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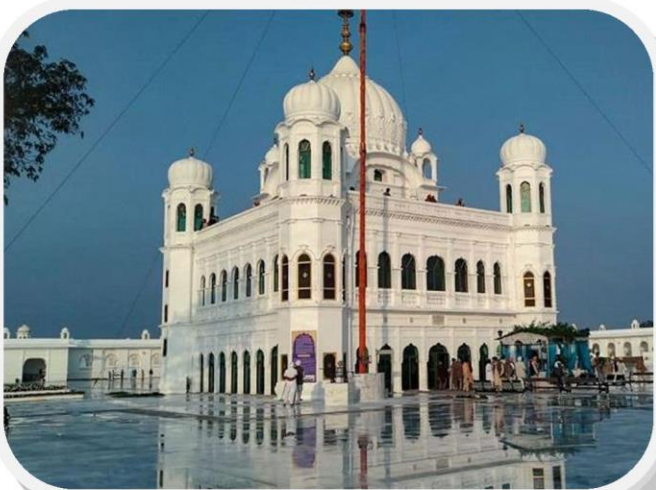
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"Education is not the learning of facts, but the trainings of the mind to think."
- Albert Einstein

Important Days of Month

World Tsunami Awareness Day: 5 November

- World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed globally on 5 November.
- The day was observed to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- The 2019 World Tsunami Awareness Day focuses on promoting targets on the Sendai Seven Campaign.
- It focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and the disruption of basic services

07 November

- 7th November is observed as National Cancer Awareness Day. The day is aimed to create awareness about the prevention and early detection of cancer.
- Infant Protection Day is celebrated on 7 November. The day aims to celebrate the day to spread awareness about the safety of infants and protect their lives by taking proper care of infants.

International Day of Radiology: 8 November

- International Day of Radiology event is organized by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT).
- It is observed on 8th November every year.
- The theme of International Radiology Day 2019 is Sports Imaging.
- The day marks the discovery of X-Radiation done by Roentgen on 8 November 1895.

Legal Services Day: 9th November

- Legal Services Day is celebrated every year on the 9th of November in all the state Authorities.
- Legal Services Day was first started by the Supreme Court in the year 1995 all across India to offer help and support to the weaker and poor group of sections of people.
- The aim is to offer free of charge, proficient, and legal services to the people of weaker sections of society.

World Science Day for Peace and Development

- World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated every year on 10 November.
- The theme for 2019 is "Open science, leaving no one behind".
- The day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- The day was proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001.

550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji

- The 550th birth anniversary of first Sikh guru and founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev is being celebrated on 12 Nov 2019 as Prakash Parv.
- President Ramnath Kovind will take part in the festivities at Sultanpur Lodhi in Kapurthala, Punjab.
- Guru Nanak Dev Ji spent more than 15 years at Sultanpur Lodhi, where he attained enlightenment.
- He was born on the full moon day of Kartik month in 1526.

National Press Day: 16 November

- National Press Day is observed on 16th November every year and is symbolic of a free and responsible press.
- It was on this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any influence or threats.
- On the occasion, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu will confer excellence in journalism awards.

International Day for Tolerance: 16 November

- The United Nations observes “International Day for Tolerance” on 16th November every year.
- The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.
- In 1995, to mark the UN Year for Tolerance and the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, UNESCO created a UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize.

World Toilet Day: 19 November

- World Toilet Day is celebrated on 19th November every year.
- It aims at inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal, which promises sanitation for all by 2030.
- The day was formally recognized as an official UN day in 2013.
- The theme for the year 2019 is Leaving No One Behind.

World Children’s Day: 20 November

- World Children’s Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children’s Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year.
- It promotes international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare.
- It is also the date when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

World Fisheries Day: 21 November

- World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year on 21 November.
- The day highlights the importance of maintaining the World's fisheries and the importance of lives of water creatures.
- In India, Fisheries Awards were presented to the fish farmers for their exemplary contribution in the sector, on this day.
- The annual production of fisheries has reached up to 13 million metric tonnes in India.

Indian Army celebrated Poonch Link Up Day

- Poonch Link Up Day was celebrated by the Indian Army on 23 November 2019.
- The day marks the Operation Easy conducted by Indian Army in 1948 to defend the border district from the invading Pakistani raiders.
- The day marks the historic link up carried out by Brigadier Pritam Singh's forces with Brigadier Yadunath's forces from Rajouri at Danna Ka Pir on 21 November 1948.

NCC celebrated its 71st Raising Day

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the world's largest uniformed youth organization, celebrated its 71st Raising Day on 24 Nov 2019.
- Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and DG NCC Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra paid homage to the martyrs at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.
- The multifaceted activities and varied curriculum of NCC provide unique opportunities to the youth for their development.

Constitution Day celebrated on 26 November

- Constitution Day or Samvidhan divas was celebrated on 26 Nov 2019 across the country.
- The day marks the adopting of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

- It came into force on 26th January, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of Indian Republic.
- The government has planned year-long activities to mark 70 years of the adoption of the Constitution.

11th anniversary of 26/11

- The Nation remembered the martyrs of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks on its 11th anniversary on 26 Nov 2019.
- Various events have been organised in the city.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu paid tributes to the martyrs of the terror attack.
- On November 26, 2008 Mumbai was attacked by 10 terrorists of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- 166 people including 18 police officers had lost their lives.

National Milk Day: 26 November

- National Milk Day is observed every year on 26 November.
- India is one of the largest milk-producing countries in the world.
- National Milk Day is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of India's White Revolution.
- Milk production in India has gone up from 137 million tonnes to 187 million tonnes and farmers have benefited immensely.

National News

President launched endowment fund of IIT Delhi

- President Ram Nath Kovind has launched endowment fund of IIT Delhi.
- Endowments have become integral part of the financial health of educational institutions and through these alumni are playing critical role in supporting and nurturing future generations of learners.
- Throughout history, educational institutes have been the beacons of our culture.

Guru Ghasidas Park now a tiger reserve

- The Chhattisgarh government has decided to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park in the state's Korea district as a tiger reserve.
- The decision was taken at a meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- Presently the state has three tiger reserves, namely Indravati in Bijapur district, Udanti-Sitanadi in Gariaband and Achanakmar in Bilaspur.

Logo, motto introduced for Lokpal

- Lokpal Chairman Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose launched the new logo and motto for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman.
- A new motto, "Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone's wealth)", was also adopted.
- A logo designed by Prashant Mishra, a resident of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, was finally selected out of 2,236 entries.

Andhra Pradesh govt launched helpline

- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched '14400', a citizen helpline number.
- It will enable people to complain about corruption in government departments.
- Citizens could directly call the helpline and lodge a complaint against corruption in any government department.
- The Chief Minister made the first call on the occasion to the call centre and enquired about its functioning.

National Tribal Craft Mela 2019

- CM of Odisha Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the National Tribal Craft Mela – 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha recently.
- The objective of the Mela is to preserve, promote and popularise traditional tribal art and craft and help the artisans to find better opportunities.
- More than 240 tribal artisans from 18 states including Sikkim, Manipur, Nagaland, Assam, etc. are participating in the Mela.

Etawah Lion Safari inaugurated in UP

- The Etawah Lion Safari was thrown open for public in Uttar Pradesh without the lion segment, on 24 November 2019.
- It is one of the biggest safari parks in Asia with an area of 350 hectares.
- It has been developed as an educative tourist destination for children as well as youths.
- The safari is expected to attract tourist and make Etawah a major tourist centre in the country.



International News

Ocean Dance Festival 2019 began in Bangladesh

- The four day long Ocean Dance Festival 2019 kicked off in Cox Bazar of Bangladesh on 22 Nov 2019.
- Ocean Dance Festival is the largest international dance festival of Bangladesh in which more than 200 dancers, choreographers and scholars from 15 countries are participating.
- The theme for the year 2019 is 'Bridging the distance' or Durotter Shetubandhan.

Climate Emergency: Word of the Year

- Oxford Dictionaries has named "climate emergency" as its 2019 Word of the Year.
- The use of the term "climate emergency" increased by a hundredfold since 2018, according to data collected in the Oxford Corpus.
- Climate emergency is defined as a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce climate change and also to avoid the possible irreversible environmental loss resulting from it.

FIFA banned three football officials for life

- FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) has banned 3 South American football officials for a lifetime for connection with a 2015 corruption scandal in football.
- The three officials who were banned were Former Peru Football Federation Manuel Burga and Argentinian officials Eduardo Deluca and Jose Luis Meisner.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino
- HQs: Zürich, Switzerland.

The 2nd edition of the Paris Peace Forum held

- The 2nd edition of the Paris Peace Forum was held at La Grande Halle de La Villette in Paris, France.
- The event was held from 11-13 November 2019.
- The event aimed to encourage international cooperation and collective action for a peaceful world.
- It works as an incubator to drive projects and launch new initiatives.
- The forum is held to mobilize and bring together all stakeholders.

Second Ebola vaccine to be offered in Congo

- A second Ebola vaccine is to be offered to around 50,000 people in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as part of a major clinical trial.
- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be used alongside a one-dose vaccine made by Merck, which has already been given to around 250,000 people.
- Merck's jab has now been approved by the World Health Organization.

Scientists declared a climate emergency

- Scientists have declared a climate emergency across the world.
- 11,258 signatories from more than 153 countries, including 69 from India, presented the trends in climate change.
- They also provided a set of effective mitigating actions.
- The researchers said that climate change has arrived and is accelerating faster than many scientists expected.

China launched new Earth observation satellite

- China launched a new high-resolution remote sensing satellite capable of providing stereoscopic imagery on 3 Nov 2019.
Gaofen-7, a sub-metre resolution optical satellite, boasts the highest mapping accuracy among domestic peers, and can map China and even the world's lands stereoscopically with a margin of error of less than a metre.

Economic, Finance and Banking News

Jammu-Srinagar metro operations starts by 2024

- The J&K govt has set a Sept. 2024 deadline to start operations on the ₹9,590 crore metro project for twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar.
- The Light Metro Elevated Corridor in Jammu will connect Bantalab to Bari Brahmana Railway Station (Corridor-1) with a total length of 23 km in phase-I
- Exhibition Ground to Udheywala (Corridor-1) and Exhibition Ground to Satwari Chowk (Corridor-2) in Phase-II .

Sept. quarter falls to 4.5%, lowest in 25 qtr

- The Ind economy in the Sept. quarter falls to 4.5%, lowest in 25 quarters, from 5% in the preceding quarter as manufacturing output contracted.
- During the 2nd qtr, only govt expenditure supported growth by growing at 11.6%, while the financial services sect grew 5.8%.
- China's GDP growth slowed to 6% in the Sept. qtr the weakest quarterly growth rate since 1992, down from 6.2% in the previous qtr.

RIL market cap hit ₹9.5 lakh crore

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the first Indian company to cross Rs.9.5 lakh in market capitalization (m-cap).
- On 26 Nov 2019, its m-cap touched Rs 9,99,045 crore nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), RIL's closest rival in market capital had a share price of Rs.2,110, 2% lower on BSE and m-cap of Rs.7,71,996.87 crore.

RBI expanded the scope of SNRR account

- RBI has enhanced the scope of Special Non-resident Rupee (SNRR) by allowing persons residing outside India to open such accounts for purposes like trade credit in INR.
- Any person residing outside India, having a business interest in India can open a non-interest SNRR account with a bank for bona fide transactions in rupees.
- The restriction on the tenure of SNRR account has also been removed.

Sale of govt stake in five CPSEs

- The government has approved sale of its stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs, including Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- The government will sell its 53.29 per cent stake in BPCL.
- CCEA approved strategic disinvestment of Government's shareholding of 63.75 per cent in Shipping Corporation of India and 30.8% in Container Corporation of India.

NCAER forecasts India's GDP growth at 4.9%

- The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) forecasted India's GDP growth for 2019-20 at 4.9% as against 6.8 % in 2018 (or FY-19).
- It is the lowest among the recent forecasts by rating agencies, multilateral institutions, research firms, and government institutions.
- Earlier, Moody's cut its calendar year 2019 GDP forecast for India to 5.6 per cent from 6.2 per cent.

Banks cannot charge on NEFT from Jan 2020

- From January 2020, banks can no longer charge savings bank account holders for online transactions in the NEFT system.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has now mandated banks to do this through a press release.
- NEFT is a payment system facilitating funds transfers from one bank account to another.
- One can access this service either by using Internet banking or by visiting the bank branch.

RBI increased household income limits

- The RBI has increased the household income limits for borrowers of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) from 1 lakh to 1.25 lakh rupees.
- The move is aimed at strengthening credit to those at the bottom of the economic pyramid in rural areas.
- Similarly, the limit has been increased from 1.6 lakh for urban or semi-urban areas to 2 lakh rupees.

RBI imposes Rs 5 lakh fine on Oxigen Services

- The RBI has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on prepaid payment instrument Oxigen Services.
- The move was taken in exercise of powers vested under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.
- The fine comes through a speaking order dated September 17, 2019.
- Oxigen Services facilitates payment processing and money transfer services.

Bajaj Allianz launches 'Farmitra' mobile app

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched a new mobile app called 'Farmitra' for the ease of farmers.
- This app intends to help the farmers needs and address their worries.
- The app 'Farmitra' provides services to even those who are not customers of Bajaj Allianz.
- ✕ The app is currently implemented in 6 states - Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Haryana.

Awards and Recognitions

Ranjana wins National Award for Journalism

- Dr Mangalam Swaminathan Foundation announced the 'National Award for Excellence in Journalism' 2019 to former UNI journalist Ranjana Narayan for her lifetime achievements.
- She worked for UNI and also worked as the commissioning editor with reputed publishing houses
- The award consists of a cash prize of Rs one lakh, a memento and a citation in bronze

IFFI 2019 Award winners

- IFFI: International Film Festival of India(Goa).
- The Best Actor (Male) Award has gone to Seu Jorge for his portrayal of Carlos Marighella in the Brazilian movie 'Marighella'.
- The Best Actor (Female) Award has gone to Usha Jadhav for her portrayal of 'Prabha Mai', in the Marathi film 'Mai Ghatt: Crime No. 103/2005'.
- Pema Tseden walked away with the Special Jury Award for his film 'Balloon'.

'Rwanda' won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal

- Italian film 'Rwanda' directed by Riccardo Salvetti won The ICFT –UNESCO Gandhi Medal.
- 'Bahattar Hoorain' the Indian movie directed by Sanjay P. Singh Chauhan earned the special mention under ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi medal category.
- The medal bears a portrait of Gandhi engraved by the French artist Pierre-Yves Tremois. Etched underneath is Mahatma's message: In the midst of darkness light prevails

Billie Eilish: Billboard's Woman of the Year

- Singer Billie Eilish will be honoured as Billboard's 2019 Woman of the Year on December 12, 2019.
- Taylor Swift will also be honoured at Billboard's event, receiving the inaugural 'Woman of the Decade' award.
- Billie has disrupted the entertainment industry through her music and social media platforms, leaving an indelible impact on the global cultural zeitgeist.

Suresh Krishna got Quality Ratna award

- India's first 'Quality Ratna' award was awarded to Suresh Krishna, Chairman, Sundram Fasteners Ltd.
- He has been a role model for society in embracing the principles of quality in both personal and professional life.
- This award was awarded by trade body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Institute of Quality, in its 27th Quality Summit held in Bengaluru.

Indian journalist Neha Dixit won award

- Indian journalist Neha Dixit has received 2019 International Press Freedom Awards.

- This award was presented by Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), a non-profit organization whose aim is to enable journalists to work without the fear of reprisal.
- She has covered politics, gender, and social justice in print, TV, and online media for more than a decade.

Bajrang Punia honoured in Dubai

- Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia was conferred the Indian Personality of the Year Award (Sports) at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 in Dubai recently.
- World powerlifting champion Mahant Gaurav Sharma was also honoured with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019

- The Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 awards were conferred to top-ranked states, Union Territories, and districts in the various categories on the occasion of World Toilet Day on 19 Nov 2019.
- The top-ranked state was Tamil Nadu, the top-ranked district was Peddapalli (Telangana), and the state with the maximum citizen participation was Uttar Pradesh.

Virat Kohli named Person of the Year

- India captain Virat Kohli was named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019' for his animal advocacy efforts.
- The PETA awards are given to people or organisations that take initiative in the welfare of animals and violence against animals.
- Past recipients of the award include Shashi Tharoor, Anushka Sharma, R Madhavan, and Jacqueline Fernandez.

Delhi Metro won 2 awards

- The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has been conferred with two awards for its commendable initiatives in promoting the metro as a green and sustainable mode of transport among the masses.
- DMRC was awarded for the 'Last Mile Connectivity' project and the 'Green Metro project'.
- It was awarded at the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held from 15-17 Nov, 2019 in Lucknow.

Winners of Gandhian Challenge announced

- The NITI Aayog has announced top 30 winners of the Gandhian Challenge, which was organized to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The aim of the challenge was to encourage children to read and understand Mahatma Gandhi's principles and apply them to come up with innovative solutions for New World challenges.
- It saw the participation from more than 3,800 children.

Sridevi and Rekha conferred with award

- The veteran actors Sridevi and Rekha were conferred with the Akkineni Nageswara Rao National Award for 2018 and 2019 respectively, on 17 November 2019.
- The award was presented by renowned Telugu actor Chiranjeevi.
- The award is instituted by the Akkineni International Foundation and honours those who have made a lasting impact on Indian cinema.

Movie "Bhonsle" won awards

- The critically acclaimed movie "Bhonsle" has won prestigious awards at the Asian Film Festival Barcelona.
- The film has bagged two awards in the 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' categories at the festival.

- The film is directed by Devashish Makhija.
- The film revolves around a police constable who tries to help in the struggles of migrants and their battles with the local politicians.

Avneet Sidhu honoured with award

- Former international shooter Avneet Sidhu was honoured with Guru Nanak Dev Ji Achievers Award at Sultanpur Lodhi.
- Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh conferred the award on Avneet during the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev for her contribution to the field of sports.
- The state govt honoured 550 Punjabis who achieved success in their fields.

Shanta Gokhale awarded

- The Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019 was conferred on writer, translator and film critic Shanta Gokhale.
- She recently published her memoir One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body.
- She received the Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2015.
- Poet K Satchidanandan was named the Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019.

Wildlife biologist K. Ullas Karanth won award

- Wildlife biologist K. Ullas Karanth, Director, Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bengaluru, was awarded the George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science for his contribution to the field of conservation.
- He is the first recipient of the award instituted by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), New York.
- He is also a recipient of Padma Shri award (2012).

Golden Jubilee of IFFI starts on November 20

- The Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India will start on 20 Nov 2019 in Goa.
- It is the first International Film Festival held anywhere in Asia.
- IFFI began its journey in 1952 by the Films Division with 23 countries entering over 200 films.
- The Competition Category was introduced in 1965.
- Sri Lankan film Gamperaliya was the 1st recipient of the Golden Peacock Award.

Punjab CM conferred achievers award

- On the occasion of 550th Prakash Purab celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh conferred achievers award to over 400 eminent Punjabi personalities for their outstanding contribution in various fields.
- The awards were presented in the fields of religious and social activities, defence, literature, art, music and culture, and sports.

Infosys Prize 2019 for science and research

- The Infosys Prize for 2019 was announced at the Infosys campus in Bengaluru.
- The award is given annually to honour outstanding achievements IN six categories: Humanities: Manu V. Devadevan, Life Sciences: Manjula Reddy, Mathematical Sciences: Sidhartha Mishra, Physical Sciences: G. Mugesh, Social Sciences: Anand Pandian, Engineering and Computer Science: Sunita Sarawagi.

Neeraj sharma won award

- Indian-origin researcher Neeraj Sharma has been given the 'Early Career Researcher of the Year award' by the Australian government.

- This award is given for developing next-generation battery systems such as a sodium-ion battery that will leave a minimal environmental impact.
- He is a professor at the University of South Wales (UNSW)'s School of Chemistry.

Madhuri Vijay's debut novel won prize

- U.S. based-Indian author Madhuri Vijay's debut novel, "The Far Field" bagged this year's JCB prize for Literature, the most expensive Indian award for writing.
- She also received the Rs 25 lakh as the prize money and a sculpture.
- JCB prize is an annual Indian literary award instituted in 2018.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui wins Golden Dragon Award

- Indian actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui has been awarded the prestigious Golden Dragon Award for his works in Hindi cinema at the Cardiff International Film Festival 2019.
- The festival was held in Wales, United Kingdom.
- Veteran Hollywood star-actress Dame Judith Olivia Dench was also honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award at the ceremony.

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Award instituted

- Punjab State Cabinet passed a unanimous resolution to institute Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Award.
- It will be given for Promotion of Peace and Interfaith Understanding, in commemoration of the 550th Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- The award would carry a citation and a cash prize of 11 lakh rupees.
- This coveted award would be given each year.

Rajnikanth to receive Special Icon award

- Actor Rajnikanth will receive the Special Icon award at the Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India, IFFI in Goa.
- The award will be presented in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema, during the past several decades.
- Life Time Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste will be conferred on French Actress Isabelle Hupert.

Personalities in News

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Suman Billa

- Suman Billa will join the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) at its headquarters in Madrid, Spain. He will take charge as Director, Technical Cooperation and Silk Road Development.

Devendra Fadnavis

- Devendra Fadnavis has taken oath as the Maharashtra Chief Minister for the second term on 23 Nov 2019. NCP's Ajit Pawar has become the Deputy Chief Minister.
- Newly sworn-in Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis resigned on 26 Nov 2019 after the resignation of Deputy CM and NCP leader Ajit Pawar, reducing the BJP-led government to a minority.

Lieutenant Shivangi: 1st woman pilot for Navy

- The first woman pilot for Navy Lieutenant Shivangi will join naval operations on completion of operational training on December 2, 2019.
- She hails from Muzzafarpur, Bihar.
- She was inducted into Indian Navy as SSC (Pilot) as part of 27 NOC course in Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala.
- She will get authorisation on December 2, 2019, to fly Dornier aircraft.

Mahinda Rajapaksa: New PM of Sri Lanka

- In Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa was sworn in as new Prime Minister on 21 Nov 2019 after Ranil Wickremesinghe decided to resign.
- Mr. Rajapaksa served as two-term President from 2005 to 2015 and is the elder brother of current President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- He was barred from contesting Presidential elections because of two-term limit and will be staging a political comeback as Prime Minister.

Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma

- Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma has been appointed as Indian Army's first female Judge Advocate General officer to be deployed on a foreign mission. She will serve the government of the East African country of Seychelles as a legal expert.

Anil Ambani resigned from Reliance Comm.

- Reliance Communications Chairman Anil Ambani along with four directors have resigned from the company, which is going through the insolvency process.
- The development comes a day after RCom posted a consolidated loss of Rs 30,142 crore for July-September 2019 due to provisioning for liabilities.
-]This was the second-highest loss posted by any Indian corporate till date.

Laishram Sarita Devi

- Laishram Sarita Devi of Manipur is among the six boxers from 5 continents who were elected as members of AIBA Athletes Commission. She is DSP in Manipur Police.

Rajat Sharma

- Senior journalist Rajat Sharma resigned from the post of President of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA). He cited his inability to continue amidst various pulls and pressures within the organisation.

Nita Ambani on MET board

- Nita Ambani was named as an honorary trustee of The Metropolitan Museum of Art on 12 November 2019.
- The announcement was made by Daniel Brodsky, the chairman of the museum.
- She is the first Indian to be honoured so.
- She was elected at a meeting of the Board.
- She was selected for her commitment to The Met, and to preserving and promoting India's art and culture is truly exceptional.

Dutee Chand on TIME 100 Next list

- India sprinter Dutee Chand has been named in the TIME 100 Next, an expansion of the TIME 100 list of the most influential persons in the world.
- The list, an initiative of TIME magazine, highlights 100 rising stars who are shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science, activism etc.
- Dutee had won two silver medals -- 100m, 200m -- at Jakarta Asian Games.

Four Indian-Americans won elections in US

- Four Indian-Americans, including a former White House Technology Policy Adviser, have won state and local elections held in the United States.
- Indian-American Ghazala Hashmi, a former community college professor, created history by becoming the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Virginia State Senate.
- Suhas Subramanyam has been elected to the Virginia State House of Representative.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan re-elected

- The UAE's Supreme Council of the Union has re-elected His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as its President.
- He has been selected for a 4th five-year term, in accordance with the provisions of the UAE Constitution.
- He was first elected President on November 3, 2004, following the death of his father Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.
- Capital of UAE: Abu Dhabi.
- Currency: Dirham.

Amitabh's six films to be screened at IFFI

- Amitabh Bachchan's six films will be screened at the Film Festival 2019.
- The megastar has selected his 6 best movies for the gala event.
- These include Sholay, Piku, Black, Deewar, Paa and Badla.
- The other big name who will be felicitated at the IFFI is, Rajinikanth.
- The actor has ruled the roost for four decades and commands a loyal fan following across the country.

Dhanlaxmi Bank MD, CEO T. Latha resigns

- Private sector lender Dhanlaxmi Bank managing director (MD) and Chief Executive officer (CEO) T. Latha has resigned.
- She was appointed as MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank for three years due to the retirement of former MD and CEO G Sreeram.
- Chairman of Dhanlaxmi Bank: Sanjeev Krishnan.
- Founded: 1927.
- Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala.

Yojana

DARPG holds meetings with J&K Higher officials

- A delegation led by the Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances(DARPG) held meetings with the senior officials of Govt of J&K.
- The officials discussed and firmed up modalities for collaboration between DARPG, National Institute of Financial Management, National Centre for Good Governance and other departments for conducting capacity building programs.

Diamond Quadrilateral Bullet Train NW Project

- Government has sanctioned Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project with the technical and financial assistance of the Government of Japan.
- A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has been formed to implement this project.
- This project is targetted for completion by the year 2023.

Mandatory BIS hallmark for jewellery from 2021

- Hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts will be made mandatory across the country from 15 Jan 2021 to ensure the purity of the precious metal.
- BIS is already running a hallmarking scheme for gold jewellery since April 2000 and around 40% of gold jewellery is being hallmarked currently.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has formulated standards for hallmarking gold jewellery.

FASTag implementation postponed to Dec 15

- Central government has postponed the mandatory implementation of FASTag to 15 December. Earlier the date of implementation was on 1 December.
- FASTag is an electronic device installed in the vehicle to enable drivers to pass through toll plazas without halting for paying the toll tax.
- The aim is to promote digital payments at toll plaza and decongest national highways.

Labour Code on IR Bill introduced in Lok Sabha

- L&E minister Santosh introduced the Labour Code on Industrial Relations Bill in the LS.
- The bill was proposed to make it easier for an employer to engage and disengage workers based on the requirement.
- The Bill also supports fixed-term employment of any duration across sectors and makes provision for all statutory benefits like social security and wages at par with the regular employee.

UP buses accepts credit cards to buy tickets

- Passengers will soon be able to use their credit, debit and smart cards to buy tickets in UP buses.
- UPSRTC will introduce 15,000 Android electronic ticketing machines(ETMs) on all its buses over the next six months.
- The board also approved a policy to offer a "telescopic fare system" to reduce long-distance fare.
- A new bus station to build at Kamta and acquired LDA land for a 90-year lease.

Subsidy Services Awas Portal launched

- Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal, CLAP, in New Delhi on 25 Nov 2019.
- The portal provides a transparent and robust real-time web-based monitoring system for credit-linked Subsidy Services, CLSS, beneficiaries.
- Using the portal, a beneficiary can track his application status in real-time.

Defence, Science & Technology

Government has launched new Aadhaar app

- UIDAI has updated its Aadhaar mobile app with a new set of features aiming to enhance overall usability and security of the app and data.
- The new Aadhaar app is available on both Android and iOS.
- UIDAI claims that the new app adds more functionality and secure than the older app with several new features to users such as the ability to download Aadhaar offline, eKYC authentication, pin lock.

Schneider Electric FTY to launch in Bengaluru

- Global energy management and automation company Schneider Electric has opened a new factory in Bengaluru.
- The factory was launched for the manufacture of industrial uninterruptible power supply(UPS) systems and variable speed drives that regulate the rotation speed of an electric motor.
- This is Schneider's second Smart factory in India, The first unit was launched in Hyderabad in Feb'19.

ISRO launched satellite Cartosat-3

- ISRO launched India's most sophisticated Earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 on 27 Nov 2019.
- The third generation, agile and advanced satellite was carried by PSLV-C47 along with 13 other nano-satellites belonging to a US firm.
- It was ignited from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

NVIDIA announced world's largest supercomputer

- NVIDIA has announced a new kind of GPU-accelerated supercomputer in the cloud on Microsoft Azure.
- NDv2 supercomputer is designed to handle demanding AI and high-performance computing applications, using up to 800 NVIDIA V100 Tensor Core GPUs.
- It enables customers to rent an AI supercomputer on-demand from their desk, and match the capabilities of large-scale on-premises supercomputers.

Aquatic environment with no life form found

- Researchers have found an aquatic environment on the Earth with complete absence of any form of life.
- The study, published in the journal, Nature Ecology and Evolution, revealed that any form of microbial life was absent in the hot, saline, hyperacid ponds of the Dallol geothermal field in Ethiopia.
- The research may lead to an improved understanding of the limits of habitability.

Indian scientists identified a protein

- Scientists at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad have demonstrated the role of a protein secretagogin (SCGN) in increasing insulin action in obesity-induced diabetes.
- SCGN binds to insulin and protects it from various stresses, increases its stability and adds to its action.
- The findings have established SCGN as a functional insulin-binding protein.

ISRO to launch Cartosat-3 on Nov 25

- India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C47 will launch Cartosat-3 and 13 commercial nanosatellites into Sun Synchronous orbit from Sriharikota on 25 Nov 2019.
- Cartosat-3 satellite is a third-generation agile advanced satellite having high-resolution imaging capability.
- PSLV-C47 is the 21st flight of PSLV in 'XL' configuration, that is with 6 solid strap-on motors.

Pakistan introduced vaccine to combat typhoid

- Pakistan became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV).
- The vaccine, approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2018, will initially be used during a two-week immunisation campaign starting from November 18-30, 2019 in the urban areas of Sindh.
- Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) is a one-dose vaccine, that will be injected intramuscularly.

Breaking carbon dioxide is faster and cheaper

- Scientists from the University of Connecticut in the US have found a novel catalyst that breaks down carbon dioxide into useful chemicals faster, cheaper, and more efficiently than the standard method.
- Carbon dioxide's stability makes this tough.
- It is hard to get the molecule to react with anything else.
- Many chemists are working on efficient ways to turn CO₂ into other useful products.

Vietnamese mouse deer sighted after 30 years

- A very rare species of small, deer-like animal thought to be on the verge of extinction has been spotted in the northwestern jungle of Vietnam for the first time in nearly 30 years.
- It is known as the silver-backed chevrotain or mouse deer.
- A specimen was last recorded in 1990, according to a study published Monday in the journal Nature Ecology and Evolution.

New signal fish discovered off Kerala coast

- The new signal fish was found in Lakshadweep sea off Kerala coast, which is the home for unusual species like fish with a unique color.
- The name of the species is "Pteropsaron Indicum" and was collected by trawlers at a depth of 70 meters during a marine biodiversity survey.
- Scientists have described the discovery as the first one of the genus recorded in Indian waters.

Japanese spacecraft started journey to home

- After departing from a distant asteroid, Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft started its year-long journey home.
- It successfully completed its mission to bring back soil samples and data that could provide clues to the origins of the solar system.
- The spacecraft is expected to return to Earth in late 2020 and drop a capsule containing the precious samples in the Australian desert.

NASA unveiled its first electric airplane

- NASA showcased an early version of its first all-electric experimental aircraft, the X-57 "Maxwell," on 8 Nov 2019.
- It has been adapted from an Italian-made Tecnam P2006T twin-engine propeller plane.
- The Maxwell will be the agency's first crewed X-plane to be developed in two decades.
- NASA also showed off a newly built simulator with it.

The 3rd Women Scientists Conclave to be held

- The third edition of women scientists' and Entrepreneurs' conclave will be organized at the India International Science Festival (IISF).
- IISF will be held in Kolkata on 7-8 November 2019.
- It is an effort to inspire young women to take up careers in Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship and help them get exposed to opportunities in the field.

Vigyan Samagam inaugurated

- Union Minister of Science & Technology and Minister of Earth Science has inaugurated India's 1-ever multi-venue Mega science exhibition, 'Vigyan Samagam 2019', in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The exhibition is organized by Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the National Council of Science Museums(NCSM).
- It will be open till December 31, 2019, for public display.

IIT Delhi and ISRO to set up space cell

- The IIT Delhi will set up a space technology cell in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
 - This collaboration is to contribute to the space technology research areas such as AI (Artificial Intelligence), nanotechnology, functional textiles, smart manufacturing at its campus.
- It is also proposed that IIT, Delhi as an Institute becomes an academic partner of ISRO.

Commissioning of INAS 314 - "Raptors"

- Indian Naval Air Squadron 314, the sixth Dornier aircraft squadron was commissioned at an impressive ceremony held at Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar.
- INAS 314 derives its name Raptors from the Bird of Prey family. The insignia of the squadron depicts a 'Raptor bird' searching over the vast blue expanse of the sea.
- The Dornier aircraft with twin turboprop engine manufactured by HAL Kanpur.

India to host naval drill Milan 2020

- The Indian Navy will host military drill 'Milan 2020' in March 2022 which will witness the participation of several countries.
- The drill will be held in Visakhapatnam.
- MILAN denotes Multilateral Naval Exercise.
- MILAN series of biennial exercises commenced in 1995.
- It was held at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) for the first time.

Bipin Rawat to be first Chief of Defence Staff

- General Bipin Rawat will end his tenure as the Army Chief in December 2019.
- He will take over as the first Chief of Defence Staff – a four star position being created as part of a defence management overhaul.
- He will get a term of 2 years as the CDS.
- He took over as the 27th Chief of Army Staff on 31 December 2016 after General Dalbir Singh retired.

Anti Tank Guided Missiles inducted in Army

- The Indian Army has inducted Israel made Anti Tank Guided Missiles Spike along the LoC in the northern command theatre in Jammu and Kashmir.
- It will strengthen defence along the border with Pakistan.
- Known as the "fire and forget" missiles, Spike are portable by men and are powerful enough to destroy tanks and bust bunkers within four kilometres.

3rd Military Literature Festival to be held

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the three-day long Military Literature Festival (MLF) on 13 December 2019 at Chandigarh.
- The event would present an international level forum to foster and preserve the exchange of knowledge related to military literature and associated works.
- The ten books of noted defence and literary authors would also be released on occasion.

India successfully test fired Prithvi 2

- India successfully testfired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Prithvi-2 missile from a test range off Odisha coast.
- Two Prithvi-2 missiles were test-fired consecutively and both tests met all parameters.
- Prithvi-2 is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kg of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.

Indian Army celebrated Poonch Link Up Day

- Poonch Link Up Day was celebrated by the Indian Army on 23 November 2019.
- The day marks the Operation Easy conducted by Indian Army in 1948 to defend the border district from the invading Pakistani raiders.
- The day marks the historic link up carried out by Brigadier Pritam Singh's forces with Brigadier Yadunath's forces from Rajouri at Danna Ka Pir on 21 November 1948.

US cleared sale of Naval Guns to India

- The US State Department cleared the sale of sophisticated MK-45 naval guns worth \$1 billion to India.
- The MK-45 guns will enhance India's naval capabilities, particularly in the Arabian Sea.
- The Gun System will provide the capability to conduct anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence missions while enhancing interoperability with the U.S. and other allied forces.

1st Indo-Qatari joint Naval Exercise began

- Navies of India and Qatar have started a 5-day bilateral maritime exercise "Za'ir-Al-Bahr".
- The exercise began in Doha, Qatar and is being held from 17-21 Nov 2019.
- Indian Navy Ship (INS) Trikand captained by Vishal Bishnoi, Patrol Aircraft P8-I is participating in the inaugural edition of the exercise.
- The exercise will include a three-day 'harbour phase' and two-day 'sea phase'.

Night trial of Agni-II conducted successfully

- India has successfully conducted the first night trial of Agni-II, its versatile surface-to-surface medium-range nuclear-capable missile from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast on 16 Nov 2019.
- Agni-II, an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), has already been inducted into the armed forces.
- This was the first time that the sophisticated missile was test-fired at night.

Exercise TIGER TRIUMPH

- The maiden India US joint Tri services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise named 'TIGER TRIUMPH' is scheduled from 13 to 21 Nov 19 at Visakhapatnam.
- Indian Naval ships Jalashwa, Airavat and Sandhayak would be participating in the exercise.
- The Exercise is aimed to developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations.

Exercise ReSAREX-2019 conducted

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the Regional Level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise 2019 (ReSAREX- 19) off the Goa coast recently.
- It was conducted to check the preparedness and response measures for search and rescue at sea in a coordinated manner.
- 5 ships of ICG, 2 Chetak helicopters were used for the workshop.

Bilateral maritime exercise 'Samudra Shakti'

- India is jointly exercising its anti-submarine warfare corvette INS Kamorta along with Indonesian warship KRI Usman Harun, a multi-role corvette, in the Bay of Bengal as part of an ongoing bilateral exercise "Samudra Shakti".

The aim of the exercise is to strengthen bilateral relations, expand maritime co-operation, enhance interoperability and exchange best practices.

Sports

CFG acquired majority stake of Mumbai City FC

- Manchester City's parent company City Football Group acquired a majority 65 per cent stake in Indian Super League franchise Mumbai City FC.
- It is the first time ever, a European club will be acquiring a majority stake in an Indian club.
- Ferran Soriano is the CEO of City Football Group and the Nita Ambani is the chairperson of Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) and Reliance Foundation,

Abhishek-Jyothi claimed gold in Archery

- Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam claimed the gold in compound mixed pair event at the 21st Asian Archery Championships.
- The Indians defeated Chinese Taipei opponents Yi-Hsuan Chen and Chieh-Luh Chen 158-151 in the final clash.
- India picked up seven medals including one gold, two silver and four bronze meddles in the event.

Mayank Agarwal made maiden entry in top 10

- Opener Mayank Agarwal made his maiden entry into the top 10 in the ICC Test rankings issued on 26 Nov 2019.
- Virat Kohli with 928 rating points, reduced the gap from 25 to three points with Australian Smith 931 to retain the second spot.
- Mayank jumped one place to 10th with 700 points.
- He is the fourth Indian batsmen in the top 10 list.

Indian archers clinched 3 bronze medals

- Indian archers bagged 3 bronze medals on 27 Nov 2019 and also ensured three silver medals, at the ongoing Asian Championship at Bangkok.
- The Indian archers are competing in the tournament as neutral athletes under the World Archery flag due to the suspension of the national federation, Archery Association of India.
- Atanu Das first clinched a bronze in the men's recurve individual event.

India won 28 medals in U-15 Wrestling C'ships

- In wrestling, India concluded its campaign at the Under-15 Asian Championships with 28 medals, including 13 gold, 14 silver and a bronze.
- Deepak Chahal won the gold in 75kg, Vishal in 62kg, Sagar Jaglan in 68kg and Jatin in 85kg.
- For the first time, India finished on top of the team rankings in freestyle category with 225 points as all 10 wrestlers finished on the podium.

Rafael Nadal clinched sixth Davis Cup title

- In tennis, world number one Rafael Nadal clinched sixth Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in Madrid.
- Nadal defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain's 2-0 win against Canada.
- In 2010 Nadal won three majors, and in 2019, he won the French Open and the US Open, made till the Australian Open final and also reached the Wimbledon semifinals.

Vijender Singh claimed 12th successive win

- Vijender Singh defeated Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu to claim his 12th successive win on 22 November 2019.
- The former Olympic bronze-medallist prevailed unanimously in an eight-round super middleweight contest against Charles.
- This was Vijender's second win of 2019.
- His previous win was in August 2019 in which he beat Mike Snider via a fourth-round TKO.

Jemimah Rodrigues in top 5 of T20 ICC rankings

- India's Jemimah Rodrigues jumped to the fourth position in the batting chart as per the latest rankings issued by ICC.
- Slow left-arm spinner Radha Yadav is placed second among bowlers in the latest Women's T20 International Player Rankings.
- Shafali Verma gained 57 slots to reach 30th position.
- There are now 3 Indian bowlers in the top 5 as Radha Yadav has moved up to the second spot.

India-Pakistan Davis Cup tie shifted

- India will travel to Nur-Sultan to take on Pakistan in the upcoming Davis Cup tie.
- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has nominated the Kazakhstan capital to host the matches.
- The Davis Cup tie will take place on 29-30 Nov 2019 in Nur-Sultan, formerly Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan.
- The tie was pushed to this date after India expressed concerns about the safety of their players.

Bhubaneswar to host Hockey Pro League matches

- Bhubaneswar will host India's home matches during the 2020 Hockey Pro League.
- The second edition of the Hockey Pro League will be played between 11th of January and 28th of June 2020.
- Bhubaneswar has become a hockey hub in India and has been hosting a majority of tournaments, the most recent being the Olympic qualifiers.
- The Pro League will feature 144 matches in the coming season.

Shreyasi Singh won gold medal

- Shreyasi Singh won the women's Trap Gold at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship for shotgun events in New Delhi on 18 Nov 2019.
- Rajeshwari from Punjab managed 38 hits to settle for silver.
- Pragati Dubey of Madhya Pradesh won bronze with a finals score of 31.
- This was Shreyasi's fourth individual career National title but her first in Women's Trap.

Harmeet Desai claimed Indonesia Open

- Indian paddler Harmeet Desai won men's singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 held at Batam, Indonesia on 17 Nov 2019.
- Harmeet defeated compatriot Amalraj Anthony by 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9 score.

- This is Harmeet's second International title of 2019, after the Commonwealth championship in July in Cuttack.

India recorded best-ever 9 medal haul

- India has recorded the best-ever nine medals haul at the World Para Athletics Championship in Dubai.
- With two gold, two silver and five bronze, India secured 13 qualifying spots at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.
- Javelin thrower Sandeep Chaudhary in F64 category won the Gold for India.
Another gold came from Sundar Singh Gurjar who won it in men's javelin F46 category.

Indian women clinched five gold medals

- Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Mongolia on 17 Nov 2019.
- All five women finalists, Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold for the country.
- Among the men, Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg) settled for silver.
- India won a total of 12 medals in the event.

Sharad Kumar won a silver

- Para high-jumpers Sharad Kumar and Mariyappan Thangavelu qualified for 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- They claimed the silver and the bronze medal respectively in the World Para-Athletics Championships in Dubai.
- Two-time Asian Para Games champion Sharad Kumar cleared the bar with season's best effort of 1.83 metres, while Mariyappan with a season's best performance of 1.80 metres.

India set to host World Kabaddi cup 2019

- The 2019 World Kabaddi Cup will take place from December 1-9, 2019 and will be organised by the Punjab government in Punjab.
- This year's tournament will be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- Nine teams: India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada are expected to take part in the tournament.

Sundar Singh won gold

- Javelin thrower Sundar Singh Gurjar has won India's second gold defending his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event in Dubai.
- With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.
- Yogesh Kathuniya won a silver for India in men's discus throw F56 event with a best throw of 42.05 m.

Saurabh Chaudhary won silver medal

- Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship in Doha on 12 Nov 2019.
- He shot 244.5 to finish second behind North Korea's Kim Song Guk, who won the top prize with a world record 246.5.
- Shreya Agrawal and Dhanush Srikanth won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team junior competition.

India to host 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup

- India will host the 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup from 13th to 29th of January 2023.

- Spain and the Netherlands have been named as the co-hosts of the 2022 Women's World Cup scheduled to be held from 1st to 22nd of July 2022.
- The decisions were made during FIH's Executive Board Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland on 9 Nov 2019.

Rohit Sharma makes record

- Stand-in captain Rohit Sharma became the first Indian male cricketer and second in world cricket to complete 100 T20 Internationals.
- This feat was achieved during the second match against Bangladesh at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot.
- Shoaib Malik (111 games) from Pakistan is the only player to have played more than 100 T20 Internationals.

Official emblem unveiled for FIFA U-17 2020

- The official emblem of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the year 2020 which is to be conducted in India was unveiled.
- The emblem was unveiled by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and Local Organising Committee (LOC) at the launch event in the gateway of India, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The colour and style of the emblem are inspired by Bandhani textiles.

India won 3-match series against West Indies

- In Women's Cricket, India won the 3-match series 2-1 beating the West Indies by 6 wickets in the 3rd and final ODI match in North Sound, Antigua on 6 Nov 19.
- Indian women achieved the victory target of 195 runs comfortably with 47 balls to spare.
- For India, Smriti Mandhana was the highest scorer with 74 off 63 balls.
- Earlier, the hosts were all out at 194 in 50 overs after electing to bat.

Rafael Nadal secured No 1 spot for eighth time

- Rafael Nadal is back to the world No. 1 for the eighth time in his career in the ATP rankings released on 4 Nov 2019.
- He overtook Novak Djokovic.
- Djokovic slipped down the rankings because he lost the points that he won a year ago in London when Nadal was absent.

Shahbaz helped India B lift Deodhar Trophy

- Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem claimed four wickets as India B lifted the Deodhar Trophy with a comprehensive 51-run win over India C in the final in Ranchi.
- India elected to bat and made 283 runs for 7 wickets.
- Jadhav scored 50 runs, Yashasvi Jaiswal 54 and Vijay Shankar 45 runs.

India bagged bronze in Dragon Boat World Cup

- The Indian dragon boat team has created history by winning a bronze medal in the ongoing International Canoe Federation Dragon Boat World Cup being held in Ningbo, China.
- India got the bronze in the mixed team event in the 500m race.
- The gold medal was won by Chinese Taipei, while the hosts China had to settle for a silver.
- A total of 37 teams from 29 countries had participated.

Novak Djokovic won Paris Masters 2019 title

- Novak Djokovic won the Paris Masters 2019 title.
- He won the title for the fifth time.

- He sealed his 34th Master's title and fifth overall ATP victory of the year 2019.
- He defeated Canada's Denis Shapovalov and secured 6-3 6-4 to win the title.
- His success adds to his previous Paris Masters titles from 2009 and 2013-2015.

Ashleigh Barty claimed the 2019 WTA Finals

- Australian tennis player and world number one Ashleigh Barty claimed the 2019 WTA Finals in China.
- She defeated Elina Svitolina of Ukraine and smashed the title.
- She has claimed the record-breaking prize money of \$4.42 million.
- The prize money is considered as the biggest ever amount in men's or women's tennis.
- She secured 6-4, 6-3, to claim the prestigious 2019 WTA Finals title.

Lakshya Sen won SaarLorLux Badminton tourna.

- India's Lakshya Sen has won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany.
- He defeated Sen Weng Hong Yang of China in an exciting final on 3 Nov 2019.
- World number 51 Lakshya took 59 minutes to overcome Weng in the summit clash.
- The 18-year-old from Uttarakhand had entered the final beating Kiran George in an all-Indian semifinal.

Maisnam won boys' singles U-19 title

- Maisnam Meiraba Luwang clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea.
- Meanwhile Sathish Kumar Karunakaran, who had bowed out to Luwang 16-21, 22-24 in the semi-final claimed bronze in the same category.
- It is Luwang's third international title in 2019.

Rahul Dravid asked to depose again

- The BCCI Ethics Officer D K Jain has asked Rahul Dravid to appear in person for the second time, on November 12.
 - A conflict of interest issue arising as him being the head of National Cricket Academy (NCA) and his role with India Cements which also owns IPL franchise Chennai Super Kings.
- Rahul Dravid is the head of the National Cricket Academy.

Books

Book on Hemant Karkare released

- On 11th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, a book titled "Hemant Karkare -A Daughter's Memoir" was released in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The book has been published by The Write Place.
- The book portrays former Anti-Terrorism Squad(ATS) chief Hemant Karkare's life as a father to Jui Karkare Navare.
- 18 security personnel lost their lives in the 26/11 terror attacks.

UNICEF released a booklet

- UNICEF released a 28-page booklet "From uttapam to sprouted dal parantha".
- It gives recipes of freshly prepared foods and their respective costs of preparation.
- The book is based on the findings of the overall National Nutrition Survey 2016-18, according to which 35 % of children under the age of 5 are stunted, 17 % are wasted (low weight for height) and 33 % are underweight.

Assamese version of 'Courts of India' released

- Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' in Guwahati on 10 Nov 2019.
- The book has been published by the Publication Division and explains the Indian justice system.
- The book has captured the historical developments which took place in the history of the nation's courts.

Three books on Guru Nanak Dev Ji launched

- On the occasion of 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, three books on Guru Nanak Dev Ji were launched at Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College in Delhi on 7 Nov 2019.
- The National Book Trust has published three titles - Guru Nanak Bani, Nanak Bani, and Sakhian Guru Nanak Dev-to spread the message of Guru Nanak Dev's writings among readers of Indian sub-continent.

'The True Meaning of Yoga' book unveiled

- AiR's new book 'The True Meaning of Yoga' was launched.
 - The book is authored by Atman in Ravi.
 - Atman in Ravi is a spiritual philosopher, mentor and author.
- The book talks about Yoga and its connection to life as most know it.

Miscellaneous

- Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari released a booklet titled 'Convergence of National Highway improvement/construction with water conservation and groundwater recharge' at Agro Vision-2019 in Nagpur.
- The two-day Air Force Commanders' Conference began in New Delhi on 25 November 2019. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the meet.
- The ongoing 39th India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi opened for general public from 19 Nov 2019. The theme of the fair for 2019 is 'Ease of Doing Business'.
- International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be presenting the Soul of Asia section for 2019. Films and filmmakers from China, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore and Sri Lanka will be screened in this section.
- Cyclone Bulbul came in the areas of Odisha and West Bengal. 35 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have been assigned to these states to combat the cyclone.
- Russian troops wearing World War II uniforms marched across Moscow's Red Square, in memory of the historic 1941 parade, when Soviet soldiers went directly to the battlefield to fight the Nazis.

5th AIEC meeting held

- Union Minister for Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' co-chaired the 5th Australia-India Education Council (AIEC) meeting along with Australian Education Minister Dan Tehan in New Delhi.
- The meeting was held on 22 November 2019.
- On the sidelines of the meeting, the two ministers inaugurated the India-Australia International Education and Research Workshop.

Indian Army dedicated Goodwill Park

- As a mark of tribute to Late Naib Subedar Chuni Lal, an Army Goodwill Park was dedicated at Bhara in Doda on 22 November 2019 by GOC-in-C, Northern Command, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh.
- The Army Goodwill Park has a statue of the martyred soldier, beside a Children park and open Gym for the villagers.
- Late Naib Subedar Chuni Lal was one of the most decorated soldiers of the Indian Army.

Short documentary film on Water Conservation

- Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released a short documentary film on Water Conservation named 'SHIKHAR SE PUKAR' in New Delhi on 22 Nov 2019.
- The film has been made to promote 'Jalshakti Abhiyan' and is based on the Journey of an IAS Officer Ravindra Kumar.
- It gives a glimpse of the significance of Himalaya as the main source of water needs of India through rivers.

Govt approved setting up of six plastic parks

- The government has approved setting up of six plastic parks in different parts of the country.
- These parks will be located in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu.
- Out of them, the plastic park at Tamot in Madhya Pradesh is functional.
- These will enable common facility to consolidate and synergize the capacities of the domestic downstream plastic processing industry.

Government approved 35 proposals

- The govt has approved 35 proposals for setting up of State Cancer Institutes and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres in the country.
- These have been approved under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.
- 61 lakh hospital admission were reported till 20 Nov 19 under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Census 2021 to be conducted in 16 languages

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai informed that Census 2021 will be conducted in 16 languages.
- During Census 2021, a mix mode approach is being adopted for data collection.
- Census will be conducted in two phases – House-listing and Housing Census from April to September 2020 and Population Enumeration during February 09-28, 2021.

Multimedia exhibition inaugurated at IFFI

- Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare inaugurated an interactive digital exhibition IFFI @50 at the Kala Academy in Panaji on 21 November 2019.
- The exhibition is considered as a highly hi-tech interactive multi-media exhibition.
- The exhibition - IFFI@50 - is a tribute to the journey of IFFI from its inception in 1952 till date.

Gram Panchayats to be connected with internet

- Centre has set a target to provide internet and broadband connectivity to two lakh Gram Panchayats by March 2020.
- A total of over 1,28,000 Gram Panchayats have been made Service Ready till 7 November 2019.
- BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband and internet connectivity to all 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats in the country.

Kolkata installed 'Third Umpire' Machines

- The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has installed first of its kind high-end reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) machines in India.
- These are for quick detection of diseases like dengue, tuberculosis and swine flu.
- These machines are to serve as a 'third umpire' in situations when medical reports and blood tests reveal contradictory results.

42 projects under Himayat Mission sanctioned

- The Jammu and Kashmir administration is working on effective implementation of Himayat Mission.
- Under this, 42 projects have been sanctioned for training and placement target of 68,134 youths.
- They will be provided free skill training for a duration ranging from 3 to 12 months.
- 63 Training centres have been set up within & outside the Union Territory with the enrollment of 5815 candidates.

MP to develop 34 cities on global standards

- MP govt is planning to develop 34 cities in the state on the lines of the seven best-planned cities in the world.
- 28 per cent of the total population of the state lives in cities which the government wants to develop into world-class cities.
- The government is also planning to operate intra state rapid rail, faster than Metro trains between Indore-Ujjain, Indore-Pithampur and Indore-Dewas.

National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa to be set up

- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) in Leh as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH.
- It will be established at an estimated cost of Rs. 47.25 crore.
- The setting up of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) would provide an impetus for the revival of Sowa-Rigpa in the Indian Sub-continent.

NHM Jammu & Kashmir launched BMEWMP programme

- National Health Mission Jammu & Kashmir, has launched the Bio-Medical Equipment Waste Management Programme (BMEWMP) in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- The program is designed in a way that the equipment in the district level health care facility will have an uptime of 95%, in sub-district hospital 90% and in PHC 80%.
- The programme was launched on 18 November 2019.

Meghalaya-based insurgent group banned

- Meghalaya-based insurgent group, Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC) has been banned by the central government.
- It was banned for its increased activities of violence and other subversive acts.
- HNLC has been openly declaring as its objective the secession of the state's areas, which are largely inhabited by Khasi and Jaintia tribals, from the Indian Union.

Home Ministry launched campaign

- The Home Ministry in collaboration with the UN Women flagged off an awareness campaign To End Violence Against Women, from Sultanpur metro station in Delhi.
- The initiative is part of the #OrangeTheWorld global campaign.
- As part of the campaign, people would be made aware about India's single emergency helpline 112.
- The 112 helpline services are available in 27 States/UTs(Union Territories).

Golden Jubilee celebrations of IFFI begun

- India's biggest cinematic event International Film Festival of India (IFFI) opened in Goa on 20 Nov 2019.
- The Opening ceremony of the 50th edition of IFFI began at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Panjim.
- French actor Isabelle Huppert will be conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Rajinikanth will be conferred with the Special Icon of Golden Jubilee award.

IPEC inaugurated at Nagpur on 19 November

- RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat inaugurated the International Principal's Education Conference (IPEC) at Nagpur on 19 November 2019.
- Super 30 founder and noted mathematician Anand Kumar was honoured with Nachiketa Sarvottama Award on the occasion.
- The theme of the 3-day conference for the year 2019 is-Scripting the Legends of Human Excellence through Schools.

40,000 Health Centres to be operational by Mar

- Around 13 thousand more Health and Wellness Centres will become functional by the end of March 2020.
- At present 27 thousand, such centres are already operational in different parts of the country.
- The government has decided to set up 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres by 2022 under Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- These Centres will strengthen the primary healthcare delivery system in the country.

Darjeeling's green and white teas got GI tag

- The green tea and white tea of Darjeeling have been registered as a geographical indication (GI) products in the country.
- These two varieties of Darjeeling tea have been registered under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999, with effect from October 2019.
- This will strengthen the protection of the intellectual property rights of the Darjeeling tea.

NGT slapped Rs 280 crore fine on 22 tanneries

- The National Green Tribunal, NGT, has imposed a penalty of Rs 280 crore on 22 tanneries in Kanpur for causing pollution.
- A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel also held the UP government liable and slapped a penalty of 10 crore rupees on it.
- The problem has not been tackled for the last 43 years and it has resulted in the contamination of groundwater.

NITI Aayog released new report

- NITI Aayog released the report on 'Health Systems for a New India: Building Blocks-Potential Pathways to Reforms, on 18 Nov 2019.
- The report intends to prepare the road-map to build a health system in the medium- to long-term for those belonging to the middle class.
- Nearly 50 per cent are still not covered under any public healthcare system and the idea is to pool their risk assets.

250th session of Rajya Sabha commenced

- 250th session of Rajya Sabha commenced on 18 November 2019.
- The historic 250th session of the House was marked with a change in the uniform of its marshals.
- The two marshals, who stand next to the Chair, were seen in military-style uniform on the first day of winter session.
- The new uniform will be worn by the four marshals in the House as and when they are on duty.

IFFI 2019 Updates

- The Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India, IFFI in Goa has curated a special section on the Retrospective of the New wave in Indian Cinema.

- IFFI will pay homage to 2 great filmmakers who passed away in 2018. One is Bernardo Bertolucci and the other is Agnes Varda.
- Seven Konkani movies including Amori will be screened at IFFI reflecting the nuances of Goan Society.

Special winter-grade diesel launched

- Home Minister Amit Shah launched a special winter-grade diesel on 17 Nov 2019.
- It is developed by Indian Oil Corporation, for use in the high-altitude regions of Ladakh.
- Motorists in high-altitude sectors like Ladakh, Kargil, Kaza and Keylong face the problem of freezing of diesel in vehicles when winter temperatures drop to as low as minus 30 degree Celsius.

6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting held

- The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 18 Nov 2019.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with 17 other Defence Ministers of ADMM-Plus countries attended the meeting.
- On the sidelines of ADMM-Plus, Rajnath Singh held bilateral meetings on 17 Nov 2019 with his counterparts including US Secretary of Defence Mark Esper.

JK Grameen Bank ranked first

- J&K Grameen Bank secured the top position in terms of achievement of Rupay Card transaction targets (POS and eCOM).
- It has been ranked first among the 56 RRBs across the country.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) survey reported that Bank had achieved a 94.95% target for POS/ eCOM transactions for the last financial year 2018-19.
- J&K Grameen Bank was established on 30 June 2009.

DRDO to grant free access to patents

- DRDO has decided to grant the Indian industry free access to patents held for technologies developed by it.
- The aim is to boost indigenous production and give a fillip to the 'Make in India' policy.
- A new policy formulated by the DRDO recently states that no licence fee or royalty will be applicable on the use of Indian patents held by the research agency.

Medipally: First child friendly police station

- Medipally police station in Rachakonda, Hyderabad, has become the first child-friendly police station in Telangana.
- The inauguration programme was held on Children's Day 14 November 2019.
- The state's first child-friendly police station was launched by Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) and Telangana police department.
- It aims to ensure that every child has proper and timely access to justice.

Government to lower penalties

- The government is set to lower penalties under the Companies Act while offering concessions to startups, smaller entities and farmer producer companies.
- There will be respite for loss-making companies, including relaxation in compensation and other steps to enable these entities to hire non-executive or independent directors.

India to host the 8th ICAS in New Delhi

- The 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-VIII) will be organized by the Ministry of Agriculture in New Delhi from 18th to 21st November 2019.

- The Chief Guest for the conference will be Bill Gates.
- The theme for 2019 is 'Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)'.

National Mission 'NISHTHA' launched in J&K

- National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was launched in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir recently.
- The event was attended by around 300 teachers, Key Resource Persons, and Chief Education Officers, DIET Principals and Educational Administrators.
- The mission is aimed at improving learning outcomes at Elementary level through integrated Teacher Trainings.

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Khadi Pavilion

- Union Minister of MSME and Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Khadi Pavilion at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi.
- The Pavilion entrance has been themed upon Sabarmati Ashram, with melodious Shehnai celebrating the 'spirit of Indianness'.
- A wide range of products is being displayed in the Khadi Pavilion at IITF 2019.

Rajnath Singh visited Arunachal Pradesh

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Arunachal Pradesh on 14 Nov 2019 to attend the Maitree Diwas celebrations at Tawang.
- Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) will be celebrated for two days at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium Tawang.
- This will be the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas which celebrates civil-military bonhomie in the area.

Workshop with Academia in Defence R&D by DRDO

- The workshop titled 'DRDO-Academia Interaction for Achieving Leadership in Future Technologies' was held in Delhi.
- The workshop was aimed to leverage the academic expertise available in the country and increase the synergy with Academia.
- DRDO has established eight Centers of Technology in various universities.

Indias first elephant memorial in Mathura

- India-based conservation charity Wildlife SOS unveiled the country's first elephant memorial in Mathura.
- The memorial symbolises the sacrifice of these gentle giants who lost their lives while suffering brutality at the hands of humans.
- The memorial, 20 miles from Taj Mahal, was inaugurated by additional principal chief conservator of forests, UP K Praveen Rao.

The 58th ISAM Annual Conference to be held

- Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria will inaugurate the 58th Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) Annual Conference on 14 Nov 2019 in Bengaluru.
- It aims to address contemporary issues and applications in the subject of aerospace medicine.
- The theme for the conference for 2019 is 'Changing Paradigms in Aerospace Healthcare'.

39th India International Trade Fair 2019

- 39th India International Trade Fair 2019 has begun in New Delhi.

- The theme for the 39th edition of the fair is 'Ease of Doing Business' inspired by India's unique achievement of rising to 63rd rank on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index from 142nd rank in the year 2014.
- The Republic of Korea will be the 'Focus Country'.
- Bihar and Jharkhand will be the focus states.

Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan

- Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the programme called 'Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan', from 11 -17 November 2019.
- The objective is to strive to make coastal areas across the country clean.
- It aims to create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems.

Four medical device parks to be set up

- The govt has given approval for setting up four medical device parks with a view to support Make in India initiative and provide world-class products at affordable price for treatment.
- The parks will be set up in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- This will not only cut import bill but will also help in easy access to standard testing facilities and reduce cost of production.

World's first CNG port terminal at Bhavnagar

- Gujarat Government has given its nod to the world's first CNG port terminal at Bhavnagar.
- The U.K. based Foresight group and Mumbai based Padmanabh Mafatlal group joint venture will invest Rs.1900 crore to set up a CNG port terminal at Bhavnagar port.
- The port terminal will have an annual capacity of 6 million metric tone.

Assamese version of 'Courts of India' released

- Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' in Guwahati on 10 Nov 2019.
- The book has been published by the Publication Division and explains the Indian justice system.
- The book has captured the historical developments which took place in the history of the nation's courts.

Bihar to ban auto rickshaws running on diesel

- Bihar state government has announced a ban on auto-rickshaws running on diesel on 6 November 2019.
- It will be effective from 31 January 2021.
- The move comes after Patna recorded the worst air quality of the season in India on 5 November 2019.
- The owners of the auto-rickshaws will be encouraged to switch over to Compressed natural gas (CNG) or battery-operated systems.

Ayodhya Verdict

- The Supreme Court has given the entire disputed 2.77-acre land to the Hindu parties with a trust to be formed by the Centre within three months to monitor the construction of a Ram Temple.
- The Sunni Waqf Board will be given 5 acres of alternate land, a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court ruled in the unanimous verdict.
- Elaborate security arrangements have been made across the country.

MMR of India declined by 8 points in one year

- Maternal Mortality Ratio, MMR, of India has declined by eight points in one year as per the latest special bulletin on MMR released by the Registrar General of India.
- This was informed by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan today in New Delhi.
- The MMR has declined from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 122 per lakh live births in 2015-17.

Government to set up one lakh digital villages

- The Government will set up one lakh digital villages in the country in the coming years.
- Around 800 such villages are already operational on pilot basis.
- This was announced by Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- The idea behind setting them up is to provide health care and education digitally and promote Skill development.

Guinness World Record created

- A Guinness World Record of most students assembling radio kits simultaneously was created on the third day of India International Science Festival at Kolkata.
- 490 students participated in the event, a record 268 succeeded in completing the assembling process in the stipulated hours.
- A certificate and memento was presented to Union Minister of Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan.

DIN System of CBIC comes into existence

- The Documentation Identification Number (DIN) system of Central Board of Indirect Taxes (CBIC) came into existence from 8th November 2019.
- This path breaking system in indirect tax administration has been created as per the direction of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Now, any CBIC communication will have to have a Documentation Identification Number.

Amitabh's six films to be screened at IFFI

- Amitabh Bachchan's six films will be screened at the Film Festival 2019.
- The megastar has selected his 6 best movies for the gala event.
- These include Sholay, Piku, Black, Deewar, Paa and Badla.
- The other big name who will be felicitated at the IFFI is, Rajinikanth.
- The actor has ruled the roost for four decades and commands a loyal fan following across the country.

BIMSTEC Conclave to be held in Visakhapatnam

- The 2-day BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal initiative multi-sector technical and economic cooperation) Conclave will be held on 7-8th November 2019 at Visakhapatnam.
- Vizag port trust is hosting the conclave first time ever since the formation of BIMSTEC in 1997.
- Seven-member countries that includes Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan are participating in the conference.

'Despite the Fog' to open the 50th IFFI

- Italian movie 'Despite the Fog' will be opening the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019.
- The film is directed by Europe's noted filmmaker Goran Paskaljevic.
- The 50th edition of IFFI, beginning 20th November 2019 in Goa, will witness the screening of over 200 best films from 76 countries.

Indian Army to get 18 Dhanush artillery guns

- The Indian Army will receive its first batch of indigenously built Dhanush artillery guns, often referred to as the 'Desi Bofors'.
- Five guns from the total order for 114 are likely to be handed over by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) to the army's Central Ordnance Depot in Jabalpur on March 26, 2019.
- By the end of 2019, the army will induct a Dhanush regiment, consisting of 18 guns.

30 GW of renewable energy in Gujarat by 2022

- The state government of Gujarat has set a target of achieving 30 GW (30,000 MW) of renewable energy generation by 2022 from the current generational capacity of 9670 MW.
- The State has also prepared the roadmap for the generation of renewable energy.
- In industrial production, Gujarat has overtaken Maharashtra as its contribution increased to 16.81% as compared to 14.21% of Maharashtra.

Vice President released a monograph

- Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu released a monograph, 'Musical Excellence of Mridangam', a rare fusion of art and science of an ancient South Indian instrument on the CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) campus in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The book was authored by mridangam maestro and Padma Vibhushan awardee Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman and former scientists T. Ramasami and M.D. Naresh.

5th edition of Wastelands Atlas 2019 released

- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar released the 5th edition of Wastelands Atlas 2019.
- It is published jointly by Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre.
- It provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.
- It is helpful in rolling back the wastelands for productive use through various land development programmes and schemes.

Sports training centres for differently-abled

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot has said, the government is establishing sports training centres at five locations in the country, exclusively for the differently-abled people.
- He unveiled the Standing Wheelchair, developed by IIT Madras, for commercial production at a function held in Chennai.
- Works of one of such sport centre have already started.

SC banned stubble burning in Delhi, Punjab

- The Supreme Court banned stubble burning in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh in view of severe air pollution.
- It also banned all construction and demolition activities along with burning of garbage and waste in Delhi-NCR.
- The apex court took to task State governments on toxic air pollution.
- A penalty of Rs 5000 would be imposed if anyone is found burning it.

RBI issued compensation norms

- The RBI has issued compensation guidelines for whole-time directors and chief executives of foreign, private, small finance, payments banks and local area banks.
- If the variable pay is up to 200 per cent of the fixed pay, at least 50 percent of it should be in non-cash.
- If the variable pay is above 200 per cent, 67 per cent of it should be paid via non-cash instruments.

Finance Minister launched IT initiatives

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled two new IT Initiatives - ICEDASH and ATITHI for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.
- ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs.
- The ATITHI app will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports.

Free bus services started for Sultanpur Lodhi

- Punjab Government has started free bus service for devotees coming to visit Sultanpur Lodhi during the 550th Prakash Purab celebrations of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- The decision was taken in a meeting of the officers of Tourism and Transport Departments.
- In accordance with the decision, 1500 buses would ply daily to take the devotees to Sultanpur Lodhi from 5-12 November 2019.

KVS-Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Parv concluded

- The four-day long mega cultural and literary event of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan - Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Parv culminated in New Delhi on 3 Nov 2019.
- Kolkata Region bagged the 1st position as the overall winner under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat category.

- Bengaluru stood 1st in the category of Language of LitFest and Bhopal Region came first in the Display of Artefacts or Exhibition.

Amit Shah to inaugurate SCO joint exercise

- Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue -SCOJtEx-2019 in New Delhi on 4 Nov 2019.
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is hosting the event which will continue till Nov 7.
- The aim of the exercise is to rehearse the disaster response mechanism, share knowledge and technology for mutual coordination.

National Health Profile 2019

- Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan released the 14th edition of the National Health Profile 2019 on October 30, 2019.
- The National Health Profile is prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence.
- It provides a comprehensive framework on the socio-economic health status and the status of demographic, health finance, health infrastructure and health of human resources in the country.

'Aarambh', common foundation course for IAS

- The Centre's first-ever common foundation course "Aarambh" (Beginning) for 2019 batch probationer civil servants has begun at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat.
- There are around 500 newly recruited bureaucrats are undergoing six-day training.
- The theme this year is 'How to achieve the goal of making India a 5 trillion dollar economy'.

Kerala Governor inaugurated Ayurveda summit

- Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan inaugurated the 3rd edition of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019.
- As many as 400 industry leaders and delegates from SAARC, GCC and African countries have gathered in Kochi for the Global Ayurveda Summit 2019.
- The 2-day summit organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will have the theme Mainstreaming Ayurveda through Startups, Innovation and Branding.

A 2000-year-old brick structure unearthed

- The 1st phase of excavation by Archaeological Survey of India's Excavation Branch has discovered the remains of a huge settlement surrounded by a massive brick enclosure.
- Among many other antiquities unearthed are one life size Vishnu sculpture and a wide variety of pottery of the early centuries.
- The site of Gottiprolu lies on the right bank of a tributary of river Swarnamukhi.

New website for Ladakh launched

- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur launched new Ladakh website on 31 Oct 2019.
- After swearing in as Lt. Gov, he launched the all new www.ladakh.nic.in website.
- The new dynamic website is prepared in just three days with all new features.
- Till now, Leh and Kargil have separate websites with district orientation.
- In a few days, reporting of public grievance option will also be added.

1st Multilingual Writers' Meet to be held

- For the first time, Arunachal Pradesh will host the Multilingual Writers' Meet at its oldest town Pasighat in East Siang District from 2 Nov 2019.
- The two-day event will be held at the auditorium of College of Horticulture and Forestry.
- 25 prominent multilingual writers and poets from all parts of India and many literary dignitaries of the host state will attend the event.

Current Affairs MCQ

1. Recently, which country test-fired its most advanced nuclear-powered missile named, Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile?
(a) **Russia** (b) USA (c) Japan (d) Mexico
2. To which position did India drop in the latest FIFA rankings-
(a) **106** (b) 104 (c) 103 (d) 102
3. The state government of Gujarat has set a target of achieving GW of renewable energy generation by 2022-
(a) 10 (b) **30** (c) 40 (d) 20
4. Which of the following will organize Global Investors' Meet 2019 in November 2019-
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) **Himachal Pradesh** (c) Rajasthan (d) Gujarat
5. Which actor's 6 films, that include Piku, Badla, Deewar and 3 other movies, will be screened at the Film Festival 2019?
(a) Shahrukh Khan (b) Nawazuddin Siddiki (c) Abhishek Bachchan (d) **Amitabh Bachhan**
6. When is the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict observed every year?
(a) 6 October (b) **6 November** (c) 6 December (d) 8 November
7. Where was the 5th Edition of 'Miss Asia Global Title 2019' organized-
(a) Delhi (b) **Kerala** (c) Maharashtra (d) Punjab
8. Where was the 2nd 'No Money for Terror' 2019 conference held?
(a) Germany (b) India (c) **Australia** (d) Japan
9. When is the International Day of Radiology observed-
(a) 6 November (b) 7 November (c) **8 November** (d) 18 November
10. Who claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship in Doha in November 2019?
(a) Anish Bhanwala (b) Shardul Chauhan (c) **Shaurabh Choudhary** (d) Gagan Narang
11. What is the theme of the World Toilet Day 2019-
(a) Lets go together (b) **Leaving no one behind** (c) Toilet and Job (d) Nature based solution
12. Recently, Navies of India and _____ have started a 5-day bilateral maritime exercise "Za'ir-Al-Bahr"
(a) Saudi Arabia (b) **Qatar** (c) Iran (d) Iraq
13. When is the World Children's Day observed-
(a) 2 November (b) 14 November (c) **20 November** (d) 21 November
14. Constitution Day or Samvidhan divas was celebrated on 26 November 2019. The Constitution came into force in the year-
(a) 1947 (b) 1949 (c) **1950** (d) 1951
15. The Railways is planning to cover its entire network of route km with automatic train protection system in a phased manner.
(a) 70000 (b) 65000 (c) **68000** (d) 60000

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