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- Corporate affairs ministry plans to introduce artificial intelligence system in the MCA 21 portal as it seeks to make compliance process easier as well as ensure routine enforcement activities are done round-the-clock on autopilot basis.
- Govt Prohibits Imports Of Non-Bis Compliant Second-Hand Electronics, It Goods
- The Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with WAPCOS Limited to jointly identify suitable future projects and carry out geotechnical investigation and engineering consultancy in fields like Water Resources, Power and Infrastructure Port and Harbour dredging.
- Foreign direct investment in services sector grew 36.5 per cent to 9.15 billion US dollars in 2018-19 fiscal. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the sector attracted FDI worth 6.7 billion dollars in 2017-18 fiscal.
- The government has set a GST collection target of Rs 6.10 lakh crore from CGST and Rs 1.01 lakh crore as compensation cess for the financial year 2019-20
- German payments company Wirecard said it would work with India to simplify the process of issuing tax identity cards required to open bank accounts, transfer money or complete business transactions.
- Govt To Merge Cso With Nsso To Create New Stats Body -NSSO was earlier an attached office of MoSPI, which gave it a legally distinct identity from ministry and NSC used to oversee all aspects of statistical work. With merger of CSO and NSSO, autonomy of NSSO will be gone and NSC's control over NSSO will not be there.
- The Income Tax department has issued ₹64,700 crore worth refunds in the current fiscal, and for full 2018-19 fiscal the amount released was over ₹1.61 lakh crore,
- HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC, has announced the launch of its new initiative termed 'HeART' that seek to promote technologies to make affordable housing more affordable
- Hdfc Ties Up With Imgc For Mortgage Guarantee-Backed Home Loan

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- Hdfc Group Overtook Tata Group To Emerge As India's Most Valuable By Way Of Market Capitalization, With Combined Market value of five listed companies of HDFC group (HDFC, HDFC Bank, HDFC Life, HDFC Asset Management and Gruh Finance) at 11.66 lakh crores.
- The Home Ministry Has Cancelled The Registration Of Bengaluru-Based Ngo Infosys Foundation For Alleged Violation Of Norms In Receiving Foreign Grants
- IBM India announced that it has tied-up with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, to co-create new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solutions.
- Cbdt And Gstn Sign Pact To Nab Evaders, Reduce Black Money Generation
- India Ratings has downgraded the bank's long-term rating to 'IND AA-' with negative outlook, while reaffirming short-term rating
- UN World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update Predicted Indian GDP Growth rate to be 7.0 % in 2019 and 7.1 % in 2020, down from earlier prediction of 7.6 % in FY 2019 and 7.4 in FY 20.
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) predicted India's GDP to grow at 7.25% in FY19 and 7.5% in FY20.
- As per India Ratings and Research Pvt. Ltd, India's GDP will expand by 6.9 % in 2018-19, marginally lower than Central Statistics Office's advance estimate of 7 %.
- FICCI Survey Predicted GDP Growth forecast at 7.10 % for Financial Year 2020 and 7.20 percent for FY 2021. For FY, growth is estimated to be between 6.80 - 7.3 %.
- Indian Overseas Bank Launched 'Bank On Wheels' Facility In 14 Districts In Tamil Nadu And Kerala.
- LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL) has launched 'Udyam', a skilling center in **Bengaluru**. It was launched in association with **Lok Bharti Education Society**, the implementing partner
- Motilal Oswal Amc Launches Whatsapp Transaction Platform .It is the first of its kind initiative by any fund house in India to do mutual fund transactions through whatsapp messenger
- India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd on Friday announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM. The company did not divulge the size of the deal but some reports pegged it at about USD 700 million.
- The Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB) has for the first time crossed the Rs 9,000-crore mark securing record net profit of Rs 125.44 crore -- the highest since its inception in 1976. The bank has also record an operating profit of Rs 227.92 crore during the 2018-19 financial year
- Tcs Becomes India's Most Valued Firm Again; Surpasses Ril In Market-Cap. TCS Market-Cap Stood At Rs 8.13 Trillion, More Than RIL' Of Rs 7.95-Trillion Valuation , As Per BSE Data. Over The Past Four Days, RIL Has Lost 11 Per Cent At The Bourses.
- Sbi Ties Up With Fmcg Arm Of The Art Of Living. Under this partnership, YONO users can avail a discount of 15 per cent on the entire range of products offered by Sri Sri Tattva such as food, personal care, healthcare, homecare, BYOGI apparels and Shankara skincare products
- Standard Life To Sell 1.78% Stake In Hdfc Life For ₹1,404 Crore

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- **Srei Equipment Finance**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance has tied up with Oriental Bank of Commerce to offer loans for purchase of equipment under a co-lending arrangement.
- Sidbi's Pilot Scheme For Fintech Nbfcs To Boost Digital Lending. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has put together a pilot scheme to extend financial assistance of up to ₹10 crore to new-age fintech non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) engaged in financing small businesses and other income-generating activities
- Securities And Exchange Board Of India (Sebi) Foreign Portfolio Investors Regulations 2014 Panel Headed By R Khan Suggested Significant Changes To Foreign Portfolio Investors (Fpi) Regulations.
- Sebi Bars Nse From Securities Market For 6 Months In Co-Location Case
- Sebi Allows Mutual Funds To Invest In Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives
- Rbi Will Create A 'Specialised Supervisory And Regulatory Cadre', To Strengthen Supervision And Regulation Of Commercial Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks And Non-Banking Financial Companies (Nbfcs).
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement to provide USD 750 million equivalent in Indian rupee long-term financing to electrify railway tracks in India.
- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) announced a Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity investments in agriculture and rural-focused startups.
- Niti Aayog Proposes Rs 7,500-Crore Plan For Artificial Intelligence Push
- Nsic Signs Mou 2019-20 With Ministry Of Msme. The NSIC MoU 2019-20 with Ministry of MSME, Government of India envisages provision of enhanced services by NSIC under its Marketing, Financial, Technology and Other support services schemes, for MSMEs in the country.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 crore on Nainital Bank for its failure to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process, despite specific directions issued in this regard.
- Rbi released a draft circular titled 'liquidity risk management framework for nbfcs and core investment companies (cics), to help NBFCs deal with severe liquidity problems and to prevent re-occurrence of IL&FS type of debt crisis.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a vision document to ensure a more convenient, affordable, quick, safer and secure e-payment system.
- The Reserve Bank of India, will allow large modern currency chests to increase the service charges on cash deposited by non-chest bank branches from the existing rate of ₹5 per packet of 100 pieces to a higher rate subject to a maximum of ₹8 per packet.
- The Reserve Bank of India's central board decided to create a specialised supervisory and regulatory cadre within the RBI to strengthen the supervision and regulation of commercial banks, urban cooperative banks and non-banking financial companies
- Sebi Allows Mutual Funds To Invest In Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives Mutual funds can now invest in exchange traded commodity derivatives, except those on sensitive commodities,

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- Sebi Has Barred National Stock Exchange (Nse) From Accessing Securities Market For 6 Months And Also Imposed A Fine Of 1000cr On NSE In Co Location Case
- The Reserve Bank of India has slapped monetary penalty on five pre-paid payment instrument issuers including Vodafone m-pesa and Phonepe, for violating regulatory guidelines.
- The Reserve Bank of India fixed the investment limit at Rs 54,606.55 crore for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) under the voluntary retention route (VRR), which allows to park funds in both government securities as well as corporate debt
- Rbi Extended Timings For Customer Transactions In Real Time Gross Settlement (Rtgs) System To 6:00 Pm From 4:30 Pm, To Be Effective From 01st June 2019.
- state-owned Corporation Bank has launched 'SMESuvidha' scheme to provide loans to the GST-registered MSMEs at affordable interest rates.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, today announced the launch of 'Mosquito Disease Protection Policy'.
- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to enhance the housing loan limits for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Small Finance Banks (SFBs) for eligibility under priority sector lending, in a bid to give them a level-playing field with other Scheduled Commercial Banks.
- High-Level Panel Pitches For 'Elephant Bonds' For Infra Projects, Investing Undisclosed Income. The high-level panel also recommended a host of other measures that include a road map for doubling India's exports of goods and services to over USD 1,000 billion by 2025.
- Bad loan recoveries in the last fiscal effected through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) route was at Rs 70,000 crore, posting a recovery rate of 43 per cent, and was twice the Rs 35,500 crore recovered through previous resolution mechanisms
- RBI recently released a draft framework for setting up a regulatory sandbox (RS) for fintech companies, SEBI and IRDAI have also launched similar initiatives.
- Direct Tax collections fell short by ₹82,000 crore crore at 11.18 crore during 2018-19 with lower corporate tax collections emerging as one of the reasons for the lower mop.
- The country's economic growth in the fourth quarter ended March 2019 is expected to moderate to 6.1-5.9 per cent, which could pull down growth rate for the entire fiscal 2018-19 to below 7 per cent, according to a report by SBI.
- Bajaj Finserv Friday said it has launched a specialised insurance cover for passengers travelling in local trains in country's financial capital Mumbai.
- Bank Credit Grew By 13.2% In Fy 2018-19, Compared To 10.3% In Previous Fiscal, Mainly Aided By Loans To Services And Retail Sector.
- BharatPe, a fintech start-up enabling payments for merchants through interoperable UPI QR codes, has announced its foray into merchant services with a new app.
- Airtel In Tie-Up With Hdfc Life; To Bundle Life Cover With ₹249-Prepaid Pack

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- Leading stock exchange BSE has launched 'BSE StAR MF' app to enable more participation and help mutual fund distributors process transactions faster.

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- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). The objective is to reduce the PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10 concentration by 20% to 30% in at least 102 cities by 2024.
- India and France will be holding their bilateral naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 Arabian Sea off the Goa coast from 1st May to 10th May, 2019.
- Lok Sabha Election Results 2019 -Results -
 - Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) became largest party and won majority by winning 303 Seats (271 seats required for majority). BJP led alliance NDA (National Democratic Alliance) won 352 Seats. Its biggest ever Victory for BJP.
 - After successive victories of Indian National Congress in 1980 and 1984, this is first time any party has won absolute majorities on its own in two successive Lok Sabha elections.
 - The victory is even bigger than 2014 Lok Sabha Elections, where BJP won 282 seats and BJP alliance NDA won 336 Seats.
 - Indian National Congress second largest party in Lok Sabha Elections 2019, with 52 seats, up from 44 seats it won in 2014 Lok Sabha Elections.
 - Revolutionary Leader Narendra Modi to be re-appointed as Prime Minister of India, for his 2nd consecutive term.
- e-Governance Services India Limited (Under Ministry of Electronics & IT) partnered with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)Kanpur to upscale 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan', a programme of HRD (Human Resource Development) Ministry.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released postage stamp to commemorate 750th birth anniversary of Noted Philosopher Sri Vedanta Desikan. He is one of most prominent preceptors in 'Sri Vaishnava' tradition post Ramanuja period.
- Tropical Cyclone Fani Hits Indian State of Odisha, with winds upto 250 KMPH.
 - It was strongest tropical cyclone to strike Odisha since Phailin in 2013.
 - Central Govt issued Funds Worth 1000 crores to Odisha. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has started helpline number 1938 for Cyclone Fani.
- Tripartite MoU signed between National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH for taking up a project of 'Plantation of Rudraksha Trees in Uttarakhand' under 'Namami Gange' Programme. It aims at planting 10,000 Rudraksha trees.
- India was re-elected as Observer to the Arctic Council, an intergovernmental forum. The decision was taken during the 11th Arctic Council ministerial meeting at Rovaniemi, Finland.

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- The SWIFT India and South Asia Conference was held successfully the St Regis Mumbai. The conference saw the participation of 500 delegates representing financial institutions, regulators, market infrastructure experts, multinational corporations, and other industry professionals, to discuss the most pertinent issues concerning the nation's financial market.
- 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be held in Agartala, Tripura in January-February 2020. This is for the second time the event will be held in a North-Eastern city.
- Union Environment Ministry has launched the song "Hawa Aane De" to spread awareness about Air pollution.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) signed an agreement on the selection of crew and training for Gaganyaan Programme. It was signed between Air Vice Marshal (AVM) RGK Kapoor, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (ACAS) Operations (Space), IAF and Shri R Hutton, Project Director of Gaganyaan Programme.
- Central government has constituted a tribunal under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The objective of this move is to adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient reason to continue the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).
- Indian Air Force (IAF)'s Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa flew the 'missing man' formation in a MiG-21 aircraft to pay tributes to Squadron Leader Ajay Ahuja and heroes of the Kargil war.
- Anij Baijal, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has inaugurated Sahara Hostel for 'Naval Widows' or 'Veer Naris' at Vasant Kunj in New Delhi.
- International Day for Biological Diversity, a first of its kind, tree ambulance was inaugurated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu by Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu. The initiative was proposed by Green man of India, Dr K Abdul Ghani and it is sponsored by the SASA Group.
- 25 state governments faced Rs. 1 crore each penalty for missing deadline for not submitting their action plans on plastic disposal to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had set a deadline as April 30, 2019.
- Central government has decided to merge two institutions the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to create new statistical body National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- Home Ministry in a notification declared Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, also known as Jammat-ul-Mujahideen India or Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Hindustan as a banned terrorist organisation.
- The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Shaurya' and the 3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion of the Assam Rifles has signed an 'Affiliation Charter' at Laitkor in Shillong.
- The Border Personnel Meet (BPM) between the armies of India and China was held in Eastern Ladakh sector of Jammu and Kashmir at the Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO) – TWT Meeting Point. The Indian delegation was led by Major General Arvind Kapoor from the Fire and Fury Corps and the Chinese delegation was led by Senior Colonel Gan Wei Han.

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- 5th Smart Cities India 2019 Expo including Transport India, Solar India, Buildings India and Water India expos was inaugurated by Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- A government-appointed high-level panel has suggested for issuance of 'Elephant Bonds' for infrastructure projects and people who are declaring undisclosed income will have to mandatorily invest half of that amount in these securities. The duration of 'Elephant Bond' will be 25-years.
- Department of Biotechnology (DBT), M/o Science and Technology and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) for supporting joint collaborative research programmes in the area of Cancer.
- Quick Heal Security Labs in its report titled "The Annual Threat Report 2019" has disclosed that Mumbai topped the list of 15-city which are more vulnerable to cyberattacks in 2019. The other two cities which followed Mumbai are: Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Pune
- Food Safety and Standards Authority in India (FSSAI) has allowed 'small organic producers' which are having an annual turnover of over Rs 12 lakh can sell their products directly to customers without certification till April 2020.
- The 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) has started at Andaman and Nicobar Command in Port Blair
- National Training Workshop of Master Trainers for 7th Economic Census was held in New Delhi which was organized by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation .
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) has rolled out its plan to introduce Artificial Intelligence(AI) system in MCA 21 portal. The Union ministry will introduce Version 3 in MCA portal.
- In order to raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade, a campaign "Not all animals migrate by choice" launched
- India and United Kingdom (UK) hold Foreign Office consultations in which both countries have agreed to strengthen their ties in the field of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience, development in third world countries and others. Foreign Secretary, Vijay Gokhale led the Indian delegation and Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary Foreign and Commonwealth Office of British government led the UK delegation.
- The WHO (World Health Organization) has published a research paper titled 'Forecasting the future need and gaps in requirements for public health professionals in India upto 2026' in the 'WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health', in which it states that India faces critical shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P. (Uttar Pradesh) & Rajasthan which have the worst hit ratio as compared to Delhi, Kerala, Punjab and Gujarat which are in a relatively better position.
- The Higher Education Department has strictly issued new norms for the University Grants Commission- funded scheme which are meant for the faculties of colleges and universities who pursue research.
- the Islamic State terror group has claimed to have established a new 'province' in India, termed as "Wilayah of Hind" (India Province) in Arabic. This has been announced through its Amaq News Agency.

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- India hosted a 2-day (May 13-14, 2019) ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in New Delhi in which ministers from 16 developing nations and 6 least developed nations had participated to discuss major problems and challenges facing the multi-lateral trading system.
- ISRO launched a maiden 2-week long (13th May 2019 to 26th May 2019) summer vacation residential programme termed 'India Young Scientist Programme' (Yuvika-2019) or 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' in line with the central government's vision of 'Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan'.
- the Central Government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for an additional 5 years with immediate effect. Under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967)
- All Indian armed forces comprising Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force hold joint exercise Bull Strike at Teressa Island in Andaman and Nicobar.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), HCL Foundation and Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) signed tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand under the 'Namami Gange' Programme.
- The Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) at Diamond Harbour, near Kolkata.
- centre has issued a "drought advisory" to six states named Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu due to water storage in dams dropped to a "critical level". Centre has asked these 6 six states to use water judiciously.
- India has found issues with the present method under which the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) ranks countries based on their Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI).
- Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister met Umer Daudzai, (during his visit to India) Afghanistan's High Peace Council Secretary who briefed her on the outcome of the recently held the historic 'Loya Jirga' or peace meeting in Kabul.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified that for better human resource management, it will conduct annual performance appraisal report (APARs) of over 46,000 Group B and C officers (IRS- Indian Revenue Service officers in Customs and Central Excise in 2016-17) online in SPARROW (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window).
- The 11th India Iran Joint Consular Committee Meeting (JCCM) held in New Delhi on May 14, 2019. Indian delegation was led by Amit Narang, Joint Secretary in Consular, Passport and Visa (CPV) division and the Iran delegation was led by Ali Asghar Mohammadi, Director General of Consular Affairs.
- India-Botswana Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi
- the Maharashtra Cabinet approved to circulate an ordinance to amend the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Reservation Act, 2018, and also approved to recompense the fees to the general category-students, who will be affected after the promulgation of the ordinance.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) in its report notified that the highest graphite reserves of India, that is, around 35% of India's total Graphite reserves are found in Arunachal Pradesh.

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- India had more deaths among children under five than any other country in 2015, with large disparities in the child mortality rate between richer and poorer states, a Lancet study has found.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has introduced a weightage system for appointments under compassionate grounds which will be based on nine criteria like family income, dependents, remaining service period of the deceased etc.
- India for the first time will host and participate in a major army competition involving eight countries, including China and Russia, in Jaisalmer .
- India elected to the Executive Board of the first UNHabitat Assembly, announced by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- India elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly being held in Nairobi.
- Two women IAF officers from Punjab were part of the country's first all-women crew to fly a medium lift helicopter Mi-17 V5. Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer) flew the chopper, which took off from a forward air base in South Western air command
- Record 78 women candidates elected to the Lok Sabha in the recently held general elections. According to the Election Commission, the number grown from the previous 62 women who were elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in 2014
- Architectural heritage of Orchha town (Madhya Pradesh) has been included in tentative list of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO's) World Heritage Sites List. Any heritage site is first included on tentative list. Afterwards, another proposal is sent to UNESCO for its final addition in heritage sites. Orcha Town is located in Niwari district of Madhya Pradesh's Bundelkhand region. It was built in 16th century during the reign of Bundela dynasty by its King Rudra Pratap Singh.
- Border Road Organisation (BRO) created India's first ever ice cafe in mountain village of Gaya in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir, at 14000 feet height above sea level, on Manali Leh Highway. Artificial glacier was built by running pipes under frost lines then pushing water through these pipes into freezing air, which causes it to fall as ice on ground, as a popular method to conserve winter wastewater on hills during winter.
- Central government asked to make it mandatory for all EVs to use the green number plates, irrespective of year of buying. It will help provide preferential treatment to vehicles with no carbon emissions, including parking, free entry in congested areas and concession high tolls.
- Chhattisgarh police for first time inducted women commandos in District Reserve Guard (DRG), its frontline anti-Naxal force, with 30 women troops.
- Delhi HC ruled that United Nations Organization is not 'State' in terms of Article 12 of Indian Constitution and thus it is not amenable to its jurisdiction under Article 226.
- Delhi High Court released report about problem of increasing backlog and pendency of cases, Prompted by urgent need to ensure timely justice. HC started a Pilot Project titled "Zero Pendency Courts" in certain subordinate courts in Delhi. It aims to study flow of cases in absence of backlog.

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- Geological Survey of India (GSI) North Eastern Region installed two geological display boards at two important geological sites in Meghalaya, namely Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat, Sobhar in East Khasi Hill District. It will help in creating awareness among visiting tourists, students and general public.
- IIT Guwahati signed MoU with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a Joint Space Technology Cell (STC), as first such in North-East region. It aims to cater to socio-economic needs of Northeast and contribute towards research activities of various ISRO projects across India.
- IT Body NASSCOM partnered with GE Healthcare, to bring digital healthcare solutions to market. This will also help to flourish health-tech start-up ecosystem in country.
- India's Rare Life-Sized Stucco Sculpture has been recently unearthed in Telangana, from a Buddhist site at Phanigiri in Suryapet, as biggest stucco sculpture found in India till date. It is about 1.73 metres in height and 35 cm in width. It represents a Bodhisattva in Jataka Chakra. It was created nearly 1,700 years ago by craftsmen at Phanigiri at peak of Ikshvaku dynasty.
- National Green Tribunal directed 18 States and 2 Union Territories to submit their respective action plans with 3 Months, on utilisation of treated wastewater to reduce pressure on the groundwater resources across country.

AWARDS

- Tribal Odisha's woman Chandrani Murmu(25) of BJD, became the youngest MP in the country and made her debut in Parliament
- 6 Indian-origin kids were among the 8 who won the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee Contest. They were awarded the cash of \$50,000 and prizes. The competition, broadcasted in ESPN, was held at Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland, US.
- Indian playwright and journalist Annie Zaidi won the Nine Dots Prize 2019 for her essay "Bread, Cement, Cactus." She won the cash prize of USD 100,000 (Rs 69.83 lakh). The Nine Dots Prize is a book prize for creative thinking which addresses current burning issues of the society.
- Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport of Indore, Madhya Pradesh was declared as International Airport. It was given the International status as per sub-rule (b) of rule 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 by the Central Government.
- Professor N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) was conferred with 'Lifetime Recognition Award' by the Confederation of Horticulture Association of India (CHAI). He was awarded for his contributions to the field of horticulture and academic leadership focused on human resource development in agriculture.
- The 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival is scheduled for 12 days commencing from 14 to 25 May 2019
- The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh has been added to the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. The architectural heritage of Orchha town depicts a unique style of the Bundela dynasty.

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- Acharya Balkrishna, the Managing Director of Patanjali Ayurved and an aide of Baba Ramdev (Yoga Guru) was felicitated with “United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award” in Geneva, Switzerland. He received the award on behalf of Patanjali Group of Institutions.
- British-Sri Lankan writer, Guy Gunaratne was honoured with 2019’s Swansea University International Dylan Thomas Prize for his debut novel ‘Mad and Furious City’ in Wales, United Kingdom. He received the cash prize of £30,000.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director-General Professor (Dr) Balram Bhargava was honoured with the 2019 Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. The event was organized by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- According to the report published by consumer-insights company TRA, named “Most Trusted Personalities in 2019”, captain of Indian cricket team Virat Kohli is India’s most trusted sports personality. Sachin Tendulkar is placed at second number in the list of India’s most trusted sports personality.
- Mumbai based contemporary artist Nalini Malani became the first Indian to be awarded with 7th Joan Miro Prize 2019. It was announced by the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro. It is one of the most prestigious contemporary biennial art award in the world.
- Pehal Charitable Trust (PCT), a Charity run by Indian Joginder Singh Salaria in the United Arab Emirates(UAE) entered Guinness World Records for holding longest Iftar. It set the new Guinness World Records for “Longest Line of Hunger Relief Package” in Abu Dhabi.
- Ministry of Culture, Government of India, reported that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) incorporated Indian part of Kailash Mansarovar popularly known as Mount Kailash in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites
- Saray Khumalo aged 47 became the first black African woman to conquer Mt. Everest in her fourth attempt. She climbed the 8,848-metre mountain after three previous attempts as she was affected by bad weather, injury, and tragedy.
- The USA’s House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi received John F Kennedy (JFK) Profile in Courage Award 2019. She is honoured for her efforts to pass 2010 health care law of former President Barack Obama’s governance and for helping Democrats reclaim control of the U.S.
- Nepali Sherpa Kami Rita climbed the Mt Everest for 24th time beating his own record within a week.
- Sculptor Anish Kapoor was ranked first on Hurun India Art List 2019 with estimated sales of Rs. 168.25 crore. Hurun India Art List 2019 was released by Hurun Research Institute with the ranking of the top 50 Indian artists alive based on the sales of their works at public auctions from April 2018 to March 2019.
- Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran to be conferred with Japan’s ‘Order of the Rising Sun’ award
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), headed by Mukesh Ambani, became India’s biggest firm in terms of revenue by overtaking Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). Reliance Industries reported a turnover of Rs. 6.23 lakh crore for the financial year ended March 31 whereas Indian Oil Corporation’s turnover was Rs. 6.17 lakh crore.
- Jokha Alharthi, an Omani female author became the first Arabic author to win 2019 Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her novel “Celestial Bodies”.

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- Former PepsiCo Chairman and CEO, Indra Nooyi receives Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Yale University for achievements in business
- Dr. Ankur Patwardhan, a scientist from Pune won 'German Chemistry Prize' by securing a second place in an international competition named 'Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 Green and Sustainable Chemistry Challenge' during in the 4th Green and Sustainable Chemistry Conference held in Dresden, Germany.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) confers Private Life Insurer, Bharti AXA Life Insurance with the 'Claims Excellence Award' during 20th Annual Insurance Conference – FINCON 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bengaluru based doctor Hema Divakar received the 'Global Asian of the Year 2018-19' Award for her yeomen services and contribution towards Women's Healthcare Ecosystem.
- Flight Lieutenant, Bhawana Kanth has become the first female fighter pilot of Indian Air Force, who qualified to undertake combat missions.
- HDFC Group surpassed Tata Group in terms of market capitalisation and became the most valuable business house. HDFC Group with 5 listed companies recorded the m-cap as Rs. 11.66 lakh crore whereas Tata Group with 29 listed firms stood at Rs. 11.64 lakh crore.
- Satara Mountaineer Priyanka Mohite, becomes the first Indian woman to scale world's fifth highest mountain Mount Makalu
- Ariel India achieved Guinness World Records Certificate for 'Largest Laundry Lesson' under #ShareTheLoad Campaign
- The UN (United Nations) Dag Hammarskjold Medal will be awarded posthumously to Indian Police Officer Jitender Kumar during the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, at the UN headquarters in New York.
- United Nation (UN)'s International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report titled "Women in Business and Management: The business case for change" revealed that those companies which improve gender diversity especially at the top, perform better and rake in higher profits.
- Mumbai based contemporary artist Nalini Malani became the first Indian to be awarded with 7th Joan Miro Prize 2019. It was announced by the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro. It is one of the most prestigious contemporary biennial art award in the world.
- The Goldman Environmental Foundation honoured 6 recipients of the 2019 with the world's eminent award for grassroots environmental activists, the Goldman Environmental Prize.
- Former ISRO chief A.S. Kiran Kumar conferred 'Knight of the Legion of Honour' Award
- The article titled 'Coalgate 2.0' written by Nileena MS has won the Asian College of Journalism's (ACJ) Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. The article was published in "The Caravan Magazine"
- PC Chandra Purashkaar 2019 conferred to Padma Bhushan Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty
- Nepali teenager, Bandana danced continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness World Records on "Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual".

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- Indian –origin journalist G D ‘Robert’ Govender conferred with V K Krishna Menon Award 2019 in UK for his contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism.
- A Jewish, Lieutenant General (retired) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob honoured with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill.
- Nigerian Professor, Tijjani Mohammad Bande, has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA).
- Chandra Shekhar Bhatt took over the command of Air Force Station Faridabad in a Ceremonial parade at Station Parade Ground. He took the charge from Group Caption Kaushik Das.
- Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank Limited appointed Balachandra Y V as Chief Operation Officer (COO) and Gokuldas Pai as Chief Business Officer (CBO).
- Digital marketing platform SEMrush reported that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the most-followed politician in the world on social media with a total audience of 110.9 million on platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Former US President Barack Obama was ranked first with 182.7 million followers.
- The Secretary of United Nations, General Antonio Guterres, accompanied with top UN officials and Peacekeeping personnel paid homage to 115 peacekeepers from 43 different countries who laid down their lives in the service of peace
- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has introduced two new award categories, off Women’s goalkeeper of the year and a women’s team of the year, to promote women’s football across the globe.
- Council of European Chambers of Commerce(CEUCC) to honour Anil Kapoor for promoting Children’s Rights
- Antano and Harini - Legacy Accelerators received the 'Award of Honour' from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India for the unprecedented work they have been doing to help people change the trajectory of their lives and help people create a personal legacy in compressed time.
- Claude Monet's 1890 work "Mueles" sold for a record breaking price of \$110.7 million at Sotheby's 'Impressionist & Modern Art Evening Sale'
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) granted the prestigious Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India, Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, during the ongoing 6th Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2019
- Sunny Pawar won the Best Child Actor award for his performance in ‘Chippa’ at 19th New York Indian Film Festival
- Ajey Nagar, an Indian YouTuber named among the Top 10 ‘Next Generation Leaders 2019’ by Time Magazine
- With 400 young Indian men participating across the country to learn laundry lessons to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes along with the female members of their homes, India achieved the Guinness World Records certificate for the largest laundry lesson
- NSG commandos summit Mt Everest in maiden attempt
- The King of Comedy, Kapil Sharma, has been named as most viewed stand-up comedian in India and abroad by World Book of Records London.

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- National Cadet Corps girls mountaineering expedition team of 20 from Sikkim was flagged off to Mt Tenchenkhang, situated in Western Sikkim.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed 17 new advocates to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include the Indian actress Dia Mirza and the Chief of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma.
- IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who headed the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, has been conferred with the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership.

CEAT Cricket Rating Awards: Kohli, Bumrah among winners

In the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year category, India captain, Virat Kohli was declared the winner, while Jasprit Bumrah bagged the International bowler of the Year award.

The Award winners

Lifetime Achievement Award - Mohinder Amarnath

International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year – Virat Kohli

International Bowler of the Year - Jasprit Bumrah

International Test Cricketer of the Year - Cheteshwar Pujara

International ODI Cricketer of the Year - Rohit Sharma

International T20 Player of the Year - Aaron Finch

Outstanding Performance of the Year - Kuldeep Yadav

International T20 Bowler of the Year - Rashid Khan

Domestic Player of the Year - Ashutosh Aman

International Woman Cricketer of the Year - Smriti Mandhana

Junior Cricketer of the Year - Yashasvi Jaiswal

Cricket Journalists of the Year - Sriram Veera and Snehal Pradhan

Special tribute: Late Ajit Wadekar

INTERNATIONAL

- World Health organization collaborated with International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023.
- World Health Organization (WHO) declared Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free, with no recorded cases of indigenous transmission of the disease since 2013 and 2010 respectively.
- World Health Organization (WHO) launched its global strategy for control and prevention of snakebite envenoming, which affects between 1.8 and 2.7 million people each year, claiming 81,000–138,000 lives and causing 400,000 cases of permanent disability. Soumya Swaminathan is Indian Origin Chief Scientist at WHO, appointed in March 2019.
- World Health Organisation (WHO) declared excessive mobile, video gaming as a disorder. Gaming disorder and gambling disorder are officially placed in 11th revision of International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-11) list of “disorders due to addictive behaviours”.

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- World Bank will provide 545 Million USD grants for cyclone-ravaged southern African countries - including Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.
- Warships from United States, France, Japan and Australia conducted their first-ever combined naval exercise in Asia, supposedly aimed at undermining China's growing power in region.
- DRDO successfully flight tested ABHYAS, a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) Drone, demonstrating capability of ABHYAS to meet mission requirement of defence forces for a cost effective high-speed expendable aerial target. ABHYAS project picked up pace after all three defence services floated tender for procurement of 225 HEAT drones.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test fired AKASH-MK-1S missile from ITR, Chandipur (Odisha), as upgrade of existing AKASH missile with indigenous Seeker. AKASH Mk1S is a surface to air missile which can neutralize advanced aerial targets.
- First Rafale combat aircraft to be received by Indian Indian Airforce will be Inducted into 'Golden Arrows' 17 Squadron. Aircraft is developed by Dassault Aviation (France) -
- INS Vela, India's 4th Scorpene class submarine Under Project 75, has been rolled out for Trials, made at Mazagon Dockyards Limited (MDL).
- India and Bangladesh will jointly produce film based on life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and documentary of Bangladesh Liberation War 1971. It was decided during visit of Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to PM of Bangladesh. Movie will be directed by Shyam Benegal.
- India and China signed an agreement for export of chilli meal from India to China. It was decided during visit of Li Guo, General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), to discuss trade related issues of pending Indian request for clearance of agricultural products.
- India extended USD 1 billion Line of Credit to Mongolia to set up its first-ever petrochemical refinery at Sainshand in Dornogobi Province, to be implemented with Exim Bank funding. It is largest project undertaken by India under its Lines of Credit programme. It was announced by PM Narendra Modi during his visit to Mongolia in 2015.
- India joined a major global initiative titled Christchurch call to action to combat terrorism and extremism online; and make internet a safe and secure place. It was launched during the Online Extremism Summit in Paris. India was represented by MEITY Secretary Ajay Prakash Sawhney.
- The Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline meeting was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.
- The annual global index named Kids Right Index has ranked countries on the basis of how much they are involved and equipped to improve child rights. India ranked 117th out of 181 countries.
- The United Arab Emirates has launched 'golden card' permanent residency scheme to woo wealthy investors and exceptional talents such as doctors, engineers, scientists, students, and artist.
- India's external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj may come face to face with her Pakistani counterpart, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, at the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) meeting organized by Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan,

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- US State Department has approved to sell air-defense missiles for the worth of more than USD 600 million to Japan and South Korea.
 - U.S. Navy ships conducted joint drills with warships from allies Japan, Australia and South Korea in their first combined exercise in the Western Pacific, the U.S. Navy
 - World Health Organization has officially declared Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free countries after recording no new cases
 - Urban 20 (U20) is an initiative developed in 2017 under the leadership of the Mayor of Buenos Aires and Mayor of Paris, and convened by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) in collaboration with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). U20 seeks to develop a joint position and collective messages to inform and enrich the discussions of national leaders at the G20 Summit through unique urban perspectives.
 - Sweden Announces October 2020 World Leaders Conference to Combat Antisemitism
 - The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) inter-sessional meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The officials from 16 countries which included the 10-member ASEAN, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and India participated in this meeting.
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- India mobile internet speeds remain sluggish, rank falls to 121: Ookla Speedtest
 - India-China industry cooperation forum held in China to encourage IT companies\
 - The 72nd session of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Health Assembly (WHA72) held in Geneva, Switzerland. The theme of this year is "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind".
 - The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced that India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly held in Nairobi, Kenya.
 - India secured 43rd rank in the most competitive economy across the world and Singapore topped the chart by toppling the US from the first position and Hong Kong SAR ranked 2nd place as same as last year.
 - India, Japan sign Tripartite Pact with Sri Lanka to develop "East Container Terminal" in the Port of Colombo
 - Officials from Pakistan and India held a meeting to discuss the modalities for a corridor linking Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Punjab's Gurdaspur district to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur across the border.
 - United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Thursday decided to hold its 2020 high-level conference early June in Portugal's Lisbon to support the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources.
 - Singapore has reported its first ever case of monkeypox, brought in by a Nigerian man thought to have contracted the rare virus by eating bushmeat at a wedding.
 - The United States government has come up with a first of its kind strategy to prevent, detect and respond to threats from infectious diseases occurring naturally or accidentally, in an effort to help improve the world's ability to stop and contain deadly outbreaks before they spread between countries.
 - Japan has begun testing the ALFA-X version of its fastest-ever Shinkansen bullet train that could reach 400 km per hour (249 mph)
 - India marked its presence at the 58th Venice Biennale, Italy which will be held from 11th May till 24th November 2019 (6 month's period).

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- The title of the exhibition is “May You Live In Interesting Times”.
- The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14), the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-9) and the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-9) will be held from 29 April to 10 May 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu kicks off four-day official visit to Vietnam .Describes Indo-Vietnamese ties as historic; Indians living abroad are our cultural ambassadors: Vice President Asks Indian Diaspora to join in India’s growth story; Assures India will continue its development assistance to Vietnam; Addresses Indian community in Hanoi
- The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) has started in Geneva, Switzerland and is co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR.
- The opening ceremony of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations will be held in the China National Convention Center, Beijing.
- The Forum on Global Influence of Asian Civilizations is 1 of the 6 parallel forums of the “Conference of Dialogue on Asian Civilizations”. The theme of the forum was “Asian Values for the World,”
- The Mint Globetrotter Index was prepared by Mint’s data partner Howindialives.com which is a database and search engine for public data that took into account 25 essential spends in total, ranging from multifarious categories, namely, accommodation, shopping, leisure, market and food and came up with an index which would help general public to travel well-informed.
- India joined France, New Zealand, Canada and several other countries launching a major initiative in Paris to combat terrorism and extremism online and secure the internet. The initiative -- 'Christchurch call to action' -- was named after the New Zealand city where 51 people were killed in an attack on mosques,
- Taiwan’s parliament legalised same-sex marriage, as lawmakers passed a bill permitting same-sex couples to form ‘exclusive permanent unions’ which would let them apply for a ‘marriage registration’ (under Clause Four) with government agencies.
- CTBTO (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation) has offered India an ‘Observer’ status and access to the International Monitoring System (IMS) data.
- The 26th Edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) -19 has commenced in the South China Sea
- The 8th edition of Global Drug Survey (GDS) 2019, Indians are seeking help more than any other countries to reduce their alcohol intake. The survey was conducted online in between October and December 2018. Around 1,00,000 respondents from 30 countries have participated in the online survey. People participated from India are mostly male (age 25 to 34 years). GDS is an independent research organization based in London, UK.
- For the first time, the Cabinet of Saudi Arabia approved to give permanent residency to certain expatriates by allowing them to own real estates. They are eligible to reside with their families without a Saudi sponsor(Kafeel). This new system is named as the “Privileged Iqama”.

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- US President Donald Trump in an announcement in Rose Garden speech, unveiled a new 'Merit-Based Immigration System'. This is a point based system for professionals where skills of the people will be preferred for permanent residency against the current country based quotas which requires family ties for green cards.
- Akihito became the first Japanese Emperor to step down from the throne in more than 200 years. His son, Crown Prince Naruhito ascend the Chrysanthemum throne today, beginning a new era. 30 April was the last day of the Heisei imperial era.
- In a huge diplomatic win for India, the United Nations Security Council designated Pakistanbased Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist after China lifted its hold on a proposal to blacklist him under the Security Council's Sanctions Committee.
- The UK parliament became the first national legislative body in the world to declare a climate change emergency. The motion was approved without a vote and registers the views of the House of Commons without compelling the government to act on any particular policy proposal.
- a survey conducted by Air Help, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport of Hyderabad has been ranked as the world's 8th Best Airport. The airports were rated on the basis of time performance, service quality and food & shopping options. AirHelp is an organization which is specialized in air traveler rights and seeks compensation in cases of delays or cancellations of flights.
- Guided Missile Destroyer, INS Kolkata and Fleet Support Ship, INS Shakti participated in 'Group Sail' exercise with Helicopter Carrier JMSDF Izumo & Guided Missile Destroyer JMSDF Murasame of Japan; Frigate BRP Andres Bonifacio of Philippines and Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer USS Williams P Lawrence of the USA in the disputed South China Sea.
- the Australian flight carrier, Qantas has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight named QF739 from Sydney to Adelaide which disposed all waste through compost, reuse or recycle.

S.No.	Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio	Constituency
1.	Narendra Modi	Prime Minister and also in-charge of:Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;Department of Atomic Energy;Department of Space; andAll important policy issues; andAll other portfolios not allocated to any Ministers.	Varansai, Uttar Pradesh
2.	Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence	Lucknow, U.P
3.	Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs.	Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
4.	Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways;andMinister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Nagpur, Maharashtra
5.	D.V. Sadananda Gowda	Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.	Bangalore North, Karnatka
6.	Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; andMinister of Corporate Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Karnatka)

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7.	Ramvilas Paswan	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Not contested in election
8.	Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj	Morena, M.P
9.	Ravi Shankar Prasad	Minister of Law and Justice; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology	Patna Sahib, Bihar
10.	Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Minister of Food Processing Industries.	Bathinda, Punjab
11.	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment	Rajya Sabha (M.P)
12.	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.	Not contested in election
13.	Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'	Minister of Human Resource Development	Hardwar, Uttarakhand
14.	Arjun Munda	Minister of Tribal Affairs	Khunti, Jharkhand
15.	Smriti Zubin Irani	Minister of Women and Child Development; and Minister of Textiles	Amethi, U.P
16.	Dr. Harsh Vardhan	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of Science and Technology; and Minister of Earth Sciences.	Chandni Chowk, New Delhi
17.	Prakash Javadekar	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Rajya Sabha (M.P)
18.	Piyush Goyal	Minister of Railways; and Minister of Commerce and Industry	Rajya Sabha (Maharashtra)
19.	Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Steel	Rajya Sabha (M.P)
20.	Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minister of Minority Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Jharkhand)
21.	Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines	Dharwad, Karnataka
22.	Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey	Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Chandauli, U.P
23.	Arvind Ganpat Sawant	Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise	Mumbai South, Maharashtra
24.	Giriraj Singh	Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries	Begusarai, Bihar
25.	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti.	Jodhpur, Rajasthan

- Finland held the 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Rovaniemi and India was re-elected as an Observer to Arctic Council

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- In the very first initiative of President Macky Sall's 2nd term in office, Senegalese parliament has approved a constitutional reform to remove the post of prime minister.
- Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, Mali's president named a new government comprising of 37 members to oversee the formation of a "broad-based" government, under Prime Minister Boubou Cisse, after his predecessor Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga resigned in April.
- The G7's (Group of Seven) Environment Ministers from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States gathered for a 2-day meeting in Metz, France to discuss on steps required to handle deforestation, plastic pollution, depletion of coral reefs and ways to build pacts between the countries in order to achieve the target.
- Nirmala Sitharaman, the current Defence Minister of India held a bilateral meeting with General Wei Fenghe, Honourable Defence Minister of China, in which they discussed regional and bilateral security issues. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI) has launched a new initiative named Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD) to establish the annual number of violent deaths worldwide. GReVD will count deaths caused by all forms of violence and display these in an open-source database and enable monitoring of progress on the world's commitment to 'significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' by 2030 as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—Goal 16.
- The 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held at Canberra, Australia
- Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was held in Doha, Qatar. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani headed the 2019 dialogue
- The UK Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an exemplary measure, that is, a national declaration of an Environment and Climate Emergency. This move marks a serious emergency in dealing with climate change.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a new "Sovereign Internet" law that will allow Russian authorities gain control over the Internet

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS

Complete List Of Council Of Ministers 2019 With Their Constituency

- National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leader Narendra Damodardas Modi had taken oath as Prime Minister for the second consecutive term. Along with Narendra Modi, total 57 ministers had taken the oath of Office and Secrecy which is administered by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Admiral Karambir Singh assumed charge as the new 24th Chief of Naval Staff (CNS). He succeeded Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba, who retired from the service after completion of 3 years.
- Supreme Court extended the term of Justice VK Jain as Judicial Member of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).

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- Lawmakers of Papua New Guinea has elected James Marape as its 8th prime minister. He belongs to Pangu Party.
- YSR Congress chief Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy sworn in as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh
- Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, AVSM, VSM, assumed command as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Eastern Naval Command(ENC). He succeeded Vice Admiral Karambir Singh
- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa has received the baton of Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lamba, an outgoing Chairman of COSC. Now BS Dhanoa will be the Chairman of COSC with effect from May 31, 2019 due to the retirement of Admiral Sunil Lamba on May 31.
- Former Flipkart Executive Sandeep Patil appointed as India Managing Director of Truecaller
- BJP leader Pema Khandu sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for a second term
- President of Biju Janata Dal, Naveen Patnaik, aged 72, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Odisha for the fifth term. He is the longest-serving chief minister of the state. The oath-taking ceremony was administered by the Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal at the Exhibition Ground in Bhubaneswar.
- Scott Morrison from Liberal Party has sworn in as 30th Prime Minister of Australia after retaining the position in the country's general election
- Nigerian incumbent president, Muhammadu Buhari (76), won his re-election bid against his rival Atiku Abubakar of Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) by over 3 million votes.
- Ambassador of India to Madagascar Abhay Kumar, concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Union of the Comoros
- Spanish former monarch Juan Carlos I, aged 81, will be retiring from public life on June 2, 2019. This was mentioned in a letter addressed to his son King Felipe VI, the current monarch on Spanish royals' website.
- the Independent Director of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services) Securities Services Ltd (ISSL), Venkataraman Janakiraman resigned from the post citing personal reasons
- Malawi's President Peter Mutharika re-elected for the second term
- The president of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), Prem Singh Tamang, who is popularly known as PS Golay was sworn in as the 6th Chief Minister of Sikkim.
- Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India appointed to head UN peacekeeping operation in South Sudan
- the prime minister of Papua New Guinea, Peter O'Neill resigned following a series of high-level defections. He had been in power since 2011.
- Govt has cleared the appointment of 4 new Supreme Court judges. The new appointees are – Justices B R Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Aniruddha Bose and Justice A S Bopanna.
- India's second largest tractor manufacturer by volumes, Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd (TAFE) has roped in Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador for the Massey Ferguson brand.
- Jokha Alharthi, an Omani female author became the first Arabic author to win 2019 Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her novel "Celestial Bodies".

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- Ukrainian TV star Volodymyr Zelenskiy, won the presidential election in April 2019 and sworn in as 6th President of Ukraine recently. He succeeded Petro Poroshenko.
- Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President of South Africa
- Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan approved the appointment of Mueenul Haq as High Commissioner to India.
- Indonesia's president Joko Widodo has been re-elected for the second term by winning 55.5% of the vote casted. He defeated his rival Prabowo Subianto, a retired general in 2019 Indonesian general election.
- Croatia's World Cupper and former manager Igor Stimac has been appointed as Indian men's team coach after the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee recommended him for the post. He succeeds Stephen Constantine.
- the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India announced the appointment of Shri Subhash Chand as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed 17 new advocates to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include the Indian actress Dia Mirza and the Chief of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma.
- Dinesh Pangtey appointed as CEO of LIC Mutual Fund
- India's GS Lakshmi became the first woman female ICC match referee
- Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur has been appointed to Supreme Court of Fiji's non-resident panel for 3 years.
- Bollywood actor Salman Khan signed as the brand ambassador of Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe.
- Sanjiv Puri, Managing Director of ITC Limited has been appointed as the chairman of ITC. Now Sanjiv Puri became the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ITC.
- Major General A K Dhingra appointed as the first Chief of Armed Forces Special Operations Division
- The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) notified that Arjan Kumar Sikri, former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority.
- the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of Shri Kumar Tuhin (Indian Foreign Service:1991) as the next Ambassador of India to Bosnia & Herzegovina with residence in Budapest.
- R Gandhi, former RBI Deputy Governor, appointed as the Additional Director to Yes Bank for two years
- Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President of South Africa
- Padmaja concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Nauru
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Nitin Chugh as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years
- Radha Venkataraman appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini
- Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli and emerging wicket-keeper & batsman, Rishabh Pant have been officially roped in as the brand ambassadors for Himalaya MEN Face Care Range by The Himalaya Drug Company.

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- Australian PM Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition won federal elections over the opposition Labor Party led by Bill Shorten.
- Emperor Akihito becomes the first Japanese monarch to abdicate in 200 years
- Archery Association of India (AAI) President B.V.P. Rao resigned after the Supreme Court's ruling to set aside the constitution of the national body of the sport as amended by Delhi High Court-appointed administrator S.Y. Quraishi.
- Kumar Sangakkara, former Sri Lanka captain has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He succeeds Anthony Wreford.
- Air Marshal SK Ghotia VSM took charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Training Command. He will succeed Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria,
- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has appointed chartered accountant M Jayshree Vyas as its first independent woman director to the board.
- Tod D. Wolters, the former pilot, who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, has been declared as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe during the ceremony at NATO's (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) military headquarters in Mons, southern Belgium.
- The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian has been included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15th Finance Commission headed by N.K. Singh.
- Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas (IFS:1993) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal.
- Bhushan Patil, President of India's mobile payment and commerce platform, Paytm has quit the company.
- Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball team by the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI).
- Archery Association of India (AAI) named Sunil Sharma, its senior vice president (also VP of Jammu and Kashmir Archery Association) in accordance with Article 24 of AAI Constitution (as approved by the Supreme Court on 4th December 2017) as its acting president to start the election process. Sunil Sharma was preceded by BVP Rao.
- Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform Myntra has appointed Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first ever official brand ambassadors.
- 55-year-old Stevo Pendarovski won North Macedonia's presidential elections
- The Panama Electoral Tribunal announced Laurentino "Nito" Cortizo (with 95% of votes counted) as the winner of Panama's presidential election. He will succeed Juan Carlos Varela Rodríguez.
- Sujatha V Kumar appointed as Head of Marketing for India and South Asia for Visa
- Agjit Pavadia, an Indian, has been re-elected by the UN Economic and Social Council to a five year term on International Narcotics Control Board
- Rakesh Sharma, Bajaj Auto Executive Director has been elected as IMMA Vice-President
- Former SC Judge KS Radhakrishnan appointed as member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal

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- Nigerian Professor, Tijjani Mohammad Bande, has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA).

OBITUARIES

- Austrian Formula One driver, Andreas Nikolaus Lauda passed away at the age of 70 in Zurich, Switzerland.
- Vijaya Mulay, a documentary filmmaker, film historian, writer, educationist, and researcher passed away
- Seventh King of Malaysia Sultan Ahmad Shah Sultan Abu Bakar passed away at the age of 88 in Kuala Lumpur
- Veteran Kenyan writer, gay right activist and founder of the literary magazine Kwani, Binyavanga Wainaina passed away
- Surya Prakash, an Eminent artist passed away at the age of 79 in Hyderabad in his home following a heart attack. He hailed from Madhira of Khammam district of Telangana.
- Former World War II Navajo Code Talker, Lawmaker John Pinto passed away aged 94 at Gallup, New Mexico, USA
- Murray Gell-Mann, Nobel Prize-winning physicist passed away at the age of 89 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He hailed from New York City, United States.
- Former Samajwadi Party MP Kamlesh Balmiki found dead in Khurja, Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh
- Veteran Artist Benu Mishra, passed away at the age of 80 in Guwahati
- American Television as well as film actor, Carmine Caridi passed away at the age of 85 in Los Angeles, California, U.S.
- United States Sixth Circuit Judge, Damon Jerome Keith, a grandson of slaves passed away at the age of 96 in Detroit
- Actor Peter Mayhew, well known for portraying Chewbacca the Wookiee in the Star Wars films, has died
- CPM leader and former finance minister, V Viswanatha Menon passed away at 92 in Kochi
- Former Chief Justice of Madras and Kerala High Courts, Justice Subhashan Reddy died
- Former West Indies Batsman Seymour Nurse died after prolonged illness at the age of 85.
- Former billiards player Derek Sippy Passed Away
- Renowned academician and father of modern Indian Legal Education, Dr. Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhava Menon (NR Madhava Menon) died at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram
- The first chronicler of India's partition and a Sikh historian, Kirpal Singh passed away at his home in Chandigarh after a brief illness.
- Tamil novelist and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Thoppil Mohamed Meeran dies aged 74 at Pettai in Tirunelveli district
- South Asian Games Gold medalist, 50m backstroke swimmer MB Balakrishnan passed away in a road accident in Chennai.
- the former 23rd Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke passed away aged 89 at his home in Sydney, Australia
- Naik Narayan Singh, a member of Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition team to Mt Makalu that spotted 'Yeti' footprint passed away

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- Architect of Louvre Pyramid, Ieoh Ming Pei passed away at 102 in New York
- Legendary stand-up comic Sammy Shore, Comedy Store Co-Founder, passed away aged 92 in Las Vegas, USA
- Shivappa Shetty, former FIFA Panel Referee passed away aged 86 due to multi-organ failure. All India Football Federation (AIFF) expressed the condolences on his death.
- Yogesh Chander Deveshwar, who built ITC passed away after a brief illness in a private hospital at Gurugram.
- 83-year old renowned singer, Yakshagana 'bhagawatha' Nebburu Narayana Hegde passed away in Nebburu, Uttara Kannada
- Chairman & Managing Director of Amrut Distilleries and President of Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre (BAC) Neelakanta Rao Jagdale died in HCG Hospital in Bengaluru at the age of 66. He hailed from Karnataka.
- Bhojpuri singer, Padma Shri awardee Hiralal Yadav passed away in a private hospital in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh after a prolonged illness.
- The Hollywood actor-singer Doris Day has died due to pneumonia in her home near Carmel Valley, California at the age of 97.
- Kalpana Dash, Odisha's first woman mountaineer passed away at the age of 50 near Balcony area of world's highest peak Mount Everest. She hailed from Dhenkanal district in Odisha.

SPORTS

- Helo, India's social media platform became the team sponsor of Indian Wheelchair Cricket Association (WCA) for Team India for Wheelchair T20 Asia Cup 2019.
- American professional golfer, Brooks Koepka returned to world No.1 after winning US PGA Championship victory at Bethpage Black, New York.
- ICC Rankings: Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh tops ODI all-rounders list
- Sethu FC from Madurai led by the captain, Indumathi was crowned as the 2018-19 Indian Women's League Champions after the 3-1 win over Manipur Police SC. The 3rd edition of the match was held at the Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana, Punjab.
- 2019 International Tennis Federation (ITF) men's Futures tennis tournament title was held in Kampla, Uganda. In the finals of Men's doubles, Anirudh Chandrasekar and Niki Poonacha defeated Simon Carr and Ryan James Storrie by 6-3, 6-4 to win a title.
- Indian men's compound team of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini won bronze medal at Archery World Cup Stage 3 held in Antalya, Turkey by defeating Russia.
- The 2nd edition of India Open International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held in at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam
- The Sekisui Open Squash 2019 was held in Kriens, Switzerland. India's Mahesh Mangaonkar had defeated Bernat Jaume of Spain in the final to win the title for the second time.
- Mercedes Lewis Hamilton won Monaco Grand Prix
- China has won the 16th Edition of Sudirman Cup i.e. 2019 Sudirman Cup Badminton title by beating Japan in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for the 11th time. The tournament was held in Nanning, China

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- Federation Internationale de Football Association's (FIFA) Appeal Committee confirmed the lifetime ban for the former head of the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) Marco Polo Del Nero from all football-related activities at national and international level.
- Tai Nicholas, former secretary of Oceania Football Confederation banned from football for next eight years by FIFA
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 3 was held in Munich, Germany. Saurabh Chaudhary won a gold medal in 10 metre air pistol and broke down his own world record of 245 by shooting 246.3 points in the final. Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker clinch sixth and seventh Olympic quota place in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Former Manchester City and Barcelona midfielder Yaya Toure retired from football.
- Mumbai Indians won their 4th IPL title after defeating Chennai Super Kings by 1 run at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad.
- A 33-year old, Pakistan's off-spinner Sana Mir became the highest wicket-taking women spinner in One Day International (ODI) cricket. She had taken her 147th wicket against South Africa, the 3rd ODI of the ongoing International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Championship in Benoni, South Africa.
- , Mumbai based Indian racing driver Jehan Daruvala made his maiden victory in Race 2 during the 2019 FIA Formula 3 (F3) season in Barcelona-Catalunya.
- Manchester City defeated Brighton by 4-1 at the Amex Stadium, UK in Premier League title
- The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) entered into a tie-up with HCL. The objective of this tie-up is to improve Indian Squash. There will be multiple tournaments organized under the 'HCL Squash Podium Programme' for both the senior and junior level.
- China set to host the Asian Cup 2023 after withdrawal from South Korea
- India's Sourav Ganguly, Sanjay Manjrekar, and Harsha Bhogle inducted in the ICC commentary panel for World Cup 2019
- Asian Football Confederation(AFC) to have first-ever female referee team to take charge of men's AFC cup. For the first time in history
- Badminton World Federation (BWF) launched two new formats of Badminton named as AirBadminton & Triples. BWF launched AirBadminton at Guangzhou with new dimensions of the court and an innovative shuttlecock called Airshuttle.
- The 2019 Italian Open (also known as the Rome Masters or the Internazionali BNL d'Italia for sponsorship reasons) was a professional tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Foro Italico in Rome, Italy from 15 May–21 May 2019. It was the 76th edition of the Italian Open and was classified as an ATP World Tour Masters 1000 event on the 2019 ATP World Tour and a Premier 5 event on the 2019 WTA Tour.
Men's Singles-Rafael Nadal (Spain), Women's Singles-Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)
- The 8th edition Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019 will be held in Jaipur
- Bajrang Punia won a gold medal at Ali Aliev Tournament, held at Kaspiysk in Dagestan, Russia. He defeated Russian wrestler Viktor Rassadin in 65-kg category

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- Barcelona Midfielder, Xavi Hernandez, has announced his retirement from football by the end of the season 2018-19. He currently plays for Al-Sadd in Qatar
- The XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held at Centre of Sport and Recreation in Warsaw, Poland. Gaurav Solanki won a gold medal in Fly (52-kg). Manish Kaushik won a gold medal in Light (60-kg)
- Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa won men's and women's title respectively in the Asian Individual Squash Championship held at National Squash Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Amul has announced to sponsor Afghanistan team in upcoming World Cup 2019 which will be held in England and Wales

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Reliance Infrastructure promoted Mumbai Metro One Private Limited (MMOPL) has announced a tie-up with Instamojo, a payment gateway.
- Maharashtra government has proposed to introduce the Maharashtra Land Titling Act which will be used for a single-window mechanism for authenticating land titles.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-46 carrying earth observation satellite RISAT-2B (Radar Imaging Satellite-2B), from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh which will enhance country's surveillance capabilities.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have discovered a mixture of methanol, water ice and organic molecules found on the surface of the Ultima Thule.
- Group of researchers from the University of British Columbia (UBC) has developed the microscope for performing surgery without cutting skin.
- New Standards of measurement of kilogram, Kelvin, mole and ampere came into effect
- Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of Nepal, banned the use of Chinese digital wallets Alipay and WeChat Pay. This is done to prevent the loss of foreign currency earnings through its usage.
- Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu called to protect and promote Ongole cattle breed and released a Compendium on Ongole breed of cattle at the Swarna Bharat Trust in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Delhi High court passed a judgment in Sanjaya Bahel v. Union of India & Others that United Nations Organization (UNO) is not a State under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution. So it is not amenable to its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Indian Constitution.
- Telangana recorded 15% Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth for the Financial year ended March 31, 2019 with Rs.8,66,875 crore.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had discovered 18 Earth-sized Exoplanets outside our solar system. The NASA scientists had discovered these exoplanets with NASA's Kepler Space Telescope by using a new technique.
- ISRO flagged off shipment of India's largest liquid hydrogen storage tank
- Pakistan military has test-fired its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II which is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads. The range of the missile is up to 1500 km.

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- SpaceX launched the first batch of 60 small satellites into low-Earth orbit for Elon Musk's new Starlink internet service. These 60 small satellites launched by Falcon 9 Rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.
- Earth's oldest fungi fossil aged 1 billion years discovered- *Ourasphaira giraldae*
- New medicinal plants of Zeliangrong ethnic group were found in Manipur by the research team from North Eastern Regional Institute of Sciences and Technology, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has inaugurated its new commercial arm 'NewSpace India Limited' (NSIL) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- IAF's AN-32 aircraft formally certified to operate on indigenous bio-jet fuel
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test fired a 500 kg class guided bomb from Sukhoi combat jet (Su-30 MKI Aircraft) in Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- NASA unveiled schedule for 2024 Moon mission 'Artemis'. The Mission is named 'Artemis' after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo.
- The central government has cleared the appointment of Justice DN Patel as the next Chief Justice of Delhi High Court (HC).
- world's rarest Albino Panda was caught on camera at Wolong National Nature Reserve in the southwestern Sichuan province of China.
- research published on the journal 'Nature Astronomy' by Planetologists at the University of Munster based in Germany, revealed that water came to earth with the formation of the moon some 4.4 billion years ago. The moon was formed when Earth was hit by a body about the size of Mars which is also called Theia.
- Facebook plans to launch its own cryptocurrency "GlobalCoin" in 2020.
- The World Health Organization has for the first time recognised "burn-out" in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which is widely used as a benchmark for diagnosis and health insurers.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had successfully test-fired the Akash-1S surface-to-air defence missile system.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in association with the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) will jointly set up Internet of Things (IoT) facility in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The cabinet of Karnataka has approved the Rs 93 crore cloud-seeding programme that would begin in June 2019 in order to tackle deficit rainfall in the state.
- Telangana has released a draft blockchain policy to set up country's first 'Blockchain District' in Hyderabad.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, in a reshuffle of ministers, appointed Alapan Bandyopadhyay, an IAS officer of the 1987 batch, as the new Home Secretary for West Bengal.
- Researchers from the University of Chicago, have discovered the remnants of seawater of the Ice Age from the rock formations in the middle of the Indian Ocean while exploring the limestone deposits that form the Maldives.
- Former Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bulandshahr MP (Member of Parliament), Kamlesh Balmiki was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his home in Khurja, Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh.

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- Flooding in the Mississippi River is on the record for being the longest-lasting in more than 90 years since the “Great Flood” of 1927. It is due to relentless, record-breaking spring rainfall.
- Jammu and Kashmir Government released Healthcare Investment Policy-2019.
- The President of India has named Ajay Kumar Mittal as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya
- 32nd Statehood day of Goa was celebrated on May 30.
- The international collaboration of astronomers with the University of Warwick, UK, have discovered an exoplanet, Next-Generation Transit Survey (NGTS) – 4b, the Forbidden Planet, in the Neptunian Desert.
- The State Health Department of Goa announced the appointment of Panaji-based, Namrata Menon, Yoga Instructor and fitness expert, as brand ambassador to promote yoga in Goa.
- The Indian Air Force legally received its 1st Apache Guardian attack helicopter AH-64E (I) during a ceremony at the Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona, US (United States).
- ‘Sand and Sustainability: finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources’, India and China top a list of nations where illegal sand mining has become a key environmental issue.
- Anand-based National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has developed world’s first complete parent-wise genome assembly of buffalo named “NDDB_ABRO_Murrah” of riverine buffaloes.
- Ajoy Mehta has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra
- Scientists from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad have been sequenced the entire genome of the Asiatic lion for the first time
- Non-venomous species of ‘rain snake’ discovered in Mizoram-The Mizo rain snake (Smithophis atemporalis) has been named after eminent British herpetologist, Malcom A Smith, for his contribution to Indian herpetology.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS in Odisha
- The Brahmakalashotsava festival 2019 has started in Karnataka. This is a 6-day festival celebrated annually in the ancient Chandkuru Sri Durga Parameshwari Temple situated in Polali, Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka.
- India’s Smallest Orchids named “Lecanorchis Taiwaniana”, a parasitic bloom, was discovered in Assam
- 'Back From the Dead': Bird That Went Extinct 136,000 Years Ago Has Reappeared- (Dryolimnas cuvieri)
- The opening of the popular Thrissur Pooram festival in Kerala was attended by around 10,000 people along with 54-year-old tusker, Kerala’s tallest elephant ‘Thechikottukavu Ramachandran’ after it has cleared the fitness test.
- BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) notified that it has launched an app named ‘BSE StAR MF’ in order to enable more participation and aid mutual fund distributors to accelerate transactions process.
- Public service broadcaster, Doordarshan has partnered with online retail giant Amazon India to launch a Souvenir Store
- Praveen Pardeshi, IAS Officer of 1985 batch, assumed charge as the Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation(BMC).

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- Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Vigraha' decommissioned at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It is a frontline offshore patrol served for 29 years from 1990 to 2019. It was the seventh offshore patrol vessel built by the Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai.
- India's Organic State, Sikkim celebrated its 44th Statehood Day on May 16.
- Kerala Assembly will go paperless by undertaking an initiative to digitize all its records under the project E-Vidhan. The project is assigned to the Cyber Park of Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society.
- The Website of the Lokpal was inaugurated by the Chairperson, Justice Shri Pinaki Chandra Ghose.
- The Indian Navy has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing its anti-air warfare capability by successfully test-firing a Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) on the western seaboard.
- Veteran Telugu actor Rallapalli Venkata Narasimha Rao passed away at the age of 74 in Hyderabad. He hailed from East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Cabinet of Meghalaya has given its consent for setting up of Farmers' Commission, which was proposed by the Agriculture Department following the resolution passed at the "farmers' parliament", for looking into the issues faced by farmers.
- In Harda district of Madhya Pradesh, women will handle the entire work of counting votes. This first of its kind initiative was taken for the empowerment of women.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced to conduct seven Mega Missions for upcoming 10 years and also prepared a roadmap for the next 30 years. The seven Mega Missions includes India's second moon mission Chandrayaan-2, XPoSAT and Aditya L-1.
- 'Flye' a new computer programme developed by Australian National University (ANU) can help to develop precision medicine
- Rajasthan Government is set to revamp 'Ujala Clinics' for adolescents.
- ICRISAT-led team collaborated with the BGI-Shenzhen to sequence genetic code to develop chickpeas resistant to vagaries of weather conditions
- The official Twitter account of the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information tweeted that an Indian Army mountaineering expedition team has sited mysterious footprints of mythical himalayan beast "Yeti" measuring 32x15 inches (81 centimeters by 38 centimeters) close to Makalu Base Camp, located in North-Eastern Himalayas
- BSNL launches 'Bharat fibre' for high-speed broadband Internet service with local channel partner in Pulwama
- Indian archaeologists recently unearthed a life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site at Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana.
- President Ram Nath Kovind named P.R. Ramachandra Menon as Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh HC
- Abhay Oka was appointed as Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Shripathi Ravindra as CJ, Rajasthan HC
- Mangaluru Police Commissioner Sandeep Patil flagged off the all-women police patrol unit named 'Rani Abbakka Force' in the city to handle issues pertaining to Women and Children.
- Veteran Kannada cinema, theatre actor as well as political satirist, Master Hirannaiah died in Bengaluru

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- The 340m wide asteroid named 99942 Apophis will fly past Earth like a 'moving star- like point of light' on April 13, 2029.
- Ministry of Defence gave approval to Indian Navy to acquire 10 'Kamov Ka-31' Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter for a deal worth of Rs 3,600 crore from Russia.
- A Japanese aerospace start-up Interstellar Technology Inc. has successfully launched a first privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into space. The unmanned rocket launched from its test site in Taiki on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido
- Space X launched Falcon-9 rocket for space station resupply mission with Dragon Spacecraft
- Arakkal Sultan Adiraja Fathima Muthu Beevi, head of Muslim royal dynasty passes away
- Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer, INS Ranjit has been decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam, After 36 years of service
- INS Vela, Indian Navy's 4th Scorpene-class submarine was launched at Mazagon Dockyard in Mumbai. This is the fourth submarine in the series of six submarines under Project 75 built by Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai. The Scorpene-class submarine has been termed as the Kalavari Class.
- Bajirao, the last captive white tiger at Mumbai's national park, dies at 18
- 'Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2019' passed by Gujarat Assembly
- The UN Report termed as 'Global Assessment', stated that, among the approximated 8 million plant, insect and animal species, around 1 million is at risk of extinction within decades.
- Karnataka government issued a circular, following the order of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, directing all schools in the state, including government, aided and unaided institutions, to limit the weight of a schoolbag which is not more than 10% of the child's weight.
- Maitrayee Bose, Indian-origin cosmochemist along with Ziliang Jin, a postdoctoral scholar in Arizona State University's School of Earth and Space Exploration, have found water in asteroid Itokawa samples collected by the Japanese space probe Hayabusa.
- The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) under Ministry of Human Resource Development and National Health Mission of Public Health Department (NHMPH), Government of Maharashtra inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which focussed on the offerings of vocational programmes to the Health Service Providers of National Health Mission (NHM) with the help of NIOS.
- Veteran Bengali actor Mrinal Mukherjee dead
- , Basava Jayanthi was celebrated in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to commemorate the birth of Basavanna, a Hindu Kannada poet of the 12th century. It was traditionally observed by the Lingayats.
- WHO (World Health organization) collaborated with the International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States has approved first vaccine named Dengvaxia for the prevention of dengue disease but with certain conditions that use dengue vaccine only in people who have a previous history of the disease.

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- Microsoft CEO, Satya Nadella has announced the launch of “ElectionGuard”, a free open-source Software Development Kit(SDK) to help nations to carry out secure and verifiable voting.
- WHO reported over 1.35 million deaths caused by road accidents
- A group of researchers and professor Manav Desai from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay have developed a microprocessor named ‘AJIT’ which was indigenously conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured
- South Korea based Samsung company has launched the world’s first highest resolution image sensor of 64 megapixels.
- Wildlife Experts from Institute for Conservation of Nature and Forests (ICNF) have confirmed that the reappearance of brown bear in Portugal after one bear was spotted in the Montesinho Natural Park and Braganca commune in northeastern Portugal in more than a century.
- A new species of pit viper named “Trimeresurus arunachalensis” was found in West Kameng district of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh by a team of herpetologists from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research based in Pune, led by Ashok Captain

BOOKS AND AUTHOR

- Ruskin Bond, on his 85th birthday, launched new memoir titled “Coming Round the Mountain”
- Nabaneeta Dev Sen’s book on Naxal movement in West Bengal which was first published in Bengali in 1978, is published in English. It is translated from Bengali to English by Paulami Sengupta, Tias Basu and the author.
- The Hindi translation of an Academy Publication, Digital Dilemma, has been launched by Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) aka Oscar Academy President, John Bailey
- Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Prof. Ashutosh Sharma released four popular science books published by Vigyan Prasar in a book release function held at Indian National Science Academy (INSA) in New Delhi. The books released were ‘Voyage to Antarctica’, ‘Story of Consciousness’, ‘An Autobiography of Moon’ and ‘Sambhu Nath De - The Discovery of Cholera Toxin’.
- Former American professional basketball player, Lamar Odom, aged 39, launched a new book titled ‘Darkness to light’. The book reveals the dark secrets of his life.
- The world’s most mysterious 600-year old manuscript named ‘Voynich Manuscript’ was finally deciphered by Bristol academician Dr. Gerard Cheshire
- Ambassador Navdeep Suri presented UAE Minister of Tolerance Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan with the Coffee Table book on “Work of Beauty: Architecture and Landscape of Rashtrapati Bhawan”, which has been published by Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Shahid Afridi, former captain of the ‘Pakistan national cricket team’ has written his autobiography titled, ‘Game Changer’ which will unveil answers to the much-contemplated questions about him. The book has been published by Harper Collin’s India.