose
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Rs. 2 crore	For the non-state lender's failure on promoter shareholding
Yes Bank and ZipCash Card Services	Rs. 11.25 lakh	For non-compliance with regulatory norms
HDFC Bank	Rs. 1 crore	For not reporting frauds and non-compliance with other directions
South Indian Bank	Rs. 10 lakh	For non-compliance with directions issued on 'guarantees and Co-acceptances'

ECONOMY

- Fitch Ratings certified long-term **Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs)** to **six** banks that are SBI, BOB (New Zealand), PNB, BOB and BOI with **BBB-** a stable outlook.
- According to **Central Statistics Office**, Gross domestic product growth in the January-March quarter of 2018-19 decreased to **5.8%** as compared to the forecast of **6.5%**.
- **Horticulture production** registered a rise to **314.87 million tonne** in 2018-19 which was **1.01%** higher than horticulture production in 2017-18.
- As per data **Controller General of Accounts, GOI** has met the fiscal deficit target of **3.4%** for the Financial Year 2018-19. The fiscal deficit stood **at 3.39%** against the estimated rate of 3.4%.
- As per **Reuters survey**, India registered 6.3% and China recorded a growth of 6.4% annual growth in the January-March quarter. Indian economy lost its spot as the **world's fastest-growing economy** to China.
- The Government has fixed the price of Sovereign Gold Bonds -Series I for 2019-20 **at Rs 3,196 per gram** with settlement date **June 11, 2019**.
- US President signed a proclamation to withdraw **Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)** scheme on **\$5.6 billion** exports from India, effective from June 5, 2019.
- **IOCL, BPCL and HPCL** signed an agreement to form a Joint Venture in New Delhi for laying the world's longest LPG pipeline from Kandla, **Gujarat to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Larsen & Toubro Financial Services** launched **'Digital Sakhi'**, an educational program aimed at financial inclusion of rural women in **Villupuram District, Tamilnadu**.
- **Max Life Insurance Company** launched a unique proprietary tool named **"My Protection Quotient" (MyPQ)** to ensure financial protection in the country.
- Imports from Pakistan to India declined by **92%** in March 2019 to **\$2.84 million** due to the imposition of 200% customs duties on all products after Pulwama terror attack.
- **IRDAI** hiked the **Third Party (TP) motor insurance premium** for small and medium private cars by **12-12.5%** for 2019-20.
- **FundzBazar**, an online mutual fund investment platform launched by **Prudent**, has initiated a **"Selfiewala KYC"** feature for the first-time **mutual fund investors**.

- **ZestMoney (Bengaluru startup)** is in partnership with **Digit Insurance** announced to offer EMI insurance to the company's five million customers.
- According to UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2019, **FDI** in India (Ranked 10th) grew by **6%** to **\$42 billion** in 2018, **US** was the world's **top recipient** of FDI with **\$252 billion**.
- ADB in its Asian Development Outlook stated that **Bangladesh** emerged as the fastest growing economy among the **45 countries** of the Asia-Pacific region.
- According to Fisheries Department, India is the **second largest** fish producing country in the world after China as it accounts for **6.3 percent** of the global fish production.
- **Max Life Insurance Company Limited** has launched customizable "**Max Life Smart Term Plan**".
- NITI Aayog plans to convert three-wheelers to EVs by **2023** and 2-wheelers below 150cc by **2025**.
- **Sundaram Finance** to acquire stakes of its partner **BNP Paribas** held in two JVs companies for a total of around **Rs1,000cr**.
- **Tech Mahindra** signed a contract with **Airbus** for cabin and cargo design engineering.
- **MobiKwik** partnered with **Max Bupa** to launch "**shampoo-sachet**" health plan.
- According to **FIEO**, improvement in logistics, infrastructure will boost exports to **\$1 trillion** in next 3 years.
- Indian Crypto Exchange **Koinex** shuts down its operation.
- According to a report, "**Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2018**" by the International Renewable Energy Agency, **India** leads in producing solar power at lowest cost globally.
- **Forex reserves of India** increased to a record high of **\$426.42 billion**.
- **India's Current Account Deficit (CAD)** increased to \$57.2 billion or **2.1%** of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in FY19.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan** was conferred with **WHO Tobacco Control Award for 2019** in the field of tobacco control.
- **Pratibha Patil (Former president)** was honored Mexico termed "**Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca**" (Order of the Aztec Eagle), She becomes the **2nd Indian** after the late President **S. Radhakrishnan** granted this honour.
- **Women sangams (groups) of the Deccan Development Society (DDS)** bagged the **United Nation's Equator Prize** for 2019.
- **Google CEO Sundar Pichai** and **NASDAQ "president Adena Friedman** were chosen for **Global Leadership Awards 2019** for "**catalyzing growth in the US-India commercial corridor**".
- **Greta Thunberg (Swedish teenage activist)** has won the Amnesty International's, "Ambassador of Conscience award" for **fighting against the peril of global warming**.
- **Ex-President of USA, Jimmy Carter** has won **George H. W. Bush Award** for his contributions to relations between the **U.S. and China**.
- **73rd Tony awards** was held in **Radio City Music Hall, New York City**

S.NO	CATEGORIES	WINNERS
1.	Best play	"The Ferryman" by Jez Butterworth
2.	Best musical	"Hadestown"
3.	Best performance by an actor in a leading role in a musical	Santino Fontana, "Tootsie"
4.	Best performance by an actress in a leading role in a musical	Stephanie J. Block, "The Cher Show"
5.	Best direction of a musical	Rachel Chavkin, "Hadestown"
6.	Best Direction of a Play	Sam Mendes, "The Ferryman"
7.	Best choreography	Sergio Trujillo, "Ain't Too Proud"

- Mahindra Group won the **Gold Award in South Africa**. It clinches the top spot among 29 vehicle brands and it received from **National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA)**.
- **Nia Tony** (8) Indian girl was honoured during the **22nd edition Emirates Recycling Awards** in **Dubai, UAE** for her role in keeping the environment clean by collecting paper wastes.
- Chinese President **Xi Jinping** was conferred with **Kyrgyzstan's** Highest National Award, "**Manas Order of the First Degree**" in Kyrgyzstan.
- **Priyanka Chopra** was selected for "**Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award**" by **UNICEF** for her contribution to social causes and for being a voice for children's education.
- **Amitav Ghosh (Noted English Fiction writer)** received the country's highest literary honour **54th Jnanpith Award** in New Delhi.
- **Zonel Sougajam** (civil engineer) was recognized by "**Facebook**" for discovering and reporting a WhatsApp bug that violated the privacy of a user.
- **7 Indian-origin Australians** have been honoured for their outstanding contributions in the field of medicine, music, education and finance in Australia.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru University** will honour Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and External Affairs Minister **Dr S Jaishankar** with "**Distinguished Alumni Award**".
- **Dr Gaurav Nigam**, an educationist, pediatrician and author, honoured with "**Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019**".
- **DD India** channel will be broadcasted in **Bangladesh & South Korea**.
- **Rachna Khaira** of the tribune won Redink award for "**journalist of the year 2019**" for Aadhaar expose.
- In the 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival, Director **Bijukumar Damodaran** has received the Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award for the film, **Veyil Marangal (Trees under the Sun)**.
- **Sameer Gulati** bags Rs. 3 lakhs for "world's best coder" at **TechGig Code Gladiators 2019**.
- An Indian engineer, **Nitesh Kumar Jangir** has won the **Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award 2019**.

STATE

- **Rajasthan Government** banned advertisement and sale of e-cigarettes; Increased financial aid under "**Aapki Beti**" scheme.
- **Punjab** has announced that it is going to ban **online food delivery without hygiene ratings**.
- **Chief Minister of Delhi** has announced free rides in **Delhi metro and Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)** for women to ensure safety and make transport with higher fare affordable with the cost of Rs **700 crores**.

- Delhi Metro became India's the first ever project to receive power from a waste-to-energy plant.
- Madhya Pradesh State Government passed the resolution to increase the reservation quota for **Other Backward Class** from the current **14 percent to 27 Percent**.
- **Goa cabinet** approved the amendment of **10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections of a general category** in education and employment.
- **Amasebailu in Kundapura Taluk of Udupi district** has been named as the Karnataka's **first** solar-powered Gram Panchayat.
- Bihar Cabinet approved the proposal seeking provisions to punish children who abandon their elderly parents.
- **Assam** Transport Minister launched State Transport Corporation's **Chalo app**.
- Bihar Government Launched **Mukhyamantri Vriddha Pension Yojna** for poor people **above 60 years of age** which is effective from **April 1, 2019**.
- **Punjab Government** announced that the Government set to launch its flagship universal health insurance scheme named "**Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana(SSBY)**" from July 1, 2019
- **Himachal Pradesh Government** made it mandatory for trekkers to carry a **GPS device to tackle any exigency**
- **Kolhapuri chappal** (handcrafted footwear) gets a **GI tag** from The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Mark and tag was given to the states of **Maharashtra and Karnataka**.
- **NPCI of Mumbai** signed an agreement with **Telangana** and is to offer a mode of payment options like UPI Collect Request, RuPay Debit and Credit Cards to the users of the "MeeSeva" portal of the Government.
- **Maharashtra government** announced scheme for smokeless kitchens ?**Chullah-free and smoke-free Maharashtra?**.
- I&B Ministry, GOI signed the agreement with **Bangladesh and South Korea** for Doordarshan India, an Indian English News and Current Affairs Channel is to be telecasted in those countries.
- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** and institutions under it, successfully observed **Swachhta Pakhwada (cleanliness fortnight)** from **June 1-15 2019**.
- **West Bengal** introduces free crop insurance scheme **Bangla Shashya Bima for farmers**.

SURVEYS

- According to **National Sample Survey Office**, covering **4.3 lakh people** revealed that the unemployment rate was about **6.1% in 2017-18**, highest in 45 year since 1972-73.
- According to **National Sample Survey Organization**, India has **20.6 health workers per 10,000 people** and this is less than WHO minimum overreach of **22.8 per 10,000 people**
- As per the study of **Booking.com** , Indians(72%)were ranked **2nd** among Bleisure Travelers across 31 countries In 2018, Indian and **Thai travelers(80%)** were ranked 1st
- **India** (56.2 scores) was ranked **95th** out of 129 countries in new SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Gender Equality Index .**1st Denmark (89.3)** and **129th is Chad (33.4)**.
- According to **Traffic Index 2018**, **Mumbai** ranked most congested city in the world, Delhi ranked 4th.
- As per Forbes Magazine, **Jay-Z** (real name is Sean Carter) was named as World's 1st Billionaire Rapper and has a wealth of **\$1bn (£800m)**.

- According to the study on **Environmental impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission on Water, Soil, and Food?** by UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation shows Swachh Bharat has reduced groundwater contamination.
- **Singer Rihanna** (\$600 million) named as the world's richest female according to the Forbes magazine and she overtook Madonna and Beyonce who topped the list previously.
- According to the National Council of Applied Economic Research, Business confidence index of India Inc slipped **9.1 percent** in the fourth quarter Q4 of the financial year 2018-19.
- According to the journal **"PLOS ONE"**, stated that Climate change is adversely affecting the global production of crops such as **wheat and rice**.
- According to **3rd End of Childhood Index**, a part of Changing Lives in **Our Lifetime -Global Childhood Report 2019**, India (769 score out of 1000) was ranked **113** in 176 and **Singapore** (989) topped.
- According to **"BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brand ranking 2019"**, compiled by WPP research agency, **Amazon** beats Apple and **Google** to become the world's most valuable brand.
- According to venture capitalist stated that India ranks 2nd by witnessing 12% world internet users (455mn) and China leads the chart with 21% of global internet users.
- Australian think tank **Institute for Economics and Peace** released the report, **"Global peace index 2019"** stated that India ranked **141** among 163 countries and **Iceland** topped.
- According to the report **"Brand Trust Report, 2019"**, by Trust Research Advisory, **Dell** tops the list as the most trusted brand for 2019 in India, Jeep(2nd), and LIC (3rd)
- **Virat Kohli (ranked 83rd)** is the only Indian in the Forbes list of World's highest-paid athletes 2019 with \$25mn and topped by Argentina's Footballer **Lionel Messi (\$127mn)**.
- In the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2020, **IIT-Bombay (152th rank)** emerged as India's best institution and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) topped.
- According to "WTP" and "ATP" rankings, **Naomi Osaka (Japan)** and **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)** continued as world number one respectively.
- **Knight Frank in its Capital 2019 Report, India (20th rank)** among the top capital importing countries and **US** was the top capital importing country with \$80.89 billion.
- As per the **Ericsson Mobility Report of June 2019 edition, India's data usage per smartphone is the highest in the world at 9.8GB per month.**
- **The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog** released the Second Edition of **"Healthy States, Progressive India"** Report.
- According to UN report, 31.4% of Indian children will be stunted by 2022.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs** released the rankings of Police Stations for 2018, **Kalu police station in Bikaner district (Rajasthan)** was ranked the best police station in the country.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Union finance & Corporate Affairs minister, among **?100 Most Influential in UK-India Relations: Celebrating Women'list.**
- According to NSSO Survey, **Nagaland** occupies the top position in the **unemployment rate.**

SEMINARS AND MEETINGS

Seminars and Meetings	Place	Theme/Tagline
Indo-Pacific region meeting	Bangkok	To maintain universal respect for international law and freedom of navigation and overflight in the region
14th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)	Mecca, Saudi Arabia	To address current issues in the Muslim world and recent developments in a number of OIC member states
Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) meet	Bangkok, Thailand	Collective efforts for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region
2nd Global Disability Summit	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to work out a mechanism for enabling them to live an independent and dignified life
G20 Finance Ministers' Meeting	Japan	
Garuda air exercise	France	To boost the military-to-military ties between India and France
'live mating' exercise	Visakhapatnam	
Meeting of the Board of Trade and the Council for Development and Promotion	New Delhi	
4th Subordinate Officers Conclave 2019	New Delhi	Accountability in job profile, improving lifestyle for healthy living and integrating evolving technology in Coast Guard operations
15th Finance Commission Meet	Meghalaya	
G-7 Summit	France	
Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum	Ahmedabad	
16th Asia Media Summit	Cambodia	Media Digitalization Focusing on Developing Markets
Culture Minister inaugurates the exhibition 'Astitva'	New Delhi	
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit	Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)	strengthen global cooperation in efforts against terrorism without politicization and double standard

5th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, CICA, Summit	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	For enhancing cooperation and promoting peace, security and stability in Asia
5th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog	Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi	
Maritime Information Sharing Workshop 2019	Gurugram, Haryana	Promoting and sharing regarding the security and safety challenges faced by IOR
Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2019	Mumbai	
2 nd Meeting of India-Italy Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism	New Delhi	
Second Edition of World Food India	New Delhi	Forging Partnerships for Growth
10th edition of Regional GRIHA Summit 2019	Nagpur, Maharashtra	Transformation Strategies for Built Environment
3rd edition of Namaste Thailand Festival 2019	New Delhi	
ICG co-hosts 12th ReCAAP ISC capacity building workshop	New Delhi	
12th session of Conference of States Parties to Convention to Rights of PwDs 2019	New York	Ensuring inclusion of persons with disabilities in a changing world through the implementation of the CRPD
G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth	Karuizawa, Japan	Accelerating the Virtuous Cycle of Environmental Protection and Economic Growth by Innovation
20th meeting on Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)	New Delhi	
35th GST Council Meeting	New Delhi	
Operation Bandar	Balakot	
3rd Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019	Paris	
Meeting of Expert Working Group of Paris Pact Initiative of UNODC	New Delhi	
ISA's First Joint Security Exercise named 'ISALEX19	Abu Dhabi	Preventing and combating transnational organized extremist crimes through joint security cooperation projects.

SPORTS

- **India won 5 gold and 3 silver in Under-20 Eurasian Athletics Championships held at Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
- **India will be hosting the Asian Football Confederation (AFC)'s Asian Cup football tournament for Women to be held in 2022 along with China and Uzbekistan.**
- **Sidharth Rawat defeated Japan's Rio Noguchi to win International Tennis Federation (ITF) men's Futures Tennis Tournament held in Nonthaburi, Thailand.**
- **The Indian junior women's hockey team won Cantor Fitzgerald U21 title by beating Ireland at Dublin, Ireland.**
- **Sunil Chhetri Becomes Most Capped India Player.**
- **8th edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 held in France.**
- **Canadian Grand Prix 2019 won by Lewis Hamilton beating Sebastian Vettel.**
- **French Open 2019:**
- **Men's Singles : Rafael Nadal (Spain) defeated Dominic Thiem**
- **Women's Singles : Ashleigh Barty (Australia) defeated Marketa Vondrousova(Czech)**
- **Men's Doubles : Kevin Krawietz (Germany) / Andreas Mies (Germany)**
- **Women's Doubles : Timea Babos (Hungary) / Kristina Mladenovic (France)**
- **Mixed Doubles: Latisha Chan (Chinese Taipei) / Ivan Dodig (Croatia).**
- **2019 ITTF world Tour Hong Kong Open held in Hong Kong. Men's Singles won by Lin Gaoyuan (China) while womens singles won by Wang Yidi (China).**
- **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is changing its name as World Athletics.**
- **Sourav Kothari won the 2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship by defeating Tyson Crinis of Australia, held in Melbourne, Australia.**
- **Australia and Qatar are invited by CONMEBOL to participate in Copa America 2020.**
- **Peter Gilchrist (Singapore) defeated Sourav Kothari (Kolkata) to win the 2019 Pacific International Billiards Championship at the Yarraville Club in Melbourne, Australia.**
- **India won FIH Men's Series defeated South Africa in Bhubaneswar.**
- **Indian men's recurve team won one silver and two bronze medals in the Archery World Championships at Den Bosch in The Netherlands.**
- **India captain Virat Kohli has become the fastest batsman to score 11,000 runs in ODI cricket.**
- **The 50th edition of World Archery Championships, 2019 were held in "S-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands. South Korea topped the medal tally with 3 gold, 2 Silver,3 Bronze. India won three medals,1 silver, and 2 bronze.**
- **Nihal Sarin, Indian Chess Grandmaster has won the 2019 Asian Continental Chess Championship held in Xingtai, China.**
- **Gary Woodland (American golfer) has won the 119th United States (US) open 2019 held at the Pebble Beach Golf Links, California defeating by Brooks Koepka (US).**
- **Punjab Police (Men) and Eastern Railway (Women) won 2019 Federation Cup Basketball Championship held in Greater Noida.**
- **PU Chitra and Sreeshankar won Gold & Johnson wins silver at Folksam Grand Prix 2019 held in Sollentuna, Sweden.**
- **International Olympic Committee (IOC) inaugurated its 145 million Swiss francs (\$145 million) new headquarters named Olympic House in a ceremony held at the Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland.**

- **Roger Federer** (Switzerland) defeats **David Goffin** (Belgium) to win the 27th edition of the **Halle Open 2019**.
- **Girish A. Koushik** (Mysore) became India's **63rd Grandmaster (GM)** at the **37th Balaton International Chess Festival** in Hungary.
- **Sofia Kenin** (United States) won the **Mallorca Open Title 2019** against **Belinda Bencic** (Switzerland) held at **Mallorca, Spain**.
- Mercedes Driver **Lewis Hamilton** wins **France Grand Prix 2019**.
- **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** suspended the Olympic status from the **International Boxing Association (AIBA)**.
- India captain **Virat Kohli** became the **fastest batsman** to reach **20,000** international runs, surpassing batting greats **Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara**.
- **Italy** will host the **third Winter Games**, after **Turin** hosted it in **2006** and **Ski Resort Cortina** hosted it in **1956**.
- **India's junior Boxing women's team** was won best team trophy in **5th Black Forest Cup** held in **Schwenningen, Germany**. The team won **7** medals, including **5 gold**.
- **The Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Mission Olympic Cell** has included four archers namely **Archers Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das, Pravin Jadhav and Atul Verma** in Target **Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** for the **2020 Tokyo Olympics**.
- **The St Peters Youth Centre Open Hockey Tournament for 2019** held in **Mumbai**, teams of **Central Railway (Women)** and **Union Bank of India (Men)** emerged as champions.

PLACES IN NEWS

- The **Elephanta Festival of art and culture** kicked off at the **iconic Gateway of India** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Chief Minister of **Delhi** has announced **free rides** in **Delhi metro** and **Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)** for **women** to ensure safety and make transport with higher fare affordable.
- Punjab CM Amarinder Singh has requested PM to declare the **550th Guru Nanak Prakash Purab** as **National Tolerance Day** cited the Sikhism founder's message of love and compassion.
- **Madhya Pradesh (MP)** State Government passed the resolution to **increase** the reservation quota **for OBC (Other Backward Class)** from the **14 to 27** Percent.
- **Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani** inaugurated the **new Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park** at in **Balasinor, Mahisagar district**.
- Annual festival of **Kheer Bhawani Mela** on **Zeasht Ashtami** was celebrated in **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.
- The state government of **Karnataka** launched "**Pink Sarathi vehicles**" for women safety under the "**Nirbhaya**" scheme.
- Scientists discovered new species of "**paddy frog**" from **Northeast India**, primarily **Cachar district of Assam**.
- **The Mata Vaishno Devi shrine**, a religious pilgrimage atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district of **Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)** will get a dedicated in-house disaster response force by **September 2020**.
- **Japan** gifted **Imphal Peace Museum** to **Manipur** to mark the **75th anniversary** of the Battle of Imphal at **Maibam Lokpa Ching** popularly known as **Red Hill**.

SPECIAL DAYS

DATE	SPECIAL DAY	THEME
1 st June	World Milk Day	Drink Milk: Today & Everyday
	The Global Day of Parents or Parents	
2 nd June	Telangana foundation Day	
3 rd June	World Bicycle Day	
4 th June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	
	The 30th anniversary of Tiananmen Square protests / massacre	
5 th June	World Environment Day	'Beat Air Pollution'
	International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	
6 th June	Maharana Pratap Jayanti	
7 th June	World Food Safety Day	Food Safety, everyone's business
8 th June	World oceans day	Gender and the Ocean'
	World Brain Tumor Day	
12 th June	World Day against Child Labour	Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams
13 th June	International Albinism Awareness Day	Still Standing Strong
14 th June	World Blood Donor Day	Safe blood for all
15 th June	World Elder Abuse Awareness day	Lifting Up Voices 2019
16 th June	International Day of Family Remittances	
17 th June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Let's Grow the Future Together
18 th June	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	
	International Picnic Day	
19 th June	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	
20 th June	World Refugee Day	Step With Refugees — Take A Step on World Refugee Day
21 st June	International Day of Yoga	Yoga for Heart
	World Music Day	Music at the intersections
21 st June	Summer Solstice day	
23 rd June	International Olympic Day	
	The United Nations Public Service Day	Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation, and Accountable Institutions'
	International Widows Day	
25 th June	Day of the Seafarer	Get on board with gender equality
26 th June	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2019	Health for Justice. Justice for Health
	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	
27 th June	Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises Day	
29 th June	National Statistics Day 2019	Sustainable Development Goals
	International Day of the Tropics 2019	
30 th June	International Asteroid Day 2019	
	International Day of Parliamentarism	

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Two **Russian** space agency Roscosmos' cosmonauts have successfully carried out the **217th** spacewalk for International Space Station's support, maintenance and upgrade.
- **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras** launched an Integrated Database on Infrastructure Projects (IDIP), a data platform aimed at enhancing the efficiency of infrastructure development and enable effective decision-making among different stakeholders involved in the sector.
- Ahead of **International Yoga Day** on **June 21**, the AYUSH Ministry has launched a mobile application to enable people to locate yoga events, centres providing training and instructors.
- Army commissioned "Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS)", an air quality monitor, at Fort William Military Station, **Kolkata**, as a part of "**Go Green**" initiative.
- **Google Maps** has added new features to let India users check **live bus travel** times in 10 cities and also see **live status of trains**.
- The anti-ship version of Supersonic cruise missile **BrahMos** was test-fired from Complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at **Chandipur** in **Odisha**. **BrahMos**, with a strike range of around 290 km, can be fired from land, sea, and air.
- Social networking giant **Facebook** has announced its 1st interactive game show, titled "**Confetti**" in India.
- **Army** launched an online platform, **Retired Officers Digital Records Archive (RODRA)**, with an aim to have a better connection with armed forces veteran officers and family pensioners.
- For the first time, **China's National Space Administration (CNSA)** successfully launched "**Long March 11 rocket**", a rocket to space from a ship at sea.
- An experimental Ebola drug "**remdesivir**" is found to cure **Nipah virus** also according to the new study published in Science Translational Medicine from National Institutes of Health scientists and colleagues.
- **NASA** has announced that testing a "**rose-coloured**" **non-toxic 'green' fuel** and a **compatible propulsion system in space** for the **1st time** with its **Green Propellant Infusion Mission (GPIM)** spacecraft.
- **China** has launched "**Long March 11**" rocket from **yellow sea platform** for the **1st time**.
- **The U.S. Embassy** has launched a mobile application "**Education USA**" to provide **current, comprehensive and accurate information about studying in the USA**.
- **India** has launched a new **Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)** by using the **Agni 1 missile platform** that was to take it up to a predetermined altitude.

- **Microsoft** has partnered with **10 higher educational institutes in India** to launch **artificial intelligence (AI) digital labs**.
- **NASA's Spitzer space telescope** will be switched off permanently on **January 30, 2020**, after nearly **16 years of exploring the cosmos in infrared light**.
- **ISRO** chairman **K Sivan** has announced that **India** will have its **own Space station** by **2030**.
- **India's 2nd Moon mission "Chandrayaan-2"** is scheduled to launch on **July 15** and headed by two female scientists **"Ritu Kridhal and M Vanitha"**.
- **ISRO** has opened its **laboratories** for **1st time** for **Indian school students** to undergo two-week training as part of its new Young Scientists Programme **"YUVIKA"**.
- **Facebook** has launched a digital currency named **"Libra"** that will allow its billions of users to make financial transactions across the globe.
- **Assam govt** has launched the State Transport Corporation's **Chalo app** for **Guwahati** that will help commuters to know about the live arrival time of their bus.
- A group of **Indian scientists** have developed a new vaccine against **anthrax**.
- The **WHO** has offered a new tool **"AWaRe"** for **action against antimicrobial resistance**.
- A **team of scientists** in **Assam** has developed a **chemical process** that turns **"dirty" coal** into a **biomedical "dot"** to help **detect cancer cells**.
- The **Telecom Ministry** is going to roll out a database of **International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI)** to help people track their **stolen mobile phones**.
- **Researchers** from **Hiroshima University, Japan** have developed a new type of **cooling vest** for **sports athletes** to compete safely in **sweltering summer conditions**.
- **NASA** has launched **1st Astrobee robot "Bumble"** to **fly** under its own power in **space**.
- **Japanese** space agency **JAXA** has partnered with **Germany (DLR)** and **France (CNES)** to send a **rover to Mars' moons Phobos and Deimos**.
- **India** scrapped **USD 500 million** deal for the purchase of **Spike anti-tank missiles** from **Israel's** state-run **Rafale Advanced Defense Systems**.
- According to Bloomberg NEF's **New Energy Outlook (NEO)** report 2019, **Wind and solar power** are the **new power** in **two-thirds of countries** around the world will make up almost **half of the electricity system** by **2050**.
- **NASA's Curiosity rover** has discovered the **high amounts of methane gas** on **"Mars"**.
- **ISRO** has distributed **250 NavIC Messaging Receivers** to **fishermen** of **Kerala** on a trial basis.

- **Oracle** has introduced a new tool “**Anti Money Laundering Express Edition (AMLXE)**” to detect **suspected money laundering and terrorist financing activities**.
- **Google Maps** has rolled out a new feature “**Stay Safer**” in **India** to **suggest routes to users**.
- **BSES Yamuna Power Ltd** has launched behavioral energy saving app ‘**Susthome**’ as part of its **Demand Side Management programme**.
- **India** has successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile “**Prithvi-II**” as part of a **user trial by the Army** from a test range off the **Odisha coast**.
- **Google** has announced a new subsea cable dubbed “**Equiano**” that will connect **Africa continent with Europe** to boost its **cloud computing infrastructure**.
- **ISRO** has formed a new commercial arm **New Space India Limited (NSIL)** to **exploit technology and launch satellites**.
- **NASA** is planning to send **Dragonfly robot** on to **Titan** to search for **origins and signs of life**.
- DRDO Scientist **Hemanth Pandey** developed an herbal drug “**Lukoskin**” to **treat leucoderma**.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- The **Cabinet** has given **3-month** extension in office to the Defence Secretary **Sanjay Mitra** up to **August 23, 2019**.
- **RBI** has constituted 5-member panel led by **Nandan Nilekani** recommended measures like 24×7 RTGS, NEFT and elimination of all charges in order to promote **digital payments in India**.
- The founder of **Wipro**, **Azim Premji** will retire as Executive Chairman of Wipro on **July 30, 2019**.
- **Yuvraj Singh** (37-year-old) cricketer announced retirement from **international cricket**, the decision was take in **Mumbai**. He played 40 Tests, 304 ODIs and 58 T20Is for India.
- Young cricketer of India, **Jemimah Rodrigues** has become the **third Indian woman cricket player** to feature in **Kia Super League (KSL)** after **Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur**.
- Cancer-hit **Malaysian** badminton star **Lee Chong Wei** announced his retirement.
- **Suman Rao** from Rajasthan has won the **Femina Miss India World 2019** beauty pageant during a star-studded ceremony at **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium in Mumbai**.
- **Shivani Jadhav** from **Chhattisgarh** clinched **Femina Miss Grand India 2019 title** and **Shreya Shanker from Bihar** won **Miss India United Continents 2019 title** during the grand finale of the beauty pageant.
- **Spanish** World Cup-winning striker **Fernando Torres** has announced he is to retire from **football**.
- **RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya**, who was in-charge of the **monetary policy department**, has resigned six months before the scheduled end of his term.
- **Pankaj Razdan** deputy CEO of **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI)** has announced his resignation from the position.
- India born **Priya Serrao** has won the **Miss Universe Australia title** for 2019.
- **Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla** will head the high-level advisory group to boost India's share and importance in global merchandise and services trade.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Organization	Name of the Person
Brand ambassador of Goa to promote Yoga	Namrata Menon
UN Deputy Executive Director	Anita Bhatia
Additional charge as Director General (DG) of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).	Arun Kumar
Board of the International Air Transport Association	Ajay Singh
Brand ambassador of 'Veeba' foods for its new brand "V-Nourish"	Shah Rukh Khan
Re-appointed as National security Advisor (NSA)	Ajith Doval
New Advocate General of Chhattisgarh	Satish Chandra Verma
External auditor of WHO	Rajiv Mehrishi
President of El Salvador	Nayib Bukele
Non-Executive Chairman of Axis Bank	Rakesh Makhija
Next High Commissioner of India to The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	Arun Kumar Sahu
Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence staff	Lt Gen PJS Pannu
Speaker of Puducherry assembly	V.P Sivakolundhu
74th session President of UNGA	Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court	Justice Prashant Kumar
Youngest Member of Parliament to the 17th Lok Sabha	Chandrani Murmu
World's first billionaire rapper by Forbes magazine	Jay-Z
1 st gold card permanent residency of UAE	MA Yusuff Ali
Chief or Director General (DG) of India Meteorological Department (IMD)	Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
New Secretary General of General Insurance Council	Mr. M N Sarma
Additional Director General (ADG) of BSF	S S Chahar
Executive director of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry	P Jayadevan
New Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court	Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel
Electoral officer for BCCI's Annual General Meeting (AGM)	N Gopaldaswami
Prime Minister of Thailand	Prayuth Chan-ocha
International Narcotics Control Board	India's Ms Jagjit Pavadia
Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Bank	RK Chibber
Non-permanent Members of UNSC	Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam
International member of American Philosophical Society	Romila Thapar
Next High commissioner of India to Belize	Manpreet Vohra
BharatPe Marketing officer	Abhishek Singh
Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh	Mekathoti Sucharitha
MD of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift City)	Tapan Ray
Part-time Member of SEBI	V Ravi Anshuman
Secretary of Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu	I V Subba Rao
President of Kazakhstan	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
Leader of Rajya Sabha	Thawarchand Gehlot

Next CEO of PepsiCo	Laxman Narasimha
7th Commandant of Indian Naval Academy	Dinesh K Tripathi
Part-time members of IBBI	Krishnamurthy Subramanian and B Sriram
Chairman and MD of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL)	Bhola Nath Shukla
Country's new envoy to India	Sun Weidong
First female president of Slovakia	Zuzana Caputova
Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Tuvalu	Ms. Padmaja
Executive Director of UNEP	Inger Andersen
president of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)	Debendranath Sarangi
Executive director of Reserve Bank of India	Rabi N Mishra
Brand ambassador Hero Moto Corp Ltd	Yerry Fernando Mina González
New Director General of the Pakistan's ISI	Faiz Hameed
New Lok Sabha Speaker	Om Birla
Independent person to sort out the ongoing mess in the Archery Association of India	Abhinav Bindra
Working president of BJP	Jagat Prakash Nadda
Director of Nehru Centre in London	Amish Tripathi
India's representative in the Council of ICAO	Shefali Juneja
Chief Justice of Telangana High Court	Justice Raghuvendra Singh Chauhan
Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court	Justice V Ramasubramanian
President of Mauritania	Mohamed Ould Ghazouani
New director general of the United Nation's FAO	Qu Dongyu
CEO of Warner Media	Ann Sarnoff
Next director general of Indian Coast Guard	Krishnaswamy Natarajan
Head the Intelligence Bureau	Arvind Kumar
CEO of NITI Aayog	Amitabh Kant
New Chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India	Amit Agarwal
Chief of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)	Samant Kumar Goel
Member of the International Olympic Committee	Narinder Batra
Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu	K Shanmugham
Governor of Manipur	Padmanabha Balakrishnan Acharya
Chairperson of the Lokayukta in Arunachal Pradesh	Justice PK Saikia
President of Federation of Indian Export Organizations	Sharad Kumar Saraf
Pro-tem speaker of Lok Sabha	Virendra Kumar

INTERNATIONAL

- **Puerto Williams** in Chile has become the **world's southernmost city**, it is located in **Argentina**.
- **India, US, Japan, and Australia** came together to support **ASEAN-led architecture mechanism** for a rule-based order to promote free, open, prosperous and inclusive indo-pacific region, it is held at **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- Air Chief Marshal **Birender Singh Dhanoa** leaves for 4-days visit of **Sweden** for to visit **various operational and training units** as well as interact with senior functionaries.
- The **US** will end preferential trade status for **India in June 2019**, Trump has confirmed amid **a deepening row over protectionism**.
- Europe's highest **volcano Mount Etna erupted** spitting molten lava in the island of Sicily, **Italy**.
- **Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) of UAE** has issued the first permanent residency - **Golden Card**, in **Abu Dhabi**, it aims to attract investors, exporters, and students who meet their criteria.
- **Chinese President Xi Jinping** has arrived in **Moscow** for a state visit to **Russia** and the **23rd St. Petersburg International Economic Forum**.
- The **Indian and French** air forces will carry out a two-week-long mega **air exercise beginning July 1 in France**.
- In Russia the **1st tourist train (Zarengold)** traveling through **Russia's Arctic region to Norway** set off from **St. Petersburg station** with 91passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey.
- The **Srilanka Airlines** has been named as the **world's most punctual airline with 90.75 per cent** of its flights in May 2019 being "**on-time**" throughout its route network.
- **First-ever in-depth analysis** of child grooms, The **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** study has revealed that **1 in 5 children (23 million)** were married off before the age of **15**.
- The Cabinet of **UAE** adopted a 12-year strategy "**National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031**".
- **Mount Sinabung volcano** has been erupted spreading a column of ash at **7 km** high in the island of Sumatra in **western Indonesia**.
- **Canada PM Justin Trudeau** announced that **single-use plastics will be banned** in the country from **2021**.
- **IRSDC** entered a Tripartite Agreement with **French Railways (SNCF) & AFD**, a French Agency which will finance up to **7,00,000 EURO**, through French National Railways (SNCF)-Hubs and Connexions as a Technical Partner to IRSDC.
- The Legislative Assembly of **El Salvador** has recognized "**forests as living entities**" on the **World Environment Day (5th June 2019)**
- Researchers discovered two new species of the "**tweezer-beaked hopping rats**" or "**shrew-rats on mountains** in the **Philippines**" island of Luzon.

- The **UAE and Germany** have reaffirmed their joint commitment to fight **against** terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms.
- **PM Narendra Modi** has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for signing a MoU between the **India and Kyrgyzstan** in the field of **Health**.
- The **Venezuelan** government has released the new Banknotes of **10,000, 20,000 and 50,000** denominations for **racketing hyperinflation which eroded the currency's value**.
- **Border Security Force of India** and the **Border Guard Bangladesh** signed a **Joint Record of Discussion** at the 48th Director General (DG)-level talks in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**.
- The 23rd edition of **Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN)** will be held in Bucheon City, **South Korea**, 4 Indian movies **Gully Boy, Andhadhun, Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi and Super Deluxe** will be screened at the festival.
- According to **Geological Survey of Bangladesh**, for the first time **iron ore mine** has been discovered at Isabpur village in **Dinajpur, Bangladesh**.
- The **Ireland** Government decided to ban the sale of **new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030** as part of a major strategy to **protect the environment**.
- Indian high commissioner **Riva Ganguly Das** visited the construction of the **Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge1 (Feni Bridge/ Maitree Setu)** and **land port** in **Khagrachhari, Bangladesh**.
- **India** has signed agreements with **Bangladesh and South Korea** for **DD Free Dish** India to be telecasted on the state platforms of the respective countries.
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** has signed a decree temporarily banning Russian airlines from **carrying Russian citizens to Georgia**.
- **Saudi Arabia** became the first Arab country to get full membership of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**.
- The **UAE** has become the 1st country in the Gulf to launch '**goAML**', a **new anti money laundering reporting platform** developed by the United Nations Office on **Drugs and Crime**.
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** signed a decree to **extend the ban on food imports** like dairy products, fruits and vegetables from the **European Union** till December 31, **2020**.
- **Saudi Arabia** increased **India's Haj quota** by **1.7 lakh to 2 lakh** which was the third hike in 3 years.

NATIONAL

- The Union Cabinet has given its consent for the extension of the **PM-KISAN** to all eligible farmer families, PM-KISAN scheme was launched in **UP Gorakhpur** on **24th February 2019** by transferring the 1st installment of **Rs 2,000 each** to over **one crore farmers**.
- **PM Narendra Modi** has approved changes to the **Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme** under the **National Defence Fund**. The quota of new scholarships for children of state police officials will be **500 in a year**.
- **The Indian Air Force** has removed all the temporary restrictions on all air routes in the Indian air space, the headquarters of **IAF** in **New Delhi**.
- The Cabinet approved a new initiative to control **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)** and **Brucellosis** to support **livestock rearing farmers**, The Cabinet **Rs 13,343 crores** for the implantation of the initiative.
- The Cabinet approved to give monthly pension of **Rs 3,000** for **small traders, businessmen, and shopkeepers** after they attain **60 years** of age under **PM-KSY**.
- The **Haryana HC Justice Rajiv Sharma** declared the entire animal kingdom, including avian and aquatic, as a **'legal entity'** having rights of a living person.
- **IAF An-32** aircraft with 13 personnel went missing over **Arunachal Pradesh**; it got airborne from **Jorhat** in **Assam** at 12:27 pm for the **Mechuka** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **The ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** announced that fee for SC/ST candidates who join vocational training under **Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)**.
- Union housing and urban affairs minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched **Swachh Survekshan 2020 League** in **New Delhi**.
- To mark the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, Indian Embassy organized the "**Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace**", in **Saudi Arabia**.
- NGT Chairperson **Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel** has constituted an **expert committee** to ascertain whether further norms are required to **restrict the use of plastic packaging**.
- **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)** released India's 1st Type Approval Certificate for **Bharat Stage ? VI (BS ? VI)** Certificate in **two-wheeler segment**.
- **Government of India** announced that it will join hands with **Portugal** to set up **maritime museum** near **ancient Harappa's civilization** at **Lethal** in **Gujarat**.
- **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** has declared **Chaukhandi Stupa** as a "**Monument of national importance**", it is situated in **Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The minister of **Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** announced that central Government committed to **provide clean drinking water** to all citizens by **2024**.
- **The Indian government** has extended the financial aid of **1.6 billion** Nepalese rupees to Nepal for **the rebuilding of houses** in **Nuwakot and Gorkha districts**.

- **Japan** has decided to invest an amount **Rs.13, 000 crore**, in several ongoing as well as new projects in different states of **India's North- Eastern region**.
- The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs **Arjun Munda** has launched the **e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes?** at a function organized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM **Narendra Modi** has approved the **extension of President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir** for another **six months**.
- **HCL Technologies** is all set to roll out **Tech Bee?** programme, a company initiative under which it **trains and hires students** across several states.
- Central Government has permitted to set up **e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT)** in **Assam**.
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** announced that farmers in the country are expected to contribute **Rs 100 per month** under the **PM-KPY**.
- **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** signed a contract with **Indian Navy** worth **Rs 1,188 crore** for the **supply of Heavyweight Torpedoes ? Varunastra**.
- **DGT** joined hands with **Cisco and Accenture** to skill youth for digital economy through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- **Kirit Parikh** will chair the **five-member** committee constituted by central government of India to review the **existing marketing structure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)**.
- **Assam** government will set up a **Skill University** at the cost of **Rs.850 crore** rupees at **Darrang district**.
- In an environment-friendly initiative, **Lucknow** constructed its **first plastic waste road**.
- The **NITI Aayog**, think tank of the government has proposed that **only Electric Vehicles (EVs)** should be sold after **2030**.
- According to the President of India, construction or up gradation of about **35, 000 kilometers** of **national highways** are to be undertaken by **2022** under the **'Bharatmala Project'**.
- **IIIDEM (ECI)** organized five-day training programme on Use of Technology in Elections for Election Officials of Union Election Commission of **Myanmar**.
- Minister of State for Civil Aviation **Hardeep Singh Puri** inaugurated the **Central Command Centre for Air Traffic Flow Management (C-ATFM)** in **New Delhi** to ensure higher standards of safety.
- **Udhana railway station** in Gujarat has become the **India's first green and clean railway station**.
- Under **M K Sharma** committee 7 member core group constituted by **Central Public Works Department (CPWD)** to **prepare a roadmap** for implementation of a five-year "vision document" (STVD).

- According to state Water Resources minister **Girish Mahajan**, Maharashtra is all set to get floating solar power generation plants on four dams.
- **South Korea** has signed an agreement with **Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur** to provide financial and technical assistance for research and development in the area of **prosthetic limbs**.
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister **Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad** announced that around **2.22 crore** villagers were given **Digital Education** under **PMGDISHA**.
- Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, **Smt. Renuka Singh** has launched “**Go Tribal Campaign**” campaign for to **institutionalize collaborations** with different organizations to **promote tribal products**.
- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has proposed the **National Mission on Natural Language Translation** with an outlay **Rs 450 crore**.
- As per the draft regulation issued by the **FSSAI** of India Packaged food companies will be required to label high fat, sugar and salt content levels on the front side of the package with **red-color-coding**?
- **List of MoU signed between India and other Nations**

Signed Between	Purpose of MOU and Agreements
National Center for Good Governance (NCGG) and Maldives civil services commission	Capacity building of 1000 civil servants of Maldives over the next 5 years
V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)	Facilitating Direct Port Entry (DPE) of e-sealed factory stuffed export container to the port under ‘Ease of Doing Business’.
India and Kyrgyzstan	Research Work on Biology and Medicine and cooperation in the field of Health
India and Finland	Cyber security
National Health Authority (NHA) and ICICI Foundation	To train 15,000 state and district personnel to provide the delivery of health services under Ayushman Bharat Scheme
National Small Industries Corporation and Common Service Centres e-Governance Services India	To enhance new offerings for the MSME sector
Ministry of Shipping and IIT Kharagpur	To set up Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime Technology (CICMT) in IIT Kharagpur

➤ **List of Cabinet recently approved**

Cabinet approved	Reason
New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill 2019	To promote ease of doing business in India.
Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill 2019	to replace Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019
Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill	To fine people with Rs 10,000 for blocking ambulances
The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019	To replace "The Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019
Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill 2019	To filling up of more than 7,000 existing vacancies by direct recruitment in Teachers' cadre

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Name of the Book	Author	Speaks About
Sanath Jayasuriya: a Biography	Chandresh Narayanan	Biography of Sanath Jayasuriya
My Life, My Mission	Baba Ramdev and Uday Mahurkar	Autobiography of Baba Ramdev
Function of Data Sovereignty – The Pursuit of Supremacy	Vinit Goenka	On the aspect of data generation and consumption
Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly	Anupam Kher	Autobiography of Anupam Kher
The New Delhi Conspiracy	Meenakshi Lekhi	About a death threat to the Indian Prime Minister
Gun Island	Amitav Ghosh	About story of a man's faith in the world and the future is restored by two remarkable women.
A Prime Minister to Remember- Memories of a Military Chief	Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar	About his distinguished career in the Indian Navy during the Kargil War

OBITUARIES

Name of the Person	Field/Importance
Laldinglana Sailo	Former Doordarshan and All India Radio News Editor
R.V. Janakiraman	Former CM of Puducherry and DMK leader
E Gopinath	Veteran journalist
Girish Karnad	Noted actor, filmmaker and playwright
Crazy Mohan	Tamil writer, comedian and actor
Sheetal Jain	Amitabh Bachchan's longtime secretary and film producer
Pazhavila Ramesan	Poet and lyricist
Rajnath Singh Surya	Veteran Journalist and former BJP MP
Ahmed Essop	Noted author and former educationist of Indian origin
Sylvia Miles	American actress
K. Rathamani	Politician
Franco Zeffirelli	Legendary Italian Director
Lee Hee-ho	Former South Korean first lady and feminist activist
Mohamed Morsy	Former Egyptian President
N Lingappa	Former Athletics coach and Dronacharya Awardee
Lalrinchhana	Former Mizoram minister and MNF leader
Thanjavoor Ramamoorthy	Noted mridangam exponent and also former top grade staff artist of All India Radio
Abdul Sattar	Pakistan's former foreign minister
Madan Lal Saini	BJP's Chief of Rajasthan
Mohan Ranade	Eminent Freedom fighter
Swami Satyamitranand Giri Maharaj	Renowned Seer
Vijaya Nirmala	Famous Director and Actress
JayagJharna Dhara Chowdhury	Eminent Social Activist and secretary of the Gandhi Ashram Trust
Shyam Sundar Mitra	Former Bengal cricketer
Babu Narayanan	Former Malayalam Director
Abburi Chaya Devi	Telugu story writer