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CURRENT AFFAIRS - CAPSULE

SEPTEMBER

BANKING

- ☞ **IDBI Bank** introduced two Repo Linked Products -**Suvidha Plus Home Loan** and **Suvidha Plus Auto Loan**.
- ☞ **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with **State Bank of India** for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders.
- ☞ The **Standard Chartered Bank**, a British multinational banking and financial services company has launched its "**DigiSmart**" credit card primarily focused on the ever-growing segment of millennials.
- ☞ IT services major **Wipro Limited** has bagged a strategic contract valued at **\$300 million** from the **ICICI Bank**. Under the contract, Wipro will offer a comprehensive suite of services to ICICI Bank for the next seven years, starting September 2019.
- ☞ State-owned **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has put up for sale nearly a dozen non-performing assets (NPA) to recover dues of more than Rs 1,234 crore.
- ☞ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** selected Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd to develop a mobile phone-based application for visually impaired people to identify currency notes.
- ☞ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved **\$ 200 million** (about Rs 1,400 crore) loan to upgrade about 2,100 kilometers of rural roads to all-weather standards in Maharashtra's 34 districts for better connecting rural areas with markets and services.
- ☞ The **Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank)** and **Life Insurance Corporation of India** Credit Cards Services (LIC CSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of LIC, will launch a co-branded credit card.
- ☞ **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has framed new guidelines in licensing Small Finance Banks (SFB) under 'On-tap' regime in order to make more participants in the finance banking section.
- ☞ The country's central bank, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has cut the risk weight of consumer credit, including personal loans from **125 % to 100 %**.
- ☞ The amalgamated entity of **United Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Oriental Bank of Commerce** will come into effect from **1st April 2020**.
- ☞ Consumer lending platform, **ZestMoney** has partnered with PayU, a fintech firm that provides payment technology to online merchants to offer **cardless EMI (equated monthly installment)** payment option to consumers.
- ☞ **Airtel Payments Bank**, a public limited company with its headquarters in New Delhi has launched "**Bharosa**" savings account services with the aim of deepening the financial inclusion in India.
- ☞ According to the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Public Sector Banks will organise '**loan melas**' or "**Shamiana meetings**" in 400 districts.
- ☞ **RBI** revises guidelines on concurrent audit system as per the recommendations of an expert committee headed by **Y.H. Malegam**.
- ☞ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** increased the loan sanction limit for small exporters as priority sector lending (PSL) by banks to **Rs 40 crore** per borrower from **Rs 25 crore** in order to boost credit to the export sector.
- ☞ **Indian Bank** has signed a bancassurance agreement with a standalone health insurance player, **Max Bupa** to provide Max Bupa's suite of health insurance products to its customers.
- ☞ The country's central bank, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has prohibited **Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited (PMC)** on business transactions of any kind for the next 6 months following the detection of alleged irregularities.

- ☞ **Repc Home Finance Ltd (RHFL)**, an Indian banking and financial services company has signed corporate agency agreement with **SBI (State Bank of India) Life Insurance**, a leading life insurance company in India to provide SBI Life's range of products to its customers.
- ☞ **Pine Labs**, an Indian merchant platform company has joined hands with **Federal Bank**, a Private Sector, scheduled commercial bank in India to offer EMIs (equated monthly instalments) for offline debit card transactions.
- ☞ **SBI Life Insurance** has signed a corporate agency agreement with city-based **Repc Home Finance Ltd** to offer the company's range of products to RHFL customers.
- ☞ **Punjab National Bank** launches 1st of its kind Preventive Vigilance portal to facilitate all staff to contribute towards arresting procedural lapses.
- ☞ **Airtel payments bank** joins hands with **HDFC ERGO** to offer mosquito-borne diseases protection policy.
- ☞ **PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd**, one of the leading life insurance companies in India has joined hands with Religare Health Insurance to bundle and sell the live covers of Religare comprising health, death and illness.
- ☞ The country's central bank, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has put the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework against **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** after an inquiry against the directors of the bank over the alleged fraud.
- ☞ In the latest dimension of global central bank's interest in environmental sustainability, the **Bank of International Settlements (BIS)** has launched a dollar green bond fund enabling central banks around the world to invest in "green bonds".
- ☞ The Governor of Nepal's Central Bank '**Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB)**', Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal & Indian Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri have jointly released three coins (100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees) bearing the Sikh symbol to commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of **Guru Nanak Dev**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ☞ **Russia** will train **four Indian astronauts** for India's ambitious manned mission to space, **Gaganyaan**.
- ☞ India's deep-sea project "**Samudrayaan**" undertaken by National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai (NIOT) is proposed to be launched in 2021-22.
- ☞ **IIT Kharagpur** has collaborated with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to develop a National Artificial Intelligence resource platform (NAIRP) to promote learning and development in artificial intelligence (AI).
- ☞ **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi** and **IIT Kharagpur** have been selected by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to establish a shared science and technology infrastructure facility named Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI).
- ☞ ISRO loses contact with Moon lander "**Vikram**".
- ☞ In a bid to strengthen the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**, the central government has approved the procurement of 6 squadrons of indigenous Akash Air Defense missile for the Air Force at a cost of **Rs 5,000 crore**.
- ☞ The **Gurugram traffic police** have tied up with **Google maps** for real time traffic updates. The traffic related information will be shared in real time for public use.
- ☞ South Korean tech giant **Samsung**, has unveiled two apps namely "**Good Vibes**" a communication tool for deaf and blind people and "**Relumino**" that helps the visually impaired people to see the images clearer.
- ☞ **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire-and-forget Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MP-ATGM) from a firing range in Kurnool, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- ☞ The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has received the first consignment of the upgraded version of the Guided Bomb Spice-2000 with Mark 84 warheads and bombs from Israel at the Gwalior airbase, Madhya Pradesh.
- ☞ The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** joined hands with **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** for the development of human-centric systems for the Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.
- ☞ The Space agency of the Government of India (GoI), **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** and the **Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop human-centric systems for the '**Gaganyaan**' project.

- ☞ The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, **Thaawarchand Gehlot** has launched a Management Information System (MIS) developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for stakeholders of Accessible India Campaign (AIC) in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ The **Indian Army** conducted a massive rare exercise '**Chang Thang**' in Eastern Ladakh bordering **China**.
- ☞ Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched 2 mobile apps named **CHC Farm Machinery** and **Krishi Kisan App** for geo tagging purposes in New Delhi for easy access of technical agricultural equipments at farmers' doorstep.
- ☞ World's biggest transport spaceship **Kounotori8** launched by **Japan**.

SEMINARS AND MEETINGS

Seminars and Meetings	Place	Theme/Tagline
4th General Assembly of A-WEB (Association of World Election Bodies)	Bengaluru	
The 5th edition of Aqua Aquaria India 2019	Hyderabad, Telangana	"To take Blue Revolution to India's hinterland"
72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia'	New Delhi	
4th South Asian Speakers' Summit	Male, Maldives	
India, US joint military training, Exercise "Yudh Abhyas 2019"	Washington, USA	
3rd India-Australia Cyber Dialogue for the year 2019	New Delhi	
National Conference on India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order	New Delhi	
Naval Quality Assurance Establishments hosted 2019 Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave	Vizag	
28th Indo-Thai CORPAT	Bangkok, Thailand	
9th SLINEX 2019- Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise	Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh	
Biennial DefExpo 2020	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	
The 8th Edition of Seoul Defence Dialogue 2019	Seoul, South Korea	"Building Peace Together: Challenges and Visions"
2-day National Youth Summit 2019	New Delhi	
1st conference on military medicine for SCO	New Delhi	
2019 National conference on crop residue management	New Delhi	
84th Edition of Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF)	Greece	

The first meeting of the Apex Committee for DefExpo 2020	New Delhi	'Digital Transformation of Defence'
International conference 'ANGAN'	New Delhi	
The 8th Edition of Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8) for the year 2019	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)	
Indo-Thailand joint military exercise "Maitree – 2019"	Umroi, Meghalaya	
24th Edition of World Energy Congress for 2019	Abu Dhabi, UAE	"Energy for Prosperity"
14th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of UNCCD	Greater Noida, Delhi	"Investing in Land, Unlocking Opportunities"
The Indian army will conduct a large war exercise named 'HimVijay'	near Arunachal Pradesh	
23rd Session of the UNWTO General Assembly for 2019	Saint Petersburg, Russia	
First edition of SITMEX-Trilateral Maritime exercise of Singapore, India and Thailand of 2019	Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar islands	
SCO exercise "Tsentri (centre) 2019"	DONGUZ Ranges, Russia	
First International Conference on Sustainability Education 2019	New Delhi	
Waste Management Accelerator for Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs (WAVE) summit		'Make your own bag'
16th Session of the Joint Economic Commission 2019 between India and BLEU	New Delhi	
'Chang Thang' exercise	Eastern Ladakh	
35th Tri-Services Commanders Conference for 2019	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan	
63rd General Conference of IAEA	Vienna, Austria	

37th GST Council meeting for 2019	Panaji, Goa	
Indo-US first tri-services exercise "Tiger Triumph" for 2019	Visakhapatnam and Kakinada	
United Nations Climate Action Summit 2019	New York, United States	
23rd edition of "Malabar 2019" naval joint exercise of India, US and Japan	Sasebo, Japan	
16th Global SME Business Summit for 2019	New Delhi	"Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive"
21st session of FAO-WHO Coordinating Committee of Asia for 2019	Panaji, Goa	
7th World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019	Mumbai, Maharashtra	"Prosperous Society: Stronger Society"
50th Edition of WEF Annual Meeting for 2020	Davos-Klosters, Switzerland	
6th edition of MASCRADe for 2019	New Delhi	"Containing Counterfeiting, Smuggling and Piracy: A Winning Strategy"
64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference for 2019	Kampala, Uganda	'Adaption, engagement, and evolution of parliaments in a rapidly changing Commonwealth'

SPORTS

- ☞ The **India Under-15** team has defeated **Nepal** in the final of the **SAFF** (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship 2019 held in **West Bengal**.
- ☞ According to the IOA the **36th National Games** to be held in **Goa from October 20 – November 4, 2020**.
- ☞ 2018 Asian Games gold medalist, **Jinson Johnson** (Kerala) has won the **silver medal** in **1500 meters** at the **78th edition of ISTAF** (International Sepaktakraw Federation) event 2019 held in **Berlin, Germany**.
- ☞ **Tejinderpal Singh Toor** (Arjuna Award for 2019) clinched a **silver medal** with a best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt during an athletic meet at **Decin, Czech Republic**.
- ☞ The **25th Senior Women's National Football Championship 2019** will be held in Pasighat, East Siang district of **Arunachal Pradesh** for the first.
- ☞ **Charles Leclerc** wins maiden **2019 F1 Belgian Grand Prix**. The **second** and **third** places were won by **Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton** (England) and **Valtteri Bottas** (Finland) respectively.
- ☞ India stands top with **5 Gold, 2 Silver & 2 Bronze medals** total of **9 medals** in **2019 International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle / Pistol** held in Rio de Janeiro, **Brazil**.
- ☞ Athlete **Anupama Swain** (Odisha) clinched a **bronze medal** (52kg) in **World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019** which was held in **Chungju, South Korea**.
- ☞ Afghanistan test cricket captain **Rashid Khan** created record by becoming the **youngest test cricket captain** released by ICC at the age of **20 years** and **350 days**.

- ☞ The **World Wrestling Championships 2019** are to be held from September 14-22, 2019 in **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**.
- ☞ **Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP)** has successfully retained the 60th edition of the **Under 17 Girls Subroto Cup International Football 2019** title by defeating **Neelamani English School, Manipur** in the final held in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ Snake boat **Nadubhagam Chundan** which was rowed by **Pallathuruthy Boat Club** clinched the 67th Edition of the **Nehru Trophy 2019** in the boat race held at the **Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha, Kerala**.
- ☞ Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc** has won the **Italian Grand Prix** held in **Italy**. **Valtteri Bottas** and **Lewis Hamilton** of Mercedes finished the race at **2nd and 3rd position** respectively.
- ☞ **Brazilian** tennis player **Diego Matos** has been **banned for lifetime** because of match-fixing and was fined \$125,000 by an independent anti-corruption hearing.
- ☞ **Pawan Munjal**, the Chairman, Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Hero MotoCorp was selected to be inducted in the **2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame** for his support in sports in India as well as globally.
- ☞ **India** was topped with **10 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze**, totaling 25 medals in the **6th Track Asia Cup cycling competition 2019** held in **New Delhi**. India was followed by **Uzbekistan** and **Malaysia** in the second and third places respectively.
- ☞ **Ranveer Duggal** (Chandigarh) clinched **bronze medal in IBSF World U-16 Snooker Championship 2019** in **Tyumen, Russia**.
- ☞ The **25th Edition of Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships** for 2019 was held in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.
- ☞ Former captain of the Australian team **Steve Smith** created a **world record** by scoring **10 consecutive half-centuries** against **England**.
- ☞ **India** won **ACC (Asian Cricket Council) Under-19 Asia Cup 2019** by beating **Bangladesh**, held in **Colombo, Sri Lanka**.
- ☞ The biennial international **women's youth football championship, 2020 FIFA Women's Under-17 World Cup**, will be held in **India**.
- ☞ **Kaushal Dharmamer** (Maharashtra) has won the **Myanmar International Series 2019** which was held in **Myanmar** By defeating Indonesia's **Karono Karono** in the **men's singles event**.
- ☞ **India stands top** in medal tally with **125 medals** followed by **Uzbekistan (8)** and **Kazakhstan (3)** in **Western Asia Youth and Junior Chess Championship 2019, New Delhi**.
- ☞ The **YONEX Belgian International 2019** was held in **Belgium**. **Lakshya Sen** (India) defeated **Victor Svendsen** of **Denmark** to win the men's singles title and **Line Christophersen** (Denmark) defeated **Neslihan Yigit** (Turkey) for Women's Singles.
- ☞ **Karolina Pliskova** (Czech) won **15th WTA (Women's Tennis Association) title** by defeating **Croatia's Petra Martic** in the **2019 Zhengzhou Open, China**.
- ☞ **The 10th Asia Pacific Youth Games for 2019** were held in **Vladivostok, Russia**. **India** won a total of **16 gold, 13 silver and 5 bronze** medals taking the total to **34 medals**.
- ☞ Meghalaya's **Hopewel Elias Higher Secondary School** won the title in **Under-17 Junior Boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament 2019** by beating **Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP)** held in **Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi**.
- ☞ **Vinesh Phogat** (India), defeated **Maria Prevolaraki** (Greece) won a **bronze medal** in the women's **53kg category** at the "**2019 World Wrestling Championships**" held in **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**.

- ☞ Ferrari's **Sebastian Vettel** of **Germany** won the **Formula 1 (F1) Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix 2019** held at Marina Bay Street Circuit, **Singapore**.
- ☞ **Laxman Rawat** (Mumbai) won the **men's title** after defeating **Muhammad Asif** of Pakistan at the **Myanmar Open Billiards, The 150 Up World Billiards Championship and World 6Reds, World Team Snooker championships 2019** held in **Mandalay, Myanmar**.
- ☞ Chess grandmaster, **Koneru Hampi** (32) of Gudivada has clinched **Fide World Grand Prix 2019** title in **Skolkovo, Russia**.
- ☞ **Manipur** won the **25th Senior Women's National Football Championship** held in Pasighat, **Arunachal Pradesh** by defeating **Railways**.
- ☞ The Indian duo of **Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta** clinched **International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) World Snooker Team Championship 2019** held in Mandalay, **Myanmar** by defeating Thailand's **C.Pongsakorn and D.Poramin**.
- ☞ **Deepak Punia** clinched the **top spot** in the rankings released by **United World Wrestling (UWW)** in the **86 kg category**.
- ☞ **India** won the **3rd edition of South Asian Football Federation Under-18 (SAFF U-18) football Championship 2019** title for the first time by defeating **Bangladesh** in **Nepal**.
- ☞ **Kento Momota** (Japan) defeated **Chou Tien-chen** (Taiwan) in **Men's singles** and **He Bingjiao** (China) defeated **Ratchanok Intanon** (Thailand) **for women's singles** in The **Korea Open 2019**, a badminton Super 500 tournament was held in **Incheon, South Korea**.

PLACES IN NEWS

- ☞ The **Ambikapur** municipal corporation of **Chhattisgarh** will open a first-of-its-kind 'Garbage **Cafe**'. The collected garbage will be sold at Solid-Liquid Resources Management Centre.
- ☞ The cabinet of **Delhi** decided to include **Other Backward Class (OBC)** and **General category** students in its '**Jai Bheem Mukhyamantri Yojana**' which was initially meant for the Scheduled Caste (SC) category students who were provided financial assistance of **Rs 40,000**.
- ☞ The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) is organising the **22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS)** at **Kochi** from February 7 to 9 in 2020.
- ☞ **Kerala** will set up India's **first International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC)** in **Kozhikode** to boost women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity.
- ☞ The Chief Minister of Haryana **Manohar Lal Khattar** launched 2 insurance schemes named "**Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana**" and "**Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana**" for traders registered under the Haryana Goods and Service Tax (HGST) Act, 2017. Premium of **Rs 38 crore** for both the schemes will be paid by the Haryana state government.
- ☞ **The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** inaugurated India's **first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub in Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- ☞ **Maharashtra govt.** has decided to set up '**Swachh Bharat World University**' to mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary in **vidarbha region of Maharashtra**.
- ☞ The Chief Minister of **Delhi**, Mr. **Arvind Kejriwal** of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) launched "**champions campaign**" in the fight against dengue.

SPECIAL DAYS

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2 nd Sept	World Coconut Day 2019	"Coconut for Family Wellness"
5 th Sept	National Teachers day	
	International Day of Charity	
1 st to 7 th September	National Nutrition Week 2019	
8 th September	International Literacy Day 2019	'Literacy and Multilingualism'
	World Physical Therapy Day	"chronic pain"
10 th September	World Suicide Prevention Day	"Working Together to Prevent Suicide"
11 th September	National forest martyrs day	
12 th September	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation	"South-South Cooperation is From Commitment to Action — Follow up to Buenos Aires Plan of Action+40".
14 th September	Hindi Diwas	
15 th September	Engineers Day 2019	"Engineering for change"
	International Day of Democracy 2019	'Participation'
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	World rose day	
23 rd September	International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL)	"Sign Language Rights for All"
	1st Edition of Ayushman Bharat Diwas for 2019	
26 th September	World Environmental Health Day 2019	"Climate change challenges, time for global Environmental Health to act in unison"
	International day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons 2019	
	World Maritime Day 2019	"Empowering women in the maritime community"
27 th September	World Tourism Day	"Tourism and jobs: a better future for all"
28 th September	World Rabies Day 2019	"Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate"
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PERSONS IN NEWS

- ☞ The Government of India has accepted the resignation of **State bank of India MD Anshula Kant**. Now she has been appointed as the MD and CFO of the **World Bank**.
- ☞ Former Indian women's cricket team captain **Mithali Raj** has announced her retirement from T20 (twenty-twenty) International in order to focus on the upcoming **2021, 50 over World Cup** to be hosted by **New Zealand**.
- ☞ **Zimbabwe** captain **Hamilton Masakadza** has announced to **retire** from **international Cricket** after conclusion of Bangladesh and Afghanistan T20I Tri-series.
- ☞ Under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967**, declared **Maulana Masood Azhar, Hafiz Saeed, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi & Dawood Ibrahim** as individual terrorists.
- ☞ **Afghanistan's** all-rounder **Mohammad Nabi**, will retire from **test cricket**. He has played only **2 test** matches for Afghanistan (25 runs & 4 wickets).
- ☞ The High Court Chief Justice of Madras, **Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani** resigned from her post after being transferred to **Meghalaya HC**.
- ☞ **Dr Yusuf Hamied**, chairman of **Cipla**, a pharmaceutical company has been inducted as an **honorary fellow of the Royal Society**.
- ☞ **Anupriya Lakra** a tribal woman from **Odisha's Maoist-hit Malkangiri district** (tribal area) has become the **first female pilot** from the backward region.
- ☞ **Jack Ma**, Founder & Chairman of Chinese firm **Alibaba Groups** has stepped down from his post at his 55th birthday and will remain on board till **2020**.
- ☞ **Priyavrata** became the youngest person to pass the "Mahapariksha" at the age of **16**.
- ☞ The **UNESCO** has decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of **Guru Nanak Dev** in world languages to mark his **550th birth anniversary**.
- ☞ **Mayank Vaid** became the 1st Indian and the 44th person to complete **Enduroman triathlon in 2019** from **England to France**. The Shortest completion time in **50 hours 24 minutes**.
- ☞ **American** breast cancer survivor **Sarah Thomas** became the first person to swim across the English Channel four times non-stop in a **54-hour feat of endurance**.
- ☞ **Moti Bagh**, a documentary film based on the struggle of a farmer in a remote Uttarakhand village, has been nominated for the **Oscars**. The film, based on the life of **Vidyadutt Sharma**, and was directed by **Nirmal Chandra Dandriyal**.
- ☞ Former **Indian Cricket** all-rounder **Dinesh Mongia** announced his retirement from all forms of **cricket**.
- ☞ The **president** of **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, **Takehiko Nakao** has announced his resignation effective from **January 16, 2020**.
- ☞ **India's** women's singles badminton coach, **Kim Ji Hyun of South Korea**, who guided World Championship gold medalist **PV Sindhu**, has resigned from the post.
- ☞ Army officer **Ponung Doming** became the first woman officer from **Arunachal Pradesh** to be elevated to the rank of **Lieutenant Colonel** in the Indian Army.
- ☞ **Pooja Desai** from **Vadodara, Gujarat** has been crowned as **Mrs India - Pride of the Nation 2019**.
- ☞ The President and CEO of **eBay**, **Mr. Devin Wenig** has resigned from his post.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Name of the Organization
Manoj Mukund Naravane	Vice Chief of the Indian Army
Vivek Kumar Johri	Director General of BSF(Border Security Force)
Anil Chauhan	Eastern Army commander
Sanjiv Ranjan	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Ecuador
Sunil Arora	Chairman of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB)
Shri Jaideep Sarkar	Next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Lesotho
Misbah-ul-Haq	Head coach and Chief selector of Pakistan's cricket team
Dr. B. Bala Bhaskar	Next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Norway
Vijay Kumar Chopra	Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)
Qamar Javed Bajwa	Army Chief General of Pakistan
Rajiv Kumar	New MD of Microsoft India Research & Development Private Ltd
Justice Vikram Nath	New Chief Justice of Gujarat HC
Amol Muzumpar	South Africa's Interim batting coach
Pradeep Kumar Sinha	Principal Advisor to PM Narendra Modi
Pramod Kumar Mishra	New Principal Secretary to PM Narendra Modi
Mahabaleshwar MS	Managing committee member of Indian Banks' Association
Ranveer Singh	New global brand ambassador of Audio equipment Maker JBL
Kapil Dev	First Chancellor of Sports University, Rai (Sonapat)
Andrew Strauss	Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board's cricket committee
Abhijit Guha	Head of the UN mission in Hodeidah, Yemen
Justice Lakshmana Reddy	Andhra Pradesh's first Lokayukta
Ramkumar Ramamoorthy	Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India
Anjali Singh	India's 1 st female military diplomat to join Indian Mission in Russia
Robert O'Brien	National Security Adviser of United States of America
Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria	Next Chief of Air Staff (CAS)
Samuel Joseph Jebaraj	Deputy Managing Director of IDBI Bank
Madhukar Kamath	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)
Krishna Mohan Prasad	1 st Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (Pr.CCIT) of NeAC
Govinda	Brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh
Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea Bissau

Nilesh Shah	Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
PV Sindhu	Brand ambassador of Visa
Sebastian Coe	Chief of the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF)
Adille Sumariwalla	Member of International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF)
Madhuri Dixit	Goodwill ambassador for Maharashtra Assembly polls
Bibek Debroy	Chairman of the reconstituted Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
Kristalina Georgieva	New Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund
Bipin Rawat	New Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee
Air Marshal HS Arora	Vice Chief of Indian Air Force.
Air Marshal B Suresh	Western Air Commander of the Air Force
Rupa Gurunath	First woman president of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association
Suresh Chitturi	New Chief of the International Egg Commission(IEC)
Jai Bhagwan Bhoria	New administrator of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank Ltd

State	New Governor	Preceded by	Chief Minister
Telangana	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan	E S L Narasimhan	K. Chandrashekar Rao
Maharashtra	Bhagat Singh Koshiyari	Vidya Sagar Rao	Devendra Fadnavis
Rajasthan	Kalraj Mishra	Kalyan Singh	Ashok Gehlot
Kerala	Arif Mohammed Khan	P Sathasivam	Pinarayi Vijayan
Himachal Pradesh	Bandaru Dattatraya	Kalraj Mishra	Jai Ram Thakur

INTERNATIONAL

- ☞ Two Indian Navy Warships- **INS Sahyadri** and **Kiltan** visited Laem Chabang, Bangkok, Thailand for a **port call**.
- ☞ The **Bangladesh** government has signed an agreement with **Reliance Power of India** for to set up a **750 MW gas-based power plant** in Meghnahat near Dhaka.
- ☞ The **US's Federal Trade Commission** has fined **Google's YouTube** with **\$170 million** to settle allegations of **collecting personal information about children**.
- ☞ **India and Maldives** signed a **Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on criminal matters** which aims to increase the effectiveness in investigation and prosecution of crime.
- ☞ External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** visited **Male, Maldives** on September 2019, which was his first high-level bilateral visit from India to Maldives after PM Modi's State Visit on June 2019. He participated in the **4th edition of Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) 2019**.

- ☞ **WHO** South-East Asia Region have resolved to eliminate **measles** and **rubella** by **2023**.
- ☞ **PM Modi** visited **Vladivostok, Russia** on September 2019 to participate **5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) for 2019** and also attended **20th India-Russia Annual Summit 2019**.
- ☞ **India** welcomed Russia's initiative to hold the **Second International Tiger Conservation Forum** in **2022**. First forum was held in **Saint-Petersburg, Russia** in **2010**.
- ☞ High Commissioner of India to Canada **Vikas Swarup** inaugurated the **India Pavilion at the 44th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2019**.
- ☞ The **8th Edition of Seoul Defence Dialogue 2019** was held with the theme "**Building Peace Together: Challenges and Visions**" in Seoul, **South Korea**.
- ☞ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Nepal's Prime Minister **K.P. Sharma Oil** will jointly inaugurate **Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross border petroleum products pipeline**.
- ☞ **India** participated in the **84th Edition of Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF)** for the year 2019 in **Greece**. Indian delegation was led by **Hardeep Singh Puri**.
- ☞ **Typhoon Faxai** has hit Tokyo, Japan. There were winds of up to **210km/h (130mph)**.
- ☞ **Thailand** became the **first Asian nation** to unveil **plain cigarette packaging** to reduce the appeal of smoking and complied with the **World Health Organization's (WHO)** guidelines.
- ☞ **Vietnam** has inaugurated **Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm 'Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex'** which has the capacity to produce **688 million kWh** of electricity annually.
- ☞ The **8th Edition of Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8)** for the year 2019 was held in **Abu Dhabi, UAE** and **India** was the co host along with UAE.
- ☞ **Saint Vincent and Grenadines** became the **79th country** to join the **International Solar Alliance**, an initiative by India aimed at combating the threats of **climate change and global warming**.
- ☞ The External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India **Dr S Jaishankar** made an official visit to **Poland and Belgium** to launch **direct flight services**.
- ☞ **Sri Lanka** unveiled **South Asia's tallest tower**, costing over **\$100 million**, 80% of which has been funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The **350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower**, located in the heart of **Colombo city**.
- ☞ The president **Ram Nath Kovind** paid an official visit to **Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia** from September 9-17, 2019 to **strengthen economic and political ties with these countries**.
- ☞ **India and Iceland** signed **3 MoU's** in the field of **Fisheries collaboration, Cultural cooperation, Visa waiver by Iceland to holders of diplomatic and official passport**.
- ☞ **India and Switzerland** signed **3 agreements** by president Kovind and his Swiss counterpart Ueli Maurer. **Technical cooperation on climate change, Alliance in science and technology, Renewal of Hindi chair at the University of Lausanne**.
- ☞ Scientists from the **Canterbury Museum** (England) have discovered the world's oldest bird species '**Protodontopteryx ruthae**' in Waipara, **New Zealand** that lived **62 million** years ago.
- ☞ The External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India, **Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** has unveiled the **statue of Mahatma Gandhi** in **Helsinki**, during his visit to Finland in September 2019.
- ☞ **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated a **50 kilowatt 'Gandhi Solar Park'**, and also released a commemorative postage stamp of **Mahatma Gandhi**, at the programme "**Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Contemporary World**" at the **UN headquarters**.
- ☞ A **tripartite mechanism** to monitor and assess on-the-ground repatriation process of the displaced Rohingya people to Myanmar was jointly agreed by the nations of **Bangladesh, Myanmar and China**.
- ☞ **World University of Design (WUD)** hosted **Global Goals Jam 3.0**. The Indian edition of the global event focusing on design thinking and service design methodologies was hosted with the theme: **eWaste**.

- ☞ **Bangladesh** has **lifted the ban** on the exports of **Hilsa fish** to **India** as a goodwill gesture during the **Durga Puja**.
- ☞ The PM **Modi** visited United States from September 21-27, 2019 and addressed the **74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in **New York**.
- ☞ PM Modi addressed the **3rd Edition of Bloomberg Global Business Forum** for 2019 which was held under the theme **"Restoring Global Stability"** in New York.
- ☞ PM Narendra Modi, along with UN chief Antonio Guterres, inaugurated the **50-kilowatt Gandhi Solar Park** at the New York, and **Gandhi Peace Garden** at State University of New York College at Old Westbury. The Park is funded by India at a cost of **1 million dollars**.

NATIONAL

- ☞ The amended provisions of the **Motor Vehicle Act**, which hike the penalty for traffic rules violation, have come into force from **01st September 2019**.
- ☞ The **Election Commission** launched a new mega **Electors Verification Programme (EVP)** across the country.
- ☞ Health minister has announced that the **Central Government Health Scheme's services** would be available to **100 cities by 2022**.
- ☞ The Union Minister **Prakash Javadekar** has unveiled the new logo and certificate design of **Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)** in Mumbai, **Maharashtra**.
- ☞ Minister of State for Culture and Tourism **Prahalad Singh Patel** inaugurated first-ever **architectural LED illumination** at the **Qutub Minar**.
- ☞ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Garvi Gujarat Bhavan** in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ The **Indian Army** has announced that the **first batch of 100 women soldiers** in the Army is likely to be commissioned by **March 2021**.
- ☞ **Indian Army team** from 18th battalion, the Mahar Regiment successfully summited **Mount Leo Pargyil (6773M)**.
- ☞ The **Income Tax Department** announced that it will automatically issue **PAN** to all taxpayers who do not have a PAN and are using Aadhaar for **filing income tax returns (ITR)**.
- ☞ The Union government has plans to improve the **fisheries sector**, to invest **Rs. 25,000 crore** in different sectors of **fisheries in the next 5 years**.
- ☞ **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport** gets India's tallest ATC tower (**102meters**) to enhance the safety and boost the efficiency of air transport management services.
- ☞ **PM Modi** will launch the **Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maandhan Yojana scheme** for **traders**. Which is an extension of the **PM Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana**, will make all beneficiaries eligible for a monthly pension of **Rs 3000** after the age of **60 years**.
- ☞ The **6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED)** begins in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **first Metro Coach** in **Mumbai** under the **'Make in India initiative'** at Jio World Centre, Mumbai.
- ☞ Under the **Jal Jeevan mission** the government is to spend **Rs. 3.5 lakh crore** in the next **5 years** to provide **piped water connection** (HarGharJal) to all rural households by **2024**.
- ☞ A **fun zone**, the first of its kind in Indian Railways, has been set up at the **Visakhapatnam Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh**. The Gaming zone was inaugurated at platform **no 1**.
- ☞ Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** chaired the 2-day event of **68th plenary session of the North Eastern Council 2019** at the Assam Administrative Staff College in **Guwahati, Assam**.
- ☞ **India** announced **humanitarian assistance of USD 1 million** to help people in the Bahamas affected by **Hurricane Dorian**.
- ☞ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will dedicate to the nation India's **second riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT)** built at **Sahibganj in Jharkhand**.
- ☞ **National Institution for Transforming India (Niti Aayog)** has selected **McKinsey & Company** to set up India's first **Digital Capability Centre (DCC)**.
- ☞ The **Department of Promotion and Industry and Internal Trade (DPITT)** under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** launched **'Swachhta hi Sewa 2019'** campaign in **India**.

- ☞ “Srivilliputtur Palkova” in Virudhunagar district of **Tamil Nadu** has gets **GI tag** in **Chennai**.
- ☞ According to **Queen Mary University** in **London**, ‘**Cryodrakon boreas**’ is the **largest flying animal of all time**, with a **wingspan of 10 m** and **weighing 250 kg**.
- ☞ **Skill India** gets its first Batch of **Indian Engineering Service (IES)** officers to the **Indian Skill Development Services (ISDS)** cadre in **Mysuru, Karnataka**.
- ☞ **India’s 2nd Scorpene-class** submarine, **INS Khanderi** will be commissioned into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**.
- ☞ The Indian Air Force (IAF) resurrected the Air Force Station (AFS) Ambala-based **17 Squadron ‘Golden Arrows’**, which will operate the **first squadron of Rafale fighter jets**.
- ☞ **India** has joined as the new and **16th member** of the **Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R & D) hub**.
- ☞ **Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, laid the foundation stone for **Indian Institute of Skills (IIS)** at **Mumbai**.
- ☞ **Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy** Minister **Shripad Yesso Naik** announced that Union Government has set a target of setting up **12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres** across the country.
- ☞ The **National Green Tribunal** has constituted a committee to formulate steps to **cease illegal groundwater extraction**.
- ☞ The **Defence Acquisition Council** accorded approval for Capital Procurement for the Services amounting to approximately **Rs 2,000 crores**.
- ☞ **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, **India** is the **fourth** country in the world to have its own **national standard on bulletproof jackets** which provides **360-degree protection**.
- ☞ Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has launched the **India’s 1st Maritime Communication Services** along with **Central Equipment Identity Register system** to track stolen mobile phones in **Mumbai**.
- ☞ Jal Shakti Minister and Sports Minister flagged off “**Great Ganga Run-2019?**” at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in **New Delhi**. It was organized to create awareness about **River Ganga**.
- ☞ **Polish Minister Marcin Przydacz** unveils a memorial pillar in **Valivade** in **Kolhapur district, Maharashtra** in memory of the **5000 polish refugee families** during World War II (WWII).
- ☞ **India** will conduct a two-week **special training programme** for 32-member delegation of **Maldivian Civil Servants** at the **Mussoorie (Uttarakhand) and New Delhi**.
- ☞ **India** has formally launched an initiative to fund **1000 scholars** from **South East Asian countries** to pursue **PhD** at its **23 IIT’s**. The scheme has an initial budget of **Rs. 300 crore**.
- ☞ Union Minister of Science & Technology, **Harsh Vardhan** has inaugurated the **National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development (NCCCR&D)** at **IISc Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- ☞ The **5th International Ramayan Festival** organized by **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**, in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ **India’s 1st Central Police University** will be established in **Greater Noida, UP** near the Yamuna Expressway with the aim to **improve the law and order of the country**.
- ☞ **Defence Minister** has becomes the 1st defence minister to fly in the indigenously built **light combat aircraft ‘Tejas’**. He flew in the Tejas fighter aircraft from HAL airport in **Bengaluru**.
- ☞ **India Post** expanded speed post service to **6 new foreign** destinations in Asia, Europe and South America, and also announced the commencement of **International Speed Post EMS Services**
- ☞ **Nirmala Sitharaman** handed over the **12th-century Buddha statue** brought back from **London** to Culture Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel**.

- ☞ **Tata Communications** has partnered with **Cisco** to offer enterprises a secure, fully-managed, multi-channel, intelligent and cloud-based **Cisco Webex Contact Center solution**.
- ☞ Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** launched the **(Management Information System) MIS portal** in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)** has partnered with **Ola**, a mobility platform, to extend the welfare to its drivers.
- ☞ The **16th Session of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC)** between **India and Belgium Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU)** was held in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ India's **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** plans to set up a **5-gigawatt solar park** in the western state of **Gujarat**, which would be the **biggest in the country**.
- ☞ **Shondol dance**, which is known as the royal dance of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the **largest Ladakhi dance**.
- ☞ The governor of New Jersey **Phil Murphy** paid a six-city tour to **India** from September 15-22, 2019 with focus on **inviting companies to invest and create jobs** and also addressed the **1st Sustainability Innovation Summit** held in Hyderabad, **Telangana**.
- ☞ **New Jersey** and **Gujarat** signed 'sister state agreement' MoU for cooperation in economic development, clean energy, higher education, tourism, health and trade-investment.
- ☞ **Princeton University** in **New Jersey** has signed two MoU's with **IIT Delhi** and **ReNew power**.
- ☞ **Amit Shah** has announced to conduct first-ever "**digital census**" in **2021**. He also suggested a **single multipurpose identity** card i.e., one card facility for all utilities in the future.
- ☞ **Wipro** has tied up with **Febraban**, an industry body representing the Brazil's financial services industry to develop an online platform "**Noomis**" for the **financial services industry** in **Brazil**.
- ☞ President of the Republic of Mongolia His Excellency **Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga** paid a visit to **India** from September 2019. The two nations have signed **4** MoU's.
- ☞ **India and Mongolia** signed **Cultural Exchange Protocol** from **2019-2023** for promoting cooperation and cultural exchanges in the field of dance, art, music, library, museums etc.
- ☞ On the request from **Mongolia**, **India** announced an additional **236 million** dollars **Line of Credit (LoC)** for the ongoing Petrochemical Refinery Project of **Mongolia**.
- ☞ Union ministers **Nitin Gadkari** and **Shri RK Singh** inaugurated **National Conclave on Energy Efficiency** in MSME sector in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ The Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has launched a single-window system '**Private Security Agency Licensing Portal**' for issuing **licences to private security agencies**.
- ☞ President **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the sixth " **India Water Week-2019**" being organized with the theme of " **Water cooperation-coping with 21st-century challenge**".
- ☞ **Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched ' **TB Harega Desh Jeetega** ' campaign and **National TB Prevalence Survey 2019** in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge) **Prahlad Singh Patel** has inaugurated the exhibition of **India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019** in **New Delhi**.
- ☞ **Dr. Jitendra Singh** unveiled the **Centralized Public Grievances Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)** reforms in Department of Posts in **New Delhi**.

☞ **List of important MoU's and agreements**

Signed Between	Purpose of MOU and Agreements
Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange (ZCE)	To facilitate cooperation between the two exchanges in areas such as knowledge sharing, education & training, and organizing events
Microsoft India and the Central Board of Secondary Education	To build Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning for schools
H-Energy and Kakinada Seaports Limited	To develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) regasification and reloading terminal at Kakinada port
Railway Ministry and Confederation of Indian Industry	To evaluating the green initiatives and rate the performance of its industrial units pursuing environmentally sustainable practices.
Defence PSU Bharat Earth Movers Limited and Wipro Infrastructure Engineering	To work together in the areas of aerospace, industrial automation, 3-D printing, artificial intelligence and hydraulic system engineering
Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)	To carry out a nationwide Train-the-Trainer programme in basic artificial intelligence

ECONOMY

- ☞ **Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)** has revised **India's GDP** growth forecast to **6.3%** in fiscal year **2020**.
- ☞ The **Department of Financial Services** has approved the **Rs 12,000 crore** capital infusion plan in the **3 state-run general insurance companies**.
- ☞ **UNCTAD** released a report titled '**Digital Economy Report (DER) 2019**'. It examines the scope for value creation and capture in the digital economy by developing countries.
- ☞ **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has reduced the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of **India** to **7%** from its previous estimate of **7.3%** for **FY20**.
- ☞ **ONGC** has signed an MoU with the **Assam** state government to invest more than **Rs. 13,000 crore** in the next 5 years to excavate over **220 oil and gas wells** in Assam.
- ☞ **Union minister of finance & corporate affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** made another presentation on the measures to boost economic growth.
- ☞ **Over Rs 70,000 crore** is allocated to boost exports and real estate sectors in India by finance minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- ☞ The **Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP)** will replace **Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)**. It will come into effect from **January 1, 2020**.
- ☞ The **Goods and Services Tax Network** has decided to make **Aadhaar authentication** or **physical verification mandatory** for new dealers from **January 2020**.
- ☞ **Piyush Goyal** has launched a **Common digital platform** for **electronic Certificates of Origin (CoO) issuance**.

- ☞ The govt in order to boost **foreign investment in the infrastructure sector**, waived off the **3-year** lock in period for investments made by Non-Resident Indians (NRI) in Infrastructure Debt Funds (IDFs), as notified by the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.
- ☞ The **RBI** notified that the **UAE emerged** as a top nation in making non-resident investments in Indian mutual funds, with **Rs 14,979 cr** registering a share of **16%** as on march **2019**.
- ☞ The **UNCTAD** in its **Trade and Development Report 2019** forecasted India's economic growth rate at a 7-year low of **6%** in calendar year **2019** from **7.4%** in **2018**.
- ☞ **SEBI** has formed a 15-member committee headed by **Ishaat Hussain**, to suggest possible measures and regulations in creating the '**social stock exchanges**'.
- ☞ **SEBI** has imposed a penalty of over **Rs 22 crore** on **Aurobindo Pharma** and its promoters. They have been penalized for **violating insider trading norms**.
- ☞ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** eased its norms to allow smart cities raise funds through '**Muni Bonds**'.
- ☞ **SEBI** eased its norms for **buyback** (repurchase) of shares by listed companies, which is governed by the **Buyback Regulations of SEBI & Companies Act**, especially those having subsidiaries in **housing finance** and **Non-Banking Financial Company** segments.

STATE

- ☞ **West Bengal** Assembly passed (**Prevention of Lynching**) **Bill, 2019**, to protect the constitutional rights of vulnerable persons and prevent incidents of lynching.
- ☞ **India's first-of-its-kind 'Garbage Cafe'** to be opened in **Ambikapur Municipal Corporation of Chhattisgarh**.
- ☞ **Gujarat government** has announced plans to start a **ferry service** between **Hazira port** in Surat and **Bandra** in Mumbai.
- ☞ The Central Government appointed **Justice Harish Chandra Mishra** as the Acting **New Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court (HC)**.
- ☞ **Nuakhai- harvesting festival** celebrated in **Odisha**.
- ☞ The **Odisha government** implemented the "**One nation one ration card**" programme on a pilot basis on **September 1, 2019**.
- ☞ The **Rajasthan** government has launched a new health insurance scheme **Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY)**.
- ☞ **Haryana** government has announced **Rs 4,750 crore** interest and penalty waiver on **crop loans**.
- ☞ **Bihar government** has issued an order asking employees not to wear informal clothes like jeans and T-shirts to the Secretariat as it's "**against the culture and dignity of the office**".
- ☞ **SpiceJet** has started the **air shuttle service** between **Hisar and Chandigarh** under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik (**UDAN**) **Regional Connectivity Service scheme**.
- ☞ The **Punjab Employment Generation Department** has decided to role of a recruitment agency for the youth wanting to work abroad.
- ☞ **Rajasthan** on alert after two suspected cases of '**Congo fever**' surfaced in **Jodhpur**.
- ☞ **Uttar Pradesh** Police has launched a '**C-Plan**' **App to Aid Community Policing**.
- ☞ The **Delhi Cabinet** has decided to include other backward class (OBC) and general category students in **Jai Bheem Mukhyamantri Yojana** for **coaching for various competitive exams**.

- ☞ **Rajasthan** state government has signed an MoU with **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** to **enhance music, art, craft forms** and other intangible cultural heritage of the state.
- ☞ The Mini Conclave of **First Jammu and Kashmir Investor Summit-2019** is held in **Leh**.
- ☞ **Gujarat Government** and the **Delaware State of America** signed **MoU** for **sister state**. This is the first sister-state MoU signed by Gujarat with any state of America.
- ☞ The Union Minister of food processing industries **Harsimrat Kaur Badal**, inaugurated the **first Mega Food Park** in Lakkampally village, Nizamabad, **Telangana**.
- ☞ The Government of **Karnataka** has approved to rename the **Hyderabad-Karnataka Regional Development Board (HKRDB)** as **Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board**.
- ☞ **PM Modi** laid a foundation stone of **Mega Food Park in Industrial Model Township (IMT)** in Rohtak, **Haryana**.
- ☞ **Kerala** will set up India's first **International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC)** in **Kozhikode** to boost **women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity**.
- ☞ **Madhya Pradesh** govt. announced to launch **online service for cow adoption** and shed provisions under the MP govt's initiative "**Project Gaushala**" at Gaushalas (cow shelters).
- ☞ Health Minister of Rajasthan, **Raghu Sharma** launched a **personal website** and **a mobile app** to stay connected with the public.
- ☞ **PM Narendra Modi** launched nationwide campaign "**Swachhta Hi Seva 2019**" (SHS) in **Mathura, UP**. The theme for 2019 is '**plastic waste awareness and management**'.
- ☞ The **PM Modi** paid a one-day visit to **Jharkhand** and launched schemes namely **Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (KMY)**, **Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Mandhan Yojana (PMLVMY)**.
- ☞ The CM of Uttarakhand **Trivendra Singh Rawat** has launched "**Mukhya Mantri Dal Poshit Yojana**" scheme to provided 2kg of pulses at subsidized price every month in the state.
- ☞ **Pink tickets** will be issued to women passengers under the **Delhi government's scheme** for free travel in **DTC** and **cluster buses** which was approved by the **DTC board**.
- ☞ Union Minister for Environment and Forest and Information & Broadcasting **Prakash Javadekar** flagged off a **Jaldoot vehicle** a travelling exhibition in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ☞ **Prakash Javadekar** has inaugurated the renovated **Jayakar bungalow** (a famous heritage building of Pune) at **National Film Archive of India (NFAI)** in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ☞ The CM of Arunachal Pradesh **Pema Khandu** has inaugurated the **24 kW (Kilowatt) Dikshi Hydroelectric Project** on the **Phudungto river** at **Dikshi village, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- ☞ A 3-day long traditional **Neermahal Jal Utsav** concluded with boat race & swimming competitions at Rudrasagar lake in **Agartala, Tripura**.
- ☞ The **Kerala government** and the **Regional Cancer Centre (RCC)** jointly signed MoU with **Maldives** to **strengthen cancer care** in the island nation by giving training to doctors.

- ☞ The CM of Himachal Pradesh **Shri Jai Ram Thakur** launched the **Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline '1100'** for **Redressal of public grievances**.
- ☞ **Delhi** Governor **Anil Bajjal** has launched '**Tatpar**' app for citizen-centric services.
- ☞ In order to focus on **cleanliness and sanitation research**, the state govt of Maharashtra has decided to set up '**Swachh Bharat World University**' at Wardha, **Maharashtra**.
- ☞ The **Telangana government** has decided to declare **2020** as **Artificial Intelligence year** by organizing various activities related to the emerging technology.
- ☞ The first ever "**Jammu International Film Festival**" will be held in **Jammu**. **37** short films and documentaries from **11** countries will be screened at Jammu International Film Festival.
- ☞ The CM of Delhi **Arvind Kejriwal** initiated **Champions Campaign** in New Delhi.
- ☞ Union Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries **Giriraj Singh** notified that a new scheme named '**Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing**' for **fishermen in Tamil Nadu**.
- ☞ Senior bureaucrat and present director of the tourism department, **Nirmal Chandra Mishra** has been appointed as the **chairman** of the **Odisha Staff Selection Commission**.
- ☞ **Jammu and Kashmir** has generated over **11lakh** golden cards with in first 90 days of the first state in the country to issue highest number of **golden cards** under **AB-PMJAY**.
- ☞ The government of **Madhya Pradesh** launched a month-long "**Swachhata hi Seva Abhiyan**" against the single-use plastic.
- ☞ CM of Uttar Pradesh **Yogi Adityanath** announced an annual support of **₹6,000** to the **victims of triple talaq** till their rehabilitation and they will get free legal aid, under the **PMJVK**.
- ☞ Madhya Pradesh CM **Kamal Nath** laid the foundation stone of the **Bhopal Metro Rail Project** to be built at a cost of about **Rs 6,941.4 crore** rupees.
- ☞ Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department of **Odisha** unveiled a mascot named "**Tikki Mausi**" to **combat malnutrition among women and children**.
- ☞ The State Government of **Gujarat** has launched India's 1st trading program called "**Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)**" in **Surat, Gujarat** to combat particulate air pollution.

SURVEYS

- ☞ As per the "**Global Happiness Survey**" conducted by market research firm Ipsos, India is ranked **9th** with 77% on happiness index among 28 global markets.
- ☞ International tourism arrivals hit record high in **2017**, India leads growth in **South Asia**.
- ☞ The **DBS bank** (formerly Development Bank of Singapore Ltd) based in Singapore has reduced India's GDP to 6.2% from its previous forecast of 6.8%.
- ☞ According to a report published in the **Lancet journal**, **India** is ranked **fourth in Global Malaria Cases in 2017**.
- ☞ **Eritrea** tops the list of 10 countries in **press censorship by CPJ**.
- ☞ **IIT Ropar & IISc Bangalore** ranked **No 1** among the 56 Indian institutes in the **Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020**.

- ☞ Gujarat tops the **second edition of perception based 2019 the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index**, followed by **Punjab and Andhra Pradesh**.
- ☞ In the **latest QS(Quacquarelli Symonds) Graduate Employability Rankings 2020**, the **Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Bombay** topped all the Indian institutes in the list with band ranking 111-120, which is now up from 141-150 of the year 2018.
- ☞ **India** ranks **44th** in IMDs World Digital Competitiveness Rankings 2019.
- ☞ In a survey conducted by Airport Council International (ACI), **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) at Kochi, Kerala** was named as the best airport in terms of services it offered to passengers for the year 2018.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- ☞ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will be honoured with the prestigious '**Global Goalkeeper Award**'. He will be felicitated by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for his leadership and commitment to the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan**.
- ☞ **Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine** in **Jammu and Kashmir** has been adjudged as the "**Best Swachh Iconic place**" in the country in the '**Swachh Iconic Places**'.
- ☞ Nobel Laureate Professor **Muhammad Yunus** from **Bangladesh** was conferred the '**Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis**' award by the **Vatican**.
- ☞ "**Oscars of science**" awarded to **Event Horizon Telescope Team** who collaborated to produce the world's **first image of a black hole**.
- ☞ Vedanta Resources chairman, **Anil Agarwal** honoured with a **lifetime achievement award** at **19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards 2019** held in **London**.
- ☞ Odia poet **Pradeep Dash** was selected for the **40th edition of 2019 Sarala Puraskar award** for his poetry work **Charu Chibar O Charjya**.
- ☞ **San Sebastian**, a Spanish city, was awarded the **2019 UNWTO prize for Public Policy and Governance 2019** for the initiative "**Love San Sebastian, Live Donastia**".
- ☞ **Thrissur in Kerala**, India received a **special mention award** as an **emerging destination on the global accessible tourism market**.
- ☞ IPS officer **Chhaya Sharma** who led the investigation of the **2012 Nirbhaya gangrape** was honoured with the **2019 Asia Society Game Changers Award**.
- ☞ **The 71st annual Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards** ceremony for 2019 was held in **Los Angeles, United States**.
- ☞ **Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina** was conferred **2019 Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award** in **Dhaka**.
- ☞ Indian photographer **Raghu Rai** was chosen as the first recipient of the inaugural "**Academie des beaux-arts Photography Award – William Klein**" for the **year 2019**.
- ☞ Swedish environmental activist **Greta Thunberg** wins **2019 Amnesty's 'Ambassadors of Conscience'** award in **Washington D.C.**
- ☞ The 20th Edition of **NEXA International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA Awards)** for 2019 was held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

Category	Awardee
Best Film	Raazi
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt for Raazi
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat
Best Director	Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun
Best Supporting Actor (Female)	Aditi Rao Hydari for Padmaavat
Best Supporting Actor (Male)	Vicky Kaushal for Sanju

- ☞ Bollywood actor **Ranveer Singh** and **Alia Bhatt** starrer film 'Gully Boy' has been nominated for the **Oscar 2020** Film Awards from India.
- ☞ Bollywood's famous playback singer **Sonu Nigam** (46) of Faridabad, Haryana was awarded the '**Magnificent Performing Arts Award 2019**' at the annual '21st Century Icon Awards' held in London, United Kingdom (UK).
- ☞ NDTV's **Ravish Kumar** awarded 1st **Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019** in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ☞ Overview of **FIFA Football Awards 2019** held in Teatro alla Scala in **Milan, Italy**
- ☞ A 16-year-old Swedish climate activist **Greta Thunberg** wins 2019 Right Livelihood Award.
- ☞ Rajasthan's **Payal Jangir** becomes the first Indian to receive the **Changemaker Award 2019**
- ☞ **Infosys** receives UN global climate action award 2019 in '**climate neutral now**' category
- ☞ Archeologist **Dr. G. B. Deglurkar** conferred with 31st **Punjabhushan Award** for 2019
- ☞ **Venkaiah Naidu** conferred Telugu poet **K.Siva Reddy** with 28th Saraswati Samman award 2018.
- ☞ **Scientist Thanu Padmanabhan (Physicist)** received **2019 M P Birla Memorial Award** for his contributions in the field of cosmology.

Award	Winner	Football Club (FC)
The Best FIFA Men's Player	Lionel Messi (Argentina)	Barcelona FC
The Best FIFA Women's Player	Megan Rapinoe (America)	Reign FC
The Best FIFA Men's coach	Jurgen Klopp (Germany)	Liverpool FC
The Best FIFA Women's coach	Jill Ellis (America)	–
Best FIFA Men's goalkeeper	Alisson Becker (Brazil)	Liverpool FC
The Best FIFA Women's goalkeeper	Sari van Veenendaal (Netherlands)	Atlético Madrid Femenino
FIFA fan Award	Silvia Grecco	–
FIFA fair play award	Marcelo Bielsa and the Leeds United squad	–

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Name of the Book	Author	Speaks About
India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan	Raghvendra Singh	The book presents the history of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which was earlier known as the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP).
Phoolpur: Indian Flowers, Their Myths, Traditions and Usage	Jhelum Biswas Bose	The book explains the subtle power and meaning of different Indian flowers.
Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India To Glory	Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj	This is a book on India's 4 spin legends: Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekar and S. Venkataraghavan
Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924	Vikram Sampath	This book describes the life of freedom fighter and Philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar
Rethinking Good Governance	Vinod Rai	
The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas	Dhaval Kulkarni	The book depicts the political journey of Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray.
Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years	Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan	This book depicts the journey of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from his young days to becoming 14th prime minister of India.
Being Gandhi	Paro Anand	It marks the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The book, published by Harper Collins Children's Books, explores the life events of Gandhiji.
Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules	Neha J Hiranandani	The book is about the stories/achievements of 50 Indian women role models.
Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy	Subramanian Swamy	The book documents economic growth of India over the years & provides the master solutions for future growth.

OBITUARIES

Name of the Person	Field/Importance
Valerie Harper	4 Times Emmy Award-winning actress
Franco Columbu	Italian bodybuilder, power lifter, actor and author
Hans Rausing	Swedish billionaire
LaShawn Daniels	United States(US) born songwriter
Robert Mugabe	Former Zimbabwe President
Kiran Nagarkar	Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer
Abdul Qadir	Pakistan's master leg-spinner
Sukhdev Singh	Veteran congress leader
Veeru Krishnan	Bollywood actor and renowned Kathak dancer
Ram Jethmalani	Senior lawyer, and a former union law minister
Dilip Satpathy	Senior journalist
Robert Frank	Documentary photographer
Goverdhan Kalla	Veteran Congress Leader and Former MLA
Akilisi Pohiva	Climate change campaigner of the South Pacific, Tongan Prime Minister
Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie	Former Indonesian president
BN Yugandhar	Microsoft's chief executive officer (CEO) Satya Nadela's father and former bureaucrat.
Charlie Cole	Photographer
Sanjib Kumar Datta	Film editor
Sivaraman Cheriyanad	Renowned writer of Kerala
Gyorgy Konrad	Famous writer and sociologist
Jean Edward Smith	American historian and Francis Parkman awardee
Kodala Siva Prasada Rao	Former speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly
Sathaar	Veteran Malayalam actor
Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali	Tunisia's former President
Fernando Ricksen	Former Rangers football player
Shyam Ramsay	Famous filmmaker
Robert Skinner Boyd	Veteran American journalist & Pulitzer Prize winner
S.K. Padmadevi	Veteran actor and multi-faceted artiste
Madhav Apte	Former Indian test cricketer
Bhagat Ram Vats	Former PTI senior correspondent
Davo Karnicar	Active mountain skier
J. Michael Mendel	An American television producer & a 4-time Emmy Award winner
Jacques Rene Chirac	Former French president
Venu madhav	Telugu film comedian
Boman Rashid Kohinoor	Owner of the Britannia & Co restaurant
Kumara Padma Sivasankara Menon	Former foreign secretary
Viju Khote	Veteran Bollywood actor
V.Ganesan	Indian National Army (INA) veteran