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1. **First Naval officer as Assistant Naval Attache**  
   Lt. Cdr. Karabi Gogoi posted as Assistant Naval Attache in Moscow  
   She will become the **first woman officer** from the **Indian Navy** to be posted as a Defence Attache at an Indian mission abroad.

2. **Justice SA Bobde took oath as 47th Chief Justice of India**  
   President Ram Nath Kovind administered him the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice Bobde will have the tenure of around 18 months till his retirement on **April 23, 2021**.

3. **Uddhav Thackeray takes oath as Maharashtra Chief Minister**  
   Shiv Sena Chief and Maha Vikas Aghadi nominee **Uddhav Thackeray** took oath as the Chief Minister of **Maharashtra**. He was named as the leader of the **Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress alliance** called the ‘Maha Vikas Aghadi’.

4. **Pakistan elected as Chairperson of UN Convention on CCW**  
   Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan’s Permanent Representative to the **United Nations in Geneva**, has been elected as **Chairperson** of the Annual Meeting of States Parties to the **Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)**.

5. **Suman Billa**  
   **Suman Billa**, the former director and secretary of Kerala Tourism, is appointed as the **director, technical cooperation and silk road**
development at DI level of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)

6. **Saudi Arabia elected to the (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee**
   Saudi Arabia was elected to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) **World Heritage Committee** for the first time. There are **five sites in Saudi Arabia** that are on UNESCO’s World Heritage List.

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**AWARDS**

1. **Golden Leaf Award**
   The **Tobacco Board of India**, Guntur, has been awarded the **Golden Leaf Award** in the **Most Impressive Public Service Initiative category** for the year 2019 at **Tab Expo 2019** event in **Amsterdam, Netherlands**.

2. **Pepsico India wins US award for saving water**
   US Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** presented the prestigious **Award for Corporate Excellence** to **Pepsico India**. This award is given for its efforts to save more than 17 billion of litres of water by conducting various community programs and replenished over 5 billion litres of water, by impacting 60,000 community members.

3. **50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)-Goa**
   Superstar **Rajinikanth** with a **special Icon of Golden Jubilee Award** and the **Life Time Achievement Award** for a Foreign Artiste will be conferred to French Actress **Isabelle Huppert. Russia** will be the partner country at the festival this year.

4. **27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, 2019**
   Noted writer **Anand** has been selected for the **27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2019**. This award is given by **Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award and the Government of Kerala**. He was chosen for his overall contributions to Malayalam language and Literature. His real name is P.Satchidanandan uses the pseudonym, Anand.

5. **Sudarsan Pattnaik selected for Italian Golden Sand Art Award**
   Sand Artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** belongs to Odisha has been selected for the prestigious **Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019**. He was honoured by the union government with the fourth highest civilian ‘Padma Shri’ award in 2014.

6. **George Schaller lifetime award for wildlife biologist K. Ullas Karanth**
Wildlife biologist **K. Ullas Karanth**, Director, Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bengaluru, was awarded the **George Schaller Lifetime Award** in Wildlife Conservation Science for his contribution to the field of conservation.

7. **BRICS-Young Innovator Prize 2019**

**Ravi Prakash**, an Indian PhD scholar has won the **BRICS-Young Innovator Prize** for inventing an affordable indigenous milk chilling unit for smaller and marginal rural dairy farmers. The theme for 4th BRICS-YSF was **Cybersecurity and Bio-economy**.

8. **National Awards For Excellence in Journalism, 2019 (Presented by The Press Council of India (PCI))**

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9. **Asia Business Leadership Forum (ABLF) Global Asian Award**

**Kumar Mangalam Birla**, the chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, conferred the ABLF Global Asian Award, for powerful individuals whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention.

10. **Infosys Prize for 2019**

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11. **9th edition of the Dhaka Literature festival**

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12. **Tata Literature Live! Award for 2019**
Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019

Shanta Gokhale
(Memoir- One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body)

Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019

Poet K Satchidanandan

13. Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 in Dubai

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14. Indira Gandhi peace prize 2019

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019 will be conferred on renowned naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough for his tireless work to preserve and protect biodiversity.

15. 12th edition of the Asian Business Leadership Forum (ABLF)

Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, founder and chairman of Serum Institute of India, was conferred with the ABLF Lifetime Achievement Award in Dubai, UAE.

16. Best Emerging Green Tourist Destination Award

Arunachal Pradesh State tourism department and stakeholders were awarded the Best Emerging Green Tourist Destination Award at a function in New Delhi. The award was conferred by Travel & Leisure magazine. The award was received by Dia Mirza.

17. Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson and managing director of Biocon, has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination, and promotion of biomedical research.

18. International Children’s Peace Prize by Dutch Kids Right Organization

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<td>Divina Maloum</td>
<td>Cameroonian Peace Activist</td>
<td>She was awarded her prize for her fight against the Boko Haram jihadist group</td>
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19. 28th Bihari Puraskar Award

Manisha Kulshreshtha awarded the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018 for her novel Swapnapash. The award is presented by the KK Birla Foundation for writers of Rajasthani origin.
20. **2019 International Press Freedom Awards**

Indian journalist Neha Dixit has received **2019 International Press Freedom Awards**. Dixit received the award for her reports on sex trafficking scandals in India by Investigative reporter in Miami Herald.

21. **Honorary Fellowship by the Royal Aeronautical Society of the United Kingdom**

G Satheesh Reddy, the Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), was awarded the Honorary Fellowship. The award was presented by the Royal Aeronautical Society of the United Kingdom. Dr. Satheesh Reddy is famously known as Junior Kalam and Next-Generation Missile Man among students.

22. **Quality Ratna Award**

India’s first ‘Quality Ratna’ award to Suresh Krishna, Chairman, Sundram Fasteners Ltd. This award was awarded by trade body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Institute of Quality, in its 27th Quality Summit held in Bengaluru.

23. **International Press Institute India award**

NDTV won the International Press Institute India award for excellence in journalism.

24. **Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019**

Arcadia Education Project honoured with the prestigious Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019 for its Floating School Project.

25. **12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held in Lucknow**

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26. **Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019**

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Zonal Ranking:

TOP 3 STATES – ZONAL AND UT LEVEL
Zones/UT | State Rank-1 | State Rank-2 | State Rank-3
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Northern | Haryana | Uttar Pradesh | Uttarakhand
Southern | Tamil Nadu | Telangana | Kerala
Eastern | Jharkhand | Chhattisgarh | West Bengal
Western | Gujarat | Maharashtra | Madhya Pradesh
North-East | Mizoram | Sikkim | Arunachal Pradesh
Union Territories | Daman and Diu | Dadar and Nagar Haveli | Puducherry

TOP 3 DISTRICTS – ZONAL AND UT LEVEL

| Zones/UT | District Rank-1 | District Rank-2 | District Rank-3
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Northern | Faridabad, Haryana | Rewari, Haryana | Mahendragarh, Haryana
Southern | Peddapalli, Telangana | Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | Dindigul, Tamil Nadu
Eastern | Khunti, Jharkhand | Dumka, Jharkhand | Simdega, Jharkhand
Western | Patan, Gujarat | Mahisagar, Gujarat | PanchMahals, Gujarat
North-East | Kolasib, Mizoram | Serchhip, Mizoram | Aizawal, Mizoram
Union Territories | Daman | Diu | D & N Haveli

BANKING AND ECONOMY

1. **Centre to infuse Rs.25,000 crore for the stalled real estate**
   The Central government has announced a fund of Rs.25,000 crore for the stalled real estate or housing projects across the country. The move aimed to boost the ailing real estate sector. The government will infuse Rs.10,000 crore into an **Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)**. Apart from this, the **State Bank of India (SBI)** and **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** will contribute **Rs.15,000 crore** along with the government’s fund.

2. **RBI increases household income limits for borrowers of NBFCs and MFIs**
   Reserve Bank of India increased the household income limits for borrowers of **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)** and microfinance institutions (MFIs) from **1 lakh to 1.25 lakh rupees**. The move is aimed at
strengthening credit to those at the bottom of the economic pyramid in rural areas.

3. **Moody’s revises India’s economic outlook to “Negative” from “Stable”**
   a. The American financial service company Moody’s has downgraded India’s economic outlook to “Negative” from “Stable”. This downgrade was due to slow growth in the economy.
   b. Moody’s has also predicted a **budget deficit of 3.7%** of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the year through March 2020, which is a breach in the government’s target of 3.3%.

4. **Banks cannot charge on NEFT transactions from January 2020**
   As per the report titled “Furthering Digital Payments” released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), With a view to promoting digital transactions on the 3 anniversary of demonetisation. From January 2020, **banks can no longer charge savings bank account holders** for online transactions in the NEFT system.

5. **SBI’s economic research team revised India’s FY20 GDP forecast to 5%**
   The economic research team from the State Bank of India (SBI) has revised India’s **Gross Domestic Product(GDP)** to 5% from its earlier estimate of 6.1% for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). It expects the growth rate to pick up in **FY2021** to 6.2%.

6. **Moody lowers India’s GDP growth forecast to 5.6 per cent for 2019**
   It also stated that the economic activity in India will pick up in **2020** and **2021** to 6.6 % and 6.7 % respectively.

7. **J&K Grameen Bank**
   J&K Grameen Bank secured the top position in terms of achievement of **Rupay Card transaction targets (POS and eCOM)**. It has been ranked first among the 56 RRBs across the country.

8. **RIL became first Indian firm to cross Rs.9.5 lakh crore m-cap**
   Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) became the **first Indian firm** to cross the **Rs.9.5 lakh crore** market capitalization mark. **TCS** stands next to RIL in terms of market capitalization. **TCS** recorded an **m-cap of Rs.7.91 lakh crore** on BSE.

9. **Privatization**
   The Union Cabinet approved the sale of government’s stake. These five companies are - Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and Container Corporation of India (CONCOR).
BILLS AND ACTS

1. **Disabled People over 80 can vote through Postal Ballot**
   a. The people over 80 years of age (octogenarian) and Persons with Disability can now cast their votes through postal ballot.
   b. On the recommendations of the Election Commission, the Ministry of Law and Justice has amended the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, allowing senior citizens and person with disabilities in the absentee voter list.
   c. The person will make an application in a new Form 12 D, which will reach the Returning Officer within 5 days following the date of notification of election.
   d. After the receipt of such application, the elector will be issued a postal ballot paper, which will be deposited in the specified center after the recording of the vote.

2. **Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2019**
   a. The Bill seeks to amend the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951.
   b. It has a provision to remove the President of the Congress party as a trustee and clarifies that when there is no Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the leader of the single largest Opposition party will be the trustee.
   c. The Bill also allows the Central government to terminate the term of a nominated trustee before the expiry of the period of his term, without assigning any reason.

3. **250th session of Rajya Sabha**
   The 250th session of Rajya Sabha is to commence on 18 November 2019. As a part of the observation, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu released a publication that details the journey of the upper house since its first sitting in May 1952. A silver coin of Rs.250 and a postal stamp of Rs.5 will also be released to commemorate the evolution of Rajya Sabha. The Rajya Sabha has passed 3,817 bills till the end of the 249th session.

4. **Centre to set a new framework for SIFIs under IBC**
   The Central government has notified rules for the resolution of systemically important financial institutions (SIFIs) under Section 227 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC). The new rules excluded banks. The new rules set by the government of India aims to open the doors for resolution of stressed non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) under the framework.

5. **Industrial Relations Code, 2019**
   The draft code on Industrial Relations was prepared after amalgamating, simplifying, and rationalizing the relevant provisions of following three Central Labour Acts namely:
a. The Trade Unions Act, 1926.
b. The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.
c. The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Provision of the Bill:

a. The Bill will set up of **two-member tribunal** instead of one member and introduce a concept that some important cases will be adjudicated jointly and the rest by a single member resulting in speedier disposal of cases.
b. It will **empower the government officers to adjudicate disputes involving penalty as fines**, thereby lessening the burden on the tribunal.

6. **Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
The Bill replaces the Ordinance that was promulgated in September 2019. The Ordinance made certain amendments in the **Income-Tax (IT) Act 1961** and **the Finance (No.2) Act 2019**.

**Provisions of the Bill:**
The **reduction of the rate of corporate income tax** by many countries world over necessitated the provision of additional fiscal stimulus to **attract investment, generate employment, and boost the economy**.

7. **National Capital Territory of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorised Colonies) Bill, 2019**
The bill will provide a legal framework to **grant ownership rights to people living in unauthorized colonies in Delhi**.

8. **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill 2019**
The Center introduced the **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill 2019** in Lok Sabha and passed in lok sabha on 27th November. India is currently with **nine Union Territories** after the creation of the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The merger of Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, the number of UTs will come down to **eight**.

9. **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019**
The Rajya Sabha passed the bill on 26 November 2019. The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill on 5 August 2019.

**Provisions of the Bill:**
a. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 will provide protection of rights of transgenders.
b. The application and a certificate from a medical superintendent or chief medical officer of the medical institution where the surgery took place should be given to the **district magistrate (DM) for a revised**
In the case of a child, his or her parents can file an application for the issuance of an identification certificate.

10. **Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
Lok Sabha passed the *Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019* on November 27, 2019.

**Provisions of the Bill:**
a. The SPG security will be provided to the Prime Minister and his immediate family members living with him at his official residence.
b. The bill also states that the SPG security will be provided to former Prime Minister and his immediate family members, who reside with him at the officially allotted residence for 5 years from the date he ceases to hold the office.

11. **National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019**

**Provisions of the Bill:**
a. Four national design institutes of Andhra Pradesh (Amravati), Assam (Jorhat), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal) and Haryana (Kurukshetra) will be declared *institutions of national importance*.
b. These institutions have been registered under the *Societies Registration Act, 1860*. These institutes do not have the power to award diplomas and degrees.

12. **The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Bill**
The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on November 27, 2019. The bill proposes to prohibit the production, sale, trade, transport, storage and advertisement of electronic cigarettes.

13. **Centre to fine up to Rs.5 lakh for misuse of national emblems**
The Government of India has proposed increasing the fine for illegal and improper use of national emblems for commercial gains from *Rs.500 to Rs.1 lakh*. It also suggested change also includes jail time and a fine of *Rs.5 lakh for repeat offenders*. The aim is to crack down on their misuse. The *Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950* of India prohibits the misuse of the national flag, the Ashoka Chakra, the official seal of the President or Governor.

14. **Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
The Rajya Sabha passed the *Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019* on 28 November 2019. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 20 November 2019. The Bill will amend the *Chit Funds Act, 1982*. The Bill was introduced by the Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, *Anurag Singh Thakur*.

**Provisions of the Bill:**
a. The Bill proposed to increase the maximum amount of chit funds. The **individuals** can collect from **Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakh** and **firms** can collect from **Rs.6 lakh to Rs.18 lakh**.
b. Under a chit fund, people pay a certain amount from time to time into a fund.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS**

1. **2019 JCB Prize for Literature**
   Madhuri Vijay won the 2019 JCB Prize for Literature for her novel **The Far Field**. The Far Field internalises the turbulent politics of Kashmir.

2. **Musical Excellence of Mridangam**
   It was authored by Mridangam maestro and Padma Vibhushan awardee Umayalpuram K.Sivaraman and former scientists T. Ramasami (Former secretary of the Department of Science and Technology) and M.D. Naresh.

3. **Book - Courts of India: Past to Present**
   Former Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi released the Assamese version of the book ‘**Courts of India: Past to Present**’ in Guwahati, Assam.

4. **Book - Hemant Karkare: A Daughter’s Memoir**
   The book is authored by Karkare’s daughter Jui Karkare. She published the memoir of her father.

5. **Books for children - Kumbh, Garam Pahad and Dilli ki Bulbul**
   Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal launched 3 books which are a collection of stories for Children namely Kumbh, Garam Pahad and Dilli ki Bulbul (Sindhi edition) in New Delhi. It was authored by a popular writer of children’s books and travelogues Dr Anita Bhatnagar Jain.

**COMMITTEES**

1. **National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017**
   The Union Ministry of Sports has constituted a 13-member expert committee to review the draft of the National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017. The committee, chaired by Retired SC Justice Mukundakam Sharma, will be required to suggest measures for making the Draft National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017 acceptable to all stakeholders. Some of the prominent members of the expert
committee include Pullela Gopichand, Anju Bobby George, Gagan Narang and Baichung Bhutia.

2. **Company Law Committee**
   
   Government plans to lower the penalties under the **Companies Act**. The two-member panel is headed by corporate affairs secretary Injeti Srinivas. The committee also has banker Uday Kotak and lawyer Shardul Shroff. The committee has identified about 60 amendments to the Companies Act. It includes around 45 related to dropping criminal prosecution. The committee has recommended lower penalties-half of that levied on larger companies-for startups, smaller entities, single-person companies, and farmer producer organizations.

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**CONFERENCE AND SUMMITS**

1. **Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference hosted by Colombo, Sri Lanka**
   
   India will be represented at the conference by Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad. The theme for the 2019 CLM Conference is ‘**Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law**’.

2. **International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture and Global Food and Livelihood Security-New Delhi**
   
   The international conference is to deliberate upon the various issues and challenges of soil and water conservation. It also aims to highlight the recent trends in climate change in India and the world.

3. **2nd International Conference on Sustainable Water Management-Pune**
   
   It was inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister of Jalshakti. He announced that India would achieve the target of providing safe drinking water to everyone by 2024.

4. **2nd edition of No Money For Terror conference held in Melbourne, Australia**
   
   India will host the No Money For Terror conference to be held in 2020. The announcement made at the No Money For Terror conference, 2019 in Melbourne, Australia. The first “No Money for Terror” conference was held in France in 2018.

5. **10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine held in New Delhi.**
   
   It was inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu. To develop programs and manuals to train citizens in emergency first aid procedures
such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation as it will help in saving a life while waiting for emergency services.

6. **9th BRICS Trade Ministers Meet - Brasilia, Brazil**
   It was attended by Commerce and Industry and Railway Minister, **Piyush Goyal**.

7. **11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia, Brazil**
   Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on a 2-day visit to Brazil and attended the **11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia, Brazil**. The theme of the Summit this year is “Economic Growth for an Innovative Future”. This will be the **sixth time** that Prime Minister Modi participates in the BRICS Summit.

8. **19th council of heads of government of SCO 2020**
   **India** will host the **19th council of heads of government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 2020**. The SCO is a China-led **eight-member** economic and security bloc in which India and Pakistan were admitted as full members in 2017. The 18th meeting of SCO’s council of heads of government held at Tashkent in the month of October 2019.

9. **India-ASEAN Business Summit 2019**
   The Union Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), has inaugurated and addressed the **India-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019** in New Delhi. The India-ASEAN Business Summit on the theme: **“Today, Tomorrow, Together”**.

10. **27th Conference of COCSSO inaugurated at Kolkata, West Bengal**
    National Statistical Commission inaugurated the **27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) at Kolkata, West Bengal**. The theme of this conference was **“Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”**.

11. **International Conference on Yoga for Heart care held at Karnataka**
    **Ministry of AYUSH** is organizing the **International Conference on Yoga** on 15-16 November 2019 at **Mysuru, Karnataka**. The theme of the conference is **‘Yoga for Heart Care’**.

12. **8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics held in New Delhi**
    The Theme of the conference is Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The **Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** will inaugurated the conference and **Bill Gates** will be the Chief Guest at the Conference.

13. **2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit held in New Delhi**
The South Asia Safety Summit is Facebook’s annual event to host critical conversations on digital safety and security. The Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani addressed in the event.

14. **Global Bio-India Summit 2019 - New Delhi**
The summit will bring academia, innovators, researchers, start-ups, medium and large companies together on the same platform. Over three thousand delegates from around 25 countries and over 15 states of India will participate in the mega event.

15. **First-ever international buyer-seller meet on Agriculture & Horticulture produce was held in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**
It was organized by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The aim of the meet is to promote the export of agricultural products. It also aims to facilitate market linkages for agri-exports from the North Eastern Region (NER), especially Arunachal Pradesh, APEDA, and Department of Agriculture & Horticulture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

16. **National Agrochemicals Congress held in New Delhi**
The theme of the congress is Country’s Status on Various Fronts of Agrochemicals.

17. **International Principal’s Education Conference (IPEC) held at Nagpur**
The theme of the conference is Scripting the Legends of Human Excellence through Schools. RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat inaugurated the International Principal’s Education Conference (IPEC).

18. **Water Technology and Environment Control (WATEC) conference – held in Israel**
Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat represented India at the WATEC Conference in Israel. Israel is considered as the world hero in terms of water management. They reuse 80% of its sewage water for agriculture. The theme of the conference is “Water Stewardship and Innovation–driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water”.

19. **47th All India Police Science Congress – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**
The objective of this programme is to focus on various issues related to the police. It has five related topics on challenges in policing. Chief of the event was former IPS and Puducherry LG Kiran Bedi.

20. **NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 held at at ICAT Gurugram**
NuGen Mobility Summit will witness various industry experts and technology companies. Nitin Gadkari said that Bio-diesel, Bio-CNG, Ethanol and Methanol will support the future of the auto industry.
DEFENCE

1. **Fast patrol vessel “Annie Besant”**
   Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) delivered Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) **ICGS Annie Besant**, the second in the series of five such ships, to the Indian Coast Guard.

2. The **Army Aviation Corps (AAC)** celebrated the **34th Raising Day** on 1 November 2019. Formed on 1 November 1986.

3. **58th Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) Annual Conference - Bangalore**
The conference was inaugurated by **Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria**. The theme for this year’s conference is ‘**Changing Paradigms in Aerospace Healthcare**’.

4. **Sisseri Bridge built by BRO**
   Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated Sisseri Bridge, built by the Border Road Organisation (BRO) on Pasighat-Bomjir Highway, Arunachal Pradesh.

5. **First night trial of Agni II missile conducted successfully**
   India has successfully conducted the **first night trial of Agni-II**, its versatile surface-to-surface medium-range nuclear-capable missile from **Dr Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast**.

6. **Lt Col Jyoti Sharma appointed as Army’s first female JAG officer**
   Lieutenant Colonel **Jyoti Sharma** has been appointed as **Indian Army’s first female Judge Advocate General officer** to be deployed on a foreign mission. She will be appointed as the military legal expert with the government of **Seychelles**.

7. **First-ever counter-terrorism (CT) exercise will be held in New Delhi**
The National Investigation Agency (NIA) will host the first-ever **counter-terrorism (CT) exercise** for the Quad countries in New Delhi. The Quad countries include the **United States (US), India, Australia, and Japan**.

8. **Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) held in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh**
   Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** attended **Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship)** on 14 November. The festival was celebrated for two days at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium Tawang. Maitree Diwas 2019 is the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas.

9. **Shaheen-I missile**
Pakistan successfully test-fired Shaheen-I missile on 18 November 2019. It is a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile. The missile can strike targets up to 650 kilometres.

10. **Beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile ASTRA Missile**
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) plans to extend the range of weather beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile ASTRA to nearly double to 160 km of its existing range. This will make it the most lethal BVR missile. It was announced by the DRDO Chief G Sateesh Reddy.

11. **USA to sale 13 naval guns to India worth $1 billion**
The State Department of the US approved the sale of the anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence MK45 5inch/62 calibre (MOD 4) naval guns for India.

12. **Best Game-2019 contest**
Google has selected Indian Air Force’s (IAF) video game titled Indian Air Force: A Cut Above in the Best Game-2019 contest under the Users Choice Game category.

13. **Prithvi-2 missiles**
DRDO successfully testfired two indigenously developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-2 missiles from the Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha. Prithvi-2 is capable of carrying warheads of weight 500-1,000 kg. The surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) is of nine-meter tall.

14. **Sixth Dornier aircraft squadron**
The Indian Navy has commissioned its sixth Dornier aircraft squadron in the Porbandar town of Gujarat. The Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 is called Raptors.

15. **National Cadet Corps (NCC) – 71st Raising Day**
The NCC is the largest uniformed youth organization. Its motto is 'Unity and Discipline'. The NCC in India was formed the National Cadet Corps Act of 1948.

16. **Milan 2020 to held in Vishakapatnam**
Indian Navy will host a multi-nation military drill called Milan 2020 at Visakhapatnam in March 2020. MILAN denotes Multilateral Naval Exercise. The event will witness the participation of several countries.

17. **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**
General Bipin Rawat set to be the first Chief of Defence Staff. He is the 27th Cheif of Army Staff. It is a four-star position being created as part of defence management.

18. **Military Literature Festival (MLF) held at Chandigarh**
The event would present an international level forum to foster and preserve the exchange of knowledge related to military literature and associated works. The vent will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

19. **Military Exercise**

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**ENVIRONMENT**

1. **Spain to host COP25 Climate conference**
   The move comes after Chile withdrew its plans to host the summit due to deadly anti-government protests. The COP25 summit is aimed to bring out details of the implementation of the Paris Agreement climate pact. The 25th annual Climate Change Conference will feature the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the UNFCCC and the meetings of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies.

2. **World’s first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange in Singapore**
   Singapore-based AirCarbon Pte launched the worlds’ first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange. This will allow airlines and other corporate
buyers to buy as well sell tokens backed by carbon offset credits approved by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

3. **Cyclone Bulbul**
   National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) chaired by the Cabinet Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba to review the preparedness to deal with Severe cyclone Bulbul over the Bay of Bengal and affected coastal districts of West Bengal and Odisha. Heavy rainfall accompanied by winds reaching up to 110-120 km and tidal waves up to 1.5 metre.

4. **Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan**
   The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) plans to organize a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan. 10 coastal States/Union Territories (UTs) for the cleaning. The beaches are from Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha.

5. **Green Climate Fund to fund USD 43 million to India to boost climate resilience**
   Green Climate Fund is to fund $43 million to India to boost climate resilience in three coastal states. The move aims to positively impact over 10 million people living on the coastline in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Green Climate Fund was established within the framework of the UNFCC.

6. **Sumatran rhinoceros is now extinct in Malaysia**
   The last Sumatran female rhinoceros, named Iman, in Malaysia died. With this, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Environment announced that Sumatran rhinoceros is now extinct in Malaysia.

   UNEP Emissions Gap Report-2019 warns that the average temperature of the Earth may rise by 3.2 degrees Celsius by 2021. The UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2019 highlights that China, USA, EU28 and India are the among top four greenhouse gas emitters.

8. **Avian Botulism behind death of 18,000 migratory birds at Sambhar Lake**
   Botulism bacteria produce a kind of toxic substance. This bacterium spreads in the body of birds by the consumption of water or worms. It causes paralysis or death of the birds.
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<td>Theme - Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape</td>
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<td>National Milk Day</td>
<td>The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien (Father of White Revolution). The day was instituted by the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) in 2014.</td>
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INTERNATIONAL

1. **Guyana to be fastest growing country in the world next year at 86%**
   According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Guyana's GDP is expected to be more at **86% in 2020** after expanding 4.4% in 2019. Guyana’s GDP is to get fourteen times as fast as China’s GDP in 2020. Guyana is projecting $300 million in petroleum revenue in 2020.

2. **Online shopping as an addictive disorder**
   The World Health Organisation (WHO) is to identify online shopping as an addictive disorder by 2024.

3. **Sri Lanka becomes 1st South Asian country to call match fixing a crime**
   Sri Lanka has become the **first South Asian nation** to bring match-fixing cases to the category of crime as its parliament passed a bill related to ‘Prevention of Offences Related to Sports’. This new legislation related to match-fixing and corruption will apply to all sports & if a person is found guilty of corruption in the game, he can be punished for up to **10 years** and also be required to **pay other fines**.

4. **Gotabaya Rajapaksa wins Sri Lanka Presidential election**
   Gotabaya Rajapaksa got **52.25 per cent** of the total valid votes, He received around **6.9 million votes** against his main rival, Sajith Premadasa who got around **5.56 million votes**. Mahinda Rajapaksa has been sworn in as the **Prime Minister** on 21 November. He was sworn in after the resignation of Ranil Wickremesinghe.

5. **Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV)**
   Pakistan became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new **Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV)** in an effort to combat a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease in the Sindh province.

6. **2nd Summit of World Religious Leaders held in Baku, Azerbaijan**
   The Summit aims to contribute to the development of inter-religious dialogue, promotion, and evolution of such human values as mutual understanding and human solidarity.

7. **China International Travel Mart (CITM) – Kunming, China**
   Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), is participating in the three day **China International Travel Mart (CITM)** from 15-17 November 2019 at Kunming, China. The aim is to increase Tourism & Trade between India and China.

8. **40th UNESCO General Conference held in Paris, France**
   UNESCO MGIEP Digital Learning draft Guidelines was launched at the 40th UNESCO General Conference. The Draft Guidelines were developed
by UNESCO MGIEP, based in New Delhi. The guidelines are a response to the Vizag Declaration on Digital Learning that was adopted at TECH 2018.

9. **Fifth edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival**
   It was held at Bangladesh Army Stadium, Bangladesh. It was inaugurated by the Information Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Hasan Mahmud. More than 200 artistes from 6 countries performed in the largest folk festival in Asia.

10. **2019 Word of the Year**
    Oxford Dictionaries named climate emergency as its 2019 Word of the Year choosing it from an all-environmental shortlist that also included climate action, climate denial eco-anxiety extinction, and flight shame.

11. **Climate Emergency**
    The European Union’s legislature has declared a climate emergency, in a symbolic move aimed at increasing pressure on the incoming European Commission to take a stronger stance on climate change. The parliament voted 429/225 with 19 abstentions to call the increasing environmental challenges linked to climate change an emergency.

### INDIA & INTERNATIONAL

1. **German Chancellor Angela Merkel on two-day visit to India.**
   a. German to invest 1 billion euros for creating friendly urban mobility.
   b. Angela Merkel will have delegation-level talks with an aim to strengthen bilateral and multi-lateral efforts to combat terrorism and extremism.
   c. The countries are also working on opportunities in E-mobility, smart cities, inland waterways, and environment conservation.

2. **First-ever movement of container cargo on Brahmaputra**
   The vessel **MV Maheshwari**, carrying 53 containers of petrochemicals, edible oil and beverage will take 12-15 days to reach the IWAI terminal at Pandu in Assam’s Guwahati. National Waterway 2 (NW-2) is a section of the Brahmaputra River having a length of 891 km between the Bangladesh border near Dhubri and Sadiya in Assam. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) was formed on 27 Oct 1986.

3. **The 35th ASEAN Summit held in Bangkok**
   Thailand Prime Minister **Prayut Chan-o-cha** inaugurated the summit at IMPACT convention complex, Bangkok. The theme for the 2019 summit is Advancing Partnership for sustainability. Apart from leaders of 10 ASEAN countries head of Eight dialogue partner countries including India, USA, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand are also participating in the summit.
4. **5th Edition of ‘Miss Asia Global Title 2019’ was organized at Gokulam Convention centre in Kochi, Kerala**

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5. **6th Speakers’ Summit of G20 Countries- Held in Tokyo, Japan**

Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla composed and led the Indian Parliament delegation. The summit had three sessions on separate themes related to *trade, technology and sustainable development.*

6. **India refused to join RCEPs agreement**

India raised concerns including the threat of circumvention of *Rules of Origin* due to tariff differential. The domestic industries of India feared that the lower customs duty would see a flood of imports, especially from China, with which India has a massive trade deficit.

7. **BIMSTEC Ports Conclave-Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

The Minister of State (I/C) for Shipping Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the first-ever BIMSTEC Ports’ Conclave. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) member countries are Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan, and Nepal.

8. **World Travel Market (WTM)-London, UK**

The theme for the India Pavilion at 2019 WTM is *Incredible India- Find Incredible India.* The Indian delegations were lead by Secretary of Union Ministry of Tourism Shri Yogendra Tripathi and Additional Director General of Tourism Ms. Rupinder Brar.

9. **15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) held at Dhaka, Bangladesh.**

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and climate change Shri Prakash Javadekar participated. The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) was established in 1982 by the *South Asian governments*. The member nations of SACEP are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan, Pakistan, and Nepal.

10. **Nepal protests New political map of India**

Nepal formally protested over the inclusion of the region of Kalapani in the new political map of India. The political map of India reiterated the Indian claims on the region that Nepal says belongs to its westernmost part. India claims the *historic region as part of the state of Uttarakhand.*

11. **India to contribute $13.5 mn for UN development activities for 2020**
India will contribute USD 13.5 million for various operational activities of development across the UN agencies for the year 2020.

12. **ADB to provide USD 91 million loan for Vijayanagara Channel**
The Centre and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement to extend 91 million US dollar loan to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems and prepare river basin management plans in the Krishna river basin.

13. **India to contribute $5 million in 2020 to the UN Palestine refugee agency**
India has announced that it is to contribute $5 million in 2020 to the UN Palestine refugee agency. It aims to provide services to refugees in the fields of education and health.

14. **Cybersecurity cooperation**
India and Russia are to set up cybersecurity cooperation in the backdrop of cyber-attack on the Kudankulam nuclear power plant. The plant was built by a global nuclear major, Rosatom.

15. **Training programme of the 2nd batch of Afghan diplomat**
India and China jointly began the training programme of the second batch of Afghan diplomats. Both countries aim to work together for the development of war-torn Afghanistan.

16. **Alternative to SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)**
India, Russia, and China have partnered to explore an alternative to the US-dominated Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) payment mechanism. The move aims to smoothen trade with countries that face American sanctions.

17. **Campaign to end violence against women**
The Ministry of Home Affairs, in association with the UN Women, flagged off an awareness campaign to end violence against women from Sultanpur metro station in Delhi. The initiative is a part of the #OrangeTheWorld global campaign. The 112 India App and the emergency response support system has been developed in-house by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).

18. **K12 Education Transformation Framework**
Microsoft rolled out its K12 Education Transformation Framework more widely to schools across India at the second edition of the Microsoft Education Days in Gurgaon.
1. **Chief Justice of India's office comes under RTI Act: Supreme Court**

   The *Supreme Court* ruled that the office of Chief Justice comes under the transparency law, the *Right to Information (RTI)* Act. The decision by the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court, led Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, who retired on November 17, comes on a petition filed by Central Public Information Officer of the Supreme Court against a *Delhi high court ruling of 2010* that held the office of the CJI was a public authority and directed the secretary-general of the top court to disclose details of the assets of judges sought by *RTI activist Subash Chandra Agarwal*.

2. **Logo of Lokpal**

   Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose launched the logo of Lokpal.
   a. New motto, “*Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone’s wealth)*”
   b. A logo designed by Prashant Mishra, a resident of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, was finally selected.
   c. The logo figuratively symbolizes the essence of Lokpal, with the inclusion of shapes such as the ombudsman [Judges’ Bench], the people [three human figures], vigilance [an Ashoka Chakra forming an eye], the law [a shape of book] and the judicial [two tri-color hands placed below, forming a unique balance].

3. **Samvidhan Divas - November 26**

   Constitution Day is celebrated in India on **November 26** every year. On this day, the Constituent Assembly of India formally adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on **January 26, 1950**. It is known as National Law Day or Samvidhan Divas.

4. **Ayodhya Verdict**

   In a unanimous judgment, a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi asked the Centre, which had acquired the entire 67.73 acres of land including the 2.77 acre of the disputed Ramjanmabhumi-Babri Masjid premises in 1993, to formulate a *scheme within three months* and set up a trust to manage the property and construct a temple.

   A bench led by CJI Ranjan Gogoi delivered the Ayodhya verdict alongside CJI designate S.A. Bobde, and Justices D.Y. Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S.A. Nazeer. The verdict was *unanimous*. 
Key Points

a. The whole of the disputed Ayodhya land to be **given to the Hindu parties for construction of Ram Mandir**.

b. The Sunni Waqf Board to be allotted 5 acres of alternate land in a prominent place in Ayodhya.

c. The alternate land will be provided either by the centre or the state.

d. The centre will hand the disputed land to the trust that will be set up within 3 months.

e. Nirmohi Akhara will also be given representation in the board of trustees.

f. The trust will monitor and manage the construction of the grand Ram Temple at the site.

g. The Hindu belief that Lord Ram was born in Ayodhya is undisputed

5. **Supreme Court refers Sabarimala review petitions to larger 7-judge bench**

The Supreme Court has referred the review petitions against its previous judgement on the Sabarimala issue to a larger 7-judge bench. The apex court delivered the ruling by a 3:2 majority on November 14, 2019.

**NATIONAL**

1. **India would be a Non-TB country by 2025**

Ashwini Kumar Choubey, the Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, said that India would be a non-TB country by 2025 at a seminar on the eradication of tuberculosis (TB) organized at a Hyderabad-based hospital, Telangana. Tuberculosis is caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTB) bacteria.

2. **Women Help Desks (WHDs) and Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs)**

Centre is to set up Women Help Desks (WHDs) in ten thousand police stations and for Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs) in the remaining districts of India. The cost to be allocated for the implementation is **Rs.100 crores each**. The funding out will be of the Nirbhaya Fund.
3. **5th India International Science Festival (IISF)-Kolkata**
   It is organized jointly by Science & Technology-related Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and Vijnana Bharati (Vibha). The theme of the festival is “RISEN: Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation”.

4. **Robotic Surgery facility in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi**
   It was inaugurated by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan. Safdarjang Hospital (SJH) is one of the biggest tertiary care referral centres of India.

5. **India to adopt Brazil model of human milk bank**
   The Centre has set a target of ensuring at least 70 per cent infants to have access to breast milk by the year 2025. Target will subsequently be increased to 100 per cent. India has taken inspiration from Brazil’s success in the field of human milk bank decided to adopt a similar model in creating a wide network of human milk banks.

6. **Air India paints ‘Ek Onkar’ symbol on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft**
   National Carrier Air India has painted ‘Ek Onkar’ symbol on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft’s tail to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. The aircraft will fly on October 31 from Amritsar to London.

7. **Mission Indradhanush 2.0 portal**
   a. Launched by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.
   b. This portal starts from December 2019–March 2020. The IMI2.0 is a rechristened version of mission Indhradanush Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) that aims to achieve 100% immunization.
   c. The portal was launched during the celebration of the silver jubilee of the Pulse Polio Programme.
   d. The health minister also launched Operational guidelines for ‘Strengthening immunization systems to reach every child’ and ‘Operational guidelines for Strengthening Td10 and Td16 vaccine implementation.

8. **Kolkata International Film Festival**
   Germany is the Focus Country of this year’s festival. Satyajit Ray Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Noted Film Personality Kumar Sahani.

9. **National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD)**
   Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH inaugurated National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) upgraded from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM) at Erragadda, Hyderabad.
10. **Govt released maps of newly-created UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh**
   The new Union Territory of Ladakh consists of Kargil and Leh – two districts. The rest of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir is in the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The maps prepared by **Survey General of India** depicting the new UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, as created on October 31, 2019, along with the map of India.

11. **Finance Minister launches two IT initiatives ICEDASH and ATITHI**
   a. **ICEDASH** is an Ease of Doing Business monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping the public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.
   b. **The ATITHI app** will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports and enhance the experience of international tourists and other visitors at the airports.

   a. Released by Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**.
   b. The Atlas, published jointly by **Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre**, provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.

13. **Health ATM-Lucknow**
   The **Indian Railways** has installed two ‘Health ATMs’ at the Charbagh railway station in **Lucknow**. The kiosks, promoted by **YOLO Health ATM**, provide 16 health check-ups.

14. **Standing wheelchair**
   **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras**, in collaboration with **Phoenix Medical Systems**, launched the country’s first indigenously-designed **standing wheelchair**. Wheelchair named “Arise”, was designed and developed by the TTK Centre for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2), headed by Sujatha Srinivasan, a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT-Madras.

15. **National Tribal Festival Aadi Mahotsav- Dilli Haat, New Delhi**
   The theme of the Aadi Mahotsav is a **Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture, and Commerce**. The theme is to represent the basic ethos of tribal life.

16. **Chief guest to the Republic Day celebrations 2020**
   The Central government is to invite **Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro** as the chief guest to the Republic Day celebrations 2020.

17. **Skills Build platform**
Centre is to launch the **Skills Build platform** in collaboration with **IBM**. It was announced by the **Directorate General of Training (DGT)**, which functions under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

18. **Sports training centres for the differently abled people**
   The Union Minister Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot announced that the government is to establish sports training centres at **five locations** in the country.

19. **Shala Darpan Portal of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS).**
   It was launched by Sanjay Dhotre, the Union Minister of State for Human Resources Development. The platform has been developed to share information and knowledge dissemination for the 22,000 employees and around 2 lakh students across schools and offices of NVS.

20. **300% increase in Ex-Gratia for fatal coal mine accidents**
   Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri Pralhad Joshi, announced a **300 percent** hike in ex-gratia amount from Rs 5 lakhs to Rs 15 lakhs, for fatal coal mines accidents.

21. **Farmitra mobile app**
   **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has launched a new mobile app called ‘**Farmitra**’ for the ease of farmers. This app intends to help the farmers needs and address their worries.

22. **Global Exhibition on Services held on Bangalore**
   The **5th edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019** is being held from November 26 to 28 at **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

23. **Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan held in New Delhi**
   **Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan**, a mega event for discussing ideas, theories and research findings in the ancient Sanskrit language, begins in **New Delhi**.

24. **Indian Oil to set up 2G ethanol plant in Panipat**
   The Ministry of Environment has granted clearance to the **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** to set up a Rs.766-crore **2G ethanol plant** in **Haryana’s Panipat** district. The Ethanol produced in the plant will be exclusively used to blend **transportation fuels**. The project also aims at doubling farmers income.

25. **Medical device parks**
   The **government of India** has given approval for **setting up four medical device parks** with a view to support Make in India initiative and provide world-class products at an affordable price for treatment. The four parks will be set up in **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala**.
26. World’s first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port, Gujarat

Gujarat Government has given approval to the world’s first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port, Gujarat. The joint venture of United Kingdom-based Foresight Group and Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group will invest 1,900 crore rupees to set up a CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port.

27. National Capital Region -2041 conclave held in New Delhi

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, chaired the inaugural conclave on “National Capital Region -2041” in Delhi. This conclave is organized by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB). The theme of the conclave was “Planning for Tomorrow’s Greatest Capital Region”.

28. Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan

Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive in 50 identified beaches under the programme called ‘Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan.’

29. 39th India International Trade Fair 2019 held in New Delhi

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30. President’s rule in Maharashtra

President Ram Nath Kovind has signed the proclamation imposing President’s rule in Maharashtra. The Union Cabinet has recommended the President rule on the report of the Governor invoking Article 356 of the constitution in the state. Article 356, commonly known as President’s rule, deals with ‘failure of constitutional machinery in the state’.

31. SARAS India International Trade Fair(IITF) Mela 2019 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

The Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Agriculture inaugurated the trade fair. SARAS IITF Mela empowering rural women through Self-Help Groups is one of the top priorities of the government.

32. SAANS campaign-Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched ‘SAANS’ campaign in Gujarat during the inauguration of 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable practices and innovations. The aim of SAANS is to reducing
child mortality due to pneumonia, which contributes to around 15% of deaths annually of children under the age of five.

33. **4th International Cherry Blossom Festival 2019 held in Shillong, Meghalaya**

It was inaugurated by Meghalaya Chief Minister. For the 1st time, India & South Korea jointly celebrated this festival that witnessed the celebration of unique autumn flowering of Himalayan Cherry Blossoms (scientifically known as the Prunus serrulata).

34. **Census 2021 to be conducted in 16 languages**

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The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended an amount of **Rs. 8754.23 crore** for conducting Census 2021 in 16 languages.

35. **Golden chariot train**

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corp (KSTDC) signed a memorandum of understanding with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to market and operate the Golden Chariot train. The luxurious Golden Chariot train will start plying from March 2020.


The Event was Inaugurated by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. Emphasizing the need for a permanent venue for training on best practices in agriculture & extension activities for the farmers in Vidarbha.

37. **India's first elephant memorial**

Wildlife SOS, India-based conservation charity, unveiled India’s first elephant memorial in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

38. **Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC)**

The central government has banned the Meghalaya-based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC). The government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, banned the organization. It has been banned for its increased activities of violence and other subversive acts.

39. **Destination North East (NE) Festival**

The Destination North East (NE) Festival is held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, on 23 November 2019. The festival aims to bring the rest of India closer to the North East and to have experience of the rich culture of the North-Eastern region.
40. **SHIKHAR SE PUKAR**
Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released a short documentary film on Water Conservation named ‘SHIKHAR SE PUKAR’ in New Delhi.

41. **Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal**
Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal in New Delhi. To provide the transparent real-time web-based monitoring system for the beneficiaries of the Credit-linked Subsidy Services (CLSS).

42. **Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) – Hyderabad**
The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up in Hyderabad, Telangana. This new entity is set up to impart professional training in the management of railway finances.

43. **National Youth Parliament Scheme Portal**
National Youth Parliament Scheme Portal will provide photographs, videos, scripts and e-training modules for online self-learning. The President of India Ram Nath Kovind launched a web portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme on the occasion of 70th anniversary of the adoption of Indian Constitution.

44. **Sexual Harassment Electronic Box (SHe-Box)**
The government of India has introduced an online complaint management system named Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (SHe-Box). It was developed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

45. **Kartavya Portal**
Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister launched the kartavya.ugc.ac.in portal for holding monthly essay competitions for students. The portal was launched as part of year-long ‘Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan’ being observed throughout the country. The topics of the essay will be based on one Fundamental Duty every month.

**PERSONS & PLACES IN NEWS**

1. **Veteran CPI leader Gurudas Dasgupta passes away**
   Former Parliamentarian and veteran CPI leader Gurudas Dasgupta passed away. He was elected General Secretary of All India Trade Union Congress – AITUC, in 2001.
2. **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)**
   The 7 categories for recognition under UCCN are Crafts and Folk Arts, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Music, Media Arts and Literature. Previously, 3 Indian cities were recognized as members of UCCN, namely- Jaipur-Crafts and Folk Arts (2015), Varanasi-Creative city of Music (2015), Chennai-Creative city of Music (2017).

3. **Dal Lake of J&K to be declared Eco-Sensitive Zone**
   The Jammu and Kashmir government has set up a 10-member committee to declare Srinagar's famous Dal Lake and its surrounding areas as an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ), following concerns over its shrinking size. The Eco-Sensitive Zone is called Ecologically Fragile Areas.

4. **Suranga Bawadi selected as World Monument Watch list for 2020**
   Suranga Bawadi in Bijapur, Karnataka was selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020, by the New York-based non-governmental organisation. Suranga Bawadi was selected under the category of “Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau” along with 24 monuments across the world. It was built in the 16th century of Adil Shahi-I in Vijayapura.

5. **Darjeeling’s green and white teas get GI tag**
   These two varieties of Darjeeling tea have been registered under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999, with effect from October 2019.

6. **PETA India’s Person of the Year, 2019**
   India captain Virat Kohli was named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India’s ‘Person of the Year for 2019’ for his animal advocacy efforts.

7. **Fortune’s Businessperson of the Year 2019 list**

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8. **Kalaburagi Airport**
   The first flight from Kalaburagi Airport to Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru took off after the inauguration of Kalaburagi airport by the Chief Minister of Karnataka. The airport has been built under the UDAN-RCS Scheme of Govt. of India.

9. **First child-friendly police station in Telangana**
Medipally police station in Rachakonda, Hyderabad, has become the first child-friendly police station in Telangana. The inauguration programme was held on Children’s Day 14 November 2019.

10. **Agra to be renamed as Agravan**
The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh State government is planning to rename Agra to Agravan. Earlier, it has changed the names of Allahabad to Prayagraj, Faizabad to Ayodhya, and Mughalsarai to Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar.

11. **102nd Birth anniversary of former PM Indira Gandhi**
Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to Indira Gandhi on her 102nd birth anniversary on 19 November 2019. Indira Gandhi was born on 19 November 1917 in Allahabad, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, British India. She was the first and only female Prime Minister of India. She was assassinated by her own bodyguards on 31 October 1984.

12. **Anita Anand first Hindu to be appointed cabinet minister in Canada**
Anita Anand for the first time in the federal elections named the minister of public services and procurement.

13. **16th Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sushil Kumar passes away**
Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar passed away at a military hospital in New Delhi on 27 November 2019. He was 79-years-old. He recently authored a book titled A Prime Minister to Remember - Memories of a Military Chief on Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He served as the Navy Chief from 1998 to 2001. He oversaw the Naval operations during the Kargil conflict of 1999. He was the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee when India planned Operation Parakram, in 2000-2001, in the wake of the terror attack on Parliament.

### REPORTS /INDICES

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3. **Global bribery risk in South Asia (Released by Trace Bribery Matrix)**

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With a total risk score of 48, India is ranked higher and has been placed in a better position than neighbouring China whose score is 59.

If a country gets a higher score it means it is in a higher risk of business bribery.

4. **World Talent Ranking Report (WTR) released by the International Institute of Management Development (IMD)**

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7. **Nomura’s Food Vulnerability Index (NFVI)**

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10. **Global Terrorism Index (Report published by Forbes)**

    India ranks 7th among top 10 countries.
    The most affected area in India was Jammu and Kashmir where 123 people were killed in 321 terror attacks.

11. **Road Accidents in India-2018**

    | Tamil Nadu | Uttar Pradesh |
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    | Most number of road accidents | Highest number of persons died in road accidents |

12. **Diplomats country wise (Lowy Institute, an Australian think tank)**

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   NISHTHA is aimed at improving learning outcomes at Elementary level through integrated Teacher Trainings.

2. **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**  
   Jammu and Kashmir have achieved the highest road length in the country this year so far under a Centre’s rural roads’ programme with the completion of around **11,400** kilometers covering **1,838** habitations. The work is being carried under the centrally-sponsored **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**, which is a mega flagship programme with the main objective of providing connectivity to rural areas.

3. **Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)**  
   The announcement was made by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD) and Textiles, **Smriti Zubin Irani**, in a function. It will be Co-chaired by **Mr. Bill Gates**.  
   a. It aims to reduce malnutrition through a multi-sectoral results-based framework.  
   b. It aims to address malnutrition and reinforce healthy dietary behaviours both at the individual and community level, including the variation in such practices across India.

4. **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)–Oilseeds and Oil Palm (OS&OP)**  
   The Government is to implement the **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)–Oilseeds and Oil Palm (OS&OP)** in **six more States**, namely Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.  
   a. Currently, the implementation of NFSM–(OS&OP) is being done in **29 States**.  
   b. It has three subcomponents, namely, **Oilseeds**, **Oil palm**, and **Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs)**.  
   c. The oilseeds production, which was **27.72 million tonnes** in **2008-09**, has been **increased to 32.26 million tonnes** in **2018-19**.  
   d. The edible oil production, which was **6.34 million tonnes** in **2008-09**, has been **increased to 10.44 million tonnes** in **2018-19**.

5. **National AYUSH Mission (NAM)**  
   Ministry of AYUSH has implemented a new component named **Medicinal Plants** under **Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM)** since 2015-16 across India. Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) from Lucknow has worked a project titled **Dissemination of Vetiver (Chrysopogon zizanioides) agrotechnology in flood-prone contaminated area of Ganga river** of Uttar Pradesh.
6. **Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Urban)**
The government of India approved the construction of nearly **3.31 lakh** more houses under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Urban) at the **49th Meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) under PMAY(U).**

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

1. **Chandrayaan 2 found Argon 40 in lunar space**
   Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) reported that Chandra's Atmospheric Composition Explorer-2 (CHACE-2) payload on Chandrayaan-2 detected Argon-40 (40Ar) from the lunar exosphere.

2. **World's first-ever Indian Brain Atlas**
   IIT Hyderabad developed the world's first-ever Indian Brain Atlas. It defines a template for the brains of people living in the Indian subcontinent. The study revealed that the Indian brain is smaller in size, width, and volume when compared to the brain from the Western and Eastern populations.

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

4. **Sudan’s remote-sensing satellite (SRSS-1)**
   Sudan’s first-ever satellite for conducting research in military, economic and space technology has been launched by China’s Long March-4B rocket.

5. **Electricity from wet clothes**
   Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-Kharagpur), the Mechanical department, generated electricity from clothes drying in the natural ambience.

6. **Interstellar medium (ISM)**
   The US space agency reported that NASA's Voyager 2 spacecraft had crossed the boundary that marks the edge of the Sun's realm and the start of the interstellar space. By achieving this feat, Voyager 2 became the second human-made object to journey out of the Sun’s influence after Voyager 1’s solar exit in 2012. Voyager 2 has sent the most detailed look at the edge of the solar system.

7. **First electric airplane X-57 Maxwell**
   NASA unveils its first electric airplane X-57 Maxwell in the aeronautics lab in the California desert.
8. **Cartosat-3 and 13 commercial Nano satellites**

India’s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C47 launched Cartosat-3 and 13 commercial nanosatellites into Sun Synchronous orbit from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota on 27th November. The satellite will be placed in an orbit of 509 km at an inclination of 97.5 degrees.

Cartosat-3 satellite is a third-generation agile advanced satellite having high-resolution imaging capability.

PSLV-C47 will also carry 13 commercial nano satellites from the United States of America as part of a commercial arrangement with New Space India Limited (NSIL), Department of Space.

9. **Second set of mini-satellites**

SpaceX, a private company, launched a second set of mini-satellites. A Falcon-9 rocket launched 60 mini-satellites in orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

10. **IBM GRAF (Global High-Resolution Atmospheric Forecasting System)**

IBM is to launch IBM GRAF (Global High-Resolution Atmospheric Forecasting System) which will be able to predict conditions up to 12 hours in advance. IBM GRAF will run on a supercomputer and provide more detailed and higher quality forecasts.

11. **26 GHz spectrum band for 5G operations**

India is to partner with China, Russia, and Japan to oppose the use of a 26 GHz spectrum band for 5G operations. The Countries announced their decision at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) 2019 held from 28 October to 22 November 2019 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. India has aligned with the countries as the 26 GHz spectrum has been used by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for satellite services. Signal transmitted over low-frequency bands will provide higher coverage than the transmission in a higher frequency band. This will also lead to a proportionate reduction in the cost of the telecom network.

12. **Anti-bacterial LED bulb Bactiglow SSK-BAB-9W Bulb**

Syska Group launched an anti-bacterial LED bulb Bactiglow SSK-BAB-9W Bulb. The bulb is made with microbial disinfection properties that electrocute harmful bacteria present in a room.

13. **Special winter-grade diesel**

Indian Oil Corporation launched a special winter-grade diesel for the high-altitude regions of Ladakh. The first Winter-Grade Diesel outlet for Ladakh was launched by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah. During winter, temperatures drop to as low as -30 degree Celsius and hence, the diesel in
the vehicles freezes. Indian Oil has introduced a special winter-grade diesel with a **low pour-point of -33 degree Celsius**.

14. **All-electric racing aircraft**
   An all-electric racing aircraft was unveiled by Air Race E, an Airbus-backed European planemaker, at the on-going Dubai Air Show. The aircraft was called **White Lightning**. It was the world’s first all-electric racing aircraft. The aircraft is to be manufactured by the **UK-based Condor Aviation**. The aircraft uses an electric motor that will carry it at flight speeds of around **482 km per hour** on a tight 5 km circuit, just 10 meters above the ground. **Lithium batteries** are installed under the fuselage of the plane. It provides power for **five minutes of high-intensity racing** and around **10 minutes of reserve flying at reduced power**.

15. **Humanoid robot Sona 1.5**
   The modern railway coach factory is using a humanoid robot **Sona 1.5** to transport documents from one place to another. The humanoid robot Sona 1.5 was built by **Najavunjpavad, Jaipur. Sona 1.5**, the humanoid robot, is a **full-service robot** made in India. This robot will be used to transport files or any type of documents from one place to another in the modern railway coach factory. It is the **first robot in the world with human-like spine technology** due to which they are able to balance.

16. **Catalytic converter for cars**
   A research team from the IIT-Jodhpur chemistry department has developed a **catalytic converter** for cars using **Rajasthani clay**. The new catalytic converter was developed by the extraction of **Iron-Nickel-Cobalt nanoparticles** from the Rajasthani clay.

17. **LB – 1 Black hole in the Milky Way**
   Researchers from the National Astronomical Observatory of China have discovered a **black hole in the Milky Way**.
   a. The black hole, LB-1, is located **15,000 light-years** away from Earth.
   b. LB-1 has a mass **70 times greater** than the Sun.
   c. The large mass of LB-1 falls into a range known as the **pair-instability gap**.

18. **New rocket launch pad, Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu**
   The government of India is to set up a new rocket launch pad near Kulasekarapattinam in the **State of Tamil Nadu**. It was announced by the Union Minister of Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh. The move is because of the increasing launches from India for both domestic and international customers. Currently, the ISRO has **two launch pads** at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The number of satellites launched every year by ISRO has increased over 30. In 2018 alone, ISRO has launched 17 missions.
19. **Space-grade lithium-ion cells (Li-ion cells)**

   The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** transferred its indigenous technology to produce space-grade lithium-ion cells (Li-ion cells) to **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**.

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**SPORTS**

1. **India drops to 106th in FIFA Men’s rankings**

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2. **India to play first day-night Test with Bangladesh at Eden Gardens**

   The **Indian cricket team** will play its first-ever Day-Night Test match against **Bangladesh**. The Test is scheduled to be held at the **Eden Gardens, Kolkata** from November 22-26 and will be the second game of a two-match series. The match will start at 2 pm (IST) and will comprise a Tea and Dinner break. **SG pink balls** will be used for the 1st time in Test cricket.

3. **Mary Kom named in IOC’s 2020 Olympics athlete ambassadors group**

   The 6-time world champion **Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom** has been inducted into the 10-member sports ambassador group by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** on Boxing workforce to represent boxers ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Mary Kom will represent the Asian bloc group.

4. **Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea.**

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5. **UWW Under-23 World Championships-Budapest, Hungary**

   **Pooja Gehlot** (53kg) in wrestling claimed India’s second **silver medal** after going down to Japan’s **Haruna Okuno**.

6. **Paris Masters 2019**

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7. **9th edition of Rugby World Cup 2019- Yokohama, Japan**

South Africa defeated England’s team by 32-12 scores in the final. This was the 3 time the South African (SA) team reached the final of the World Cup and won the tournament. The SA team, which won the World Cup for the first time in 1995, also won the final in 2007. With this, the team also equaled New Zealand’s record of winning the World Cup three times.

8. **Asian Shooting Championships 2019**

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9. **Official emblem unveiled for FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup India 2020**

   a. The designs of the emblem is bright blue waves rise from the base and reach up along the form of the trophy towards a crown forming the shape of Paisley or Boteh motif commonly used in Kashmiri Pashmina shawl and carpets.

   b. The droplet of the design framing a ball made from a marigold flower depicts a symbol of growth and development. The colour and style are inspired by Bandhani textiles, an Indian tie-dye technique dating back thousands of years.

   c. The stem of the marigold’s symbol is derived from traditional Warli paintings with Bandhani patterns.

10. **Rohit Sharma - First Indian man and second in world cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals.**

He reached the milestone when he led the team in the second match against Bangladesh at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium. Shoaib Malik, with 111 games from Pakistan, is the only player to have played more than 100 T20 Internationals. Rohit is currently the top-scorer in this format, with 2452 runs with regular skipper Virat Kohli second in the list with an aggregate of 2450 series.

11. **India to host 2023 Mens Hockey World Cup**

India will host the Men’s Hockey World Cup for the second consecutive time after the country was picked to host the game’s showpiece event in 2023 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in Lausanne. The Men’s Hockey World Cup in India from January 13 to 29. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) India will play host to the men’s tournament while Spain and the Netherlands have been named as the co-hosts of the 2022 Women’s World Cup scheduled to be held from 1st to 22nd of July.

12. **Women’s boxing icon Nicola Adams announced retirement**

Two-time Olympic boxing champion Nicola Adams (37 years) announced her retirement from the sport on medical advice due to the vulnerability of losing eyesight.
13. **Deepak Chahar records best-ever figures in T20**

   India pacer Deepak Chahar recorded the best-ever figures in the Twenty20 Internationals when he returned figures 6 for 7 runs in 3.2 overs against Bangladesh at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur. The previous record of 6 for 8 by Sri Lankan mystery spinner Ajantha Mendis against Zimbabwe in 2012.

14. **14th Asian Championship in Doha, Qatar**

   Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the **silver medal** in men’s **10m air pistol** event.

15. **World Para Athletics Championships held in Dubai**

   Javelin thrower **Sundar Singh Gurjar** has won India’s second gold and defending his **World Para Athletics Championships** title in the **men’s F46 javelin throw** event in Dubai.

16. **World Kabaddi cup 2019 in Punjab**

   India set to host World Kabaddi cup 2019 in Punjab. Nine teams: India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada are expected to take part in the tournament.

17. **IAAF officially changes its name to World Athletics**

   The **International Association of Athletics Federations** (IAAF) has officially changed its name and will now be known as **World Athletics**.

18. **Indonesia Open TT Championship**

   Indian paddler **Harmeet Desai** wins men’s singles title at **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019** Table Tennis tournament held at **Batam, Indonesia**.

19. **Sarita Devi elected as member of AIBA athletes commission**

   Laishram Sarita Devi (Manipur) is among the 6 boxers from 5 continents who were elected as **members of AIBA Athletes Commission**. She is DSP in Manipur Police.

20. **63rd National Shooting Championship held in New Delhi**

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21. **Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 in Dubai**

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22. **Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)**

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23. **18th edition of the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) under 17 World Cup trophy held in Brasilia, Brazil**

The **Brazilian football team** defeated the football **team of Mexico** in the finals for **2-1**. The victory added to Brazil’s successes in 1997, 1999 and 2003 as it moved within one of Nigeria’s record of **five championships**.

24. **International Shooting Sport Federation held at Putian in China**

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25. **ISSF World Cup Finals held at Putian, China**

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26. **Champions of 2019 Fuzhou China Open**

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27. **Vijender Singh claims 12th successive professional win**

Indian boxing star **Vijender Singh** defeated Ghana’s former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu to claim his 12th successive win.

28. **Sixth Davis Cup title**

World number one **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** won sixth Davis Cup title. He defeated **Denis Shapovalov of Canada** in Madrid.

29. **World Athlete of the Year award**

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30. **Scottish Open badminton men’s single held in Glasgow, Scotland**

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32. **Asian Archery Championships held in Kolkata**

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**STATES**

1. **Centre to set up Bamboo Technology Parks in JK and Ladakh UTs**

   The Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) project will be implemented under NEC. The project to set up three new Bamboo Technology Parks in Jammu, Srinagar and Leh will be in association with the National Bamboo Mission (NBM).

2. **Financial Assistance to all child care institutions under 5T initiative**

   Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced financial assistance to all childcare institutions in the State. Under the announcement, the district Redcross Societies will be given an amount of Rs.10 lakh each under 5T initiative.

   **5T Initiative**

   The Odisha government follows the 5-T initiative for the welfare of the people. 5T stands for Technology, Transparency, Teamwork, Transformation and Time.

3. **Chhath Festival in Bihar**

   The four days long Chhath festival, worship of the Sun God, began in Bihar. The festival is celebrated in Bihar, Jharkhand, and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The festival is celebrated from 31 October to 3 November

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4. **21st North East Book Fair-Guwahati, Assam**

   Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 21st North East Book Fair in Guwahati, Assam, in the presence of Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

5. **3rd edition of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019-Kochi**

   Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan inaugurated the 3rd edition of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019. The two-day summit organized by Confederation of
Indian Industry (CII) will deliberate on the theme “Mainstreaming Ayurveda through Startups, Innovation and Branding”.

6. **Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Award**

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

7. **Ghar Ghar Rozgar programme**

   The Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Amarinder Singh has launched a first of its kind job helpline number 76260-76260 for the unemployed youth of the state under ‘Ghar Ghar Rozgar’ programme. The objective of this helpline is to reach every house in Punjab and it can be contacted on 75 thousand mobile numbers daily.

8. **Assam pacts with AFD to restore its forest cover**

   Assam State government signed an agreement worth 50 million euros (Rs.400 crore) with the French Development Agency (AFD). The agreement aims to help restore the state’s forests and preserve its biodiversity.

9. **Bihar to ban govt vehicles older than 15 years from checking pollution**

   The proposal aims to combat air pollution. Kolkata restricted movement of commercial vehicles older than 15 years in 2008. And the petrol vehicles older than 15 years and diesel vehicles older than ten years were ordered off the streets of the national capital region in 2015.

10. **Andhra Pradesh State to introduce English medium in government school**

    Andhra Pradesh state government is to introduce English medium from standard first to standard eight in government schools from the next academic year. It will be implemented for I to VIII standards from the academic year 2020-21 and for IX and X standards from the academic year 2021-22.

11. **Gujarat to have over 30 GW of renewable energy by 2022**

    Gujarat has a total production of 9,670 MW renewable energy. It includes 2,654 MW solar energy and 6,880 MW wind energy. In the industrial production section, Gujarat has overtaken Maharashtra as its contribution increased to 16.81% as compared to 14.21% of Maharashtra.

12. **Sishu Suraksha APP**

    The Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights launched a mobile app Sishu Suraksha on the occasion of Children’s Day. The purpose
of the app is to empower citizens to take moral responsibility for protecting future generations.

13. Bali Yatra festiva - Cuttack, Odisha
The festival is organised at the bank of Mahanadi River every year to mark the day when ancient mariners from the state would set sail to the distant land of Bali, Sumatra, Java (Jawa) in Indonesia, Borneo and Sri Lanka, for the expansion of trade and Culture.

14. e-Ganna app and web portal
Uttar Pradesh government has launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, e-Ganna App, for sugarcane farmers of the state.

15. Mana Badi Nadu-Nedu scheme
a. Andhra Pradesh government has launched the ‘Nadu-Nedu’ programme.
b. The programme aims to introduce English medium from classes 1 to 6 in state-run schools.
c. The scheme will be implemented in 15,715 schools in the first phase.
d. It will cover all schools in three years’ time with a budget of Rs 12,000 crores.
e. The decision to switch over to the English medium in government schools has been taken to uplift the marginalised section of society.

16. Arundhati scheme
Assam Govt approves Arundhati scheme to provide 1 Tola Gold to Brides free of cost. In a cabinet meeting held in Guwahati, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal approved this scheme to give 1 tola Gold (11.66 grams) to brides parents belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society.

17. Aao School Chalein Campaign
The Directorate of School Education (DSEJ) of Jammu has launched a special enrollment drive under the banner ‘Aao School Chalein’ for increasing the enrollment in government schools.

18. Virtual classes project
Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a project that will connect 500 secondary schools to virtual classrooms and schools in the state facing a shortage of teachers will benefit from the new technology. The project was launched under the Information and Communication Technology scheme of Samagra Sikshar Abhiyan in Uttarakhand.

19. Assam government releases the new Land Policy 2019 after 30 years
Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal released the new Land Policy 2019 prepared by Revenue and Disaster Management Department. The state government has been putting a lot of emphasis in preparing the Land
Policy to safeguard the interest of the indigenous people and the Policy would remove complications regarding land allotments and settlements.

20. **Four Drought Affected Districts**
   The Rajasthan state government declared 1,388 villages of 13 tehsils in Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, and Hanuman Garh as drought-affected.

21. **Goa to ban plastics and pet bottles from 2020 January**
   In 2020, Goa has decided to impose a complete ban on the use of all plastics below 50 microns. The ban will include sachets, soft drinks, water, and other drinks sold in pet bottles of volumes below 500ml.

22. **Pathsala scheme**
   The Assam State Government has allocated Rs.30 crore for the development of Assam's Pathsala town. The allocated funds will be spent on construction of a flyover, roads and other schemes. Under the scheme, the state plans to develop roads in order to improve infrastructure in the State.

23. **Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana**
   Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal announced Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana. The scheme aimed to help the people living in unauthorized colonies where sewer lines are yet to be laid. People in such areas depend on manual scavengers for cleaning the tanks, which is an illegal act. Under the scheme, the Delhi government will clean the septic tanks for free.

24. **Rythu Mitra Mobile App**
   Telangana Finance Minister T Harish Rao and Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy launched Rythu Mitra, an exclusive mobile application. Using Rythu Mitra, the farmers can get advices and guidance from experts and agriculture extension officers (AEOs). They can also access information regarding government schemes, subsidies, and other kinds of government assistance being extended to the farm sector.

25. **Gujarat to ban the sale of junk food in schools**
   The Gujarat State government plans to ban the sale of junk food in schools and in the 50m area around school premises. The ban aims to encourage the consumption of healthy food among children. Earlier, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recommended a ban on the sale of food high in fat, salt, and sugar (HFSS) in schools.

26. **Andhra Pradesh launched toll free number to curb sand smuggling**
   Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched a toll-free number 14500 to register complaints or irregularities around sand hoarding, smuggling, and pricing.

27. **Free Wi-Fi services to Bengaluru**
Karnataka State has launched a scheme to provide **free Wi-Fi services** to Bengaluru for **one hour** each day.

**28. YSR Matsyakara Bharosa**

Andhra Pradesh State government launched **YSR Matsuakara Bharosa** scheme.

a. Under the YSR Matsuakara Bharosa scheme, the financial assistance to fishermen operating mechanized, motorized and non-motorised fishing nets will be enhanced to **Rs.10,000**.

b. The beneficiaries will get an increased diesel subsidy of **Rs.9 per litre**. Earlier, the subsidy was Rs.6.03 per litre.

c. The **ex gratia given to families of fishermen** who died while fishing has also been enhanced from **Rs.5 lakh** to **Rs.10 lakh**. This is applicable only to the fishermen in the **18 to 60 age group**.

**29. Madhya Pradesh govt to give 5% reservation to sportspersons in jobs**

Madhya Pradesh's government announced a **five percent** reservation to sportspersons in state government jobs. Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare Jitu Patwari announced while inaugurating the Regional Olympic Games in Gwalior.

**30. Sangai Festival 2019 held in Imphal, Manipur**

This Festival celebrated over the past few years with the name of the Tourism Festival since 2010 renamed as the Sangai Festival to stage the uniqueness of the shy and gentle brow-antlered deer popularly known as the Sangai.

**31. National Tribal Craft Mela – 2019**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the **National Tribal Craft Mela - 2019** in Bhubaneswar.

**32. Utkal University**

Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik**, the Rs 100 crores assistance sanctioned for the infrastructure development of Utkal University.

**33. Helpline for Graft-Related Complaints**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched helpline **14400** a citizen helpline number meant to enable people to complain about corruption in government departments.

**34. Micro Composting Centre (MCC)**

Odisha State government has announced that it is to replicate the **Micro Composting Centre (MCC) of the State Tamil Nadu**. It is cost-effective, community-driven, proven technology, and user-friendly.

**35. Etawah Lion Safari**

The **Etawah Lion Safari**, formally known as **Etawah Safari Park** was thrown open for public in **Uttar Pradesh** without the lion segment.
36. Vulture conservation and breeding centre
To conserve the endangered vulture population, the Uttar Pradesh government will set up the state’s first vulture conservation and breeding centre in Farenda area of Maharajganj district.

37. Guru Ghasidas National Park as tiger reserve
Chhattisgarh government has decided to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park in the state’s Korba district as a tiger reserve. Indravati in Bijapur district, Udanti-Sitanadi in Gariaband and Achanakmar in Bilaspur are the other tiger reserves in Chhattisgarh.

38. Uttar Pradesh campaign against Filariasis
UP Government launched this campaign and announced to eradicate Filariasis from the country by the year 2021. Filariasis is spread by infected mosquitoes, especially through the parasitic Culex fatigans female mosquito.

39. Aruna Bhoomi
Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu recently launched the state’s first Hindi newspaper ‘Arun Bhoomi’. This newspaper will be published and edited by Takam Sonia. He also runs an Arunachal Hindi organization.

40. Loktak Inland Waterways
Government approved the development of Loktak Inland Waterways improvement project in Manipur under the central sector scheme. The Ministry of Shipping has estimated the cost of the project is Rs.25.58 crores. It was announced by the Union Minister for Shipping (I/C) and Chemical & Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya.

Tamil Nadu

1. Germany also plans to invest 200 million euros in reforming the bus sector in Tamil Nadu.

2. ADB to give $451 mn for Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor power links
   a. The Asian Development Bank will provide a $451 million (about Rs 3,200 crore) loan to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.
   b. The estimated completion date is the end of 2024.
   c. CKIC covers 23 districts of Tamil Nadu and 70% of the state population.
3. **Coimbatore Railway Station is now visually challenged friendly**

Coimbatore Railway Station has now become visually-challenged friendly. It became the **fourth station** to have such a facility after Mysuru, Bengaluru, and Borivali station in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

4. **TN Seshan, former Chief Election Commissioner, passes away**

   - TN Seshan's full name was **Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan**.
   - He was the **10th Chief Election Commissioner of India**. He held this position from 12 December 1990 to 11 December 1996.
   - He made many changes in the Indian election system. The **voter ID card** was also started in India by him.
   - It was a famous quote about him that, 'Politicians are afraid of only two things, one God and the second TN Seshan'.
   - He completed his graduation from Christian College, Madras. He was also a lecturer for some time in the same college.
   - In **1997**, he contested the presidential election but defeated by **KR Narayanan**.
   - He also wrote the books 'The Degeneration of India' and 'A Heart Full of Burden'.
   - TN Seshan was awarded the **Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1996**.

**TN Seshan's Electoral Reforms**

   - TN Seshan appointed **special election observers in all states to observe clean and transparent elections** in the country. He checked on election spending to ensure fewer cases of money power and bribery during elections.
   - TN Seshan strictly enforced the electoral rules in the country **prohibit liquor distribution, bribing and muscle power**.
   - One of the famous incidents was, Election Commission asked then PM to remove two of sitting cabinet ministers because of their misconduct with the voters. It was said by the Election Commission that both of the cabinet ministers were involved in violating the model code of conduct and influencing voters.
   - One of the famous quotes of TN Seshan was, **“I eat politicians for breakfast”**.

5. **Justice AP Sahi becomes Chief Justice of Madaras High Court**

Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi has sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office to the Chief Justice.

6. **R Rajagopal - Chief information commissioner (CIC) of Tamil Nadu**
Tamil Nadu State government appointed senior bureaucrat and additional chief secretary to the governor, R Rajagopal, as the Chief information commissioner (CIC) of the state. Rajagopal will hold office for a tenure of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office or the date on which he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. The post of chief information commissioner was vacant, ever since retired bureaucrat Sheela Priya quit in May 2019.

All the Best