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- ♦ The Foundation gave this award for providing sanitation to 50 crore people in India.



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Important Days of Month

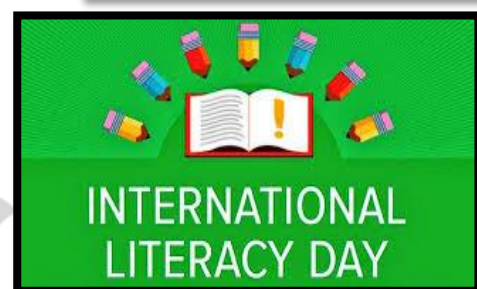
International Day of Charity: 5 September

- ✗ The UN observes 5 September every year as International Day of Charity with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.
- ✗ The date was chosen to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa.
- ✗ She also received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.



International Literacy Day: 8th September

- ✗ International Literacy Day celebrated annually on 8 September.
- ✗ It is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges.
- ✗ The Theme of International Literacy Day 2019 is Literacy and Multilingualism.



World Suicide Prevention Day: 10 September

- ✗ The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) observes World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) on 10 September every year.
- ✗ The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented.
- ✗ The number of countries with national suicide prevention strategies has increased in the five years since the publication of WHO's first global report on suicide.



Hindi Diwas celebrated on 14 September

- ✗ Hindi Diwas is observed every year on 14 September to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India.
- ✗ On the occasion, International Hindi Conference was also organised by World Hindi Council in New Delhi.
- ✗ On this day in 1950, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi, written in Devanagari script as one of the official languages of the Republic of India.



International Day of Democracy: 15 September

- ✗ The International Day of Democracy is observed on 15 September.
- ✗ The day aims to provide an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.
- ✗ The day urges all governments to respect their citizens' right to active, substantive and meaningful participation in democracy.

Int Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer

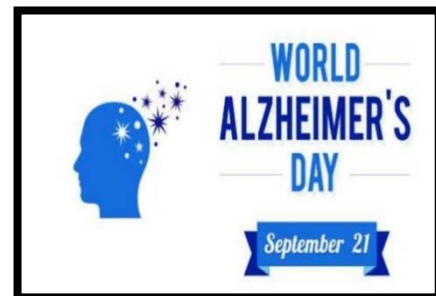
- ✗ The United Nations observes 16 September every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- ✗ The ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas which protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun and thus help in preserving life on the planet.

World Bamboo Day: 18 September

- ✎ World Bamboo Day is observed every year on 18 September by the World Bamboo Organization to generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry.
- ✎ Known as poor man's timber, bamboo is omnipresent in tribal cultures and community living.
- ✎ From artifacts to sustainable architecture, bamboo remains a favourite as it's fast to grow, low on maintenance and has versatile potential.

World Alzheimer's Day: 21 September

- ✎ World Alzheimer's Day is observed on 21 September every year.
- ✎ The month of September is dedicated to bringing awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementia conditions.
- ✎ As per 2018 World Alzheimer Report, over 50 million people worldwide suffer from the disease.
- ✎ The theme for World Alzheimer's Month 2019 is Raising awareness and challenging stigma.

**International Day of Peace: 21 September**

- ✎ Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September.
- ✎ The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.
- ✎ The theme for International Day of Peace 2019 is Climate Action for Peace.
- ✎ The UN Headquarters: New York, United States.

**World Maritime Day: 26 September**

- ✎ The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the World Maritime Day.
- ✎ The theme for 2019 is: Empowering women in the maritime community.
- ✎ It provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and to highlight the important yet under-utilized contribution of women within the maritime sector.

World Tourism Day: 27 September

- ✎ The United Nations observes 27 September every year as World Tourism Day.
- ✎ The UN World Tourism Organization expects that tourism will continue to grow at an average of 3% annually until 2030.
- ✎ The sector also represents an estimated 10% of the world's GDP and 1 in 10 jobs globally.
- ✎ Theme for 2019: Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future For All.



National News

Union HRD Minister launches 'Shagun'

- ✎ Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched one of world's largest Integrated Online Junction for School Education 'Shagun' in New Delhi on 28 August 2019.
- ✎ School Education Shagun is an over-arching initiative to improve the school education system by creating a junction for all online portals and websites relating to various activities of the HRD Ministry.

New Governors Appointed in 5 Indian States

- ✂ A total of 5 governors have been appointed by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- ✂ Kalraj Mishra has been appointed as the Governor of Rajasthan.
- ✂ Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan has been appointed as the Governor of Telangana.
- ✂ Bhagat Singh Koshiyari has been appointed as the new Governor of Maharashtra and Arif Mohammed Khan has been appointed as the Kerala governor in place of P Sathasivam.

4000th railway station to get free public WiFi

- ✂ Tinsukia Junction in northeast region has become the 4000th railway station in the country to have free public WiFi.
- ✂ According to the Indian Railway, on average they have been rolling out WiFi in 83 stations everyday.
- ✂ The journey started from Mumbai Central in January 2016 and in the coming few weeks all railway stations over Indian Railway will have fast and free Railwire WiFi.

PM Modi to be awarded by Bill & Melinda Found.

- ✂ PM Narendra Modi will be conferred with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for the PM's ambitious pet project, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
- ✂ Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was one of the first few ambitious projects that PM Modi launched in his first term in 2014.
- ✂ The project was launched as an ode to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary on October 2, 2014.

UP to have Atal B. Vajpayee Medical University

- ✂ By the end of this year, Uttar Pradesh will start work on a medical university in memory of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ✂ State Cabinet on 3 September 2019 approved the transfer of 50 acres of land for the proposed Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University to be set up in Lucknow.
- ✂ It will serve as an umbrella institution for all medical and dental colleges in the state.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus won top honours

- ✂ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) has won the best Swachh Iconic Place award for 2019, topping the charts in cleanliness.
- ✂ The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, has declared phase I of the Swachh Icon Awards.
- ✂ The award will be given at a ceremony during the Swachh Mahotsav in Delhi on September 6, 2019.

Mahakaleshwar temple to be developed

- ✂ In Madhya Pradesh, Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain will be developed on the lines of the ongoing development works at Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi.
- ✂ Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga is a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the twelve Jyotirlingams, which are the most sacred abodes of Lord Shiva.
- ✂ The development and expansion plans include Mahakal theme park, Mahakal corridor, etc.

IGI Airport gets India's tallest ATC Tower

- ✂ The tallest ATC tower in the country was inaugurated at the IGI Airport.
- ✂ The Delhi Air Traffic Service Complex, which is the tallest Air Traffic Control tower in India with a height of 102 metres.
- ✂ The new complex comprises of three buildings – the Aerodrome Control Tower, Area & Approach Control Services Building and the Administrative Block.

Vaishno Devi topped in 'Swachh Iconic Places'

- ✎ Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir has been adjudged as the "Best Swachh Iconic place in the country in the 'Swachh Iconic Places'.
- ✎ It has been adjudged on the basis of the overall improvement in sanitation.
- ✎ President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the award to its board during the 'Swachh Mahotsav' to be organised by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation on 6 September 2019.

Mobile Science Exhibition flagged off

- ✎ The Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel flagged off the first-ever Mobile Science Exhibition (SCIENCE EXPLORER) for the entire Ladakh Region in Leh on 5 September 2019.
- ✎ The Union Culture Minister simultaneously launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition buses for Aspirational Districts of India.
- ✎ Topics for the exhibition are measurement, food & health, etc.

Sex ratio improved from 918 to 931 in 5 years

- ✎ States and districts were honoured on 6 September 2019 for improved sex ratio and awareness generation under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign.
- ✎ Haryana, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh received honours for improving sex ratio at birth.
- ✎ The country has made remarkable 13 points jump in national sex ratio from 918 to 931 in last 5 years.

3.5 lakh cr to be spent on Jal Jeevan Mission

- ✎ PM Narendra Modi has announced that the central government will spend 3.5 lakh crore rupees in the next five years on 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.
- ✎ He also announced that under the MUDRA scheme, one woman in every SHG will get a loan of 1 lakh rupees and this will help them start new ventures and grow their business.
- ✎ The Jal Jeevan Mission was launched in August 2019.

Curriculum for Life Skills launched

- ✎ Union Minister of State for HRD Sanjay Dhotre, launched the Curriculum for Life Skills (JeevanKaushal) designed by University Grants Commission (UGC), in New Delhi on 11 September 2019.
- ✎ The curriculum covers the set of human talents acquired by an individual via classroom learning or life experience that can help them to deal with problems encountered in day to day life.

Amit Shah launched 'Seva Saptah'

- ✎ Home Minister Amit Shah launched a week-long programme 'Seva Saptah' to mark the birthday of PM Narendra Modi on 17 Sept. 2019.
- ✎ He launched the campaign by joining cleanliness drive and distributing fruits among the patients at AIIMS in Delhi.
- ✎ Three pledges will also be administered among the people related to Swachata Abhiyan, save water and shunning single-use plastic.

Centre to set up 12,500 Ayush Wellness Centres

- ✎ Union Government has set a target of setting up 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres across the country.
- ✎ Out of which four thousand will be set up during 2019.
- ✎ The Unani Medical Centre and Siddha Clinical Research Unit will provide holistic health care to patients visiting Safdarjung Hospital from different parts of the country.

Great Ganga Run-2019 flagged off

- ✎ Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju flagged off Great Ganga Run-2019 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on 15 September 2019.
- ✎ It was organized to create awareness about the river Ganga.
- ✎ Participation of the people in the run corroborates the fact that people are not only aware of the importance of water but are active to conserve it.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Tokyo for a bilateral visit. As part of his visit to Japan, he is going to chair the Annual Defence Ministerial Dialogue with Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Defence of Japan.

- ✎ Bollywood has taken lead to promote India's plastic-free movement with Varun Dhawan's upcoming movie 'Coolie No. 1' becoming the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free.

A statue of former Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley would be installed in Patna. Jaitley's birthday on 28th of December would be celebrated as state function every year.

- ✎ The elite Fire and Fury Corps celebrated its 20th raising day at Leh on 1 September 2019. It was on September 1, 1999, in the aftermath of the Kargil War that this elite Corps was raised.

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Nitin Gadkari announced the decision to use tiny earthen pots or kulhad for serving tea at around 400 railway stations across the country.

- ✎ The stage is all set for the crucial separation of lander Vikram from Chandrayaan 2 Orbiter. The separation will allow the lander to travel towards the lunar surface.

India has announced a contribution of 22 million US Dollars to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22).

- ✎ Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar released a report on Status of Tiger Habitats in high altitude ecosystems in New Delhi on 3 September 2019. It reveals that even ecology at high altitude is compatible for the tiger growth.

Odisha won the IT Excellence Award

- ✎ Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) has won the IT Excellence Award, 2019.
- ✎ It has won the award for its innovative conception of app by using information technology in the field of disaster management.
- ✎ The app is named SATARK – System for Assessing, Tracking and Alerting Disaster Risk Information based on Dynamic Risk Knowledge.

Kalraj Mishra sworn in as Rajasthan Governor

- ✎ Former Union minister Kalraj Mishra was sworn in as Governor of Rajasthan in a ceremony at the Raj Bhawan on 9 September 2019.
- ✎ Mishra replaced Kalyan Singh, who has completed his five year tenure.
- ✎ Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Shripathi Ravindra Bhat administered the oath of office to Mishra.
- ✎ Mishra is a former union minister who was the Governor of Himachal Pradesh prior to Rajasthan.

S.East Asia's largest solar power farm opened

- ✎ Vietnam has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm which has the capacity to produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually.
- ✎ The Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex occupies 540 hectares in Tay Ninh province and has an investment of more than \$391 million.
- ✎ The complex, was constructed on the Dau Tieng Reservoir – the largest artificial lake in Vietnam.

Bandaru Dattatreya: Himachal Pradesh Governor

- ✎ Former Union Minister Bandaru Dattatreya took oath as the 27th Governor of Himachal Pradesh on 11 September 2019.
- ✎ The Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Justice Sanjay Karol administered him oath of Office and Secrecy at Rajbhavan in Shimla.
- ✎ Duttatreya has replaced Kalraj Mishra who is now the Governor of Rajasthan.
- ✎ He has served as a Member of Parliament for five terms.

Anjali Singh: India's 1st military diplomat

- ✎ Wing Commander Anjali Singh has become India's first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad.
- ✎ Singh has joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as the Deputy Air Attache.
- ✎ Singh, who is trained on MiG-29 fighter aircraft, joined her new assignment on September 10, 2019.
- ✎ An air attaché is an Air Force officer who is part of a diplomatic mission.

National Centre for Clean Coal R&D inaugurated

- ✎ Union Minister of Science & Technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the National Centre for Clean Coal Research and Development at Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-Bengaluru.
- ✎ Dr. Harsh Vardhan also dedicated an Interdisciplinary Centre for Energy Research(ICER) to the Nation which is India's first of its kind centre equipped with state-of-art facilities.

5th Int. Ramayan Festival organized

- ✎ The 5th International Ramayan Festival was organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), in New Delhi.
- ✎ International Ramayan Festival is being organized for 5th year in a row, during which 17 countries have participated with their artists and rendered their versions of Ramayan.
- ✎ The Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah presided as Chief Guest over the Ramayan Festival.

Rajnath Singh: First to fly in Tejas

- ✎ Union minister Rajnath Singh became the 1st defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built aircraft Tejas from the HAL airport in Bengaluru.
- ✎ He was accompanied by Air Vice Marshal N Tiwari, who is also the Project Director, National Flight Test Centre.
- ✎ Tejas is a multi-role fighter with several critical capabilities.
- ✎ It is meant to strengthen India's air defence capabilities.

Four new Supreme Court judges appointed

- ✎ The Ministry of Law and Justice appointed 4 new judges to the Supreme Court, taking the total number of Supreme Court judges to the sanctioned strength of 34.
- ✎ Justices Krishna Murari, SR Bhat, V Ramasubramanian and Hrishikesh Roy have been appointed as judges of the top court.
- ✎ The appointments come a month after Parliament passed a bill increasing the judicial strength from 30 to 33.

Anurag Thakur announced sports academy for Leh

- ✎ Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur announced that a cricket and sports academy will be set up in Ladakh.
- ✎ This cricket and sports academy will ensure that talented athletes of the region get the required training to excel.
- ✎ He also joined Army personnel in Leh to carry out a cleanliness drive to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 69th birthday.

Telangana to celebrate 2020 as Year of AI

- ✘ The Telangana government has decided to declare 2020 as Artificial Intelligence year by organising various activities related to the emerging technology.
- ✘ A lot of hackathons and meetings will happen and the government agencies will give challenges and make available data sets on which companies can run algorithms.

NTPC to build India's biggest solar park

- ✘ National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) plans to set up a 5-gigawatt solar park in the western state of Gujarat, which would be the biggest in the country.
- ✘ The plan is part of NTPC's aim to reduce the share of fossil fuels in the energy mix to 70% from around 96% by 2032.
- ✘ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is targeting 175 gigawatts of renewable capacity by 2022.

National Police University to be set up in UP

- ✘ India's first central police university, 'National Police University', will be set-up in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✘ It will offer the students formal education programmes leading to the award of bachelor's, masters' and doctoral degrees as well as PG Diploma in policing sciences.
- ✘ States like Rajasthan, Gujarat and Jharkhand already have dedicated police universities.

5th Int. Ramayan Festival organized

- ✘ India's 2nd largest railway overbridge in WB
- ✘ The Indian Railways has completed the construction of the giant four-lane cable-stayed railway overbridge (RoB) at Burdwan Junction in West Bengal.

Govt announced new medical college in Leh

- ✘ The Central government on September 23, 2019, announced a new medical college for the Leh district of Ladakh region.
- ✘ The Health and Medical Education Department has prepared a detailed project report (DPR) for construction of government medical college as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the opening of 75 new medical colleges throughout the country.

'Tejas Express' ready to hit tracks on Oct 4

- ✘ In Uttar Pradesh, country's first corporate-run train from Lucknow to Delhi, Tejas Express is all ready to hit the tracks on 4th of October 2019.
- ✘ Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will flag off the train from Lucknow which will be run by IRCTC.
- ✘ The train will run 6 days in a week with advance coaches and it will be the fastest train between Lucknow and Delhi.

J&K issued highest number of golden cards

- ✘ J&K has become the 1st state in India to issue highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
- ✘ Over 11 lakh golden cards have been generated within first 90 days.
- ✘ Under the scheme, 155 Hospitals including 126 public and 29 private hospitals have been empanelled to provide free and cashless treatment to the entitled beneficiaries.

Power scheme for tenants launched

- ✘ Delhi government announced a new scheme under which people residing as tenants in Delhi will be able to avail power subsidy.
- ✘ The name of the scheme is 'Mukhyamantri Kirayedar Bijli Meter Yojna'.
- ✘ Under the scheme, there is no charge for the electricity consumption of up to 200 units.

Gandhi Solar Park inaugurated at UN HQs

- PM Modi along with others world leaders inaugurated the Gandhi Solar Park at the UN headquarters and released a commemorative stamp issued by the UN on the occasion of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
- The platform is a living example that Mahatma Gandhi was from India but did not belong only to India.
- Gandhiji had stressed on the real strength of democracy.

PM Modi received Global Goalkeeper award

- PM Narendra Modi was conferred the "Global Goalkeeper" award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by his government.
- Over 11 crore toilets were built in the country in the last five years, which is a record.
- The cleanliness campaign was launched by the Modi government during its first term on October 2, 2014.

2nd Uday Express at Visakhapatnam flagged off

- The minister of state for Railways Suresh Angadi flagged off second Uday Express on 26 September 2019 at Visakhapatnam.
- The double ducker express will run from Visakhapatnam to Vijayawada.
- The first Uday Express runs from Coimbatore to Bangalore.
- Rs.50 lakh crores will be invested for the betterment of Railways in the coming 10 years.

Govt approved construction of 1.23 lakh houses

- Centre has approved construction of 1.23 lakh more houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- The 47th Central Sanctioning And Monitoring Committee approved 630 proposals from participating states for construction of 1.23 lakh houses with an overall investment of 4,988 crore rupees.
- The commitment from government as central assistance will be 1,805 crore rupees.

India ranked 44th in world digital rankings

- India was ranked 44th in the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019 produced by the IMD World Competitiveness Center.
- The US was ranked as the world's most digitally competitive economy, followed by Singapore in the second place.
- The center measured the capacity and readiness of 63 nations to adopt and explore digital technologies.

International News

Borneo: Site of new capital of Indonesia

- Indonesia's President Joko Widodo has said that capital city will be relocated to the province of East Kalimantan on the island of Borneo.
- The site in the province of East Kalimantan is at "minimal" risk of natural disasters.
- The current capital, Jakarta, home to more than 10 million people, sits on swampy land.
- No name was given for the capital's planned replacement.

Modi to attend 20th India-Russia Summit

- PM Narendra Modi will be attending the 5th Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia, as the chief guest between September 4-6, 2019.
- He will also attend the 20th India Russia Bilateral Summit.
- The EEF is held on the campus of the Far Eastern Federal University, one of Russia's oldest universities, and gives the students a chance to experience World Affairs right on their campus.

World's First iPS Corneal Transplant

- A Japanese woman has become the first person ever to receive an iPS corneal transplant.
- In an incredible feat of medical advancement, a team from Osaka University in Japan conducted the first-ever corneal transplant in July, using reprogrammed stem cells.
- The woman, who is in her forties, was suffering from corneal epithelial stem cell deficiency, which can lead to blindness.

SLINEX 2019 to be held from 7 September

- ✎ Sri Lankan Navy is sending two ships to India to participate in the SLINEX 2019, the joint maritime naval exercise with the Indian Navy.
- ✎ The annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise – SLINEX 2019 is scheduled to be held from 7 September 2019.

Sri Lanka flagged off 'Make In India' train

- ✎ A newly 'Make In India' train Pulathisi Express rake was flagged off from Colombo Fort Railway station.
- ✎ The rake of the train was manufactured in the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.
- ✎ The train which has been inducted under an Indian Line of Credit has an on-board entertainment system, modular interiors and fully-rotating seats in Air Conditioned Chair cars for passenger comfort.

Ambassador Navdeep Suri honoured by UAE

- ✎ UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has bestowed the First Class Order of Zayed II award on Ambassador, Navdeep Singh Suri.
- ✎ The award was given in recognition of his efforts during his tenure and his contribution to the development and strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation between the two friendly countries.
- ✎ It is a rare honour given to any diplomat.

Indian diaspora largest in the world: UN

- ✎ India is the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a 17.5 million strong diaspora.
- ✎ It is according to International Migrant Stock 2019, a data set released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- ✎ The report says that India hosted 5.1 million international migrants in 2019, less than the 5.2 million in 2015.

Kovind: First President to reach Slovenia

- ✎ President Ram Nath Kovind reached Ljubljana, Slovenia in the final leg of his visit to – Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia.
- ✎ Ram Nath Kovind's visit is the first-ever presidential visit from India to Slovenia.

South Asia's tallest tower in Sri Lanka

- ✎ Sri Lanka unveiled South Asia's tallest tower, costing over \$100 million, 80% of which has been funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- ✎ The 350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower is located in the heart of Colombo city.
- ✎ The tower is spread over an area of 30,600 sq. metres.
- ✎ The project began in 2012 under the then-president Mahinda Rajapakse.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Takehiko Nakao has announced his resignation. He became the president of ADB on April 28, 2013.

- ✎ He expanded the operations of the funding agency from USD 14 billion in 2013 to USD 22 billion in 2018.
- ✎ Robert O'Brien has been appointed as the National Security Adviser of United States of America. Robert O'Brien will replace John Bolton as the NSA of US.

World's biggest transport space ship launched

- ✎ Japan launched an unmanned H-2B rocket towards the International Space Station.
- ✎ The H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
- ✎ The launch took place from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan.

PM Modi addressed UN General Assembly

- ✎ PM Narendra Modi addressed 74th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on 27 September 2019.
- ✎ He highlighted his government's key initiatives towards poverty alleviation, affordable healthcare and steps taken to combat terrorism and climate change.
- ✎ It focused on establishing India's aspiration at the global level apart from talking tough on terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

Economic, Finance and Banking News

IRDAI sets up single point of contact for RS

- ✎ Insurance regulator, IRDAI has set up a single point contact for its Regulatory Sandbox (RS) initiative.
- ✎ Now financial technology firms can seek permission to experiment with innovative approaches for the growth of the sector.
- ✎ Regulatory sandbox (RS) usually refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment.

RBI releases annual report

- ✎ According to the RBI's Annual Report, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) balance sheet expanded by 13.42% to Rs 41.03 lakh crore while its income soared by 146.59% to Rs 1.93 lakh crore in 2018-19.
- ✎ Interest income grew 44.62% to Rs 1.06 lakh crore.
- ✎ The RBI's holding of government securities grew by 57.19%.

NPCI caps BHIM UPI discount rate

- ✎ To drive digital payments in both small and large merchants' transactions, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said the BHIM UPI merchant discount rate (MDR) for large ticket transactions has been capped at a maximum of Rs 100 and made zero at offline merchants for transactions up to Rs 100.
- ✎ Currently, MDR is capped at 0.25% for transactions up to Rs 2000.

TDS on cash withdrawal above ₹1 crore

- ✎ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said that the 2% tax deduction at source (TDS) on cash withdrawals of over Rs 1 crore will come into effect from 1 September 2019.
- ✎ The government had made the provision of levying 2 per cent TDS on cash withdrawals exceeding Rs 1 crore in the Union Budget with an aim to discourage cash transactions and move towards a less-cash economy.

PAN for people filing ITR with Aadhaar

- ✎ The Income Tax Department will automatically issue PAN to a taxpayer using Aadhaar number for filing returns as part of a new arrangement to link the two databases.
- ✎ A person who furnishes Aadhaar, as they do not have PAN, shall be deemed to have applied for allotment of PAN and they will not be required to apply or submit any more documents.
- ✎ The rule has come into effect from Sept. 1, 2019.

Crisil lowers India's GDP growth forecast

- ✎ Crisil cut India's GDP growth forecast to 6.3 per cent for fiscal year 2020 from its earlier forecast of 6.9 per cent.
- ✎ This comes after the GDP growth was at its slowest in almost 6 years and grew only at 5 per cent in the first quarter.
- ✎ Earlier, Moody's too had revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current year to 6.2 per cent.

CBDT signs 26 advance pricing agreements

- ✗ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has signed 26 advance pricing agreements (APAs) in the April-August period.
- ✗ The total APAs entered into by the board now stands at 297, which includes 32 bilateral APAs.
- ✗ APAs were introduced to provide tax certainty to those multinational corporations that agree to certain principles relating to the valuation of their cross-border transactions.

8.65% interest rate for EPFO members

- ✗ Government has approved 8.65% interest rate on deposits in Employees Provident Fund for 2018-19.
- ✗ Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified 8.65% rate of interest on EPF deposits for its over six crore subscribers.
- ✗ The EPFO has been settling EPF withdrawal claims at 8.55% interest rate, approved for 2017-18.
- ✗ Now, the EPFO will settle accounts on higher rate of 8.65% for 2018-19.

UAE tops in investments by non-residents

- ✗ According to the Reserve Bank of India's, 'Survey of Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Mutual Fund Companies, 2018-19', Non-residents' (NRIs') investments in Indian mutual funds are up by nearly a tenth and is now approaching Rs 1 trillion.
- ✗ The UAE, the UK and the US were the largest investors together accounting for one-third of the MF units.

OECD slashes India's economic growth

- ✗ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has projected the Indian economy to grow by 6.3%.
- ✗ The OECD predicted that the global economy will see its weakest growth since the 2008-2009 financial crisis, slowing from 3.6% last year to 2.9% this year.
- ✗ The OECD's growth forecast, however, is higher than 5.5 per cent in 2012-13.

SEBI sets up committee for stock exchange

- ✗ SEBI has set up a high-level panel to suggest possible structures and regulations for creating 'social stock exchanges' to facilitate listing and fund-raising by social enterprises as well as voluntary organisations.
- ✗ The committee will be headed by Ishaat Hussain (Director at SBI Foundation and former Finance Director at Tata Sons).

SBI Life signed pact with Repco Home Finance

- ✗ SBI Life Insurance has signed a corporate agency agreement with Repco Home Finance Ltd to offer the company's range of products to RHFL customers.
- ✗ According to the agreement, the partnership would see over 148 branches and 27 satellite centres of RHFL spread across the country to offer SBI Life Insurance products to its customers.

Awards and Recognitions

HPCL Bags 'Best Navratna' Award

- ✗ HPCL bags 'Best Navratna' award in 'Manufacturing Category' at Dun & Bradstreet PSU Awards 2019.
- ✗ The award ceremony was held on 22 August 2019 at New Delhi.
- ✗ Dun & Bradstreet PSU Awards have been instituted to recognise and felicitate the top-performing PSUs in India for business excellence and acknowledge their contribution in the socio-economic development of the country.



Muhammad Yunus conferred Lamp of Peace award

- ✎ Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor Muhammad Yunus was conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award by the Vatican for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony.
- ✎ The award is a recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.
- ✎ The award was first given to the Polish trade union leader Lech Walesa in 1981.

National Award to Teachers-2018 conferred

- ✎ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred National Award to Teachers-2018 in New Delhi on 5 September 2019.
- ✎ The national level awards are given to teachers on Teachers' Day to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country.
- ✎ The award carries a Silver Medal, Certificate and Rs. 50,000/- as award money.

States felicitated under BBBP Scheme

- ✎ The Union Minister of Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani felicitated districts and states which have successfully implemented the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.
- ✎ The felicitation and award function was held in New Delhi on 6 September 2019.
- ✎ The BBBP scheme was launched on 22nd January, 2015. Now it is being implemented in 640 districts.

Railways won award

- ✎ Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented an award to Indian Railways as the best ministry for implementation of Swachhata action plan for 2018-19.
- ✎ He also presented the best Swachh iconic Place award to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Mumbai under the Swachh Bharat Mission initiative.
- ✎ The three best stations as per Cleanliness Ranking Survey for 2018 were Jodhpur, Jaipur & Tirupati.

'Oscar Of Science' Award announced

- ✎ The team from the Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration project won the 'Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics' – an award considered the 'Oscars of Science'.
- ✎ The team won a prize of \$3 million for their work.
- ✎ The Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration project published the first image of a supermassive black hole.

Recipients of Visitor's Awards 2019 announced

- ✎ Recipients of Visitor's Awards 2019 were announced on September 09, 2019 by the President's Secretariat.
- ✎ This year Visitor's Awards will be presented for Research in – Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; Physical Sciences; and Biological Sciences and Technology Development.
- ✎ The Visitor's Award for Research in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences will be presented to Prof. Sibnath Deb.

Pawan Munjal to be honoured

- ✎ MD and Chairman of Hero MotoCorp, Pawan Munjal will be inducted into the 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame.
- ✎ He will be inducted for his support to Golf in India and around the world.
- ✎ The induction ceremony will be held at the 2019 Asian Golf Awards Gala Banquet.
- ✎ With the honour, he will join the legendary players such as Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player who were bestowed with the same.

CBSE Teacher Awards – 2018 presented

- ✎ Union HRD Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ presented CBSE Teacher Awards – 2018 to 34 teachers of the country on 12 September 2019.
- ✎ He also launched CBSE’s portal ‘Vidyadhan’ on Diksha App, a Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (National Forum for Teachers) and released CBSE’s annual activity calendar.
- ✎ He also released 10 CBSE Manuals on various subjects like art integration.

Bangladesh School project wins Aga Khan Award

- ✎ An innovative project for constructing a floating school for marginalised children in Bangladesh has been awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019.
- ✎ The award was given to the Republic of Tatarstan for the Arcadia Education Project in South Kanarchor of Bangladesh.
- ✎ The project involved the construction of a school in an area which is underwater during the monsoon months.

IIFA comes home with first ceremony in India

- ✎ The international Indian film academy awards are to be held in India for the first time in their history.
- ✎ Mumbai will host the 20th IIFA awards ceremony on 18 September 2019.
- ✎ The event has been held in countries around the world since it began in 2000, with previous host cities including London, Toronto and Singapore, and most recently Bangkok.

Bangladesh: PM Hasina received Award

- ✎ PM Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh was conferred the Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka on 16 September 2019.
- ✎ The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- ✎ The award citation lauded Prime Minister Hasina for her vision of a peaceful and prosperous South Asia, free of tension, conflicts and terrorism.



Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar presented

- ✎ Labour and Employment Minister, Santosh Kumar Gangwar gave away the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar & National Safety Awards for the Year 2017 in New Delhi.
- ✎ 28 awards were given for Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar while 81 winners bagged the National Safety awards.
- ✎ The Minister said, his ministry has planned to set up regional offices of technical wing of the Ministry in Kashmir.

Neena Gupta won two awards

- ✎ Bollywood actress Neena Gupta has won 2 awards at Indian International Film Festival of Boston.
- ✎ The actress won the Best Actress award for ‘Badhaai Ho’ and her film ‘The Last Color’ emerged victorious in Best Feature Film category.
- ✎ ‘The Last Color’ was directed by chef Vikas Khanna.
- ✎ The film deals with taboo surrounding widows in Vrindavan and Varanasi in India.



Anand Kumar felicitated with an award

- ✎ Super 30 founder Anand Kumar was felicitated in the US with Education Excellence Award 2019.
- ✎ The Foundation For Excellence (FFE) awarded him on the occasion of the organisation’s 25th anniversary.
- ✎ Anand has been running a highly innovative Super 30 programme for the last 18 years.
- ✎ He mentors 30 students free off cost through a year-long residential coaching for India’s premiere IIT-JEE.

Raghu Rai wins international photography award

- Renowned Indian photographer Raghu Rai has been chosen as the first recipient of the inaugural edition of the 'Academie des beaux-arts Photography Award – William Klein'.
- The award is in honour of the photographer and filmmaker William Klein, best known for his unusual photography techniques.
- The prize is intended to reward a photographer for their entire career

71st Emmy Awards 2019 declared- I

- The 71st Emmy Awards were held in Los Angeles on 22 September 2019.
- Game of Thrones wrapped up its run with an Emmy for best drama series — and 12 total for its final season.
- Outstanding Comedy Series was won by Fleabag.
- Bill Porter received Lead Actor, Drama for Pose.
- Jodie Comer received Lead Actress, Drama for Killing Eve.
- Bill Hader received Lead Actor for Comedy for Barry.



71st Emmy Awards 2019 declared- II

- Chernobyl won Outstanding Limited Series.
- Black Mirror: Bandersnatch won Outstanding Television Movie.
- Phoebe Waller won Lead Actress, Comedy for Fleabag.
- Peter Dinklage won Supporting Actor for Drama for Game of Thrones.
- Julia Garner won Supporting Actress for Ozark.
- Jharrel Jerome and Michelle Williams won Lead Actor and Actress for Limited Series or Movie.

Ravish received Gauri Lankesh National Award

- Senior journalist and Ramon Magsaysay awardee, Ravish Kumar has received the 1st Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism.
- The award was conferred by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust.
- The award was presented to him by freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.
- Three books, Neera Nade by Vinaya Okkunda, Dehali Nota by D. Umapathy, and Maatige Enu Kadime, by Harshakumar Kugwe, were released.

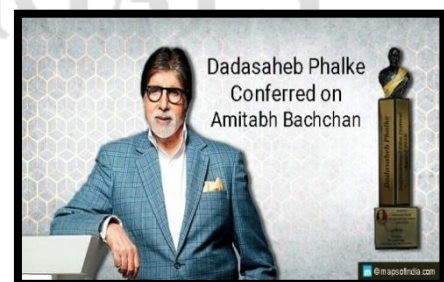


Ramanujan prize for U.K. mathematician

- The SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019 will be awarded to Adam Harper.
- Mathematician Adam Harper is an Assistant Professor with the University of Warwick, England.
- The prize is conferred annually on mathematicians from across the world who are less than 32 years of age and working in an area influenced by the genius Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- The prize carries a citation and an award of \$10,000.

Amitabh named for Dada Sahab Phalke award

- Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan has been named for the prestigious Dada Sahab Phalke award for his outstanding contribution to the film industry.
- The award is conferred by the Government for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.
- It consists of a Swarn Kamal and a cash prize of ten lakh rupees.



National Water Mission Awards 2019 presented

- NWM, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has initiated the 'National Water Mission Awards' to recognize excellence in water conservation, and efficient water use.
- NWM has 5 goals and 39 strategies prescribed in the Mission Document.
- The awards are given in 10 categories defined under 5 goals of NWM.

Payal Jangid received the Changemaker Award

- ✎ Payal Jangid became the 1st Indian to receive the Changemaker Award 2019 at the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019.
- ✎ The Award was presented by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at a ceremony held in New York, US.
- ✎ She is the President of her village's Bal Panchayat.
- ✎ She was awarded for her work towards the abolition of child marriage in her village and other neighbouring areas.

CIAL won an international award

- ✎ Cochin International Airport Ltd has been selected as the best airport in terms of services it offered to passengers, based on a survey conducted by Airport Council International (ACI).
- ✎ CIAL was emerged the topper in 5-15 million passenger category among the airports in the Asia-Pacific region.
- ✎ It ranked amongst the best airports in the 5-15 mn category in the Asia Pacific region for 2018.

National Tourism Awards 2017-18 presented

- ✎ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the National Tourism Awards 2017-18 on World Tourism Day in New Delhi on 27 September 2019.
- ✎ A total of 76 Awards under various categories were presented.
- ✎ On this occasion, a workshop on 'Tourism Jobs of the Future' was also organized by UNWTO in collaboration with its affiliate member in India, Outlook Responsible Tourism Initiative.

Appointments and Resignations

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of P.K. Sinha as Officer on Special Duty in the office of the Prime Minister. He was earlier serving as the Cabinet Secretary.

- ✎ Shrikant Baldi, the additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh on 31 August 2019.

Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for the term 2019-21 as India takes over the Chair from Romania.

- ✎ Former India spinner Sunil Joshi has been appointed as coach of the Uttar Pradesh Ranji team for a one-year term. He is from Karnataka will join the training camp on September 20.

India's High Commissioner to South Africa, Jaideep Sarkar has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Lesotho, with residence in Pretoria. He earlier served as envoy to Israel and Bhutan.

- ✎ The Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Department has re-appointed JC Sharma as the head of a one-man commission to address issues regarding the SC list in the state.

Arif Mohammad Khan assumed charge as Kerala Governor on 6 September 2019. Mr. Khan, succeeds P. Sathasivam, the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

- ✎ Chief Justice Vijaya K Tahilramani of the Madras High Court, currently placed at the top in the all-India seniority list of High Court judges, resigned on 6 September 2019. She was due to retire in October 2020.

Mohey, from the house of Manyavar, has roped in Bollywood star Alia Bhatt as its new brand ambassador. As a part of this collaboration, Bhatt will endorse Mohey – an ethnic celebration wear for women.

- Senior diplomat B Bala Bhaskar was appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to Norway. Bhaskar will replace Krishan Kumar, who has been heading the Indian mission in Norway since July 2018.

The Committee of Administrators (CoA) of BCCI has appointed a three-member Independent Supervisory Committee to run the cricketing affairs of Bihar Cricket Association (BCA) and also conduct fresh elections.

- MLA Puvvada Ajay Kumar was appointed as the Transport Minister of Telangana. Ajay was allotted the portfolio by the Chief Minister, K. Chandrashekar Rao.

Microsoft has appointed Rajiv Kumar as the new MD for its Indian research and development arm, Microsoft India (R&D) Pvt Ltd (MIRPL). He will take over from Anil Bhansali, who held this role for the last six years.

- Congress MLA Kuljit Singh Nagra was appointed as Advisor to the Chief Minister of Punjab in the rank and status of Cabinet Minister.

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) government appointed Justice P Lakshmana Reddy, a former judge of the AP high court, as the state's Lokayukta for five years.

- Vijay Kumar Chopra has been unanimously elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India. Vineet Jain, MD of Bennett, Coleman and Company Limited (BCCL), the publisher of Times of India, was elected for the post of Vice-Chairman of the news agency.

Urmila Matondkar and former Maharashtra Minister Kripashankar Singh announced their resignations from the Congress.

- Matondkar unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha election in April 2019 from Mumbai.
- Rajasthan born freedom fighter of India Heeralal Sharma has passed away in September 2019. He took active participation in the freedom struggle and was jailed for two years.

An industrialist and 'Mrs Universe Lovely' winner Shilpa Agrawal has been appointed as Brand Ambassador of Fit India Campaign as part of Fit India Movement.

- Audio equipment maker JBL has signed Bollywood star Ranveer Singh as its newest global brand ambassador.
- The Body Shop introduced Bollywood's millennial icon Shraddha Kapoor as its new face in India.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Dr. P.K. Mishra as Principal Secretary to Prime Minister with effect from 11th September 2019.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of P.K. Sinha as Principal Advisor to Prime Minister with effect from 11th September 2019.

Japanese footwear company ASICS announced youth icon and Bollywood star Tiger Shroff as its brand ambassador in India. This association is a step towards the brand's expansion into SportStyle and athleisure.

- Jasprit Bumrah has been roped in as the brand ambassador for Seagram's Royal Stag. Bumrah will soon be seen in the brand's full-fledged 360 -degree marketing campaign.

Madhuri Dixit has been chosen as 'goodwill ambassador' by the Chief Electoral Office in Maharashtra to create awareness among people about the importance of voting.

- ✎ Dr. Rhondemo Kikon is appointed as DAAD young ambassador. German academic exchange services or DAAD is the world's largest funding organisation for the international exchange of students & researchers since its inception in 1925.

Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea Bissau. He will succeed Partha Satpathy.

- ✎ He is presently the country's Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.
- ✎ Nilesh Shah, MD of Kotak Asset Management Company (AMC), has been appointed as the new chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

Bulgaria's Kristalina Georgieva has been selected as the new head of the International Monetary Fund. She will succeed Christine Lagarde for a five-year term from October 2019.

- ✎ The President of Athletics Federation of India, Adille Sumariwalla was re-elected as member of the Council of International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) for a second four-year term.

Environment News

3rd estimate of horticultural crops released

- ✎ As per the third advanced estimate of horticultural crops, The production of fruits and vegetables would go up marginally to 313.85 million tonnes (mt) in 2018-19 as compared to 311.71 mt in the previous season.
- ✎ At 25.49 million hectares, the area under horticultural crops remained more or less the same as last year.
- ✎ Fruits production is estimated to be around 98.57 mt.

UN warns of rising seas and storm surges

- ✎ According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC), 'special report' on oceans and Earth's frozen zones, by 2050, many low-lying megacities and small island nations will experience 'extreme sea-level events' every year.
- ✎ The 900-page scientific assessment is the fourth such tome from the UN in less than a year.
- ✎ The report will be released in Monaco in September 2019.

COP14 to UN Convention began in Greater Noida

- ✎ The 14th Conference of Parties, COP14, to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification will get underway in Greater Noida on 2 September 2019.
- ✎ The Conference will focus on desertification and degradation of land and will go on till 13 September 2019.
- ✎ The objective is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification.

Malaria linked to 30% risk of heart failure

- ✎ Malaria infection is linked to 30 per cent higher risk of heart failure, a new research has warned.
- ✎ The mosquito-borne infection affects more than 219 million people worldwide each year, according to the 2018 statistics of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✎ Malaria can also affect vascular pathways that cause inflammation in the heart, which could lead to fibrosis and then heart failure.

WHO to eliminate measles and rubella

- ✎ WHO South-East Asia Region has resolved to eliminate measles and rubella by 2023.
- ✎ The resolution to eliminate the highly infectious childhood killer diseases measles and rubella was taken at the 72nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia in Delhi.
- ✎ The member-countries resolved to strengthen the immunisation systems against the two diseases to achieve the new targets.

Govt will prepare master plan for tigers

- ✎ Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said that the central government will prepare a master plan for tigers at high altitudes.
- ✎ He said this after releasing a report which revealed that tigers have been found in high altitude regions.
- ✎ The report, prepared by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF), provides the action strategy for a high altitude tiger master plan.

Food ministry to ban single-use plastic

- ✎ Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry has decided to ban single-use plastic in its various departments as well as the public sector units under its administration from September 15.
- ✎ The decision was taken at a meeting held by Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan.
- ✎ Cloth or jute bags, locally tailored and produced, can be a viable alternative.

24th World Energy Congress commenced

- ✎ The 24th World Energy Congress commenced on 9 September 2019 in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE.
- ✎ The 4-day World Energy Congress aims to bring together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and media.
- ✎ It is set to welcome over 250 high-level speakers, 72 Ministers, 500 CEOs.

New Targeted Batch

Branch- Raipur

CGPSC

Prelims -2019

Date-
10 October 2019

Timing:
Morning- 07:00 AM to 09:30 AM

Cryodrakon boreas: The largest flying animal

- ✎ Scientists have unveiled a newly discovered species of a pterosaur, the largest ever flying animal according to a study conducted by Queen Mary University in London.
- ✎ These species come from the Azhdarchid group of pterosaurs.
- ✎ The pterosaur's name Cryodrakon boreas roughly translates to 'frozen dragon of the north wind'.

Thailand to roll out plain cigarette packaging

- ✎ Thailand became the 1st Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging to reduce the appeal of smoking and complied with the World Health Organisation's (WHO) guidelines.
- ✎ In 2012, Australia became the first country to require tobacco products to be sold without colourful brand logos.
- ✎ Capital of Thailand: Bangkok
- ✎ Currency of Thailand: Baht.

NGT constituted committee

- ✎ The National Green Tribunal has constituted a committee to formulate steps to cease illegal groundwater extraction.
- ✎ The committee aims to ensure that groundwater is not illegally extracted and to monitor functioning of the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA).
- ✎ The committee comprises joint secretaries of Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Water Resources.

India to increase non-fossil fuels share

- ✎ World leaders have gathered in New York on 23 September 2019 for the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG) Climate Action Summit.
- ✎ India is going to increase the share of non-fossil fuels to 175GW by 2022, and to further increase it to 450GW, announced PM Narendra Modi.
- ✎ He also informed that India has launched the Jal Jeevan mission for water conservation and rainwater harvesting.

India committed to eradicate TB before 2025

- ✎ Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched 'TB HAREGA DESH JEETEGA' campaign in New Delhi on 25 September 2019.
- ✎ India is committed to eradicate TB before 2025.
- ✎ One-third of the people in the world have TB bacteria, and 10 per cent of them can become a victim of TB at any time.
- ✎ People who have been cured of TB will be made campaign ambassadors.

New 'cat snake' species discovered

- ✎ A team of biodiversity researchers has discovered a new species of 'cat snake' in Maharashtra's Western Ghats —making it the first such discovery in 125 years.
- ✎ The species has been named 'Thackeray's cat snake', (scientific name *Boiga thackerayi*), after Tejas Thackeray.
- ✎ The snake feeds exclusively on tree frogs and their eggs.

Journey

PM Modi to embark on seven-day visit to US

- ✎ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a seven-day visit to the United States on 21 September 2019.
- ✎ During his visit, he will be in Houston and New York and address the United Nations General Assembly on 27 September 2019.
- ✎ He will also be honoured with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Goalkeeper's Award for his leadership in field of sanitation through Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Scheme

Govt launches updated CLSS Scheme

- ✎ The government of India launched the updated Credit linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) to allow micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) access to capital.
- ✎ The scheme provides an upfront subsidy of 15% on institutional credit up to Rs 1 crore for MSMEs in the specified 51 sub-sectors.
- ✎ The government will also prepare a final report on the recommendations of the U K Sinha committee.

J&K govt to roll out MISP Scheme

- ✎ In J&K, the Special Market Intervention Price Scheme (MISP) will be rolled out to procure nearly 12 Lakh Metric Tons of Apple from farmers of Kashmir on remunerative prices.
- ✎ Nearly 60% of the estimated annual Apple production will be procured from the Apple growers nearer their doorsteps.
- ✎ The period of procurement would be for six month beginning 1st of September 2019.

Kisan Man Dhan Yojana to be launched on 12 Sep

- ✎ PM Narendra Modi will launch Kisan Man Dhan Yojana (KMDY) scheme during his visit to Jharkhand on September 12, 2019.
- ✎ It will secure the lives of 5 crore small and marginal farmers by providing a minimum pension of Rs 3,000 per month to those who have attained the age of 60.
- ✎ He will also inaugurate 400 Ekalavya Model Residential schools.



'Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana' launched

- ✎ 'Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana' was launched in Uttarakhand on 13 September 2019.
- ✎ Under the scheme, two kilogrammes of pulses per month would be made available to 23.32 lakh ration card holders.
- ✎ Under the Dal Poshit Yojana, chick pea is being made available at a rate of Rs 44 per kg this month.
- ✎ The current market rate of this pulse is Rs 65 to 70 per kg.

Government launched 'UMMID' initiative

- ✎ Science and Technology and Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched 'UMMID' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of newborn babies.
- ✎ The new initiative aims at creating awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establish molecular diagnostics in hospitals.

Defence, Science & Technology

Noida girls win U.S. tech prize

- ✎ The all-girl team 'Tech Witches' from Noida have developed a mobile App, called Maitri, that connects children at orphanages with senior citizens in old-age homes.
- ✎ 'Maitri' clinched the bronze medal at the Technovation Challenge, the world's largest technology and entrepreneurship programme for girls, held in San Francisco.
- ✎ Maitri allows old-age homes and orphanages to organise meetings.

Digital payments growing in India at 12.7%

- ✎ The report titled 'Fintech in India – Powering mobile payments' was released by the global advisory KPMG.
- ✎ As per the report, Digital payments in India are witnessing thriving growth with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.7% in the number of non-cash transactions.
- ✎ The global digital payments market is expected to touch \$10.07 trillion by 2026.

Carbon nanotube computer chip developed

- ✎ Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have developed the biggest-ever computer chip using carbon nanotubes (CNT).
- ✎ The RV16XNano is a 16-bit processor that contains 14,000 transistors — electronic switches.
- ✎ These switches are made up of CNT — tiny cylinders made of rolled-up, atom-thick sheets of graphene.

Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave to be held

- ✎ The Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave (JNAQC) will be hosted by the Naval Quality Assurance Establishments under the aegis of Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA), Ministry of Defence in Visakhapatnam on September 5, 2019.
- ✎ Its theme would be 'Transformation of QA Paradigm: Opportunities and Challenges'.
- ✎ Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain will be the Chief Guest for the annual event.

Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2019 to be held

- ✎ Exercise Yudh Abhyas – 2019 is being conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA from 5-18 September 2019.
- ✎ It is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavors between India and USA.
- ✎ This will be the 15th edition of the joint exercise hosted alternately between the two countries.

Indian Army Team Summit Mt. Leo Pargyil

- ✎ An Indian Army team successfully summited Mount Leo Pargyil (6773M) on 20 Aug 2019, hoisting the National Flag atop it.
- ✎ The expedition was flagged in by Lieutenant General PM Bali, AVSM, VSM, COS, Western Command on 31 Aug 2019..
- ✎ The expedition was flagged off on 10th August 2019.
- ✎ Leo Pargyil is the third highest peak of Himachal Pradesh.

Jio Fiber: India's latest broadband service

- ✎ A high-speed broadband service, Jio Fiber was launched on 5 September 2019.
- ✎ Jio Fiber's annual plans include free TVs, set-top boxes and subscriptions to premium streaming services.
- ✎ Reliance will charge subscribers \$10 to \$118 a month for speeds ranging from 100Mbps-1Gbps.
- ✎ The free services are coupled with low-cost internet.

Indian Army to participate in TSENTR 2019

- ✎ Indian army will participate in a multilateral exercise TSENTR 2019 to be held in Russia.
- ✎ Armies of Pakistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russia will also participate in the exercise.
- ✎ This will be the first time that forces from India and Pakistan will participate in a multilateral exercise together since the Balakot airstrikes conducted by Indian forces.

IAF pilots clear test for Mission Gaganyaan

- ✎ The Indian Air force announced the completion of level-1 selection of Indian astronauts for Mission Gaganyaan, the country's first human mission to space.
- ✎ Level-1 of Indian Astronaut selection was conducted at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine.
- ✎ Selected Test Pilots underwent extensive physical exercise tests, lab investigations, radiological tests, and clinical tests.

Lander Vikram lost its communication

- ✎ The lander of the lunar craft Chandrayaan 2 went incommunicado just minutes before its planned soft landing near the moon's South Pole on 7 September 2019.
- ✎ Vikram Lander descent was initiated as planned and normal performance was observed up to an altitude of 2.1 km.
- ✎ Subsequently, the communication from the Lander to the ground stations was lost.
- ✎ The data is being analyzed.

India to receive delivery of S-400 missiles

- ✎ S-400 air defence missile systems will be delivered to India in strict accordance with the schedule, within 18-19 months.
- ✎ India had signed a USD 5.43-billion deal with Russia for the purchase of five S-400 systems during the 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit in New Delhi on October 5, 2018 for long-term security needs.

1st SCO conference on military medicine

- ✎ India will host the first conference on military medicine for member nations of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) in New Delhi from 12-13 September 2019.
- ✎ It will be the first military co-operation event to be organised in India under the SCO after it joined the organisation in 2017.
- ✎ The objective of the conference is to share best practices in the field of military medicine.

MPATGM successfully test fired

- ✎ DRDO successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire and forget Man Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh on 11 Sept 2019.
- ✎ The missile hit the target in top attack mode and destroyed it with precision.
- ✎ All the mission objectives were met.
- ✎ This is the third series of successful testing of MPATGM.

Indo-Thailand Joint Exercise Maitree – 2019

- ✎ Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 between India and Thailand will be conducted at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16-29 Sep 2019.
- ✎ Indian and Royal Thailand Army (RTA) comprising 50 soldiers each will participate in the exercise.
- ✎ Exercise MAITREE is an annual training event which is being conducted alternatively in Thailand and India since 2006.

Astronomers discover water vapor in atmosphere

- ✎ Astronomers have for the first time discovered water vapour in the atmosphere of a distant planet called K2-18b.
- ✎ Astronomers at the University College London used data from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope to make the discovery.
- ✎ They published their findings in the journal Nature Astronomy on 12 September 2019.
- ✎ The exoplanet, K2-18b, is eight times the mass of Earth and known as a super-Earth.

Wi-Fi at 6 railway stations inaugurated

- ✎ Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated Wi-Fi facility at 6 railway stations including Amethi, on 11 September 2019.
- ✎ Mrs Irani was on a two-day visit to her parliamentary constituency Amethi.
- ✎ She inaugurated the kitchen garden at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya and held a chaupal in Cheda village on 12 September 2019.

DRDO handed over 'Netra' aircraft to IAF

- ✎ The DRDO has handed over the second airborne warning plane, Netra, to the Indian Air Force.
- ✎ The Netra, an Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft, is useful for surveillance, tracking, identification and classification of airborne and sea surface targets and is useful in detecting incoming ballistic missile threats.
- ✎ It had played a stellar role during the Balakot airstrikes.

Jual Oram: Chairperson of Committee on Defence

- ✎ BJP MP from Sundargarh, Jual Oram is appointed as the chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence.
- ✎ BJP MP Jual Oram appointed chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Defence.
- ✎ MPs including Rahul Gandhi, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut and RJD lawmaker Prem Chand Gupta were appointed as committee members.

Indian Army will conduct 'HimVijay'

- ✎ The Indian Army is scheduled to conduct a major Exercise 'HimVijay' with the Chinese Army in October 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
- ✎ The Panagarh based 17 Mountain Strike Corps will conduct Exercise HimVijay spread over a month and a half with three newly created Integrated Battle Groups (IBG) from October.
- ✎ The concept of the IBG was war-gamed and tested by the 9 Corps early this year.

Google announced new AI research lab in India

- ✎ Google has announced that it will open an artificial intelligence (AI) based research lab Google Research India.
- ✎ The lab will be opened in Bengaluru.
- ✎ The Indian AI lab will be led by Dr. Manish Gupta, a renowned computer scientist in the country.
- ✎ Google has various AI research labs across the world, under its Google Artificial Intelligence arm.
- ✎ The Bengaluru lab will be the first in India.

ISRO & DRDO join hands for Gaganyaan project

- ✎ ISRO signed a set of MoUs with various DRDO (Defence Research Development Organisation) labs to develop technologies specific to the Gaganyaan Mission.
- ✎ Some of the critical technologies to be provided include space food, space crew health monitoring, emergency survival kit, and parachutes for the safe recovery of the crew module and others.

1969 moon landing lab to be demolished in 2020

- ✎ NASA has said that the Houston building where Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong and his colleagues emerged from quarantine after their 1969 moon mission has fallen into disrepair and will be demolished.
- ✎ The Lunar Receiving Laboratory at Johnson Space Center hasn't been used for two years and will likely be torn down in 2020.
- ✎ It was designed to isolate the astronauts and lunar rock samples.

Amit Shah launched a new portal

- ✎ Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Private Security Agency Licensing Portal at a function in New Delhi on 25 September 2019.
- ✎ The portal will become functional in all official languages like Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu and Tamil within three months.
- ✎ The number of licensed agencies in the states will also be available on the portal so that people do not fall prey to the fraudulent agencies.

ICG Ship ICGS Varaha commissioned

- ✎ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh formally commissioned the Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel 'Varaha' at the Chennai Port Trust.
- ✎ The vessel includes Integrated Bridge System, automated power management system, high power external firefighting system, etc.
- ✎ It also carries 4 high speed boats including two rigid hull inflated boats for boarding operation.

Malabar 2019 trilateral maritime exercise began

- ✎ The 23rd edition of the trilateral maritime exercise of India, Japan and the United States(US) named Malabar 2019 began at Sasebo, Japan on 26 September 2019.
- ✎ 2 frontline indigenously designed and built Indian naval ships — multi-purpose guided-missile frigate Sahyadri and ASW Corvette Kiltan arrived at Sasebo to participate in the exercise.

DRDO, Central University of Jammu signed MoU

- ✎ DRDO and Central University of Jammu (CUJ) entered into a MoU for the establishment of Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the university.
- ✎ The centre will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment leading to increase in research scholars in these areas.
- ✎ The CUJ is a Central Government funded University, established under Central Universities Act 2009.

Gen Bipin Rawat: New Chairman, COSC

- ✎ Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat will take over as the new Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.
- ✎ He is succeeding Indian Air Force chief, Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa, who retires from service in Sept 2019.
- ✎ The Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) comprises chiefs of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force and the senior-most member is appointed its chairperson.
- ✎ He will retire at the end of 2019.

Indo-Kazakhstan JME KAZIND – 2019

- ✎ Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2019 between India and Kazakhstan will be conducted at Pithoragarh from 2 to 15 October 2019.
- ✎ Exercise KAZIND-2019 is the fourth edition of an annual event which is conducted alternatively in Kazakhstan and India.
- ✎ The aim of this exercise is to conduct company level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

First Indigenous Fuel Cell System launched

- ✎ President Ramnath Kovind unveiled the first Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System.
- ✎ This system is developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI).
- ✎ The 5.0 kW fuel cell system generates power in a green manner using methanol / bio-methane, with heat and water as bi-products for further use.

INS Khanderi commissioned in Mumbai

- ✎ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned submarine INS Khanderi in Mumbai on 28 September 2019.
- ✎ Khanderi is inspired by the fish name Kanneri found in the Arabian sea.
- ✎ Key features of the submarine include a state-of-the-art stealth technology which reduces its noise under the sea.
- ✎ Defence Minister also commissioned, INS Nilgiri, the first ship of the P-17A frigates.

NASA launches miniature satellite

- ✎ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has launched a miniature satellite designed by Aabhaas Sikka from NASA's Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility.
- ✎ The satellite is named 'RamanSat 2' and measures 4 cm x 4 cm x 4 cm.
- ✎ The satellite is made to measure radiation from the sun and space reaching the Earth.

Sports

Mizoram wins U-14 Subroto Cup title

- ✎ Mizoram's Saidan Secondary School won the Under-14 boys champions of Subroto Cup International Football tournament.
- ✎ The defeated Unique Model Academy of Manipur by 2-0 in the final match.
- ✎ It was the Mizoram school's maiden title win in the tournament.

Jinson Johnson bettered own national record

- ✎ Asian Games gold medallist Jinson Johnson from India bettered his own 1500m national record while clinching a silver in the ISTAF Berlin event.
- ✎ He clocked 3 minute 35.24 seconds to finish second behind Joshua Thompson of United States at the Olympic Stadium.
- ✎ His earlier national record was 3:37.86 which he had set at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Charles Leclerc fended off Lewis Hamilton to claim a bittersweet first Formula One win on 1 September 2019. It was also Ferrari's first win this year.

- ✎ The Indian selection committee led by M.S.K Prasad chose Nick Webb as the top candidate for the Indian team's Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Lasith Malinga became the highest wicket-taker in T20I cricket in the first T20I of the three-match series against New Zealand at Pallekele International Stadium. He surpassed Pakistan's Shahid Afridi.

- ✎ Formula Two driver Anthoine Hubert died after a crash during the Belgium Grand Prix. Hailing from France, Hubert was last season's GP3 champion.

Bodybuilder S Bhaskaran felicitated

- ✎ Bodybuilder S Bhaskaran who was conferred with the prestigious Arjuna Award was felicitated by the Indian Body Builder Federation on 31 August 2019.
- ✎ He became the first bodybuilder to win the Arjuna award since T Pauly in 1999.
- ✎ He won the Asian championship and the world championship in Thailand in 2018.

Tejinderpal Singh Toor won silver

- ✎ Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor won a silver medal during an athletic meet at Decin in the Czech Republic.
- ✎ He came up with the best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt at the event.
- ✎ Tajinder has been awarded the Arjuna Award this year.
- ✎ He has already qualified for World championship being the Area champion following his gold-winning feat at Asian Athletics Championships.

Hockey India named a 33-member probables list for the senior men's national coaching camp, beginning September 2, 2019 at the Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru.

- ✎ In football, India lifted the SAFF Under-15 title at Kalyanai, West Bengal with a 7-0 win over Nepal. They won the title for a record third time after previous wins in 2013 and 2017, both of which came in Nepal.

Rishabh Pant beat another Dhoni record

- ✎ Rishabh Pant became the fastest Indian wicket-keeper to claim 50 dismissals in Test cricket, surpassing MS Dhoni.
- ✎ He claimed his 50th victim in his 11th Test while Dhoni had taken 15 Tests to touch the milestone.
- ✎ Pant took an easy catch to dismiss West Indies' Kraigg Brathwaite off an Ishant Sharma delivery in the second innings of the hosts in the second Test.

Apurvi Chandela, Deepak Kumar bagged gold

- ✎ World number one in women's 10M Air Rifle, Apurvi Chandela, partnered with Deepak Kumar to win mixed 10m air pistol gold in the ISSF World Cup.
- ✎ Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar won a bronze medal.
- ✎ India now has a total of four gold, one silver and two bronze for a total of seven medals in the Rio World Cup.

**Virat: India's most successful Test captain**

- ✎ Leading India in the 257-run win over West Indies in the second Test of the series, India captain Virat Kohli became the most successful Test captain of the nation on the same ground he had made his Test debut in 2011.
- ✎ Virat Kohli now has the most Test wins as India captain (28 wins in 48 matches), who is followed by MS Dhoni (27 wins in 60 matches), Sourav Ganguly (21 wins in 49 matches).

Mithali Raj announced her retirement

- ✎ Indian women's cricket great and ODI captain Mithali Raj announced her retirement from T20 Internationals on 3 September 2019.
- ✎ She ended her T20 career with 2,364 runs from 89 matches at an average of 37.5 and the highest score of 97 not out.
- ✎ She made her T20 International debut in 1999.
- ✎ Mithali is also the first Indian woman to reach the landmark of 2000 T20 runs.

Rohit Sharma launched Campaign to save Rhinos

- ✎ Indian Cricket team vice-captain Rohit Sharma is launching Rohit4Rhinos campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet.
- ✎ This campaign will help to build awareness for the need to conserve the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros or the Indian Rhino.
- ✎ The Indian rhinoceros faces several threats, including poaching, habitat loss and mass mortality from inbreeding and disease.

India among top 10 nations in gold reserves

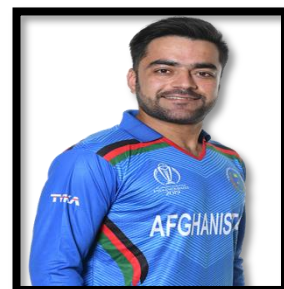
- ✎ India has surpassed the Netherlands to move into the list of top 10 countries in terms of total gold reserves.
- ✎ According to the World Gold Council, India has gold reserves totalling 618.2 tonnes, which is marginally higher than the Netherlands' reserves of 612.5 tonnes.
- ✎ The U.S. leads the country list followed by Germany with 3,366.8 tonnes.
- ✎ In terms of individual countries, India ranks 9th.

ICC Test ranking: Steve Smith top batsman

- ✎ Steve Smith dethroned India captain Virat Kohli to reclaim the top spot in ICC Test rankings.
- ✎ Kohli was dismissed for a first-ball duck in the second innings of the final Test against the West Indies, which saw him slip to the No.2 spot.
- ✎ Steve Smith (904) and Virat Kohli (903) are separated by a single rating point in the latest Test rankings.

Rashid Khan became youngest Test Captain

- ✎ Rashid Khan scripted history as he became the youngest ever Test captain on 5 September 2019 leading Afghanistan against Bangladesh in the one-off Test.
- ✎ The record was earlier held by Zimbabwe's Tatenda Taibu who was 20 years and 358 days old when he led his side against Sri Lanka in 2004.
- ✎ Rashid is 20 years and 350 days old.

**Anupama won bronze in Martial Arts M'ship**

- ✎ Indian woman athlete Anupama Swain won a bronze medal in the recently concluded World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019.
- ✎ The event was held in Chungju, South Korea.
- ✎ Now she has qualified for the 2022 Asian Games.
- ✎ She was the only Indian to participate in the championship.
- ✎ Jiu-Jitsu is a form of martial art and combat sport.

Nadal clinched 4th US Open Tennis title

- ✎ In tennis, Rafael Nadal won US Open Men's singles beating Daniil Medvedev 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 on 9 September 2019.
- ✎ This is his fourth US Open title and 19th Grand Slam trophy.
- ✎ He won his 19th career Grand Slam singles title, in his 27th Slam final.

Payas Jain won silver medal

- ✎ India's Payas Jain settled for a silver medal in the 25th Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships which concluded in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 7 September 2019.
- ✎ Jain lost to top-seed and world number 1 Yuanyu Chen of China 0-4.
- ✎ India's campaign at the championship ended with two silver medals — one by the junior boys team and another by Jain.

The Indian men's hockey team was static at number 5 while the women's team climbed a place to number 9 in the FIH rankings released on 8 September 2019.

- ✂ The fresh list was released following the conclusion of the Oceania Cup.
- ✂ Russian tennis player Oksana Selekhmeteva and Latvian player Kamilla Bartone won junior doubles trophy at US Open. They won over Aubane Droguet and Selena Janicijevic.

Jamie Murray and Bethanie Mattek-Sands defended their US Open mixed doubles title, defeating Taiwan's Chan Hao-Ching and New Zealand's Michael Venus in straight sets, in tennis.

- ✂ Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka won their first career Grand Slam title with a hard-fought 7-5 7-5 win over Ash Barty and Victoria Azarenka in the US Open doubles final in tennis.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc has won the Italian Grand Prix. Valtteri Bottas and Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes finished the race at 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

- ✂ In boxing, India opened their campaign at the ongoing men's World Championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia, on 10 September 2019. India's Brijesh Yadav (81 kg) will take on Poland's Maleusz Goinski in the opener.

Hima Das: Brand ambassador for Gatorade

- ✂ PepsiCo India has roped in star athlete Hima Das as the brand ambassador for its sports drink brand Gatorade.
- ✂ She will join PV Sindhu and Neeraj Chopra as the brand's ambassadors in the country.
- ✂ Gatorade India will also work with Hima Das during the period of partnership to understand her training and race-day nutrition better.

Mary Kom added to TOPS scheme for Olympics

- ✂ MC Mary Kom, shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal and shuttler Sai Praneeth were among 12 top sports persons who were included in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of the government.
- ✂ The TOPS is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which is an attempt to provide assistance to India's top athletes.
- ✂ It looks to add a premium to the preparations of these athletes.

Kapil Dev: Chancellor of Sports University

- ✂ The government of Haryana appointed Kapil Dev as Chancellor of the Haryana sports university at Rai in Sonapat district.
- ✂ Kapil Dev was also known as Haryana Hurricane.
- ✂ The sports university at Rai would be the third varsity set up by a state government in the country after the Swarnim Gujarat Sports University at Gandhinagar and Tamil Nadu Physical education and sports university at Chennai.



India clinched the Under-19 Asia Cup title, with a win over Bangladesh in a low-scoring final at Colombo on 16 September 2019.

- ✂ Defending a total of 106, India dismissed Bangladesh for 101 in 33 overs.
- ✂ In badminton, Kaushal Dharmamer clinched the Myanmar International Series with a win over Indonesia's Karono Karono in a thrilling men's singles final in Yangon on 15 September 2019.

Pankaj Advani clinched 22nd world title

- ✎ Pankaj Advani clinched a record 22nd world title by winning a fourth straight final in the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Myanmar.
- ✎ He defeated Nay Thway of Myanmar.
- ✎ He has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014.
- ✎ In the short format of billiards, this is Advani's fifth title in the last six years.

**In Badminton, Sourabh Verma clinched the Vietnam Open Super 100 title, defeating China's Sun Fei Xiang in Men's Singles summit clash at the Ho Chi Minh City on 16 September 2019.**

- ✎ This victory marks his second Super 100 win in this year.
- ✎ In Badminton, Lakshya Sen clinched men's singles title at the Belgian International Challenge on 14 September 2019. He defeated Victor Svendsen of Denmark.

Ashish Kasodekar from Pune in Maharashtra has become the first Indian national to complete the 'La Ultra The High' marathon, which is 555 km long, in Ladakh.

- ✎ Indian sprinter V K Vismaya won the gold medal in the women 400m run at the International Athletic Meeting — Josef Seckr Memorial (MJS) in the Czech Republic.

Meghalaya wins Subroto Cup U-17 Category

- ✎ Meghalaya's Hopewell Elias Higher Secondary School won the U-17 junior boys Subroto Cup football tournament.
- ✎ They defeated Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) of Bangladesh in the final match.
- ✎ The winning team will take home a sum of Rs 4,00,000 and the runners-up will be walking away with prize money of Rs 2,50,000.

Messi won FIFA player of the year awards

- ✎ Lionel Messi won his 6th FIFA player of the year award, while Megan Rapinoe won her first at Milan's iconic Teatro all Scala on 24 September 2019.
- ✎ Rapinoe was rewarded at the FIFA Best awards for leading the US to the women's World Cup title in July 2019.
- ✎ She scored six goals in the tournament, earning her the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer and the Golden Ball as the top player.

Indian tennis player Divij Sharan clinched the men's doubles title in the St. Petersburg Open with partner Igor Zelenay on 22 September 2019, defeating Matteo Berrettini and Simone Bolelli.

- ✎ Daniil Medvedev won a sixth career title as he defeated Borna Coric in the final of the St Petersburg Open, Russia. World no. 4 Medvedev won his third title of the year and sixth of his career.

Carolina Marin defeated Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying 1 in the women's badminton singles final match to lift the China Open title. She returned to the court after 8 months.

- ✎ Ferrari Sebastian Vettel has won the Singapore Grand Prix. The event was held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit, Singapore. Charles Leclerc and Max Verstappen finished the race at 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

Manipur clinched 25th Senior Women's NFC

- ✘ Manipur clinched the title of the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship.
- ✘ It is their 20th title.
- ✘ In the final on 24 September 2019, Manipur defeated Railways 1-0 in a thrilling contest.
- ✘ Bala Devi is the highest scorer in the tournament with 20 goals.
- ✘ Railways' Sanju was declared the Player of the tournament.
- ✘ Arunachal Pradesh hosted the tournament for the 1st time.

India won 1 gold, 2 silver in Swimming C'ships

- ✘ In Swimming, India won a gold and two silver medals at the Asian Age Group Championships in Bengaluru on 24 September 2019.
- ✘ Men's relay team opened India's account with a gold.
- ✘ In the women's 4x100m freestyle relay for open category, the Indian team won the silver medal with a total time of 4 mins and 00.76 sec.
- ✘ India's 2nd silver medal came in the 4x100m freestyle relay for group II boys.

Pankaj Advani-Aditya Mehta won Snooker title

- ✘ The Indian duo of Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta won the IBSF World Snooker Team title at Mandalay, Myanmar on 25 September 2019.
- ✘ The Indian pair beat Thailand's team comprising C.Pongsakorn and D.Poramin by 5-2 in the final.
- ✘ This takes Advani's world title tally to a phenomenal 23 while Aditya claimed his maiden title.
- ✘ He had also won the world billiards event at Mandalay recently.

PT Usha honoured with IAAF Veteran Pin

- ✘ International Association of Athletic Federations, (IAAF) honoured the Indian track and field legend PT Usha with a Veteran Pin in recognition of her contribution to the growth of the sport.
- ✘ IAAF chief Sebastian Coe presented her the Veteran Pin during the 52nd IAAF Congress at Doha.
- ✘ At the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games, she won silver medals in 100m and 200m events.

Rohit Sharma moved up to 8th in T20 rankings

- ✘ Rohit Sharma moved up a place to world number eight in the latest ICC T20 Rankings for batsmen, released in Dubai on 25 September 2019.
- ✘ Rohit is tied at the eighth spot with England's Alex Hales.
- ✘ India skipper Virat Kohli gained one spot and reached 11th in the list.
- ✘ In the T20 team rankings, India is placed fourth, South Africa 3rd and England 2nd. Pakistan tops the list.

Deepak Punia claims world no. 1 spot in 86 kg

- ✘ In the latest rankings issued by the international wrestling federation, World Championship silver medallist wrestler Deepak Punia has jumped to world number 1 position in 86kg category.
- ✘ But, Bajrang Punia lost the top rank in the 65kg category.
- ✘ In 57kg, world bronze medallist Ravi Dahiya has entered the top-five bracket.
- ✘ Vinesh Phogat jumped to number 2 in 53kg category.

Books

Book on the history of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- ✎ The book, India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan, has been penned by veteran civil servant Raghvendra Singh and was released recently.
- ✎ He was the Director-General of the National Archives of India.
- ✎ This book is based on the history of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, earlier known as the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP).

Book on spin quartet launched

- ✎ 'Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India To Glory', book on India's spin quartet has been launched.
- ✎ The book is on India's 4 spin legends: Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekhar and S. Venkataraghavan.
- ✎ It has been written by Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj.
- ✎ The book has been published by Global Cricket School.

Megan Schutt entered record books

- ✎ Australian fast bowler Megan Schutt scripted history by becoming the first woman to claim two hattricks in white-ball cricket.
- ✎ The right-arm medium-pacer claimed an ODI hat-trick to become the first Australian woman to achieve the feat.
- ✎ She became the first Australian women to claim a hatrick in ODIs.
- ✎ Schutt had claimed her first hatrick in a T20 game against India.

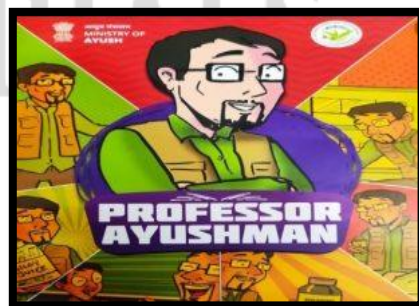
Books and Authors

- ✎ Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu released the Coffee Table Book titled 'Glorious Diaspora- Pride of India' containing brief profiles of the recipients of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards from 2003 to 2019 in New Delhi on 5 September 2019.
- ✎ A new book, 'Phoolpur: Indian Flowers, Their Myths, Traditions and Usage', written by Jhelum Biswas Bose will be released on 8 September 2019.



'Professor Ayushman' comic book released

- ✎ A new comic book series 'Professor Ayushman' conceived by the National Medicinal Plants Board(NMPB) was unveiled by the Ayush ministry in New Delhi.
- ✎ This book will raise awareness in children about the importance of medicinal plants and their usage.
- ✎ The comic book, conceived by the NMPB talks about plants like Aloe Vera, Tulsi, Amla, Giloy, Neem, Ashvagandha and Brahmi.



Pranab Mukherjee launched a book

- ✎ Former president Pranab Mukherjee released a book written by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy that tracks the country's economic development over the years and offers solutions for future growth.
- ✎ The book is titled 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy'.
- ✎ Swamy is an outspoken figure who has often criticised the economic policies of the Modi government.

Obituaries

Pakistan's master leg-spinner Abdul Qadir died in Lahore in September 2019. He played in 67 Tests and 104 ODIs had a total 368 wickets in his international career.

- ✎ Congress leader and former MP Sukhdev Singh Libra passed away in September 2019. He was the member of the 14th and 15th Lok Sabhas. He was also a Punjab MLA in 1985. He was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1998-2004.

Actor and director Rajasekar, who has worked on several Tamil films as well as in television shows, passed away. He had directed films such as Palaivanacholai.

- ✎ Senior journalist and resident editor of the Business Standard (Odisha edition), Dillip Satpathy, passed away in September 2019. He had worked for several media outlets and was a panelist for OTV live news and debates very often.

Indonesia's third president, Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, also known as BJ Habibie, passed away in September 2019. He was known as a scientist and father of technology.

- ✎ Tonga's Prime Minister 'Akilisi Pohiva' died in the Auckland in September 2019. The Acting Prime Minister is honorable Semisi Sika currently.

Bollywood editor Sanjib Datta who worked on films like Dor, Mardani, Iqbal, Ek Hasini Thi passed away in September 2019.

- ✎ He was a long-time collaborator of filmmaker Nagesh Kukunoor, working as an editor in almost all his films.
- ✎ Congress veteran Bhikajirao Jijaba Khatal Patil passed away in September 2019. He was an active participant in India's independence struggle.

Ram Jethmalani passed away

- ✎ Senior Advocate and former Union law minister Ram Jethmalani passed away in September 2019.
- ✎ Jethmalani's career has been marked by high-profile cases.
- ✎ Jethmalani's spectacular journey began in the 1950s when he became involved in the famous Nanavati murder case of 1962 —a love-triangle where a naval officer was tried for the murder of his wife's alleged lover.



Veeru Krishnan passed away

- ✎ Bollywood Actor and dance trainer Veeru Krishnan died in September 2019.
- ✎ He was best known for his roles in Akele Hum Akele Tum, Raja Hindustani and Ishq.
- ✎ Besides acting, Veeru Krishnan was a Kathak guru.
- ✎ Many Bollywood and TV actors, including Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Karanvir Bohra among others, had received training in Kathak from Veeru.

Akilisi Pohiva passed away

- ✎ Climate change campaigner of the South Pacific and Prime Minister of Tongan Akilisi Pohiva passed away.
- ✎ He was long-time pro-democracy campaigner and leader in the fight against climate change.
- ✎ He was awarded the Defender of Democracy Award in 2013 by the Parliamentarians for Global Action, the first Pacific Islander to receive the prize.

Former bureaucrat B.N. Yugandhar passes away

- ✎ Former bureaucrat and Secretary to the PMO, B.N. Yugandhar passed away.
- ✎ He served as Secretary to the PMO between May 1995 and March 1997 during former PM P.V. Narasimha Rao's term.
- ✎ He also served in the Ministry of Rural Development from March 1993 to May 1995.
- ✎ B.N. Yugandhar was the father of Microsoft's present Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella.

Miscellaneous

App launched to help Paralympians

- ✎ A mobile app was launched to help para-athletes to look up accessible places in Tokyo during their visit to the city for the 2020 Paralympics Games.
- ✎ The application — IndTokyo — which was launched by Arhan Bagati, Awareness and Impact Ambassador of Paralympic Committee of India, at the 'Countdown to Tokyo 2020'.
- ✎ The 2020 Tokyo Paralympics was inaugurated 25 August 2019.

Himachal top India's child well-being index

- ✎ Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry topped the charts in the child well-being index, a tool designed to measure and tracks children's well-being comprehensively.
- ✎ Meghalaya, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh featured at the bottom.
- ✎ The index was released by the non-government organisation World Vision India and research institute IFMR LEAD.

Samsung India ties up with Mastercard

- ✎ Mastercard, RBL Bank and Samsung India have announced the launch of Samsung Pay for RBL Bank's credit cardholders.
- ✎ The partnership will allow RBL Bank Mastercard credit cardholders to make contactless mobile payments using their Samsung Pay-enabled phones.
- ✎ These payments can be made via any PoS (Point of Sale) machine where a card can be dipped, swiped or tapped, both in India and abroad.

Country's longest electrified rail tunnel

- ✎ In Andhra Pradesh, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu dedicated the country's longest electrified rail tunnel between Cherlopalli and Rapuru and the electrified railway line between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli on 1 September 2019.
- ✎ The length of the rail tunnel is 6.6 kilometre.
- ✎ He also flagged-off a new inter-city super fast express train between Guduru and Vijayawada.

First Mega Food Park in Telangana

- ✎ Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the first Mega Food Park in Telangana.
- ✎ It is situated at Village Lakkampally, Nandipet Mandal of Nizamabad District, Telangana.
- ✎ Mega Food Park is a scheme to establish a direct linkage from farm to processing and then to consumer markets through a network of collection centres and primary processing centres.

Ashok Leyland meets BS-VI emission norms

- ✎ Ashok Leyland Ltd has become the first Indian original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to meet the BS-VI emission norms.
- ✎ It met the BS-VI emission norms across the full range of heavy-duty trucks – Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) 16.2 tonnes and above.
- ✎ The company received the certificates, confirming compliance to BS-VI emission standard, from Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI).

Aadhaar-enabled payment services rolled out

- ✎ The government announced the rollout of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System Services by India Post Payments Bank.
- ✎ With this launch, IPPB has become the single largest platform in the country for providing interoperable banking services to customers of any bank by leveraging the last mile unprecedented reach of the Postal network.
- ✎ 1st anniversary celebrations of IPPB were held on 9 September 2019.

PM Modi launched Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2019

- ✎ PM Narendra Modi launched Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2019, a massive countrywide awareness and mobilization campaign on Swachhata at Mathura on 11 September 2019.
- ✎ SHS 2019, with special focus on ‘plastic waste awareness and management’ is being organized from 11 September to October 2, 2019.
- ✎ It was launched by the Departments of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Drinking Water and Sanitation.

India has announced a humanitarian assistance of one million dollar to help people in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian.

- ✎ The 68th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) began in Guwahati on 8 September 2019. During the 2-day session, there will be presentations from various ministries and state governments on various developmental issues critical to the North East.

Lasith Malinga makes new records – II

- ✎ Malinga is also the only bowler to have taken two hat-tricks in T20I cricket. He had picked up a hat-trick in 2016/17 against Bangladesh before this.
- ✎ This was Malinga’s fifth hat-trick in international cricket, the most by any bowler.
- ✎ Malinga also reached his 100th T20I scalp in the course of his record-scripting spell, a mark no other bowler has reached as of now.

President Ram Nath Kovind addressed the Indian community and friends of India in Berne at Switzerland on 12 September 2019. He is visiting Switzerland as part of his 3-nation tour.

- ✎ India has begun exporting bulletproof jackets as per its own standards to over 100 countries including European nations. India is the fourth country after the US, UK and Germany to have its own national standards.

14th COP adopts Delhi Declaration

- ✎ The 14th Conference of Parties (COP-14) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) adopted the Delhi Declaration.
- ✎ In Delhi Declaration, the parties expressed support for new initiatives aiming to improve human health and well-being, the health of ecosystems and to advance peace and security.

Indexes and Reports

- ✎ Chandigarh University has been awarded the prestigious A+ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It has placed it amongst India's most elite and prestigious Higher Educational Institutions.
- ✎ The Scindia School, Gwalior, has achieved the no.1 rank in the category of Boys Boarding Schools, according to the Education World India School Rankings (EWISR) 2019 survey.

Spain won FIBA World Cup

- ✎ Spain won its first FIBA World Cup since 2006.
- ✎ It was also its 25th victory in 28 meetings with Argentina.
- ✎ The 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup was the 18th tournament of the FIBA Basketball World Cup for men's national basketball teams.
- ✎ The tournament was hosted in China and was rescheduled from 2018 to 2019.

IN-RSN-RTN Trilateral Exercise commenced

- ✎ A maiden trilateral exercise, involving Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) commenced at Port Blair on 16 September 2019.
- ✎ The five-day-long exercise is aimed at bolstering the maritime inter-relationships amongst Singapore, Thailand and India.
- ✎ This would also strengthen the mutual confidence amongst three navies in terms of interoperability.

Indian army conducted exercise 'Chang Thang'

- ✎ The Indian Army conducted a massive rare exercise 'Chang Thang' in Eastern Ladakh bordering China.
- ✎ The exercise involved the use of infantry, mechanised forces, T-72 tanks, with force multipliers such as artillery guns and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.
- ✎ The Indian Air Force was also roped in the exercise.
- ✎ This is the first time such kind of exercise has happened in the region.

Int. Day for Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

- ✎ The UN observes 26 Sept every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- ✎ The day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority.
- ✎ It provides an opportunity to educate the public – and their leaders – about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons.

New Targeted Batch

Branch- Bilaspur

CGPSC
Prelims -2019

Date-
10 October 2019

Timing:
Evening- 06:00 PM to 08:30 PM

Chhattisgarh Dictionary

ईमान से (क्रि. वि.) **Honestly, Swear** (ऑनिस्टिस्लि, स्वेअर) ईमानदारी से (सौगंध खाने के अर्थ में)
ईमान से कहत हँव, मे ह कुछ नइ चोराय हँव। **Honestly speaking, I have not stolen anything.**

उकालना/उकेलना (क्रि.) **To peel off, to scrub** (टु पील् ऑफ़, टु स्क्रब) छीलना, ऊपरी परत निकालना
भिथिया ला उकाल के छाब दे। **Scrub the wall and plaster it with mud.**

उखरू बइठना (क्रि.) **To Squat** (टु स्क्वॉट) ऊँकड़ू बैठना
लइका मन उखरू बइठ के आगी तापत हैं। **Children are squatting in front of the fire and warming themselves.**

उघरा (वि.) **Bare** (बेअर) बिना वस्त्र के
जुड़काला म लइका ला उघरा नइ रखना चाही। **In winter, the child should not be kept bare bodied.**

उचटना (क्रि.) **To be weary, to be fed up, to feel dejected** (टु बी 'विअरि, टु बी फेड अप, टु फील डि'जेक्टिड) मन खिन्न होना
काम-बूता ले मोर मन उचट गे। **I am fed up with work.**

उछरना (क्रि.) **To vomit** (टु 'वॉमिट) उल्टी करना
खाए ऊपर खाए ले दूरा ह उछरत हे। **The boy is vomitting due to over eating.**

उड़न छू होना (क्रि.) **to disappear, to vanish** (टु डिसपिअर, टु वैनिश) गायब होना
चोर हा पईसा ला धरके उड़नछू होगे। **The theft disappeared with money.**

उत्ता-धूरा (क्रि. वि.) **Hastily, quickly** (हेस्टिलि, क्विकलि) जल्दी-जल्दी
उत्ता-धूरा लिखे ले अक्षर हा खराब बनथे। **Writing hastily spoils one's handwriting.**

उत्ती (सं.) **East** (ईस्ट) पूर्व दिशा
सुरुज उत्ती डाहर ले उगथे। **The sun rises in the East.**

उपरहा/उपराहा (सं.) **Extra** (एक्स्ट्रा) अतिरिक्त
दूसर गाँव जाथस त पचास रुपिया उपरहा धर ले। **Keep extra Fifty rupees as you are going to another village.**

उरकना (क्रि.) **To end, to finish** (टु एन्ड, टु 'फिनिश) समाप्त होना
बोरा के चांउर ह उरक गे हे। **The rice in the sack has finished.**

उरमाल (सं.) **handkerchief** (हैंड. कर्चिफ) रुमाल
हर लइका ला नाक-मुँह पोंछे बर उरमाल धरना चाही। **Every child should keep a handkerchief to wipe his face.**

उरिद (सं.) **Horsebean, black gram** (हॉर्सबीन्, ब्लैक् ग्रैम) उड़द
उरिद दार के बरा बने लागथे। **"Bada". made from black gram tastes good.**

उल्टी-टट्टी (सं.) **Cholera** (कोलेरा) उल्टी दस्त, आंत्रशोथ
आजकल उल्टी-टट्टी लाइलाज बिमारी नो हे। **Now-a-days cholera is not an incurable disease.**

उलन्डना (क्रि.) **To fall down** (टु फॉल् डाउन्) गिर जाना
सियनहा ह खुरसी ले उलन्ड गे। **The old man fell down from the chair.**

उलदना (क्रि.) **to empty something, to pour** (टु एम्प्टि समथिंग, टु पोर) उड़ेलना
दूध ला दुहना म उलद दे। **Pour milk into the milk pot.**

Mor Chhattisgarh Ke bani

Public Distribution System :-

This time 5 different colored ration cards will be made for public distribution system. The eligibility of the beneficiaries will be identified only on the basis of the colors of the ration card. The state government has printed 5 different colored ration cards for this and made it available to the Food Department.

Families	Colours
1. Priority Family	Red Color
2. Antyodaya Family	Yellow Color
3. Annapurna Family	Blue Color
4. Disabled Person	Black Color
5. Destitute Person	Gray Color

Mandarji :-

- Chhattisgarh's first biopic film based on the biography of "**Dau Mandarji**" received a good response in the film industry and the audience, but the audience's love in cinema was not much, which disappointed the production team.
- At Chhattisgarhi Film Smart Cinema Award at Sathya Sai Hospital, Naya Raipur Chairman of the State Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat and Head of Cultural Cell Dilip Shdangi announced "**Mandarji**" film to be tax-free.



Malnutrition rate in Chhattisgarh :-

- In the year 2006 the malnutrition rate here was 47 percent. According to the 2018 report, now the rate of malnutrition here is 37.7 percent. This is higher than the national level figures.
- However, compared to 38 percent of 2017, it is just 0.3 percent less.
- This is the reason that Chhattisgarh remains at the seventh place in the list of most malnourished states of the country.
- Jharkhand ranks first in this list having the rate of malnutrition to 47 percent. Bihar 43, Madhya Pradesh 42, Uttar Pradesh 39.5 and this rate 39.3 in Gujarat.

Note: - This report is for the year 2018 but it was released in the year 2018.

The world's highest railway bridge :-

- The world's highest railway bridge is being built on the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir. Its height will be about 35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower.
- 24,000 tonnes of steel will be used in the construction of this massive crescent shaped structure being built at a cost of around Rs 1100 crore in the inaccessible area and it will be 359 meters high from the river bed.
- This bridge will break the record of China's Shuibai Railway Bridge (275 m) on the Beipan River after construction is completed.

Note:

- The first batch of the Steel used for Structure (Bridge No. 43) being constructed by Konkan Railway Corporation at Katra in Jammu and Kashmir was flagged off by the Chief Minister on 31/08/19 at Atmasco Company Complex in Village Birebhat of Dhamdha Development Block, Durg District
- Steel is being supplied from Bhilai Steel Plant

Pollution :-

- ✖ According to Greenpeace report, Korba has been ranked 17th and Raigarh at number 48 in the cities of the world with the highest pollution.
- ✖ The pollution emanating from these cities is affecting the entire Chhattisgarh. Greenpeace's analysis of NO2 satellite data claimed that transport and industrial clusters are creating the worst nitrogen oxide (NOx) hot spot conditions in the country,
- ✖ Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Sonbhadra in Uttar Pradesh, Korba in Chhattisgarh, Talcher in Odisha, Chandrapur in Maharashtra, Mundra in Gujarat and Durgapur in West Bengal are the cities included in this list.

Swachh Bharat Mission :-

- ✖ Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural), Kanker district has been awarded from Chhattisgarh state for outstanding work and significant contribution in the field of cleanliness. Swachh Bharat Award was presented in various categories
- ✖ Under the chairmanship of President Ram Nath Kovind by Union Minister of Water Power and Sanitation, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State Ratan Lal Kataria.
- ✖ Kanker district was honored in the field of cleanliness in a program organized on 'Cleanliness Festival 2019' on Friday, September 6 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

International Buyer-seller Conference :-

- ✖ A three-day International Buyer-seller Conference was organized in Raipur, capital of Chhattisgarh.
- ✖ On this occasion, CM Bhupesh Baghel on Friday launched the 'Chhattisgarh Product' logo for international and national branding of agricultural products, handlooms and handicraft products of Chhattisgarh.
- ✖ During the program, an MoU was signed with eight companies in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey to provide markets for Chhattisgarh agriculture and handloom products internationally and nationally
- ✖ Out of these four MOUs were with Chhattisgarh State Agricultural Marketing (Mandi) Board and four MoUs with Chhattisgarh HandLoom Development & Marketing Association. MoUs were signed with various companies from Bangladesh, Greece and Europe - India Agriculture Forum for agricultural products.
- ✖ MoUs were signed with the Chhattisgarh State Agricultural Marketing (Mandi) Board for the marketing of agricultural products by Bangladesh Fresh Fruits Importers Association, Bangladesh Agro Processors Association, Greek Food Corridor Greece and Europe - India Agriculture Forum.

Foundation and Bhasha Pitara Program :-

- ✖ CM Bhupesh Baghel launched the "**Foundation and Bhasha Pitara**" program in 200 schools from Bhilai to Patan and Durg blocks on 19-09-2019.
- ✖ The concept of the state government's scheme Foundation and Bhasha Pitara Program

Foundation -

- Efforts will be made to improve Children's primary language. Children have a language at home. Which is not used openly in school. Now children will use these languages in school.
- Which will be made an academic language. This initiative has been taken to bring out the hidden talent inside the children.
- This program will improve Hindi language development of children.
- Such ability will be developed in the children of class 2 that they will be able to read their level lessons fluently and will be able to construct meaning based on their experience.
- Also be able to write their experience, thoughts, imagination, and expressions in sentences.

Bhasha Pitara -

- This package is for coordinators. The course is designed for package coordinators for 9 months, 3 months and 1 month.
- Many tips will be given to children to correct the language.
- For this, training has been given to cluster coordinators of the district. Quality education will be better by this.

Koras Commandos :-

- ✎ One battalion of Koras Commandos (Commandos for Railway Safety) has been deployed to carry out railway projects in Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.
- ✎ These Commandos, equipped with 8 bullet proof jackets, helmets and other sophisticated weapons, are being trained by the deployed CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force).
- ✎ In Chhattisgarh, they will be deployed at other workplaces of Railways besides laying rail lines on the border of Bastar and adjoining Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha. Where the work is either stalled due to Naxalites or there is difficulty in completing it.
- ✎ Their main responsibility will be to ensure quick effective action by coordinating and coordinating with the State Police and other central security forces to face the adverse circumstances and obstacles in the railways so that the rail passengers can travel safely and without disturbing the rail operations.

Gram Swaraj Abhiyan :-

- ✎ Chhattisgarh has achieved a major achievement at National level. A total of 9 districts, districts and gram panchayats of Chhattisgarh have been selected for the National Award under the National Gram Swaraj Abhiyan Scheme by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- ✎ 8 Panchayats have been selected for Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Empowerment Award 2019 and one for Nanaji Deshmukh National Gaurav Gram Sabha Award 2019.

National Women's Commission :

- ✎ Harshita Pandey, former chairperson of the State Women's Commission, has been appointed as special advisor to the National Commission for Women.
- ✎ After the formation of Chhattisgarh, she is the first woman in the state who has been given this responsibility. National Women's Commission Chairperson Rekha Sharma has constituted an advisory committee on selected women of the country, giving representation to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan as well as Chhattisgarh.

National Service Scheme :-

- ✎ Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University (CSVТУ) student Simardeep Singh Syal will be honored by The President of India.
- ✎ This is the first time in the history of CSVТУ that a student will be awarded the best award for the National Service Scheme (NSS) NSS. The award will be given to him on 24 September.

Bal Mitra Panchayat Award :-

- ✎ Kutru village of Bijapur, Chhattisgarh has been selected for the Bal Mitra Panchayat Award at the national level. It has been announced by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- ✎ The village falls in the Bhairamgarh block, one of the most Naxal-affected areas of Bijapur.
- ✎ The Kutru Panchayat located in the remote forest area of the state has done excellent work for the education, health and hygiene of children.
- ✎ Vaccination by the Panchayat Committees, admission of children in school. Mid-day meal, attendance of teachers, nutrition improvement, making Kutru an open defecation village and sanitary napkins for sanitation of adolescent girls have done remarkable work.
- ✎ The Kutru Panchayat has been selected for the Bal Mitra Gram Panchayat Award for meeting the standards of the Central Government in these works.

Current Affairs MCQ

- Who was conferred the Dr. Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in September 2019?
(a) **Sheikh Hasina** (b) Narendra Modi
(c) Sajeeb Wazed (d) Amit Shah
- Which film has become the only Indian film to feature in The Guardian list of 100 Best Films of the of the 21st Century?
(a) 3 Idiots (b) Mukkabaaz
(c) **Gangs of Wasseyapur** (d) Chak De! India
- What is the theme of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2019?
(a) Ozone: All there is between you and UV
(b) Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol
(c) Caring for all life under the sun
(d) **32 Years and Healing**
- Where did Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju flag off Great Ganga Run-2019 in September 2019?
(a) **New Delhi** (b) Lucknow
(c) Haridwar (d) Patna
- Where did PM Narendra Modi launch Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2019?
(a) **Mathura** (b) Agra
(c) Chennai (d) Indore
- Centre has set up amember panel to oversee the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories.
(a) **3** (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6
- Recently, India has made a remarkable improvement in national sex ratio from 918 to in the last 5 years.
(a) 920 (b) 925 (c) 930 (d) **931**
- PM Narendra Modi will be conferred with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for the PM's ambitious pet project,
(a) Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission
(b) **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**
(c) Solar Charkha Mission
(d) Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme
- Who became the first Indian woman to get a medal in World Skills event in 2019?
(a) Ambika Kapoor (b) Khyati Bhatnagar
(c) **Shweta Ratanpura** (d) Anukriti Mishra
- Where did PM Narendra Modi inaugurate the Garvi Gujarat Bhavan in September 2019?
(a) Ahmedabad (b) Mumbai
(c) **New Delhi** (d) Pune
- Which movie is set to become the first Bollywood film to go plastic-free?
(a) Chhichhore (b) Satellite Shankar
(c) **Coolie No.1** (d) Dream Girl
- Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched one of world's largest Integrated Online Junction for School Education in August 2019.
(a) Vidya (b) Parishram
(c) **Shagun** (d) Medhavi
- Who has become the first Indian national to complete the 'La Ultra The High' marathon?
(a) Budhia (b) Fauja Singh
(c) Arun Bhardwaj (d) **Ashish Kasodekar**
- Where did PM Narendra Modi address the UN Climate Action Summit and initiate Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure in 2019?
(a) Paris (b) London
(c) **New York** (d) Dubai
- In September 2019, Ladakhidance has created history by breaking into the Guinness book of world records as the largest Ladakhi dance.
(a) Phag (b) **Shondol**
(c) Kunita (d) Lavani
- Where did PM Narendra Modi and Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga jointly unveil the Lord Buddha's statue in September 2019?
(a) Erdene Zuu Monastery (b) **Gandan Monastery**
(c) Rumtek Monastery (d) Key Monastery

17. What is the rank of the Indian football team in the FIFA rankings released in September 2019?
(a) 102 (b) **104** (c) 106 (d) 108
18. Recently, a documentary film named based on life of a Uttarakhand farmer has been nominated for Oscars.
(a) Free Solo (b) **Moti Bagh**
(c) Love in India (d) Guru
19. Recently, Indian Air Force has Successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile Astra off the coast of Odisha. The missile was launched from a
(a) Dassault Mirage 2000
(b) **Sukhoi Su-30 MKI**
(c) HAL Tejas
(d) Mikoyan MiG-27
20. What is the rank of India in the IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019 produced by the IMD World Competitiveness Center?
(a) 23 (b) 28 (c) 36 (d) **44**
21. Which state plans to set up a museum of 19th century social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar?
(a) **West Bengal** (b) Bihar
(c) Jharkhand (d) Uttarakhand
22. In which country has a short handwritten letter by Mahatma Gandhi 80-years-ago been unveiled for the first time in September 2019?
(a) Saudi Arabia (b) **Israel**
(c) Syria (d) South Africa
23. In the rankings issued by the international wrestling federation in September 2019, what is the rank of Deepak Punia in 86 kg category?
(a) **1** (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
24. Where did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commission submarine INS Khanderi in September 2019?
(a) **Mumbai** (b) Kochi
(c) Chennai (d) Bhavnagar
25. Which of the following has launched a miniature satellite 'RamanSat 2', designed by Aabhaas Sikka in September 2019?
(a) NASA (b) SpaceX
(c) ISRO (d) Roscosmos
26. Recently, the government of India reconstituted the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister for a period of another two years which will be chaired by
(a) Ashima Goyal (b) **Bibek Debroy**
(c) Ratan Watal (d) Gopika Chauhan
27. Where did Prakash Javadekar inaugurate an exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy in 2019?
(a) India (b) England
(c) South Africa (d) **Russia**
28. A documentary on Srinagar-based football club has been nominated in the British Academy Film and Television Arts Awards 2019.
(a) **Real Kashmir FC** (b) Lonestar Kashmir FC
(c) Minerva FC (d) Indian Arrows
29. The report titled 'Doing Business 2020' is published by
(a) International Monetary Fund
(b) **World Bank**
(c) World Economic Forum
(d) Transparency International

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