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- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank (ABIPBL will shut down its operations within 18 months of launch due to "unanticipated developments in the business landscape that have made the economic model unviable".
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty on two online payment solutions providers, Mobikwik Systems and Hip Bar for non compliance of regulatory guidelines.
- India will be the first recipient of local currency financing by the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB).
- The World Bank (WB) reaffirmed the support to the state of Andhra Pradesh with over \$1 billion programs. It covers the health, agriculture, energy and disaster management sectors.
- PNB Housing Finance raises \$100 million (nearly Rs.690 crore) from World Bank Group member IFC
- Standard Chartered is all set to be the first foreign bank to initiate operations at GIFT IFSC
- Govt panel headed by SC Garg recommends banning all private cryptocurrencies & jail time of up to 10 years
- Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways stated that Mumbai headquartered Indian stateowned insurance group, LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) has agreed to offer Rs 1.25 trillion (Rs 1.25 lakh crore) line of credit by 2024, to fund highway projects for timely execution of the Rs 8.41 trillion ambitious Bharatmala project.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan Credit Bureau (JCB) International along with domestic banks, launched RuPay JCB Global Cards
- The government fixed the price of the new series of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) at Rs 3,443 per gram opening July 8, 2019.
- Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. is constituting a sub-committee to oversee the process of divestment of its assets. The six-member committee will comprise of 4 directors namely Vineet Nayyar, CS Rajan, Bijay Kumar, N Srinivasan, and COO N Sivaraman.
- The Finance Ministry of India has launched the 11th tranche of Electoral Bonds sale from July 1-10.

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- India's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) and India's sovereign wealth fund, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) have signed an MoU(Memorandum of Understanding) to provide financing solutions to the infrastructure sector.
- ICICI Bank tied up with IndoStar Capital, a non-banking financial company, for vehicle financing for small and medium fleet owners to buy new and old commercial vehicles.
- India's central bank, Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has finalized a three-year road map for medium- term objective named "Utkarsh 2022" for strengthening regulation, supervision of the central bank in a meeting in New Delhi
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) to fund large scale projects, including highways in a bid to achieve Prime Minister's vision to make India a \$5-trillion economy in the next five years.
- South Korean multinational conglomerate, Samsung partners with Paisabazaar.com, India's largest online marketplace to offer financial products.
- An internal committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) suggested to review the timings of different financial markets. It recommended the timing of the functioning of the foreign exchange market from 9 am to 9 pm instead of 9 am to 5 pm.
- Total deposits in over 36.06 crore bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was at Rs 1,00,495.94 crore.
- Govt infused over Rs.3.15 lakh crore into PSBs in 11 Years between FY09 and FY19
- Six Sigma Healthcare proposed to setup Rs 750 crore project in Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand
- The World Bank had withdrawn \$300 million of fund for Amaravati Capital City project in Andhra Pradesh, the ambitious project of former chief minister Chandrababu Naidu.
- According to the Bank of England, Alan Turing, a crack code-breaker and visionary mathematician who set the foundations for artificial intelligence (AI) will feature on Britain's new £50 banknote.
- Airtel Payments Bank ties up with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer the Bharti AXA Life POS Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a six-member working group to review the regulatory and supervisory framework for core investment companies (CIC). The group is to be headed by Tapan Ray
- Reserve Bank of India(RBI) will now be given power to takes over as the regulator of Housing Finance Firms(HFFs) instead of NHB(National Housing Bank).
- The Government of Hong Kong approved to grant about \$9,02,278 (7.032 million Hong Kong dollars) from Hong Kong's Disaster Relief Fund for cyclone Fani victims in Odisha.
- Punjab & Sind Bank has set up a centralized hub named "Centralised MSME & Retail Group" (Cen-MARG) for processing retail and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans for better efficiency of branches in business acquisition
- Reliance Jio partners with Facebook to launch literacy drive "Digital Udaan" for first-time internet users in India
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) introduced a web-based application system for contribution from the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS).

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- The central Banking institution, RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has penalized Public Sector Banks in India, State Bank of India (SBI) with Rs. 7 crore and Union Bank of India (UBI) with Rs.10-lakh for violating certain regulatory guidelines.
- Ministry of Finance informed that the rates of the General Provident Fund (GPF) were reduced by 10 basis points (bps) to 7.9% from 8% with effect from July 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019.
- India's leading private sector bank, HDFC Bank (Housing Development Finance Corporation) has terminated and de-listed its 22 outstanding global depository receipts (GDRs) from the Luxembourg Stock Exchange citing low trading volume of GDRs.
- HDFC & CSC launches co-branded 'Small Business MoneyBack Credit Card' for small traders and village level entrepreneurs (VLEs)
- Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd and HDFC ERGO entered Bancassurance Corporate Agency Agreement
- CARS24, an online marketplace for buying and selling used cars has received a license of a Non-banking Finance Company (NBFC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and will be venturing into the consumer lending business as a separate entity within the Cars24 group.
- India's largest private sector bank, ICICI(Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) launched a new digital platform called 'InstaBIZ'
- ADB lowers India's FY2020 GDP growth forecast to 7%
- A medium-sized public sector bank in India, Andhra Bank launched its AI (Artificial Intelligence) interactive assistant called "ABHi" at a function in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Apple will acquire "the majority" of Intel's smartphone modem business for \$1 billionAround 2,200 Intel employees will join Apple, and Apple will acquire IP and equipment from Intel as well.
- Seventh Economic Census has been started from Tripura .Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) conduts this survey.
- India's current account deficit (CAD) is expected to remain largely steady at 16 billion to 17 billion dollars or 2.3 per cent of GDP in the first quarter (April to June) of the current fiscal year 2019-20
- The insolvency regulator has notified rules that will give promoters and other stakeholder 90 days after the commencement of insolvency proceedings to re-take control of the company through agreements with creditors.
- The Noida authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with the state-run Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to install 100 electric vehicle(EV) charging stations at parking lots across the city in next one year.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH) signed MoU (Memorandum of understanding), to improve the efficiency of Service Delivery under Ayushman Bharat scheme
- Parliament adopts statutory resolution for levying 200% duty on all Pakistani goods
- The United States (US) approved foreign military sales worth \$670 million to support India's C-17 military transport aircraft in order to enhance operational readiness and ability to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) assistance in the Indo-Pacific region.

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- The Bharat Chamber of Commerce, (BCC, Kolkata, West Bengal) signed an MoU(memorandum of understanding) with BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) for promoting trade and investments between BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and the eastern part of India.
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) and Not-for-profit public limited company, NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) has organized "World Skills India"-International Cloud Computing Challenge at NASSCOM Campus, New Delhi.
- Tata Steel Kalinganagar becomes the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant that has been included in prestigious Lighthouse Network of the World Economic Forum
- As per the data of the World Bank for the year 2018, the turnover ratio of Indian stock market fell significantly by 60% in the past 10 years
- Indian multinational corporation based in Bengaluru, Infosys has opened its new state-of-the-art Cyber Defence Center in Bucharest, Romania.
- India's largest public broadcasting agency, Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with IIT, Kanpur (Indian Institute of Technology) for research collaboration in newly emerging technologies and broadcasting-related areas in New Delhi
- Indian ship sails for Narayanganj in Bangladesh carrying cargo from Bhutan
- An Agri Business Incubation Centre has been set up by the Union Agriculture Ministry in Indira Gandhi Agriculture University of Raipur, Chhattisgarh under the National Agriculture Development Scheme Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RAFTAAR)
- IHS Markit, a global information provider, in its report mentioned that India will surpass Japan to be the world's third largest economy in 2025 and it will overtake the United Kingdom (UK) to become the fifth biggest economy in 2019.
- Govt waived off basic customs duty (BCD) on products imported for nuclear plants
- Assam Gas Company Limited (AGCL), Oil India Limited (OIL) and GAIL Gas Limited (GGL) signed an agreement for setting up of a new company for implementation of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in five districts namely Kamrup, Kamrup, Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj of Assam.
- KRAS gets \$100 mn order for Barak-8 missile kits for Indian Army and Air Force
- TVS Motor launches India's first Ethanol based motorcycle 'TVS Apache RTR 200 Fi E100'
- Public procurement portal Government eMarketplace (GeM) inked pact with SAIL in presence of Steel Secretary, Binoy Kumar. With this MoU, SAIL became the first public sector undertaking to establish Gem Organizational Transformation Team-Project Management Unit (GOTT-PMU).
- The Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) and the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) successfully concluded the 'testing transfer' of Rs 325 crore Motihari in Bihar to Amelkhgunj in Nepal pipeline project and it is set to start commercial operation from August 2019.
- According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's current account (CA) balance deficit rose to \$68 billion in 2018-19 from \$49 billion in 2017-18.
- The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) President Sheikh Fazle Fahim stated that the bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh accounted to \$9.5 billion for 2017-18.

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- The International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report 'Working on a Warmer Planet: The Impact of Heat Stress on Labour Productivity and Decent Work', stated that India is projected to lose 5.8% of working hours in 2030 equivalent to 34 million full-time jobs due to global warming.
- Centre to increase coal production to one billion tone by 2022-23
- India & Italy to establish a fast-track mechanism to facilitate investment

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- The Finance Bill was passed in the upper house without much discussion. The Finance Bill 2019 contains tax proposals for the current fiscal year. The bill seeks to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 2019-20.
- Parliament passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2019. It was passed with 99 votes in favour and 84 opposed against it. The bill criminalizes instant triple talaq among Muslims and attracts a jail term of three years for the husband.
- GoI has reconstituted the Group of Ministers (GoM) looking after the issues of how to prevent sexual harassment at workplace and strengthen legal frameworks. The GoM will be lead by Home Minister Amit Shah.
- BS Yeddyurappa to take oath as karnataka CM
- The Government is planning to set up Community Radio Centres at all coastalplaces
- The average monthly income per agricultural household from all sources is less than Rs. 6,500, said Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Govt sanctioned project for development of Tirthankar Circuit covering sites associated with Jainism under Swadesh Darshan scheme
- Indian Railways'Northeast Frontier Railway zone has started a unique initiative to earmark a special portion of the SLR coach with pink colour. This is done to specially help the women passengers with better safety and security.
- IEA praised PMUY for providing free cooking gas connection to poor
- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan launched Atal Community Innovation Centre in New Delhi
- During the International Bus and Car show, Prawaas 2019 which was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari informed that approval was given to the national permit scheme for interstate travel for bus operators.
- Ministry of Development of North East Region has taken up 49 projects worth over 1231 crore rupees in the North Eastern Region in the first month of 100 days action plan of the government.
- The University Grants Commission(UGC) which coordinates, determines and maintains standards of higher education, has released a list of 23 universities which are declared "self-styled" and "unrecognized". These universities contradict the UGC Act 1956.

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- In order to improve the availability of funds for traders and to reduce compliance burden, the "National Traders Welfare Board" is to be set up by the commerce and industry ministry as told by the Prime Minister while addressing the traders during his election campaign in April.
- The Western Railway (WR) has thrown open to public the first The WR Mahalaxmi General Stores Depot (GSD) has become the first in Indian Railways to portray a heritage gallery of the printing and allied machines used in the WR Printing Press since 1948.
- Hyderabad based Indian biotechnology research establishments, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enable newer diagnostic methods to treat genetic disorders.
- AYUSH collaborated with MeitY for digitisation of AYUSH sector
- UIDAI started its first Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Delhi and Vijayawada
- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal informed that Railways will install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in over 7,020 coaches of mainline passenger trains during Phase-I which is targeted to complete by March 2021
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a commemoration of 4 years of Digital India initiative in an event at New Delhi.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) released a report on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) titled "India: Health of the Nation's States". Total death in the country due to NCDs was 61.8% in 2016, as compared to 37.9% in 1990.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest And Climate Change (MoEFCC) informed that Chhattisgarh and Telangana processed the largest percentage of solid waste until November 2018.
- Telecom Ministry forms committee under telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajanto to spell out revival plans for Telecom sector
- 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme will be available across the country from July 1, 2020
- The Parliament passed The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which became the first legislation to be passed by the newly constituted 17th Lok Sabha. It will replace the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019,
- PM formed a high powered panel of CMs headed by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis for the transformation of Indian agriculture
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched by the Government to create awareness on benefits of water conservation
- Union Government reconstituted the Group of Ministers (GoM) called the Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) on Air India disinvestment. The group is headed by Home minister Amit Shah
- Amita Prasad to lead Inland Waterways Authority, A K Jha, the new NPC chief
- Culture Minister, Prahlad Singh Patel has inaugurated the architectural illumination of the historic Safdarjung Tomb in New Delhi.
- National award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar's 'Indu Sarkar' is now a part of National Film Archives

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- Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill 2019: Parliament passed the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill 2019 after the Rajya Sabha approved it unanimously. The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha earlier through a voice vote.
- In order to boost research culture in India, the University Grants Commission (UGC) approved a new initiative Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE).
- The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) will be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- Visit of Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America to India
- Minister of Electronics and Information and Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad in a written reply in Lok Sabha stated that comprehensive legislation on data privacy named Data Protection Bill is under formulation to strengthen the protection of personal data
- Piyush Goyal Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that cooperative sector exportpromotion forum (CSEPF) will be created under the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) after consultations with 20 states and Union territories.
- The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar reviewed the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM) during a visit to the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune, Maharashtra.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal for grant of Organised Group "A" Service (OGAS) status to Group "A" executive cadre officers of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) & extended the benefit of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) and Non-Functional Selection Grade (NFSG) at an enhanced rate of 30%.
- Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Harsh Vardhan stated that the Government sets target is to raise health services expenditure to 2.5 percent of the country's GDP(Gross domestic product) by 2025
- The Singapore based Global Indian International School (GIIS) will launch the concept of SMART Campus at Hadapsar and Balewadi campuses in Pune, Maharashtra
- Under PMKSNY, more than 7 crore 32 lakh farmer families received first two instalments of Rs 2000 each
- The highways of Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra are India's first highway corridors to get charging stations for electric vehicles by March 2020.
- Jal Shakti ministry Minister of State for Jal Shakti Rattan Lal Kataria stated that under the Government's ambitious scheme, "Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)" 9 crores 62 lakh individual household toilets have been constructed since 2014.
- UNION BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS
- PAN and Aadhaar will become interchangeable. You can use your Aadhaar number to file your I-T Returns soon.
- ₹5 lakh minimum limit announced for taxpayers. In view of rising income levels, those in the ₹2-5 crore and ₹5 crore-and-above brackets will see increase in effective tax rate by 3% and 7%, respectively.
- GST rate on electric vehicles proposed to be lowered to 5%. Additional income tax deduction of ₹1.5 lakh on interest on loans taken to purchase electric vehicles.
- Additional deduction of ₹1.5 lakh on loans up to March 31 2020 for buying affordable houses, giving ₹ 7 lakh benefit to home buyers.

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- Proposal to provide Aadhaar cards for NRIs with Indian passports, after their arrival in India, with no waiting period.
- ₹20 coin coming up.
- Excise duty on fuel hiked by ₹1.
- To resolve the angel tax issue, startups will not be subject to any scrutiny in respect to valuation. Funds raised by startups will not require any scrutiny by the I-T department.
- TDS of 2% on cash withdrawals exceeding ₹1 crore in a year from bank accounts, to discourage business payments in cash.
- Period of exemption for capital gains arising from sale of house for investment in startups to be extended to March 31, 2021.
- ₹70,000 crore in recapitalisation for public sector banks.
- \mathbf{E} 1.05 lakh crore disinvestment target for the year.
- TV channel to be launched for promoting startups and to help matchmaking for funds.
- New national educational policy hopes to transform Indian education into one of the best in the world, with focus on bringing in foreign students.
- ₹50 lakh crores proposed for Railway infrastructure.
- By 2022, the 75th year of Independence, every single rural family, except those who are unwilling to take the connection, will have electricity and clean cooking facility.
- Stress on zero-budget farming, which is a form of gardening as a self-sustainable practice, with minimum external intervention.
- The pension benefit will be extended to 3 crore retail traders under PM Karam Yogi Maan Dhan Scheme. It requires only Aadhaar numbers and bank accounts.
- ₹1 crore worth of loans proposed to MSMEs.
- Investment by FIIs and FDIs in debt securities in infrastructure debt funds to be allowed. Minimum public shareholding in listed companies can be increased from 25% to 35%.
- Global Investors Meet to happen in India.
- The Civil Aviation ministry added 8 more routes under the regional connectivity scheme UDAN, thus making the total operational routes to 194.
- The Union Health Ministry has banned colistin, which is an antibiotic used in the poultry industry for producing animals, aqua farming, etc. It was banned as it has high risk of life threat to human beings.
- The Ujh and Basantar bridges were inaugurated by the defence minister in Kathua and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 'Fashionova', India's first Design Development Center was launched in the Textile city Surat, Gujarat to promote the city in the field of the fashion design sector
- Maharashtra was ranked first for implementing most of the marketing reforms.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot informed that the budget for drug deaddiction measures was increased to Rs 135 crore from Rs 33 crore in 2014.
- Government extends KCC facility to fisheries, animal husbandry sector

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- South Central Railways (SCR) of Indian Railways commissioned the longest electrified tunnel in India. It is situated between Cherlopalli and Rapuru stations in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh
- To encourage digital payments at toll plazas and decongest national highways, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has decided to declare all lanes at toll fee plaza on National Highways as 'FASTag lanes' from 1st December 2019.
- Maharashtra tops in ATM frauds, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka follow
- Kerala Tourism organized 5-day annual Nishagandhi Monsoon Ragas Music Fest 2019 in Kanakakkunnu, Thiruvananthapuram
- Uttarakhand was named among best performing states in 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme
- 1800 Bangladeshi civil servants will be trained at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand between 2019-2025
- Boeing, American aerospace company, informed the arrival of 2 new heavy-lift CH-47F (I) Chinooks helicopters for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at the Mundra port in Gujarat
- Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express, one of the most-awaited trains on the route announced in 2016, is set to be the first train to be operated by private players.
- Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched a project for undertaking 'immunocontraceptive measures' for population management of 4 species of wild animals namely Elephant, Wild boar, Monkeys and Blue Bull (Nilgai).
- Parliament passed Aadhaar Amendment Bill which allows voluntary use of Aadhaar as proof of identity
- India's first elephant rehabilitation centre will be set up by the Kerala State Government in its ecotourism village of Kottoor
- India's first cow sanctuary Kamdhenu Gau Abhyaranya in Madhya Pradesh to be privatized
- The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) recommended for "in-principle" permission for exploration of Uranium in Amrabad Tiger Reserve in Telangana.
- The Finance Bill 2019, one of the documents of the Union Budget 2019-20, gave certain powers to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Pune based National Film Archive of India (NFAI) has acquired rare footage of the 1948 Marathi film 'Vande Mataram', in which legendary writer and playwright P.L. Deshpande played the major role along with his wife Sunita Deshpande
- Government approved Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana along Indo-Nepal Border areas with financial outlay of Rs 5,35,000 crore
- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) had prepared the draft Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act, 2017, which proposes a 10-year jail term and Rs 5 lakh fine for violence against doctors,
- AIIMS along with Ministry of Health will lead largest pan-India Oral Health Survey 2019
- A high-level committee set up by the Union ministry of health and Family Welfare, Government of India has produced their report called 'National Digital Health Blueprint' was released by Health Minister Dr. Harshavardhan in New Delhi

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- Meghalaya became the first state in India to ensure water conservation with its State Water Policy
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India launched 'LaQshya' (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) Initiative to improve quality of care in labor room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities
- Minister of State for Home Affairs, G. Kishan Reddy stated that the Government has proposed to set up the first National Police University in the country which will impart education in policing and internal security
- Ministry Of Women And Child Development(WCD) stated that at National level, Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) has increased to 931 from 923 for the time period between FY(financial year) 2015-16 and 2018-19.
- Centre has approved the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences' Deep Ocean Mission (DOM). The project plans to explore the deepest recesses of the ocean. It is a five year project. The cost estimated for the project is Rs.8,000 crore.
- The Nagaland government has planned to form a commission to frame the modalities of creating the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland
- India readies plan for \$4 billion Tesla-scale battery storage plants
- The budget session of Parliament extended by eight working days till 7 August
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal in respect of Determination of 'Fair and Remunerative Price' (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills for 2019-20 sugar season. The Cabinet kept the FRP at Rs 275 per quintal.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)'s National Institute for Medical Statistics (ICMR-NIMS) partnership with Population Council, launched the National Data Quality Forum (NDQF).
- The National Green Tribunal has approved an ambitious plan of the Delhi government to tap the Yamuna rainwater by building a 1,000 acre mega reservoir
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)approved the creation of a 4 million metric tonne sugar NSE 1.00 % buffer stock for one year.
- AICTE data shows 50% of Engineering graduates receive job offers
- A celestial object has landed in a village of Madhubani, Bihar. The object weighs more than 10 kilograms
- The Centre has proposed light urban rail transit system 'Metrolite' It is found in small cities and towns having lower projection of ridership
- Inter-Ministerial Committee on Virtual Currencies headed by finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg has submitted its report to the government
- India's fastest train Vande Bharat Express successfully completed its test run from New Delhi to Katra in eight hours. The train can run up to a maximum speed of 160 km per hour.
- The Centre For Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) received a state-of-the-art facility for its genomic studies division which was inaugurated by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan

STATE NEWS

• The Cabinet of Haryana under the chairmanship of chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar approved the setting up of Haryana Sports University at Rai, Sonepat

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- The rasagola, a popular dessert of Odisha, has received the geographical indication tag from the Registrar of Geographical Indication.
- Odisha Chief Minister announced in the State Assembly that the Sachivalaya or Secretariat building in Bhubaneswar will now be called 'Lok Seva Bhavan'
- Jammu and Kashmir, District Administration Udhampur has launched a helpline, "Jeene Do". The objective is to improve sex ratio and deal with defaulters of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques PCPNDT Act under the Centrally sponsored Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme
- Former Goa Minister and senior leader of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Dr. Wilfred Mesquita passed away in Mumbai, after a brief illness
- UP has highest number of senior citizens with more than one crore 54 lakh
- UP Government to install 251-metre-tall statue of Lord Ram in Ayodhya; Set to become the world's tallest statue
- The Uttar Pradesh State Government has set the state a target of becoming a \$1-trillion economy in the next three years
- The Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Seed Federation will produce its own seeds in addition with distribution and marketing of certified and high-quality seeds to farmers
- Chandrakant Kavlekar sworn in as the new Deputy CM of Goa
- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis announced that Damanganga-Pinjal project will meet the water needs of Mumbai till 2060
- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis has approved Rs 3500 crore for multi- modal integration project at the 148th board meeting of the MMRDA (Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority) in Mumbai
- Five important bills passed by Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly
- Puducherry will soon to operationalize Bicycle-Sharing Scheme
- The State Government of Goa cleared amendments to Factories Act,1948 allowing women to work legally during night hours (between 7 pm to 6 am) in factories of the state. Section 66 of the Factories Act, 1948 prohibit women to work during night hours.
- 'Tamil Yeoman', a kind of butterfly found in the Western Ghats declared as Tamilnadu state butterfly. It is also called as 'Tamil Maravan'. Tamil Nadu has become the fifth state in the country to announce its state butterfly
- 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal for farmers launched by Haryana Government
- Chief Minister(CM) of Goa, Pramod Sawant announced the plan of launching India's first-ever 'Water Taxis', between Panaji and Old Goa which will allow people to travel in inland waterways
- The Delhi police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), to set up rooftop solar energy systems
- West Bengal government set to bring legislation for ensuring Journalists' job security
- The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel has inaugurated the 'Jan Choupal' program in Raipur, Chhattisgarh for holding public meetings once every week to discuss the issues of the people.

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- UP govt launches toll-free 'CM helpline 1076' for complaint registration
- SC Directs Meghalaya to deposit 100 Crore as Fine imposed by NGT for Illegal Coal Mining
- The Odisha state Government has implemented the Centre's Witness Protection Scheme, 2018 to protect witnesses and their family members from threats against their lives and reputation.
- To celebrate the completion of a year of introduction of its happiness curriculum, Delhi Government launched a 15-day "Happiness Utsav" across all its 1,031 schools.
- State Government of Maharashtra increased the financial aid to families of Jawans Martyred in war or war like situations and to disabled soldiers hailing from the state from Rs 25 lakhs to Rs 1 crore.
- The Odisha government is planning to recast its Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) which was last revised in 2015 keeping competition from peer states to attract new investments with an aim to make Odisha, one among the top 3 states in 'Ease of Doing Business'.
- The state Government of Haryana and India's leading Bombay stock exchange (BSE) have signed a pact to encourage and support state's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched "Dastak Campaign" to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) disease
- The State Government of Uttarakhand implemented a one-time settlement' scheme for debt trapped state cooperative banks which had the NPA (Non Performing Assets) of Rs 391.50 crore which have piled up over the last 25 years
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has declared the entire state of Nagaland as "disturbed area" for six more months, with effect from June 30, 2019, till December 31, 2019
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot at the 25th 'Bhamashah Sammelan' held at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur announced the establishment of a Vedic education and culture board in Rajasthan
- The world famous Jagannath Rath Yatra 2019(also known as Chariot Festival) began at Puri in Odisha
- Operation Khumaar launched in J&K to make 312 panchayats free from tobacco
- Finance Minister of Gujarat Nitin Patel presented the Budget size of Rs 2,04,815 crore for the year 2019-20 for the state. The budget indicates the overall surplus of Rs 572 crore & additional tax income of Rs 287 crore.
- Madhya Pradesh got its First International Flight with the launch of a flight service to Dubai from the Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar International Airport, Indore with a national carrier Air India (Flight AI903) with 150 passengers.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a revamped website of Tourism department tourismodishatourism.gov.in
- Chandigarh has received affiliation from the Board of Control for Cricket in India, thus providing an opportunity for the city cricketers to play in BCCI tournament.
- Gujarat has stood first in the country with total 261.97 megawatts (MW) of installed rooftop solar capacity.
- Asian Development Bank has sanctioned Rs 1925 Cr project for up-gradation of power generation and distribution in Tripura.
- Researchers discover Dracaena cambodiana, a dragon tree species in the Dongka Sarpo area of West Karbi Anglong district in Assam.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- DR Congo plans surveillance, vaccination training to tackle Ebola
- According to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) 10528 patients have been infected with dengue. Close to 700 more people were reported with dengue infection across the country
- Infosys co-founder and its former chairman Nandan Nilekani has introduced a new platform "Sahamati" based on a new class of non-banking financial institutions called the account aggregator (NBFC-AA) model.
- In the event of G7 finance ministers meeting in France, all fully supported two-pillar taxation for large tech companies to be adopted by 2020
- Sri Lanka inaugurated its first model village built with Indian assistance at Ranidugama in Gampaha
- The world's largest burn and plastic surgery institute named Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute started its functioning in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Holdings The General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs of Sharjah has granted the first golden card visa to an Indian expat businessman, Lalu Samuel, Chairman and Managing Director of Kingston Holdings and Chairman of Sharjah Industry Business Group
- London named as World's Best Student City in QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2019
- The US Senate (United States) has passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the fiscal year 2020 to promote defense cooperation, which would make India's status equal to the US-NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) partners and countries like Israel and South Korea.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that Iran had exceeded a limit on its enriched uranium reserves set by a 2015 nuclear deal/Iran deal by 300 kilograms
- The United States listed the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and Hezbollah operative Husain Ali Hazzima as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) under Executive Order (E.O.) 13224.
- Kuwait supports India in countering terror
- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released a report titled Global Study on Homicide 2019. It stated that the overall Homicide Rate declined by 10% in India over the period 2009-2015, from 3.8 to 3.4 per 100,000 population but it was increased 'Noticeably' in some Northern States.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that measles disease has been eradicated in Sri Lanka.
- With an aim to fund less-polluting transportation projects, French government announced to impose green tax up to €18 (\$20) on plane tickets for all outgoing flights from airports in France with effect from 2020
- The Mahatma Gandhi IT and Biotechnology Park (MGIT-BP), built with the assistance from India was inaugurated at Grand-Bassam in Cote d'Ivoire, a West African country
- The Government of India signed a deal with Russia for acquiring the 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missiles. The deal is worth around Rs 200 Crore
- The Government of India (GoI) handed over the 250 pre-fabricated houses for use of Refugees returned from Bangladesh to Myanmar's Rakhine State.
- 19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting for the year 2019 held in London, UK
- The United States (US) House of Representatives passed a Bill 'Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act, 2019 or HR 1044' which removes the present 7% country-cap on issuing Green Cards.

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- Wilful defaults exceed \$21 billion in India for the year 2018-19, SBI holds the highest
- In a bid to move the country towards a less-cash economy, country's largest bank, the State Bank of India(SBI) waived Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) charges for its app YONO(You Only Need One), internet and mobile banking customers effective from 1 July 2019.
- World Bank Arbitration Court imposed a penalty of \$5.8 billion on Pakistan for unlawful denial of a mining lease to Tethyan Copper Company for the Reko Diq project in 2011.
- The foundation stone of Baba Guru Nanak International University (BGNIU) has been laid in Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Baba Guru Nanak Dev, founder of Sikhism, in the Punjab province of Pakistan.
- After the second meeting of officials of India and Pakistan, the Foreign Office (FO) informed that Pakistan would allow 5,000 Sikh pilgrims per day throughout the year to visit Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib situated in Kartarpur, Narowal District, Pakistan.
- US imposed sanctions against Myanmar's military chief & 3 others for killing of Rohingya Muslims
- Government of Sri Lanka and IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company) International Limited, under the Ministry of Railways, signed \$91.26 million agreement for the up-gradation of 130 km rail track located between Colombo and Jaffna
- Japan officially resumed commercial whaling for the first time in more than three decades after Tokyo's controversial decision to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC).
- India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Ambassador K Nagaraj Naidu stated that the Government of India has pledged to contribute \$5 million in 2019 to UN Palestine refugee agency.
- US (United States) President Donald Trump became the first sitting president to enter North Korea after briefly crossed the border in the demilitarised zone (DMZ) between South and North Korea.
- In order to tackle plastic pollution, the Government of New Zealand has officially banned single- use plastic shopping bags with effect from 1 July 2019
- The World Health Organization has introduced its first guideline on self-care interventions for health named "WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for Health".

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE	PLACE
The G20 (Group of 20) Summit 2019	Osaka, Japan
Global Ayurveda Summit	Kochi.(Theme: 'Mainstreaming Ayurveda Startups, Innovation and Branding')
2nd edition of India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue 2019	New Delhi
The 11th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting (MGC SOM) 2019	New Delhi
Women Startup Summit 2019	Kochi(Theme :"Developing an Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystem".)
NAM Ministerial Meeting	Caracas, Venezuela(Theme: "Promotion and Consolidation of Peace through Respect for

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE

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	International Law")
44th session of the World Heritage	The city of Fuzhou (China)
Committee in 2020	
the 14th Session of the Conference of the	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Parties (COP) of the United Nations	
Convention to Combat Desertification	
(UNCCD)	
USISPF 2nd annual leadership summit	Washington DC, US
5th edition of Dharma-Dhamma conference	Rajgir, Bihar
3rd edition of International Sunflower Seed	Mumbai
and Oil Conference(ISSOC) 2019	
11th biennial arms exhibition 'DefExpo	Lucknow
2020'	
13th Global Healthcare Summit	Hyderabad
10th Edition of Jagran Film Festival	New Delhi
RBI's Central Board of Directors' 577th	New Delhi
meeting	
India – ASEAN Troika Trade Ministers'	New Delhi
India-Nepal Logistics Summit	Kathmandu.(Theme: "Transforming Logistics
	Landscape".)

RANKS AND INDICES

- Reliance Industries ltd has jumped 42 places to become the highest-ranking Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list.
- In the World Reputation Rankings 2019 released by the Times Higher Education, among the Indian Institutes, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal were awarded the top 3 positions.
- Palau became the 76th country to sign the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement
- According to the report titled, "Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey" (annual report) by CBRE, an American real estate consulting firm, New Delhi's Connaught Place (CP) was the 9th most expensive office location in the world
- India ranks 86th in Most Powerful Passport index 2019, Japan and Singapore holding the top spot
- The Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), out of the 18,02,646 service electors, 10,84,266 e-postal ballots were received indicating 60.14% turnout in Lok Sabha elections 2019.
- Silicon Valley of India, Bengaluru tops "most digitised cities" list: Razorpay report 2019
- The first 2019 report of "State of the Education Report for India 2019: Children with Disabilities" has released by the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) at an event in New Delhi.
- NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog released its "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index" (AMFFRI) for the year 2019.

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- Andhra Pradesh Assembly under the Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy passed the Andhra Pradesh Employment of Local Candidates in Industries/Factories Act, 2019, which reserves 75% private job to locals across factories, industrial units, joint ventures and private projects taken under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- India has adequate number of healthcare professionals: Indian Institute of Public Health Survey

AGREEMENTS AND MOU

- Asia's largest real estate company CapitaLand Limited (Singapore) completed acquisition worth of US\$8 billion (singapore\$11 billion) Ascendas-Singbridge Pte. Ltd owned by Temasek Holdings.
- The signing of the agreement on mutual exemption of visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports and agreement on the fresh line of credit of 100 million US dollars by India to finance development projects in Benin.
- India, Myanmar signs MoU on Defence Co-Operation
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute for Medical Statistics (NIMS), in partnership with global nonprofit organisation Population Council, launched the National Data Quality Forum (NDQF).
- IIT Kharagpur, Tata Medical Center join hands to form Comprehensive Digital Archive of Cancer Imaging
- Walmart Labs, an American subsidiary of Walmart in San Bruno, California, Acqui-hired 2 Bengalurubased health tech startups FloCare and BigTrade, a B2B (Business to Business) wholesale trading platform, for an undisclosed amount to strengthen its customer technology and supply chain
- US-based software firm Ebix Inc acquired online travel portal Yatra Online Inc., for an enterprise value of \$337.8 million (Rs 2,325 crore) in an all-stock transaction
- Bharti Airtel Limited and Bharti Hexacom Limited announced the merger of the consumer mobile businesses (CMB) of Tata Teleservices Limited (TTSL) and Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited (TTML) with the two Bharti Group companies.
- Mumbai based Private sector lender, YES Bank has acquired a 9.47 % stake in dry cell battery maker, Eveready Industries India by invoking shares pledged by McLeod Russel.
- Union Cabinet has approved the merger of National Institute of Miners' Health with Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Occupational Health.

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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS

NAME	ROLE
Benjamin Netanyahu	longest-serving Israeli PM
Ramush Haradinaj	Resigns-prime minister (PM) of Kosovo
Ursula von der Leyen	first female President of European Commission
Kalraj Mishra	Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Acharya Devvrat	governor of Gujarat
Sarvita Sethi	VP for M&A for Coca-Cola India & SW Asia
Harsh Bhutani	Chief Financial Officer- Coca-Cola India & SW Asia
Varun Dhawan	Indian Brand Ambassador of leading fitness brand Reebok
Prosenjit Chatterjee	Brand Ambassador for RummyCircle
Boris Johnson	British Prime Minister
Ajay Bhadoo	Joint Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind
Vivek Kohli	Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation- chairman
M P Singh	Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation- secretary-general
M Nageswar Rao	director general of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard
Ashutosh Gupta	LinkedIn as country manager for India
Rahul Dravid	Head of Cricket at NCA by BCCI
Kyriakos Mitsotakis	new prime minister of Greece
Arun Kumar	Director General(DG) of DGCA
Kalraj Mishra	Himachal Governor
Acharya Devvrat	Governor of Gujarat
Navjot Singh Sidhu	resigned as Punjab Cabinet Minister
Prithvi Shaw	FanMojo- Brand Ambassador
Julie Sweet	new CEO- Accenture Inc
Anshula Kant	MD AND CFO OF WORLD BANK
AK Sikri	Singapore International Commercial Court JUDGE
Kiran Shankar More	USA cricket team's interim coach
Anusuiya Uikey	Governors of Chhattisgarh
Biswa Bhusan Harichandan	Governors of Andhra Pradesh
Christine Lagarde	MD of IMF RESIGNS
Lal Ji Tandon	Governors of Madhya Pradesh
Anandi Ben Patel	Uttar Pradesh Governor
Phagu Chauhan	Bihar Governor
Jagdeep Dhankhar	West Bengal Governor
Ramesh Bais	Tripura Governor

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RN Ravi	Nagaland Governor	
Vivek Kumar	Private Secretary to PM Modi	
Upender Singh Rawat	Ambassador to Panama	
Sanjeev Kumar Singla	Ambassador To Israel	
VK Johri	BSF DG	
Girish Bhalchandra Bapat	chairman of the estimates committee	
PK Bharwar	BSNL CMD	
Karnam Sekar	MD and CEO of IOB	
N S Vishwanathan	RBI deputy governor	
Rahul Gandhi	resigned as Congress President	
Manoj Kumar Nambiar	Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN)	
David Lipton	IMF interim leader	
Ursula von der Leyen	To lead EU Commission	
Christine Lagarde	European Central Bank president	
Harideesh Kumar	Director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection	
Dr.Nalin Shinghal	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited(BHEL)	
Priti Patel	Britain's Home Secretary	
Ajay Bhalla	Home Secretary	
Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury	Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).	
Sunil Kumar	Additional charge of chairman and managing director of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).	
Rajiv Kumar	New Finance Secretary	
S.S Deswal	Additional charge of NSG	
Dinesh Bhatia	Ambassador to Paraguayan Republic	

SPORTS NEWS

- For the first time in the Olympic Games' history, Table Tennis Mixed Doubles event added in a new Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games. Manika Batra to pair with Sharath Kamal for mixed doubles spot in Tokyo Olympics.
- Tamil Nadu girl Jerlin Anika has won the gold medal in the World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships held in Taipei.

International Cricket Council has released the latest rankings of teams and players in different categories.

1. Men's Team Rankings:

- India topped the Test Team Rankings.
- England topped the One Day International Team Rankings.

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- Pakistan topped the T20 International Team Rankings.
- 2. Men's Batting Rankings:
 - Virat Kohli (India) topped the Test Batting Rankings.
 - Virat Kohli (India) topped the ODI Batting Rankings.
 - Babar Azam (Pakistan) topped the T20I Batting Rankings.
- 3. Men's Bowling Rankings:
 - Pat Cummins (Australia) topped the Test Bowling Rankings.
 - Jasprit Bumrah (India) topped the ODI Bowling Rankings
 - Rashid Khan (Afghanistan) topped the T20I Bowling Rankings.
- 4. Men's All-Rounder Rankings:
 - Jason Holder (West Indies) topped the Test All-Rounder Rankings.
 - Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh) topped the ODI All-Rounder Rankings.
 - Glenn Maxwell (Australia) topped the T20I All-Rounder Rankings
 - Max Verstappen wins 2019 Formula 1 German Grand Prix
 - Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad shattered one of the longest standing records in women's athletics with a superb display to clinch victory in the 400m hurdles at US Championships.
 - Bhakti Kulkarni retains the title at 46th National Women Chess Championship 2019
 - Egan Bernal (22, Colombian cyclist) became the 1st Colombian to win the 106th edition of Tour de France 2019, one of cycling's three grand tours title.
 - Bhullar finishes 13th at the Estrella Damm N.A. Andalucia Masters 2019
 - Odisha to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019
 - India's middle-order batsman Ambati Rayudu, announced retirement from all forms of cricket
 - Vaibhav Yadav, Indian pro boxer won the World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver welterweight championship 2019 that held in Pattaya, Thailand.
 - Chinese tennis great Li Na, France's Mary Pierce and Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia were inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame
 - Prithu Gupta of Delhi, aged 15 years, became India's 64th Grandmaster (GM).
 - The International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jon Ridgeon informed that India's track and field legend PT Usha, aged 55, has been nominated for the IAAF's 'Veteran Pin' for her outstanding service to the sport.
 - Max Verstappen won 2019 Austrian Grand Prix
 - A 10-year old Karate Girl, Arinjeeta Dey wins a silver medal for India in World Youth Cup 2019
 - Elavenil Valarivan clinched women's 10m Air Rifle silver medal in the 30th Summer Universiade Games 2019
 - Indian sprint runner Hima Das, nicknamed 'Dhing Express' won the gold medal in women's 200m with a timing of 23.65 seconds in Poznań Athletics Grand Prix 2019 held in Golecin Stadium, Poznań, Poland
 - Hima Das & Muhammad Anas win gold in the 400m race held in Prague, Czech Republic

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- The US has consolidated its top spot in the latest women's rankings, after winning their second consecutive FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) Women's World Cup.
- The 21st Edition of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships for the year 2019 was held at the JawaharLal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha- Men's Singles-Harmeet Desai (India) , Women's Singles Ayhika Mukherjee (India)
- Nigeria set to host 2020 FIFA women U-20 World cup
- India boxer Shiva Thapa, a four-time Asian medallist, became India's first gold medallist at the Kazakhstan President's Cup Boxing Tournament 2019 by defeating Kazakhstan's Zakir Safiullin in the finals held in Astana, Kazakhstan in the 63kg category.
- Adam Peaty becomes a 1st man to swim under 57 sec in the 100m breaststroke
- Shane Lowry of Ireland won his maiden golf title at the British Open 2019 by beating England's Tommy Fleetwood by six strokes
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2019 was held at the Shooting Center, Suhl, Germany
- John Isner of America won the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships 2019 in the finals after defeating Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan
- Sri Lankan pacer Lasith Malinga retires from ODIs
- Mexico won CONCACAF Gold Cup title 2019 by beating USA
- The 34th edition of Sailing Championship 2019 concluded in Telangana
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- Magnus Carlsen of Norway, the world champion, won the Croatia Grand Chess Tour 2019 title against Maxime Vachier Lagrav of France.
- Lewis Hamilton won record sixth British Grand Prix at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom
- Kerala long jumper, M.Sreeshankar (20) has won the long jump gold with 7.97m at the XXII Tatyana Kolpakova international athletics meet 2019 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Hima Das bagged her 3rd international gold within two weeks at the Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet 2019 in Czech Republic
- Wimbledon Championships- Men's Singles -Novak Djokovic(Serbia), Women's Singles-Simona Halep(Romania)
- The ICC Men's World Cup 2019 was the 12th Cricket World Cup held in England and Wales from 30 May to 14 July 2019. The Finals were held at the Lord's Cricket Ground between New Zealand and England. England lifted the first World Cup title beating New Zealand on boundary count after both the match and the subsequent Super Over finished as ties.
- Britain's Amir Khan, Olympic silver medallist, won the World Boxing Council (WBC) International Welterweight Title defeating Australian Billy Dib in the fourth round of his bout at the inaugural Super Boxing League 2019 held at King Abdullah Sports City, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- Former Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from ODIs

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- International Olympic Committee (IOC) has removed a ban on the Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) and permitted to compete in the 2020 Olympics
- Canada Open 2019, officially known as the YONEX Canada Open 2019, held in Markin-MacPhail Centre, Canada with total prize money of \$75,000. Li Shi Feng of China won the Men's Singles title after defeating India's Parupalli Kashyap. While An Se-young of South Korea defeated Wang Zhiyi of China
- Brazil beats Peru in the final to lift the Copa America 2019 title
- Indian boxing star Vijender Singh Beniwal(Haryana) clinched his 11th consecutive win in US professional Boxing (United States) against Mike Snider of US in Newark, New Jersey
- Sathiyan and Amalraj pair Wins Bronze to Get India's First Medal at Australian Open
- Ellyse Perry of Australia becomes the first cricketer to reach 1000 runs & 100 wickets in T20 format
- The 18th edition of the FIFA U-17 World Cup for the year 2019 will be hosted by Brazil between 26 October and 17 November 2019.
- ICC's Anil Kumble-led Cricket Committee will discuss issues concerning controversial boundary count back rule
- Indian track and field athletes won six medals (3Gold,2 Silver,1Bronze) on the 1st day of the Qasanov Memorial Meet 2019 in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Former England Striker Peter Crouch announced retirement from Football
- The 38th edition of the Indonesia Open for the year 2019 was held from July 16-21, 2019 at Istora Gelora Bung Karno in Jakarta, Indonesia. Men's Singles-Chou Tien Chen (Taiwan), Women's Singles Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju unveiled All India Football Federation's (AIFF) Golden Baby Leagues Handbook 2019-20 on the sidelines of the Intercontinental Cup in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Former India batsman and Andhra Pradesh skipper Venugopal Rao announces retirement
- Rani Banga won a gold medal in the Rope exercise and a silver medal in the clubs exercise at the annual Championship held at Holon, northern city of Israel.
- 2nd Edition of Hero Intercontinental Cup football tournament for the year 2019 won by North Korea
- Nigerian footballer John Obi Mikel announces retirement
- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship 2019- Overview, India Topped The Medal Tally In The Championship
- Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar was inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame along with South African pace legend Allan Donald and Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick.
- Hima Das bags her 4th gold at in the Tabor Athletics Meet 2019
- 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship commenced at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha
- Arjun Bhati of India won Future Champions Golf (FCG) Callaway Junior World Golf Championship 2019 by defeating Taiwan's Jeremy Chen with 199 strokes in Palm Desert, California.
- Indian archer Deepika Kumari won silver at the Ready Steady Tokyo test event for the 2020 Olympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan

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- Zimbabwe cricket has been suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) with immediate effect after it breached the ICC Constitution by failing to provide free and democratic elections and ensuring that there is no government interference in its administration.
- Right-arm medium pacer, Jade Dernbach(33) of England announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket on the day England won 2019 World Cup held at Lord's (also known as Lord's Cricket Ground), London
- In the latest Women's Tennis Association (WTA) 2019 and Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings 2019, Ashleigh Barty of Australia got the top position in women's ranking while Novak Djokovic of Serbia remained at world number one in men's ranking.
- 30th Summer Universiade Games 2019. Dutee Chand-Women's 100-metre sprint(Gold), Elavenil Valarivan-Women's 10m Air Rifle(Silver)
- A 9 member Indian Army team has left for Belarus to compete in the Sniper Frontier Competition as part of the International Army Games scheduled on 03 Aug to 17 Aug 2019.
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) approved India's application to host the ISSF World Cup stages. ISSF World Cup in rifle/pistol/shotgun events to be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad, New Delhi
- Byju's replaces Oppo as Team India's official sponsor
- Former France and Manchester United defender Patrice Evra has announced his retirement.
- Kristof Milak shattered Michael Phelps' long-standing world record in the 200 metres butterfly at the World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju.
- American Collin Morikawa has won the US PGA title at the Barracuda Championship.
- The BCCI has approved the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA). The ICA is not affiliated to Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA) and is only open to former men and women cricketers.

DEFENCE NEWS

- Indian Air Force (IAF) has received 1st batch of 4 of total 22 AH-64E Apache Guardian Attack helicopters from US (United States)aerospace major Boeing at Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh(UP).
- Indian Navy Ship LCU L-56, the sixth of the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class ships, was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Vice-Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, at Naval Dockyard.
- Defence Minister launched dashboard of Department Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence.
- Bhabha Kavach called as "India's lightest bulletproof jacket" was launched at the International Police Expo
- China has tested its latest submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), JL-3. The JL-3 is expected to have a range of around 14,000 kilometers, with a capacity to carry 10 independent guided nuclear warheads.
- The Indian Army will buy the Excalibur artillery ammunition from the US (United States) under the emergency procurement procedures. It can strike targets more than 50 km away with the use of the GPS (Global Positioning System
- Indian Army successfully conducted the trials of third Generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile- NAG at Pokhran, Rajasthan

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- The Indian Army and the National eGovernance Division (NeGD), a part of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a revamped application.
- The Indian Naval Ship(INS) Tarkash reached Sweden on a three-day visit, as a part of Indian Navy's mission of building "bridges of friendship" and strengthening international cooperation with friendly countries.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) and Armée de l'Air (French Air Force) are participating in the Garuda VI bilateral exercise at Mont de Marsan in France. The Indian Contingent was comprised of 0 air- warriors and four Sukhoi 30 MKI along with an IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft
- The Indian Army releases special tribute video to commemorate 20 years of 'Operation Vijay'
- The operation, code named 'Sudarshan' was launched by the Border Security Force (BSF) to fortify Anti-Infiltration Grid along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu.
- Under 'Operation Milap', the Delhi Police Crime Branch has rescued 333 children in 7 months
- INS Tarkash reached Tangier in Morocco as part of a visit for overseas development programme
- INS Tarkash which was constructed for the Indian Navy by Russia reached SaintPetersburg, Russia to take part in the Russian Navy Day parade
- Jordan, an Arab country in Western Asia, opened its first Underwater Military Museum Dive Site, off its Red Sea coast, Aqaba.
- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh commissioned the fifth Dornier squadron of the Indian Navy-Indian Naval Air Squadron 313 (INAS 313) at the Naval Air Enclave in Meenambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- The coffee table book titled 'Fire and Fury Corps Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice', was released by Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh.
- PM Narendra Modi releases book "Chandra Shekhar The Last Icon of Ideological Politics" is written by Deputy Chairman in the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh and Ravi Dutt Bajpai
- India's leading publishing house Srishti publishers and distributors announced the second print of 'Who Stole My Job' by nationally acclaimed author Sunil Mishra.
- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled Vivekadeepini, a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika written by Adi Shankaracharya, one of India's greatest spiritual and literary geniuses.
- "War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960" authored by Devika Sethi released
- Author Rachna Bisht Rawat's new book titled "Kargil: Untold stories from the War" released
- Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani launched new book 'Whispers of Time' written by Dr. Krishna Saksena
- The Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu released book titled 'New-Age Technology and Industrial Revolution 4.0' in New Delhi. It is authored by Rajya Sabha Member, Dr Narendra Jadhav.

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AWARDS AND HONOURS

The prestigious "Indian Women of	Priya Priyadarshini	
Influence" award at the House of Lords,		
The United Kingdom Parliament, London.		
Miss Deaf World 2019	Vidisha Baliyan from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh	
Shortlisted for Leading European	Trichy International Airport	
Architecture Forum (LEAF) Awards in		
category of best future building under		
construction project.		
People's Choice Prize at Boston	Sudarsan Pattnaik	
International Sand Art Championship		
Leopard Club Award at the 2019 Locarno	Hilary Swank	
International Film Festival		
Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019	Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya	
Top honours at the 21st MEMC Week	IMFA's SMC & MMC Indian Metals & Ferro	
	Alloys	
'Best Farm to Fork Fresh Meat Brand'	Zappfresh	
The first civil servant & IPS Officer to	Aparna Kumar	
conquer the 'Seven Summits' challenge		
The Lifetime Achievement Award at UK-	Mark Tully	
India Awards 2019		
Inaugural Tribute Actor award in Toronto	Meryl Streep	
International Film Festival (TIFF)		
The "Mr. South Asia" award at 12th South	bodybuilder Ravinder Kumar Malik	
Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports		
Championship 2019	Della la Canèntra d	
Honorary doctorate by IIT Kanpur	Pullela Gopichand	
World Economic Forum's(WEF)	Quantela Inc	
'Technology Pioneers' award 2019	$OIEIM_{-} I_{-} I (OIEI_{-} II_{-}^{*} I I I I I)$	
Sports Journalists Federation of India 2019	SJFI Medal (SJFI's Highest Honour) was	
Awards	conferred upon Prakash Padukone (Redminton) while Sportparson of the Year	
	(Badminton) while Sportsperson of the Year 2019 was awarded to Pankaj Advani (Billiards	
	and Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling).	
Global Excellence Award of the US-India	Wipro Chairman Azim Premji & Mastercard	
Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)	CEO and President Ajay Banga	
CSR Implementation Partner in the	Genesis foundation	
leadership category	Genesis ioundation	
World Wealth Yoga Championship 2019	Toran Yaday	
New World Heritage sites included in the	Bahrain's Dilmun Burial Mounds	
list by UNESCO		
	 Italy's Prosecco Hills Chine's Archaeological Buing of 	
	China's Archaeological Ruins of Liangrhy City	
	Liangzhu City	

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	 Indonesia's Ombilin Coal Mining Heritage of Sawahlunto 	
	 Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded 	
	Tombs of Ancient Japan	
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	 Megalithic Jar Sites in Xiengkhouang- Plain of Jars 	
The most valued firm by market	Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)	
The most valued firm by market capitalization	Kenance industries Etd (KIL)	
Honorary Doctorate by Melbourne's La	Shah Rukh Khan	
Trobe		
FRCS of Thailand	Raghu Ram	
'Best Feature Film' at SAARC film festival	Kaushik Ganguly's Bengali film Nagarkirtan	
2019	Turionini Gungary & Dongan Inni Paganinian	
Gandhi Mandela Peace Medal	Buddhist teacher and peace activist Thich Nhat	
	Hanh	
'Best Innovation Award' for the year 2019	NFR's Plan Bee, a strategy to keep wild	
	elephants away from train tracks	
NETPAC Award for Best Asian Film at	Film 'Gully Boy' directed by Zoya Akthar	
BIFAN 2019		
'The Commonwealth At 70: From	Aditya Birla World Academy	
Westminster to the World' Book		
Top honours at AIFF Awards	Sunil Chhetri and Ashalata Devi	
PATA Gold Award 2019	"Find The Incredible You" Campaign Of The	
	Tourism Ministry	
2nd Richest Person In The World:	French Tycoon Bernard Arnault Overtakes Bill	
Bloomberg	Gates	
India's most valuable brand for 2019:	"Tata"	
Brand Finance India 100 2019 report	Demes MEI	
Outstanding performance in terms of Self-	Repco MFI	
Help Group (SHG) Nishagandhi Sangeetha Awards	Kerala Tourism	
3rd Edition of the CSR Journal Excellence		
Awards	• Tata Power won in the category "Education & Skill Training".	
Awarus	 ReNew Power won in the 	
	category "Women Empowerment & Child	
	Welfare".	
	• YES Bank Ltd. won in the	
	• TES Bank Ltd. won in the category "Health & Sanitation".	
	 Mahindra & Mahindra won in 	
	the category "Environment".	
	 Hindustan Zinc won in the 	
	category "Agriculture & Rural	
	Development".	
	Development.	

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 Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. won in
the category "Sports".
Dinesh Tiwari
Wing Commander Tarun
Chaudhri

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the use of anti-Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) drug Dolutegravir (DTG) as the preferred first-line and second-line treatment for all populations, including pregnant women and those of childbearing potential.
- Pakistan informed that it will send its first astronaut to space in 2022 using China's satellite launching facilities
- The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched an online encyclopedia called Securitypedia and also launched customised video interface for its personnel called CISFTube.
- Beijing-based startup "Interstellar Glory Space Technology" also known as iSpace successfully launched the china's first commercial rocket.
- North Korea successfully test-fired two short-range ballistic missiles off its East coast
- India's heaviest rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mk-III, nicknamed 'Bahubali' carried the Chandrayaan-2 mission successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, off the coast of Andhra Pradesh. It is a Rs 978-crore project
- Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Lucknow based Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) designed a novel molecular framework to destroy superbugs
- Iran test-launched a medium-range ballistic missile inside its borders- Shahab-3.
- Amazon, an e-commerce and tech giant, launched an Indian Institute of Technology Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) preparation app called JEE Ready
- According to a study published in the journals Nature, and Nature Geoscience, Global temperatures rose faster in the late 20th century than at any other time in the last 2,000 years.
- The Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan in Hyderabad launched NGS facility at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), which will be used for genomics study.
- Researchers from Technion Israel Institute of Technology have created an algorithm rather than a machine called Ramanujan Machine to honor the prominent and path-breaking mathematician of the 20th century, Srinivasa Ramanujan
- NASA's PUNCH mission has selected Indian Scientist Dipankar Banerjee as its co-investigator
- For the first time, an international team of researchers has discovered the source of FRB 180924, a mysterious powerful pulse of cosmic energy known as Fast Radio Burst (FRB), which lasted for just a fraction of a second.

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- America's space agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA) has planned to send a flying multi rover vehicle, 'Dragonfly' to Saturn's moon Titan to search for signs of life. It will be launched in 2026 and set to land on Saturn's largest moon in 2034
- Arctic mission will trap scientists in ice to study the impact of climate change
- New gene linked to schizophrenia discovered by Indian and Australian scientists
- Pune's Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) researchers have developed an extended range prediction system aims at the real-time monitoring and prediction of forthcoming heat waves 2 to 3 weeks in advance
- First-ever image of quantum entanglement "Bell entanglement" unveiled by the physicists of Glasgow University
- The Russian space agency has successfully launched Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr- RG(Spectrum Roentgen Gamma) space telescope from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- Manav, a new human atlas initiative has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Persistent Systems, a biotechnology company towards improving knowledge on human biology
- Lucrezia Terzi provides a new way of predicting the monsoon two months in advance, by measuring how much Beryllium-7(Be- 7, an isotope of Beryllium) is present in the air
- The Russian space agency Roscosmos has successfully launched its Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket with a hydrometeorological satellite and 32 small satellites.
- Coffee Table Book commemorating 50 years of partnership with UN-WFP (United Nation World Food Programme) towards food and nutrition security in India has been launched by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
- The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) in its First Comprehensive Census of Orchids of India stated that the country has 1256 species of orchid or taxa
- A research team at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) has found that electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes-ECs) damage brain cells
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully conducted the test of a launchabort system for the Orion capsule designed to take United States (US) astronauts to the Moon.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a contract with a Russian company, Glavkosmos, a subsidiary of the state corporation Roscosmos, for selection support, medical examination and space training of Indian astronauts for 'Gaganyaan' mission.
- India enhanced with Atomic energy and replacing fossil fuel. Setting of World Record in the continuous operation of 962 days by Unit-1 of Kaiga Generating Station among nuclear power plants of all technologies.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has developed two interconnected android smartphone applications named 'CARE4U' which will inform the caregiver when the elderly person falls down with the exact location

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OBITUARIES

NAME	DESIGNATION
Peter McNamara	former Australian Tennis Star
Yukiya Amano	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief
Ramchandra Paswan	Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) Member of Parliament from Bihar
Mandla Maseko	first black African in space
AU Celestine	a former India football goalkeeper
M J Radhakrishnan	Veteran Malayalam cinematographer
Fernando Corbato	inventor of computer password
C Kapur	BSFI Secretary
Fernando de La Rua	Argentine President
Rip Torn	Emmy winning actor
Pernell Whitaker	Olympic boxing gold medallist
Hussein Mohammed Ershad	Bangladesh military dictator
Raja Dhale	An Indian writer, artist & activist
Johnny Clegg	South African musician
Marc Batchelor	South Africa footballer
Sharp Dutt	Bengali actor
Cesar Pelli	Argentine architect
Sheila Dikshit	3-time chief minister of Delhi
Attoor Ravi Varma	Malayalam poet
Jaipal Reddy	Union Minister & Senior Congress leader
Donkupar Roy	Meghalaya Speaker
Rakesh Shukla	Leg-spinner of India
Momir Bulatovic	President Of Montenegro
Carlin Dunne	motorcycle racer
Santosh Rana	leaders of the Communist Party
Barun Haldar	veteran newsreader of All India Radio
Sudershan Agarwal	Uttarakhand Governor
Babu Narayanan	Malayalam film director
Srikanth Sharma	Telugu writer and lyricist
Beji Caid Essebsi	Tunisia's President
Mukesh Goud	Andhra Pradesh state Minister

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IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Celebrated as	Theme
1	National Doctors day	Zero tolerance to violence against
		doctors and clinical establishment
1	2nd anniversary of GST	
2	World UFO day	
2	World Sports Journalists Day	
6	International Day of Cooperatives	Coops 4 decent work
6	World Zoonoses Day	
11	World Population Day	
12	International Malala Day	
14	Bastille Day	
14	International Shark Awareness Day	The sharks in crisis: a call to action for the Mediterranean
15	World Youth Skills Day	Learning to learn for life and work
16	The U.S. celebrates the 50-year anniversary of 'Apollo 11' human moon landing mission	
17	International Justice Day	
18	Nelson Mandela International Day	
23	National broadcasting Day	
26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	"Remember, Rejoice and Renew".
28	World Hepatitis Day	"Invest in Eliminating Hepatitis".
28	World Nature Conservation Day	
29	World Tiger Day 2019	
30	World day against trafficking in persons	"Human Trafficking: call your government to action"

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