35th ASEAN Summit begins in Bangkok

The 35th ASEAN Summit began in Bangkok.

- Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha inaugurated this summit at IMPACT convention complex.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend this summit on November 3rd and 4th.
- Theme: Advancing Partnership for sustainability
- During five days summit East Asia Summit (EAS) and Regional, Comprehensive Economic Summit (RCEP) will be also held.
- Apart from leaders of the 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.

Points to Remember

- The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its six FTA partners (China, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand).

Eritrea, Saint Kittis & Nevis sign ISA Framework Agreement

Two new countries Eritrea and Saint Kittis and Nevis have signed the International Solar Alliance’s (ISA) Framework Agreement at its second Assembly held in New Delhi.

- With this 83 countries have so far signed the ISA framework agreement.
- At the United Nations Climate Action Summit 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to increase renewable energy capacity to 175 GigaWatt by 2022 and committed for further increasing it to 450 GigaWatt.

Chile cancels APEC, COP25 summits amid social unrest

Chile’s President Sebastián Piñera said that the country will neither host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit nor the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) for security reasons.

- Chile has faced the largest social uprising since the return to democracy in 1990 with nationwide protests.
- Also, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez offered Madrid as a replacement venue for the United Nation's COP25 conference.
Madrid to host COP 25 in December

The Spanish capital city of Madrid will host the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25) from 2 to 13 December.

- The decision was taken following Chile's stepping down as host for the event due to the ongoing street protests in the South American country.
- The annual Conference of the Parties (COP) summit is a key event which allows representatives from around 200 nations to monitor and discuss the current situation of the world's warming climate.

Biggest US-Bangladesh Navy ‘CARAT- 2019’ exercise starts in Chattogram


- CARAT is one of the U.S. Navy’s longest continually running exercise in South Asia and Southeast Asia.
- Assistant chief of naval staff (operations) Bangladesh Navy rear admiral M Makbul Hossain was present as the chief guest in the opening ceremony.

Italy to make climate change study compulsory in schools

Italy will next year become the world’s first country to make it compulsory for schoolchildren to study climate change and sustainable development.

- All state schools would dedicate 33 hours per year, almost one hour per school week, to climate change issues from the start of the next academic year in September.
- Many traditional subjects, such as geography, mathematics and physics, would also be studied from the perspective of sustainable development.

Bangladesh bans Islamist outfit 'Allahr Dol'
Government of Bangladesh has banned the Islamist outfit ‘Allahr Dol’ saying that it poses a threat to public safety and security.

- The government would ban eight outfits based on inputs from the intelligence agencies.
- ‘Allah’r Dol was formed in 1995 with the aim to establish Caliphate through armed struggle.
- In 2004 it merged with banned militant organisation Jama’atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).
- Allahr Dol is the ninth Islamist group to be banned for extremism and militancy in Bangladesh.

V Muraleedharan reaches Abu Dhabi to attend IORA meeting

Minister of State in the External Affairs Ministry V Muraleedharan reached Abu Dhabi to attend the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) meeting.

- He looks forward to fruitful deliberations to strengthen regional cooperation with fellow Indian Ocean states.
- The Minister of State for External Affairs is leading the Indian delegation to attend the 19th IORA Council of Ministers meeting.
- The theme is "Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean."
- During this week’s ministerial meeting, the United Arab Emirates will take over from South Africa as IORA Chairman, for a two year period running to 2021.

Points to remember

- The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an international organisation consisting of 22 coastal states bordering the Indian Ocean.
- Headquarter: Mauritius

Italian movie ‘Despite the Fog’ to open at 50th IFFI this year

- The film is directed by Europe’s noted filmmaker Goran Paskaljevic.
- The 50th edition of IFFI, beginning 20th of this month in GOA, will witness the screening of over 200 best films from 76 countries.

Cyclone Bulbul will turn into a very severe cyclonic storm

Cyclone Bulbul is steadily gathering intensity over the Bay of Bengal and is expected to turn into a very severe cyclonic storm, according to fresh predictions released by the India Meteorological Department.
The weather office hasn’t yet said whether Cyclone Bulbul will make landfall in India but its predictions suggest that Bulbul will skirt Odisha and head towards West Bengal and Bangladesh in the upcoming days.

Cyclone Bulbul is expected to bring rainfall over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, north coastal Odisha and coastal West Bengal.

Cyclone Bulbul is the reborn form of cyclone Matmo.

Matmo was formed in the Philippine Sea on October 24.

India builds Mathadhis building for Shree Budhanikantha Naryan Temple in Nepal

Ambassador of India to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri inaugurated Mathadhis building for Shree Budhanikantha Narayan Temple in Kathmandu.

- Budhanikantha Temple is situated at the foot of Shivpuri hills in Kathmandu valley.
- The shrine has probably the largest stone idol of Lord Vishnu in Nepal reclining on a bed of Nagas or serpents in the middle of a small pond.
- Shree Budhanikantha temple has great religious and cultural significance for Hindus all over the world.
- Thousands of pilgrims apart from tourists from India and other parts of the world visit temple every day.

Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth claims victory in the election

In Mauritius, Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth claimed victory in the election as official preliminary results showing his alliance taking a comfortable lead over rivals.

- Projections from the Electoral Commission gave a large lead to a coalition led by Jugnauth.
- Partial results from the state-run commission forecasted that Jugnauth’s centre-right Morisian Alliance will win 38 of 62 possible seats in parliament.

Points to remember

- Mauritius Capital: Port Louis
- Currency: Mauritian rupee

Brazil hosting BRICS summit from 13th to 14th November

Brazil is hosting 2019 BRICS summit, this time in capital Brasilia from 13th to 14th November.

- BRICS brings together five major economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa having 23 per cent of the global GDP and around 17 per cent of the share in world trade.
- The 2019 edition of BRICS will be its 11th summit, happening every year since its inception.
- The theme of the Summit this year is “Economic Growth for an Innovative Future”.

World Kindness Day: 13 November

World Kindness Day is celebrated every year on November 13.

- It is a day when people try to do things or deeds to make the world a better place.
- World Kindness Day was launched in 1998 and has around 28 nations involved in this movement.
Former Bolivian Prez Evo Morales arrives in Mexico to take up political asylum

Ex-President of Bolivia Evo Morales arrived in Mexico to take up the political asylum, vowing to continue the struggle.

- He had resigned amid mounting protests over his fraud-stained re-election to a fourth term on October 20th.
- He thanked President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of Mexico for saving his life.
- He was forced to step down after losing the backing of the military and police amid weeks of increasingly violent protests over his constitutionally questionable re-election.

World Diabetes Day: 14 November

World Diabetes Day is the primary global awareness campaign focusing on diabetes mellitus and is held on 14 November each year.

- This day tries to create awareness about the importance of taking the necessary steps to control diabetes.
- Diabetes requires proper management of blood sugar levels to control the severe complications associated with it.

- For the year 2019, the theme is ‘Family and Diabetes’.

Bangladesh tops business bribery risk in South Asia

Bangladesh has the highest business bribery risk among South Asian countries, according to the Trace Bribery Matrix which releases annual ranking for 200 countries.

- The Matrix evaluates countries under four parameters which are business interaction with the government, anti-bribery deterrence, transparency and civil society oversight.
- Bangladesh has been placed at 178 positions among 200 countries in terms of business bribery risk.
- In South Asia, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries where the bribery risk is 'high'.
- In terms of risk score, India ranked 78th, Pakistan 153rd, Afghanistan 168th, and Myanmar ranked 157th on the index.
- Overall, according to this year's TRACE Matrix data, Somalia, South Sudan, North Korea, Yemen and Venezuela presented the highest risk of bribe demands.
- New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland presented the lowest bribery risk.

Brazilian President Bolsonaro to be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2020

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations parade in 2020.
• PM Modi met Bolsonaro on November 13 on the sidelines of the 11th BRICS Summit held in Brasilia.
• PM Modi invited the Brazilian President during the meeting.
• Bolsonaro has accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s invitation for the same.
• The prime minister also welcomed the decision of the President to grant visa-free travel to Indian citizens.

**World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims: 17 November 2019**

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was observed on 17 November 2019.

- It is observed every year on the third Sunday of November.
- The day remembers those who died or were injured from road crashes.
- 2019 theme: ‘Life is not a car part’

**World Toilet Day: 19 November**

World Toilet Day is celebrated on 19th November every year.

- It’s all about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), which promises sanitation for all by 2030.
- World Toilet Day 2019 is drawing attention to those people being left behind without sanitation.
- 2019 Theme: Leaving No One Behind

**World Children's Day: 20 November**

Every year Universal Children’s Day is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide.

- The United Nations’ (UN) Universal Children’s Day was established in 1954.
- November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

**World Television Day: 21 November**

World Television Day is celebrated on 21 November every year.

- The day recognizes that television plays a major role in presenting different issue that affects people.
- UN General Assembly proclaimed November 21 as World Television Day to
commemorate the date on which the first World Television Forum was held.

**World Philosophy Day: 21 November**

World Philosophy Day is an international day proclaimed by UNESCO to be celebrated every 3rd Thursday of November.

- The day aims at promoting an international culture of philosophical debate that respects human dignity and diversity
- It was first celebrated on 21 November 2002.
- This year it was observed on 21st November.

**Russia is Country of Focus at IFFI 2019**

International Film Festival of India, IFFI features a Country of Focus that brings out the cinematic excellence and contributions of that particular country every year and this year, the country of focus is Russia.

- The section will showcase eight movies from Russia.
- Also, For the first time, Haryana is participating in the ongoing International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

**The US clears sale of MK-45 naval guns to India**

The US State Department cleared the sale of sophisticated naval guns worth $1 billion to India.

- The MK-45 guns will enhance India's naval capabilities, particularly in the Arabian Sea.
- The Gun System will provide the capability to conduct anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence missions while enhancing interoperability with the U.S. and other allied forces.

**Global Terrorism Index 2019**

According to the 2019 Global Terrorism Index (GTI), deaths from terrorism fell for the fourth consecutive year, after peaking in 2014.

- The number of deaths has now decreased by 52 per cent since 2014, falling from 33,555 to 15,952.
- Afghanistan was the country most impacted by terrorism in 2018, replacing Iraq, which had held that position since 2004.
- With 350 Indians killed and 540 injured in 748 terrorist incidents in 2018, India is at
seventh place in the list of countries most affected by terrorism.

**WHO study on physical activity—India ranks 8th**

The World Health Organization on November 22, 2019 published its study about physical activity of adolescents aged between 11 and 17 years.

- The assessment included physical education, active play, recreation and sports, walking, planned exercises and cycling.
- India was ranked eighth reporting lowest level of physical activity. In India the overall insufficient physical activity in 2001 was 76.6% and has now decreased to 73.9% in 2016.
- The lowest level of insufficient physical activity among girls was seen in India.
- Bangladesh topped the list and Philippines was the least performing among boys.

**India-Netherland: “Water 4 change”, an urban water management system**

The Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), operating under the Government of Kerala has launched the “Water 4 Change”.

- Under the project, six prominent institutions from Netherlands will perform a long-term research and field level action on urban water management systems along with Indian scientists.
- The project will bring solutions for water problems in the cities of Kozhikode, Shimla, Bhuj and Bhopal.
- The CWRDM was established by the Government of Kerala to cater the needs of research and development in water management of the state.

**India attends WATEC Conference in Israel**

The Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat represented India at the WATEC Conference that was held in Israel. The Water Technology and Environment Control (WATEC) conference helps to get updates on technologies related to water and environmental management.

- Israel is considered as world hero in terms of water management. The country treats and reuses 80% of its sewage water for agriculture.
- With drip irrigation and sea water desalination, the country has become a global leader in agriculture.

**US Prez signs bills into law in support of Hong Kong protesters**

What does the law say?
The bill was introduced in June in the early stages of the protests in Hong Kong, and was overwhelmingly approved by the House of last month.

It says: "Hong Kong is part of China but has a largely separate legal and economic system."

The bill also says the US should allow Hong Kong residents to obtain US visas, even if they have been arrested for being part of non-violent protests.

Hong Kong’s protests started in June against a proposed law to allow extradition to mainland China but it has since transformed into a larger pro-democracy movement.

Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to arrive in New Delhi

The President of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, will reach New Delhi on a three-day state visit to India.

- This will be his first official visit abroad after assuming office on the 21st of this month.
- This is the first foreign visit of Sri Lankan President and shows the importance attached to Sri Lanka - India relations.
- PM Modi was the first foreign leader to telephone Mr. Gotabaya on his victory and invite him to visit India.

QS World University Rankings for Asia has been released

The National University of Singapore is ranked Asia’s best for the second consecutive year. It is followed by Nanyang Technological University, which has risen from 3rd to 2nd; and the University of Hong Kong.

- 96 Indian institutions rank among 550 for the continent.
- India does not yet have a university among the top 30.
- The best performing institution from India is IIT Bombay, which drops one place to 34th position. It is followed by IIT Delhi at 43rd place and IIT Madras at 50th.

'Dharma Guardian' military exercise between India, Japan concludes in Mizoram

The second edition of the annual joint military exercise, named as Dharma Guardian between Indian and Japanese Army ended at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJWS) Vairengte in Mizoram.

- The primary focus of this fortnight-long joint military exercise was to train and equip the contingents in counter-insurgency and
counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

- As part of the exercise, important lectures, demonstrations and drills related to counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations were conducted.
- Both the Armies also shared their valuable experiences in countering such situations as also refined drills and procedures for joint operations.

**Tamil Nadu becomes the first State to enact a law on contract farming**

Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming with President Ram Nath Kovind giving assent to the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act.

- The law would safeguard the interests of farmers when there is a bumper crop or during major fluctuation in market prices.
- In such a scenario, the farmers will be paid a predetermined price arrived at the time of signing agreements with buyers.
- However, any product that is banned by the Centre government or the State government or by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, would not be covered under contract farming.
- Contract farming refers to varied formal and informal agreements between producers and processors or buyers.
- It may include loose buying arrangements, simple purchase agreements and supervised production with input provision, with tied loans and risk coverage.
- Contract farming usually involves the following basic elements - pre-agreed price, quality, quantity or acreage (minimum/maximum) and time.

**Arunachal Pradesh to host its 1st Multilingual Writers’ Meet**

For the first time, Arunachal Pradesh will host the Multilingual Writers’ Meet at its oldest town Pasighat in East Siang District.

- The two-day event will be held at the auditorium of the College of Horticulture and Forestry.
- Sahitya Academi in collaboration with Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society, Itanagar is hosting the meet.
- 25 prominent multilingual writers and poets from all parts of India and many literary dignitaries of the host state will attend the event.

**Chhath festival celebrations begin with religious fervour**

In Bihar, the four days long auspicious Chhath festival worship of the Sun God began with the ritual of Nahay Khaya Devotees especially women across the state are taking a holy dip in Ganga and other rivers, ponds and water bodies.
After that, they will take cooked Arwa rice and bottle gourd as prasad.

Devotees will pay their obeisance Sandhya Arghya to the setting Sun and the festival would end with Pratah Arghya where obeisance will be paid to the rising Sun.

Migrant people of Bihar residing across the country are returning to their home to celebrate Chhath Puja with families.

Markets across the state are flooded with items used in the puja.

Rajnath Singh leaves for Tashkent to attend SCO summit

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh embarked for a two-day visit to Tashkent to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.

- Rajnath Singh will represent India in the meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- This will be the third CHG meeting after India became a member of the SCO.
- The last two CHG meetings were held from November 30 to December 1, 2017, in Sochi, Russia, and on October 11 to 12, 2018 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

SC mandated panel declares a public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region

A Supreme Court-mandated panel EPCA has declared a public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region and banned all the construction activity till 5th November.

In a letter written to Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi, EPCA chairperson Bhure Lal said air quality in Delhi-NCR in a severe category.

Delhi CM has announced that all schools in Delhi would remain closed till November 5 after Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) announced a state of Public Health Emergency.

Election Commission announces Jharkhand assembly polls dates

Election Commission has announced the schedule of five-phase polls for 81 seats in Jharkhand State Assembly.

- The first phase of voting will be held on the 30th of November, the second phase on 7th December, 3rd phase on 12th December.
- The fourth phase polling will be held on 16th and fifth phase polling on 20th of December.
- The counting of votes will be held on the 23rd of December.

The several States, Union Territories celebrate their Formation Day on 1 November
States of Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh celebrated their formation day on 1 November.

- Union Territories of Lakshwadeep, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar also have their Foundation Days on 1 November.
- On November 1, 1956, all Kannada speaking regions were merged to form Karnataka.
- In 1963, Puducherry became officially an integral part of India.

Chavang Kut celebrated across North-Eastern states with traditional gaiety, enthusiasm

Chavang Kut, the post-harvest festival of the Kuki-Chin-Mizo communities is being celebrated across North-Eastern states with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm.

- The festival marks the Anglo-Kuki war centenary year.
- In Manipur, Mizoram and Assam and other parts of the country, the festival is organized every year as thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest.
- It is one of the most important festivals of Kuki-Chin-Mizo communities.

UNESCO designates Mumbai as member of UCCN in field of Films, Hyderabad in field of Gastronomy

UNESCO has designated Mumbai as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of Film and Hyderabad in the field of Gastronomy.

- UCCN, created in 2004, is a network of cities which are thriving, active centres of cultural activities in their respective countries.
- The UNESCO Creative Cities Network now counts a total of 246 cities.
- The member cities that form part of the Network come from all continents and regions with different income levels and populations.
- 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).

India, Uzbekistan sign 3 MoUs in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education

India and Uzbekistan have signed three Memoranda of Understanding in the fields of Military Medicine and Military Education.

- The MoUs were signed following a meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Nizamovich in Tashkent.
- Mr Rajnath Singh is on a three-day visit to Uzbekistan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.

Home minister Amit Shah to inaugurate SCO joint exercise on Search, Rescue
Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue - SCOJtEx-2019 in New Delhi.

- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is hosting the event which will continue till November 7.
- The aim of the exercise is to rehearse the disaster response mechanism, share knowledge, experience and technology for mutual coordination.
- All the eight-member countries of SCO namely China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will participate in this exercise.

Govt to set up anti-human trafficking units in all districts using Nirbhaya Fund

The government will set up anti-human trafficking units in all districts with the help of the Nirbhaya Fund.

- This initiative will strengthen women safety and instil a greater sense of security among them.

Govt releases maps of newly-created UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh

The government released the maps of newly created union territories of Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh and the map of India depicting these union territories.

- The new map shows 28 states and nine union territories after the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The new union territories of Ladakh consists of two districts of Kargil and Leh and the rest of the districts of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir are in the newly created union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

1st-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise - Dustlik-2019 begins

The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise - Dustlik-2019 will begin at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General
Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov presided over the Curtain Raiser of the military drill.

- The exercise, which will focus on counter-terrorism, will continue till November 13.
- During the exercise, an Indian Army contingent will train along with Uzbekistan Army.
- India and Uzbekistan have signed three Memoranda of Understanding in the fields of Military Medicine and Military Education.

PM attends 16th India - ASEAN Summit in Bangkok

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 16th ASEAN-India Summit in Bangkok, Thailand.

- In his opening remarks, Prime Minister expressed happiness in being part of the 16th India - ASEAN Summit.
- He thanked Thailand for the warm hospitality and extended best wishes to Vietnam for taking over as Chairman of next year’s Summit.

AYUSH Minister Inaugurates National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders

Union Minister of State for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) upgraded from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM) at Hyderabad.

- Shri Naik lauded the success of the CRIUM in the treatment of vitiligo and other chronic and stubborn diseases and said that it’s perhaps the only medical institution in the world which has treated more than 1.5 lakh patients of Vitiligo alone.
- Shri G. Kishan Reddy called the researchers to find safe and viable solutions to prevalent health challenges, such as vector-borne diseases, non-communicable diseases, cancer and tuberculosis.

‘Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan - Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Parv’ culminated

The four-day long mega cultural and literary event of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan - Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Parv culminated in New Delhi.

- Kolkata Region bagged the first position as the overall winner under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat category, while Bengaluru stood first in the category of Language of LitFest.
- Bhopal Region got the first position in the Display of Artefacts or Exhibition.
- A total number of 28 events were organized during the Parv.

First-ever movement of container cargo on Brahmaputra (National Waterway -2)

In line with Government’s focus on improving connectivity to the North Eastern Region (NER), a landmark container cargo consignment will sail on inland waterways from Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) to the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) terminal at Pandu in Guwahati.
• Shri Gopal Krishna, Secretary (Shipping) will flag off the inland vessel MV Maheshwari carrying 53 TEUs (containers) of petrochemicals, edible oil and beverage etc.
• The 12-15 days voyage will be an integrated IWT movement via National Waterway-1 (River Ganga), NW-97 (Sunderbans), Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route and NW-2 (river Brahmaputra).
• This is the first-ever containerised cargo movement on this Inland Water Transport (IWT) route.
• 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.

12-Day Odd-Even Scheme in Delhi comes into effect

The Odd-Even scheme to combat air pollution will be implemented in the National Capital from 4 November.

• The 12-day scheme will continue till 15th of this month.
• Under the scheme, the vehicles with odd last digit registration number will be allowed on roads on odd dates and those with even last digit will ply on even dates.
• The scheme will be applicable from 8 AM to 8 PM.
• Vehicles of President, Vice President, Prime Minister, State Governors, Chief Justice of India, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Union Ministers, Leaders of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, Chief Ministers of States and Union Territories will also be exempted from the scheme.

• However, there will be no exemption for the vehicles of Delhi Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues.
• Privately owned CNG vehicles will not be exempted this time.
• If anyone violates the odd-even rule, a fine of Rs 4,000 would be charged.

PM Modi to inaugurate 5th India International Science Festival on Nov 5

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Fifth India International Science Festival at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata.

• The festival will continue till 8th of this month.
• The prime objective of the festival is to instil scientific temper among the masses.
• It will showcase India’s contribution in the field of science and technology over the years and encourage the translation of its benefits to people.

India opts out of RCEP agreement

India has decided not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) deal as negotiations failed to address New Delhi's outstanding issues and concerns.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the announcement during his speech at the RCEP Summit in Bangkok.

Mr Modi said the present form of the agreement does not fully reflect the basic spirit and the agreed guiding principles.

He said the agreement also did not satisfactorily address India’s outstanding issues and concerns, hence it was not possible for New Delhi to sign it.

**Points to Remember**

- The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its six FTA partners (China, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand).

**Rajnath Singh to co-chair India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation**

Defence minister Rajnath Singh will co-chair the 19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation starting in Moscow.

- During his visit, Mr Singh is expected to hold discussions with Defence Minister of Russian Federation General Sergei Shoigu.
- He is also scheduled to inaugurate, along with Russian Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov, India-Russia Defence Industry Cooperation Conference.

**Finance Minister launches IT initiatives ICEDASH, ATITHI for improved customs clearance**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled two new IT Initiatives - ICEDASH and ATITHI for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.

- ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping the public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.
- 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.

**National Tribal festival to be held from Nov 16 in New Delhi**

The 15-day Aadi Mahotsav, National Tribal festival will be held in New Delhi from 16th of this month.

- The theme of the festival is “A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Craft, Culture and Commerce”.

More than one thousand tribal artisans from 27 states will participate in the event. The festival will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through two hundred stalls.

Ministry of Tourism participates in three-day-long World Travel Market (WTM) in London

The Ministry of Tourism is participating in the three-day-long World Travel Market (WTM) from November 04-06, 2019 in London, UK.

- The theme for India Pavilion at WTM 2019 is ‘Incredible India - Find Incredible India’.
- Besides, showcasing India’s various tourism products, this year, the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the Statue of Unity are also being promoted and publicized in the India Pavilion at WTM 2019.

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar to attend 15th meeting of Governing Council of SACEP in Dhaka

Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar will attend the 15th meeting of the Governing Council of ‘South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme’, SACEP in Dhaka.

- The SACEP is an inter-governmental organization which was established in 1982.
- Its member countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka aim to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.
- The 14th meeting of the SACEP Governing Council was held in March last year in Colombo.

KT Rama Rao invited to WEF 2020 annual meet at Davos

Telangana IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao has been invited to the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) annual meeting.

- KTR has been invited for the 50th summit to discuss the advantages of technology in the fourth industrial revolution and to reduce the challenges being faced.
- The meeting which will take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland from January 21 to January 24 next year.
- The theme of the meeting will be ‘Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World.’

Narendra Singh Tomar Releases Wastelands Atlas – 2019

- The Atlas, published jointly by Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre, provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.
- It is helpful in rolling back the wastelands for productive use through various land development programmes and schemes.

Rising Himachal 2019: Global Investors meet in Dharamshala

The State Government of Himachal Pradesh is organizing Global Investors' Meet 2019, a flagship business event, at Dharamshala on November 7 -8, 2019.

- This event will showcase the policy and regulatory environment, investment opportunities in eight focus sectors to boost manufacturing and employment generation in the State.
- The Global Investors’ Meet will be attended by diplomats, leaders from the corporate sector, senior policymakers, development agencies and investors from across the world.

Saudi Aramco to float initial public offering

Saudi Aramco, the world’s largest integrated oil and gas company, will float initial public offering (IPO).

- Saudi Arabia’s Aramco is considered one of the world’s most profitable oil producing enterprise.
- It has decided to sell an unspecified percentage of its shares on the Saudi stock exchange, the Tadawul.

Ministry of Skills launches Skills Build platform in Collaboration with IBM

Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), announced the launch of SkillsBuild platform in collaboration with IBM.

- As part of the programme, a two-year advanced diploma in IT, networking and cloud computing, co-created and designed by IBM, will be offered at the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) & National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).
• The platform will be extended to train ITI & NSTI faculty on building skills in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
• SkillsBuild offers digital learning content from IBM and partners such as CodeDoor, Coorpacademy and Skillsoft.

11th edition of Bal Sangam to begin from Nov 9

The Eleventh edition of Bal Sangam to be organised by the National School of Drama, NSD, will begin from the 9th of this month in the New Delhi.

• It is a confluence of folk and traditional art forms performed by children.
• The four-day festival will showcase enthralling folk and traditional performing arts and folk theatre dedicated to children.
• As many as twelve States including Assam, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat are participating in the event.

2-Day BIMSTEC Port Conclave to be held in Visakhapatnam

The two-day BIMSTEC Port (Bay of Bengal initiative multi-sector technical and economic cooperation) Conclave will be held on 7th and 8th November at Visakhapatnam.

• Vizag port trust is hosting the conclave first time ever since the formation of BIMSTECH in 1997.
• Seven-member countries that include Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan are participating in the conference.
• Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh L. Mandaviya will inaugurate the conclave.

Indian Coast Guard conducted ReSAREX-2019

The Indian Coast Guard conducted the Regional level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise - 2019 (ReSAREX - 2019).

• It conducted this exercise to check the preparedness and response measures for search and rescue at sea in a coordinated manner.
• The two days event organised by the Coast Guard District Headquarters - 11 (Goa) comprised of search and rescue workshop and tabletop exercise followed by search and rescue exercise at sea.
• The ReSAREX - 19 tested the efficiency of operations of various SAR agencies in Goa.

PM Modi to visit Brazil for BRICS summit
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to Brazil from the 13th of this month to attend the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia.

- The theme of the Summit this year is "Economic Growth for an Innovative Future".
- This will be the sixth time that Mr Modi participates in the BRICS Summit. His first BRICS Summit was at Fortaleza in Brazil in 2014.

Points to Remember

- BRICS is the acronym coined for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Originally the first four were grouped as "BRIC", before the induction of South Africa in 2010.

Venkaiah Naidu inaugurates 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine in New Delhi.

- He stressed the urgent need to attach high priority to emergency medicine and services in the country.
- Shri Naidu asked Medical colleges to incorporate courses relating to emergency medicine and train the undergraduates to deal with the whole gamut of emergencies such as accidents, heart attacks, natural calamities, and others.

India ranks 133 on Women, Peace and Security Index

The Georgetown University’s Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS) has released its second report on Women, Peace, and Security Index.

- The new 2019 report ranks 167 countries for women based on three indicators - inclusion, justice and security.
- India, on the whole, is ranked at 133 out of 167 countries with an index score of 0.625.
- Norway, the best country according to the index has a score of 0.904.

Indian Navy - Indonesian Navy Bilateral Maritime Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ took place in the Bay of Bengal

Indian Navy- Indonesian Navy Bilateral Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ is taking place from 06 Nov to 07 Nov 19.

- INS Kamorta, an Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette is jointly exercising with Indonesian Warship KRI Usman Harun in the Bay of Bengal.
- The joint exercises include manoeuvres, Surface Warfare exercises, Air Defence exercises, Weapon firing drills, Helicopter Operations and Boarding Operations.
- The Harbour Phase which was conducted on 04 and 05 November included professional interactions in the form of Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE), cross deck visits,
simulator drills, planning conferences, sports fixtures and social interactions.

**Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launches ‘Farmitra’ mobile app for farmers**

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, the private general insurer launched the industry’s first mobile app ‘Farmitra’ catering to the specific needs of farmers.

- Through this app, farmers will not only get insurance solutions but also a range of other information and advisories which will cater to their day to day farming needs.
- The Company, through this app, intends to help farmers address their worries and provide the relevant information which they can use in optimizing their farming practices.

**27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) to be held in Kolkata**

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is organizing 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) during 11-12th November 2019 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata.

- The Conference will be inaugurated by Shri Pravin Srivastava, Chief Statistician of India cum Secretary, MoSPI on 11th November 2019.
- The theme of this year’s Conference “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.

**IFFI 2019 to screen three films for differently-abled**

This year, at the Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India (IFFI), will have the screening of Accessible India Films.

- This is a collaboration between IFFI, Saksham Bharat and UNESCO with the aim to promote the creation of inclusive spaces for the differently-abled to access the joy of cinema through Audio Deion.
- Audio Deion is an additional narration that translates images, visual information or non-dialogue portions of film into spoken words so that visually-impaired people can access, enjoy and learn from works of popular films.
- This unique film section will witness the screening of three films, two in Hindi - Lage Raho Munna Bhai and M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story and one in Konkani- Questao De Confusao in Konkani.

**DIN System of CBIC comes into existence**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
The Documentation Identification Number (DIN) system of Central Board of Indirect Taxes (CBIC) will come into existence.

- This path-breaking system in indirect tax administration has been created as per the direction of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Now, any CBIC communication will have to have a Documentation Identification Number.
- The Government has already executed the DIN system in the direct tax administration.

Meenakshi temple pilgrims to be given free laddu as Prashad

The world-renowned Madurai Meenakshi temple in Tamil Nadu has commenced free supply of its famous sweet laddu offering from.

- It was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edapadi Palanisamy from Chennai through video conferencing.
- All pilgrims coming to the temple from the time it opens in the morning till the sanctum sanctorum is closed after night time rituals will be given the free laddu as Prashad.
- The laddus will be of 30-gram size and will be supplied near the famous Mukkuruni Vinayakar shrine situated between the main deities Sundareswaran and Meenakshi.

5th Kolkata International Film Festival to begin

The 25th Kolkata International Film Festival begins.

- Cine Super Star Amitabh Bachchan inaugurated the 8-day long festival at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata.
- The festival will begin with Satyajit Ray directed Gupi Gayen Bagha Bayen film.
- Germany is the focus country of this year’s festival.

Karnataka Gramin Bank initiates 'mobile ATMs' to push digitisation in rural areas

In a move to boost digitisation in rural areas, the Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB) has launched 'mobile ATMs' in Kalaburagi among several other districts in the state.

- The special vehicle includes an ATM and a screen to show videos of different banking schemes.
- The mobile ATMs will go to the doorsteps of the farmers and make them aware of the banking schemes and digital operating systems.
- A bank official would be present in the van, who will provide information regarding the digital operating systems and schemes.

Exim Bank gives $30 million line of credit to Ghana
The Export-Import (Exim) Bank has provided a $30 million line of credit to Ghana for the potable water project in the country.

- Exim Bank has entered into an agreement with Ghana for a line of credit (LoC) of $30 million (about Rs 210 crore) for financing rehabilitation and up-gradation of the potable water system in Yendi, Ghana.
- Under the arrangement, financing of export of eligible goods, works and services from India would be allowed subject to their being eligible for export under the Foreign Trade Policy of India and whose purchase may be agreed to be financed by the Exim Bank.

**Points to remember**

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- CEO: David Rasquinha

**SC paves way for construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya**

Settling the centuries-old dispute with regards to 2.77 acres of land in Ayodhya, believed to be the birthplace of Lord Ram, the Supreme Court by a unanimous decision gave the possession of the contested property to a trust that will oversee the construction and management of the Ram temple.

- A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi also directed the Centre and Uttar Pradesh government to allot five acres of land at an alternate site in Ayodhya to the Sunni Central Waqf Board to construct a mosque.
- The bench, comprising Justices SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, also came to the conclusion that the three-way bifurcation of the disputed property by the Allahabad High Court was "legally unsustainable."

**Key Points of this verdict**

- The disputed site has been given to the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas and the centre has been asked to build trust for the construction of the temple.
- SC directs allotment of alternative land to Muslims to build a new mosque.
- Suitable land of 5 acres to be handed over to Sunni Waqf board at a prominent place for building the mosque.
- Centre to frame scheme within 3 months and set up a trust for construction of a temple.
- SC dismisses plea of Nirmohi Akhara seeking control of entire disputed land.

**Points to remember**

- 1528: Babri Mosque built by Mughal emperor Babur's commander Mir Baqi
- 1949: Idol of Lord Ram, Goddess Sita found inside the mosque by unknown persons.
- 1992: Babri Mosque structure demolished by karsewaks
- 2010: The Allahabad High Court rules trifurcation of the 2.77-acre disputed land between UP Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla Virajman.

**Integrated Check Post of Kartarpur Corridor inaugurated by the Prime Minister at Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab**
Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kartarpur Corridor and Integrated Check Post.

- Now it will be easy to pay obeisance at Darbar Sahib Gurudwara after the opening of Kartarpur Corridor.
- He also thanked Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan for understanding India's sentiment.
- The first Jatha of Sikh pilgrims also entered Pakistan through Kartarpur Corridor.
- Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first batch of over 500 Indian pilgrims led by Akal Takhat Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib through the corridor.

Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan begins in New Delhi

The three-day Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan begin New Delhi.

- Thousands of Sanskrit lovers from 17 countries are attending the Sammelan.
- Minister of State for External Affairs V.Muraleedharan inaugurated the event.

MMR of India declines by eight points in one year

Maternal Mortality Ratio, MMR, of India has declined by eight points in one year as per the latest special bulletin on MMR released by the Registrar General of India.

- He added that the MMR has declined from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 122 per lakh live births in 2015-17 which is a decline of 6.2 per cent.
- This decline is important as it translates to over 2,000 more pregnant women saved annually.
- India is on track to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) set for reducing the MMR by 2025 which is five years ahead of the fixed time-line of 2030.

National Education Day: 11 November

National Education Day is observed on 11th November every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

- He was a freedom fighter, scholar and the first Education Minister of independent India.
- The day is also seen as an occasion to remember Azad's contribution in laying the foundations of the education system in the country.
- Human Resources Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will launch SWAYAM 2.0, Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds in New Delhi.
- The SWAYAM programme is initiated by the government to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy - access, equity and quality.
5th edition of GES to be held from Nov 26-28 in Bengaluru

The fifth edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019 is being held from November 26 to 28 at Bengaluru in Karnataka.

- The Global Exhibition on Services is an annual event which aims to engage industry and governments across the world and to promote greater exchange of trade in services between India and the rest of the world.
- Commerce and Industry Ministry said that GES 2019 is an attempt towards escalating the Indian services bar in the global arena, encompassing participation from 100 countries and hosting sector-specific knowledge sessions.
- India is looking to attract investments and partnerships in strategic areas like aviation and space programme, infrastructure, and telecom projects.

Defence innovations conference showcasing accomplishments of iDEX to be held in New Delhi

The defence ministry is organising Def-Connect in New Delhi to showcase the accomplishments of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative.

- The conference aims to bring together all stakeholders of the iDEX ecosystem, Ministry of defence, iDEX selected startups, Partner Incubators, Defence Innovation Organisation, Nodal agencies (Indian Army, Navy, Airforce), Defence Research and Development Organisation and Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Indian Ordnance Factories.
- The launch of iDEX Portal and launch of Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC)-III are some of the major activities planned during this day-long event.
- Defence minister Rajnath Singh will be the Chief Guest of the event.

Dharmendra Pradhan to visit UAE for ADIPEC

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will visit the United Arab Emirates from November 10 to 12 to attend the inaugural Ministerial session of Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference.

- He will participate in the Ministerial panel discussion.
- The Minister is scheduled to meet his UAE counterpart Minister of Energy and Industry, Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei.
- Both the countries will discuss issues of bilateral hydrocarbon as well as steel sector engagements.

IOCL gets environmental clearance to set up a 2G ethanol plant in Panipat

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given environment clearance to Indian
Oil Corporation Limited to set up a new 2G Ethanol plant at Panipat.

- This project not only promotes the use of environmentally friendly fuel but also aids in fulfilment of the government's goal of doubling farmers’ income.
- Mr Javadekar added that Ministry has revised the Environmental Standards for Tanneries, Iron & Steel Industries and Coffee industries after due stakeholder consultations and expert advice.
- The new Standards aim at the commitment of the government to ensure a clean and green environment.

Public Service Broadcasting Day: 12 November

Public Service Broadcasting Day is being observed every year on 12 November.

- The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.
- The Father of the Nation addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.

BRICS trade ministers meeting begins in Brasilia

- Ahead of upcoming BRICS 2019 summit, BRICS trade ministers meeting has started in Brasilia.

- Commerce minister Piyush Goyal is leading the Indian delegation.
- The meeting will focus on trade facilitation, investment promotion and cooperation in customs among other issues.
- MoU on trade and investment promotion between agencies of all the 5 BRICS countries will be signed after the meeting.

The 550th birth anniversary of first Sikh guru and founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev Ji is being celebrated as Prakash Parv.

- Guru Nanak Dev Ji spent more than 15 years at Sultanpur Lodhi, where he attained enlightenment.
- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar will visit Huzoor Sahib Sachkhand Gurudwara in Nanded.
- Nanded holds great significance for Sikhs. It was in Nanded that the Tenth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh Ji mandated that the Guru Granth Sahib will be the guiding light for the Sikhs like a true Guru in future.
- Guru Nanak Dev was born on the full moon day of Kartik month in 1469.
- Every year, the Prakash Parv is celebrated on the same day, also known as Kartik Purnima.

Gujarat government gives nod for world’s first CNG port terminal at Bhavnagar
Gujarat Government has given its nod to the world’s first CNG port terminal at Bhavnagar.

- The U.K. based Foresight group and Mumbai based Padmanabh Mafatlal group joint venture will invest Rs.1900 crore to set up a CNG port terminal at Bhavnagar port.
- The proposed CNG port terminal will have an annual capacity of 6 million metric tones, which will increase the total handling capacity of the port to 9 million metric tones.

India to host 19th SCO Heads of Government Council in 2020

India will host the 19th council of heads of government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation next year.

- It is the first such high-level meeting of the eight-member grouping to be organised by New Delhi after its admission into the grouping in 2017.
- The SCO is a China-led eight-member economic and security bloc in which India and Pakistan were admitted as full members in 2017.
- Its founding members included China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Air Chief to inaugurate ISAM Conference in Bengaluru

Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria will inaugurate the 58th Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) Annual Conference which aims to address contemporary issues and applications in the subject of aerospace medicine.

- The event will take place at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine, Indian Air Force, Bengaluru from November 14-16.
- The theme for this year's conference is 'Changing Paradigms in Aerospace Healthcare'.

Exercise TIGER TRIUMPH to Commence at Visakhapatnam

The maiden India-USA joint Tri services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise named ‘TIGER TRIUMPH’ is scheduled on the Eastern seaboard from 13 to 21 Nov 19.

- Indian Naval ships Jalashwa, Airavat and Sandhayak, Indian Army troops from 19 Madras and 7 Guards, and Indian Air Force
MI-17 helicopters and Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT) would be participating in the exercise.

- The US would be represented by US Navy Ship Germantown with troops from the US Third Marine Division.
- The Exercise is aimed at developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations.
- The Harbour Phase is scheduled at Visakhapatnam from 13 to 16 Nov 19.
- The Opening Ceremony along with a Joint Flag Parade and Media Interaction will be held onboard INS Jalashwa on 14 Nov 19.

14-day India International Trade Fair 2019 will start New Delhi

Several countries, including Australia, Iran, UK and Vietnam, will participate in the 14-day India International Trade Fair 2019 beginning in New Delhi.

- The theme for the 39th edition of the fair (November 14-27, 2019) is 'Ease of Doing Business' inspired by India's unique achievement of rising to 63rd rank on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index from 142nd rank in the year 2014.
- Countries including Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Egypt, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, the UK and Vietnam would be participating in the fair.
- This year the status of 'Partner Country' has been accorded to 'The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan' and 'The Republic of Korea' will be the 'Focus Country'.
- Bihar and Jharkhand will be the focus states in this edition of the fair.

President's rule imposed in Maharashtra

President's rule has been imposed in Maharashtra.

- The state legislative assembly has been kept under suspended animation.
- This follows Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari's report to the Centre which stated that the formation of a stable government is impossible in the current situation despite all his efforts.
- The development came as the political impasse lingered on for 19 days after the assembly election results were declared.
- In the assembly polls held last month, the BJP won 105 seats, followed by the Shiv Sena, 56, the NCP-54 and the Congress, 44 in the 288-member House.

Odisha: 'Bali Yatra' festival begins in Cuttack

The festival 'Bali Yatra' was inaugurated in Cuttack, Odisha.

- The festival is organised every year in memory of the rich maritime history of the state.
- 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.

- For the first time, the festival has a maritime corner to exhibit the model of the maritime voyage of ancient sea traders, who were travelling to the different parts of South-East Asia for Trade and culture extension.

**Haryana sets up the Economic Advisory Council to promote industries**

Haryana government led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has constituted an Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to promote industries in the state.

- The council will also address issues related to various issues and policies of economic development.
- The EAC will comprise membership-based advisory panel and will be headed by the Chief Minister, while various representatives of the government, industry and academia sector have also been included in the panel.
- This council would be constituted for 5 years, in which the government members would remain as permanent members of the council, while the members of the private sector would serve a term of 2 years.

**Children's Day: 14 November**

In India, Children's Day is celebrated on November 14 every year as a mark of respect to Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India.

- Nehru was fondly called Chacha Nehru and was known for emphasising the importance of giving love and affection to children.
- After the death of Nehru, it was unanimously decided to celebrate his birthday as Bal Diwas or Children's Day in India.
- Nehru was born on November 14, 1889, in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj. He breathed his last on May 27, 1964.
- He became the prime minister on August 15, 1947, following an active role in the freedom struggle of the country.

**Supreme Court puts CJI office in RTI ambit**

The office of the Chief Justice of India would now fall within the ambit of the Right to Information Act.

- In a significant judgment, the Supreme Court said that the CJI's office is a public authority under the RTI Act.
- A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi upheld the 2010 Delhi High Court verdict and dismissed the appeals filed by Secretary-General of the Supreme Court and the Central Public Information officer of the apex court.
- It was RTI Activist S C Agrawal who first raised the issue of CJI's office falling within RTI ambit.

**Indo-Uzbekistan Joint Field Training Exercise (FTX)-2019 ‘Exercise Dustlik-2019’**

- In the joint exercise which began on 04 November 2019 training was focused on counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations in the urban scenario as well as sharing of expertise on skills at arms, both combat shooting and experiences in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism.
- The exercise also provided an opportunity to armies of all nations for greater cultural understanding, sharing experiences and strengthening mutual trust and cooperation.
- It was conducted at Chirchiq Training Area, Uzbekistan.

Two day International Conference on Yoga for Heart care to be organised at Mysuru, 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’.
- More than 700 national and international delegates are expected to participate in the conference spread over ten technical sessions involving fifty resource persons & experts.
- The Governor of Karnataka Shri Vajubhai Vala will be the Chief Guest at the valedictory function of the conference.

Rajnath Singh to attend Maitree Diwas celebrations in Arunachal Pradesh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visit Arunachal Pradesh to attend the Maitree Diwas celebrations at Tawang.

- Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) will be celebrated for two days at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium Tawang.
- This will be the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas which celebrates civil-military friendship in the area.
- Rajnath Singh will also inaugurate Sisseri River Bridge and National Highway-52 in East Siang District.

UP govt launches e-Ganna app, web portal

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

- Cane supply slip will now be issued to the farmers by sugar mills online.
- The web portal and e-Ganna App will help in eradicating cane mafia and middleman and strengthen cane development societies.
• The portal and the App will ensure transparency in the process of getting slips, and facilitate sugarcane supply by farmers to mills and check irregularities.

PM Modi calls for a road map to meet $500-bn intra-BRICS trade target by 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on called upon the BRICS Business Council to prepare a roadmap to achieve the target of USD 500 billion trade between the member countries of the bloc by 2020.

• The Prime Minister said that the partnership agreement between New Development Bank (NDB) and BRICS Business Council will be helpful for both the institutions.
• He requested BRICS countries and NDB to join the coalition for disaster-resilient infrastructure and called for the completion of the regional office of NDB in India.

National plan for better implementation of programmes for States and Uts

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani has announced that her Ministry along with NITI Aayog will prepare a framework for a national plan for States and Union Territories.

• It will be prepared by early next year for better implementation of all the Central and States policies and programmes for women and children.
• The Minister was speaking at the two-day National Conference organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in New Delhi.

Rajnath Singh inaugurates Sisseri River Bridge in East Siang

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is on a two-day visit to Arunachal Pradesh, inaugurated the Sisseri River Bridge.

• The bridge will reduce travel time between Dibang and Siang valleys in the state.
• The bridge has been built across the Pasighat-Ranaghat-Roing Road in East Siang District.
• The bridge built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) falls along the road that is being constructed by the Union government under the Trans-Arunachal Highway project.
• Mr Singh attended the Maitree Diwas celebration at strategically important Tawang District along the Indo-China Border.

Bengal Celebrates "Rosogolla Dibas"

Rosogolla Divas was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Kolkata on 14 November to mark the second anniversary of West Bengal winning the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the sweet dish in a bittersweet battle with neighbouring Odisha.
- A GI tag identifies a product as originating from a particular region.
- West Bengal and Odisha were involved in a tug-of-war to stake a claim to the origin of the sweet.
- While West Bengal was granted the GI tag for "Banglar Rosogulla" or the Bengal variant of the sweetmeat in 2017, Odisha got the GI tag for "Odisha Rasagola" or the Odisha variant earlier this year.

**Andhra Pradesh Celebration of Sand Week from Nov 14**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has directed district collectors to organise Sand Week celebrations from November 14 to 21.

- The chief minister reviewed the sand supply situation with the collectors through a video conference.
- Expressing satisfaction over measures initiated by the collectors in the last few days, the CM asked them to step up supplies.

**Gujarat government announces Rs 700 crore relief package for distressed farmers**

- Around four lakh farmers will benefit from the relief.
- Farmers covered under the crop insurance scheme will get the assistance of Rs 13,500 per hectare of irrigated land in cases where crop damage is in excess of 33%.
- The assistance to farmers of un-irrigated land will be Rs 6,800 per hectare.

**Assam Governor attends Brahmaputra Pushkaram**

Assam Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi attended the Brahmaputra Pushkaram at Sonaram Field in Guwahati.

- Brahmaputra Pushkaram and Sanskritik Somaroh festival is a great occasion to showcase our earnest gratitude to the life-giving prosperity of the Brahmaputra.
- He also insisted that it should be a moral responsibility to stop wastage and pollution of water and conscious effort should be made towards maintaining the purity of water.

**National Press Day: 16 November**
National Press Day is observed every year on 16th November every year.

- It is symbolic of a free and responsible press.
- On this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any influence or threats.
- The Press Council of India has announced the names of the winners of National Awards for Excellence in Journalism for the year 2019.
- Eminent journalist and Chairman of Rajasthan Patrika Gulab Kothari has been selected for Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of journalism.

First Night trial of surface-to-surface medium-range missile Agni-II conducted successfully

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

- Agni-II, an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), has already been inducted into the armed forces.
- This was the first time that the sophisticated missile was testfired at night.
- The two-stage ballistic missile can carry a payload of 1000 kg over a distance of 2000 km.

CBI sets up OCSAE Unit to counter the growing menace of child porn

The Central Bureau of Investigation has set up an Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) Prevention and Investigation Unit at its headquarters in New Delhi.

- It has been set up to counter the growing menace of child porn on the internet.
- The new specialized unit under the Special Crime Investigation Wing of the agency will collect intelligence on those who are allegedly creating and transmitting such material on the internet.
- The unit also looks an eye on who is browsing and downloading such material.

Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates the National Tribal Festival ‘Aadi Mahotsav’

Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the National Tribal Festival ‘Aadi Mahotsav’, in New Delhi.

- The theme of the event is “A celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce”.

• The Aadi Mahotsav is an effort to take tribal commerce to the next level of digital and electronic transactions.
• The tribal textiles manufactured by master tribal craftsmen from Jammu and Kashmir in the North to Tamil Nadu in the South and from Gujarat in the West to Nagaland/Sikkim in the East will be the main attractions.
• For the first time, the Aadi Mahotsav is showcasing a wide range of products from the tribal artisans from Leh in Ladakh.

National Mission 'NISHTHA' launched in J&K

National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was launched in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

• ‘NISHTHA’ is a pioneering scheme being launched across the country, with a total of 86000 Elementary teachers of Government Schools being trained in J&K under the programme.
• NISHTHA is a capacity building programme for "Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training".
• It aims to build competencies among all the teachers and school principals at the elementary stage.
• NISHTHA is the world's largest teachers' training programme of its kind.

Mumbai tops, Delhi at bottom of tap water quality ranking

Mumbai has topped the quality of tap water ranking released by Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan.

• Delhi is at the bottom, with all 11 samples failing on 19 parameters.
• The Minister released the much-awaited investigation report of samples of drinking water taken from capitals of 20 states across the country in New Delhi.
• None of the samples drawn from Chandigarh, Thiruvananthapuram, Patna, Bhopal, Guwahati, Bengaluru, Gandhi Nagar, Lucknow, Jammu, Jaipur, Dehradun, Chennai and Kolkata complied with the requirements of the Indian Standard.
• Drinking water testing will be completed by January 15, next year in 100 smart cities.

Government of India to extend Visa-on-Arrival facility to UAE nationals

Government of India has decided to extend the Visa-on-Arrival facility to nationals of the United Arab Emirates.

• This facility is aimed at further strengthening people to people and trade links as well as strategic ties between the two countries.
- Visa-on-Arrival is available to UAE nationals for a period of up to 60 days with double entry for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes.
- This facility is available at six designated International Airports namely, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.
- Visa-on-Arrival is available only to those UAE nationals who have earlier obtained an e-Visa or a normal paper Visa for India, irrespective of whether the person actually visited India or not.

6th ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting-Plus to be held in Thailand

The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with 17 other Defence Ministers of ADMM-Plus countries will attend the meeting.
- Mr Singh reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral defence relations with the respective leaders and discussed ways to further improve the ties.

Yogi Adityanath inaugurates North India's 1st sugar mill which will produce ethanol

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane.

- The mill was inaugurated in Pipraich area of Gorakhpur.
- This mill will produce around 95,000 litres of ethanol per day.

- This ethanol will be used in blending with petrol.

Roadmap for the transformation of the healthcare system unveiled by NITI Aayog

NITI Aayog released the report on ‘Health Systems for a New India: Building Blocks-Potential Pathways to Reforms.

- The report was released by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar in the presence of Bill Gates, the co-chairman of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- The report intends to prepare the road-map to build a health system in the medium- to long-term for those belonging to the middle class.
- Nearly 50 per cent are still not covered under any public healthcare system and the idea is to pool their risk assets which will cater to the health care needs of the middle class.

Government announces Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh for better nutritional outcomes

Union Government announced Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh which is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones for better nutritional outcomes.

- The Kosh aims at reducing malnutrition through a multi-sectoral results-based
The framework, including agriculture, among women and children across the country.

- Ministry of Women and Child Development has collaborated with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for this project.
- The Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh seeks to promote healthy dietary practices and tackle under-nutrition in a sustainable manner.

**Indian Oil launches special winter-grade diesel for UT of Ladakh**

State-run Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) launched a special winter-grade diesel that remains unfrozen up to minus 33 degree Celsius.

- The fuel would help provide year-round access to snow-capped border regions and is part of India’s efforts to speed up strategic road connectivity.
- This new fuel will help Indian security forces to stock up on crucial supplies and ammunition that gets cut off due to bad weather in winters.
- Indian Oil’s winter-grade diesel meets BIS specifications and has been produced and certified by the company’s Panipat refinery.

**Union Minister for Rural Development inaugurates SARAS at IITF 2019 in New Delhi**

Union Minister for Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the SARAS India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

- SARAS Mela is an initiative by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).
- The objective of this fair is to bring the rural women SHG members formed under DAY-NRLM, in one platform to showcase their skills, sell and build linkages with potential market players.
- SARAS Mela not only provides a platform to these SHG women, but it also provides a national level exposure to understand the demand and taste of the urban customers in metros.

**Uttarakhand CM launches virtual classroom project connecting 500 secondary schools**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a project that will connect 500 secondary schools to virtual classrooms.

- The schools in the state facing a shortage of teachers will benefit from the new technology.
- Virtual classes are attended through video conferences where students can meet the teacher on a real-time basis and ask questions.
- An estimated 1.90 lakh students of 500 government-run secondary schools in the state will benefit from the project.
Haryana govt decides to create a new Foreign Cooperation department

Haryana Government has decided to create a dedicated new department namely Department of 'Foreign Cooperation'.

- The department has been created in order to streamline and provide focus to various initiatives taken by the state government for the promotion of investment, employment for youth and welfare of Non-Resident Indians.
- The new department will deal in the formulation of country-wise strategies for the promotion of investment, employment in the state, education and skill development and promotion of Haryanavi culture and welfare of Haryanavi diaspora.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Releases ‘Road Accidents in India-2018’

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has released the ‘Road Accidents in India, 2018’.

- It is an annual publication brought out by the Transport Research Wing of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways which reports on accidents, related deaths and injuries.
- A total of 4,67,044 road accidents have been reported by States and Union Territories (UTs) in the calendar year 2018, claiming 1,51,417 lives and causing injuries to 4,69,418 persons.
- Road accidents in the country have increased marginally by 0.46 per cent during 2018.
- India ranks 1st in the number of road accident deaths across the 199 countries reported in the World Road Statistics, 2018 followed by China and the US.

IRCTC to operate Golden Chariot luxury train from March 2020

The Indian Railway Catering And Tourism Corporation, IRCTC, will operate and manage luxury train, Golden Chariot from March next year.

- An agreement in this regard was signed between Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, KSTDC, and IRCTC in New Delhi.
- Earlier, the train was operated under a joint venture between KSTDC and the Ministry of Railways.
- The Golden Chariot Train, which commenced operations in 2008, travels through one of the famous tourist and picturesque destinations of Karnataka, including the UNESCO world heritage site, Hampi.
- It has 18 coaches with 44 guest rooms having a capacity for 84 guests.

ADB to provide USD 91 million loans 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.

- It will help improve irrigation water use efficiency and contribute to improving sustainable water security in Karnataka.
- The investment programme, consisting of two project loans, will help Karnataka’s water agencies better draw up and roll out effective river basin management plans.

Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019 passed by the Parliament

Parliament has passed the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019, with Rajya Sabha approving.

- The Lok Sabha had passed this Bill in the last session.
- The Bill seeks to amend the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951.
- 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.

- 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.
- The Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place on 13 April 1919.

Census 2021 to be conducted in 16 languages

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai informed that the Census will be conducted in two phases, viz., House-listing & Housing Census during April to September 2020 and Population Enumeration during February 09-28, 2021.

- The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended an amount of Rs. 8754.23 crore for conducting Census 2021 in 16 languages.
- The reference date for the census will be 1 March 2021, but for snow-bound Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand it will be 1 October 2020.

IFFI 2019 begins in Goa

The 50th edition of International Film festival of India, IFFI, started in Goa.
• The festival will see sessions on all the traditional aspects of cinema like Acting, Direction, and editing.
• IFFI Lifetime Achievement award winner, French actor Isabelle Huppert will be conducting a masterclass entitled ‘The Actor's Connect’.
• The opening day will also see the screening of Italian Film ‘Despite the Fog’ directed by Goran Paskaljevic.
• Actor Rajnikanth will receive the ICON of the Golden Jubilee Award.

Smriti Irani addresses South Asia Safety Summit

The Women and Child Development Minister addressed the 2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit in New Delhi.

• The South Asia Safety Summit is Facebook’s annual event to host critical conversations on digital safety and security.
• The summit was joined by over 100 organisations from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and India.
• Facebook announced a slew of initiatives to accelerate digital literacy efforts in India.

Cabinet approves the establishment of National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh

The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) in Leh.

• Sowa-Rigpa is a traditional Tibetan system of medicine practised in the Himalayan belt of India.
• The Cabinet approved the establishment of the NISR as an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH at an estimated cost of Rs 47.25 crore.
• The setting up of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) would provide an impetus for the revival of Sowa-Rigpa in the Indian Sub-continent.

UGC asks higher educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day on Nov 26

University Grants Commission, UGC has issued circular to higher educational institutions to celebrate Constitution Day on 26th of November.

• On this day in 1949, the Constitution was adopted which came into force on 26th January 1950.
• The commission has requested universities and affiliated colleges to make dedicated efforts to promote and spread awareness about the constitution and fundamental duties among their students, teachers staff and officials.

Global Bio-India Summit begins in Delhi
Three-day Global Bio-India Summit 2019 begins in New Delhi.

- It will be one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate to be held in India for the first time.
- It 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.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurates Munderwa Sugar Mill in Basti district

Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the newly-established Munderwa Sugar Mill in Basti district.

- It will be the third inauguration of sugar mills in the state in just three weeks after the opening of mills in Ramala in Baghpat and Pipraich in Gorakhpur.
- Like the Pipraich sugar mill, Munderwa sugar mill was closed.
- There was a long farmers’ agitation in 2003 to start the mill, which claimed three lives in police firing.

- Munderwa mill will have a capacity of 5000 Tons of Cane per Day and generate 27 Mega Watt of power.

Assam govt to start Arundhati gold scheme by January 2020

The Assam government will start Arundhati gold scheme by January next year for the registered newly married couples.

- Under the scheme, an amount of 30 thousand rupees will be given to the bride to purchase gold.
- The scheme is aimed to promote marriage registrations and prevent under-age marriages in the state.
- The annual income of the bride and her father should not be more than 5 lakh rupees per year to get the benefit.
- The minimum age of the bride and groom to be 18 and 21 years to avail the benefit under the scheme.

Union Cabinet approves the sale of govt stake in five CPSEs
The government has approved the sale of its stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA, gave its nod to strategic disinvestment in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDC).
- The government will sell its 53.29 per cent stake in BPCL after taking out Numaligarh Refinery in Assam from its portfolio along with transfer of management control to a strategic buyer.
- The CCEA also approved the reduction of the government's stake in select PSUs below 51 per cent, while retaining the management control.

RBI supersedes DHFL board, to initiate insolvency proceedings

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) superseded the board of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) as it "intends to shortly" initiate the process of insolvency.

- In January, a web portal accused the DHFL promoters of committing financial frauds by creating shell companies.
- A total of 32 Indian and foreign banks lent Rs 97,000 crore to DHFL Group companies with many borrower companies having the same addresses, directors, and auditors.

- DHFL is the fourth-largest Indian housing finance company based on loans outstanding as of March.

Assam government releases the new Land Policy 2019 after 30 years

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal released the new Land Policy 2019 in Guwahati.

- The Land Policy was approved by Cabinet on 21st October and it has been prepared by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department after 30 years.
- It was last prepared in 1989.
- The state government has given a lot of emphasis in preparing the Policy to safeguard the interest of the indigenous people.
- The Policy would remove complications regarding land allotments and settlements.

DSEJ launches special enrollment drive under 'Aao School Chalein'

In Jammu, the Directorate of School Education (DSEJ) has launched a special enrollment drive under the banner 'Aao School Chalein' for increasing the enrollment in government schools.
As per the Directorate of School Education, the special enrollment drive would be conducted across all the villages and catchment areas of the government schools, under the supervision of chief education officers of all the districts of Jammu Division.

Apart from increasing the enrollment in the Government schools, the prime focus of the drive is on the strengthening of pre-schooling of children in the age group of 3 to 5 years.

**Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima, world's biggest Islamic Congregation begins in Bhopal**

In Madhya Pradesh, the four-day Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima, world's biggest Islamic Congregation began in Bhopal.

- More than one million people from 54 countries are expected to attend the congregation which will continue till 25th November.
- It is a forum for delivering some important religious-spiritual messages to Muslims around the world.
- The first Alami Tablighi Ijtima took place in Bhopal in 1944 and only 14 people attended it then.

**Three-day Global Buddhist Congregation to begin at Nagservan in Aurangabad**

A three-day Global Buddhist Congregation will begin at Nagservan in Aurangabad.

- The inaugural ceremony will take place in the presence of Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama and Mahanayaka Thero from Sri Lanka.
- Lama will deliver two lectures in the Congregation.
- Buddhist monks and followers of the religion from across the globe arrived at Aurangabad for attending this Congregation.

**NASA Unveils First Electric Plane X-57 "Maxwell"**

NASA showcased an early version of its first all-electric experimental aircraft, the X-57 Maxwell.

- Adapted from an Italian-made Tecnam P2006T twin-engine propeller plane, the X-57 has been under development since 2015.
- The target of the agency is to fly this aeroplane in late 2020.
Habitats of Great Indian Bustards to be declared as conservation reserves

Seeking to protect the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard, the Union environment ministry has decided to declare their habitats as conservation reserves.

- Ministry also asked power companies to consider placing high voltage lines under the ground as the birds have died after coming in contact with them.
- As per a report by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) only 150 GIBs are left in India, out of which around 90 per cent are found in Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- The GIBs are dying at the rate of 15% annually due to collision with high voltage power lines.

NIA to host first counter-terrorism cooperation exercise for 'Quad' countries

The National Investigation Agency is hosting the first counter-terrorism exercise for the "Quad" countries, India, the US, Japan and Australia at the NIA headquarters in Delhi.

- The 'CT-TTX' (counter-terrorism table-top exercise) is first such engagement among the Quad countries on regional and global issues of common interest and also in the domain of counter-terrorism and cooperation.
- It is being conducted as the partner countries have resolved to take the international counter-terror offensive, preparedness, mitigation and synergy to the next level.

4-Day 'Destination North East' in Varanasi

A four-day festival showcasing art, culture, cuisine, handicrafts and handlooms of the northeastern region will be held for the first time in Varanasi.

- The festival will exhibit the striking similarities between the Ganga and Brahmaputra basins in terms of ancient culture, diverse handlooms and silk products, spiritual heritage and vibrant tourist hubs.
- All eight Northeastern states will participate in the event, to be held at the IIT (BHU) ground, to display their handicrafts, handloom, organic products and cultural troupes.

Women in Karnataka now allowed to work night shifts at factories

The Karnataka government issued a notification enabling women to work in night shifts in factories.

- The Government allows employment of women workers, who come forward to work during night shifts, between 7.00 PM to 6.00...
AM in the factories registered under the Factories Act 1948.

- However, employers have been directed to put in place facilities conducive for women to successfully carry out night shift jobs.
- Employers are required to set up mechanisms to avert sexual harassment and also establish a complaints committee to address women’s grievances.

Bangalore, Delhi, Mumbai make it on the new global prosperity index

Bangalore emerged as India's highest-ranked city at No 83 in a new index of the world's 113 cities in terms of economic and social inclusivity.

- The list is topped by Zurich in Switzerland.
- The first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index, has been released in Spain.
- Delhi at 101 and Mumbai at 107 are the other Indian cities to make at the index.

First woman pilot of Indian Navy ‘Lieutenant Shivangi’

First woman pilot of Indian Navy will join Naval operations on December 2.

- The first woman pilot, Lieutenant Shivangi, will join naval operations on completion of operational training on December 2.
- She hails from Muzaffarpur, Bihar and completed her schooling from DAV Public school, Muzaffarpur.
- She was inducted into Indian Navy as SSC (Pilot) as part of 27 NOC course in Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala and got formally commissioned by Vice Admiral AK Chawla, in June last year.
- Shivangi, who had been undergoing training at the Southern Naval Command here, will get authorisation on December 2 to fly Dornier aircraft.

Indian Railways: North East State capitals linking, Act East policy and Electrification

Government of India has planned to link the capitals of North Eastern States with rail connectivity. This plan, however, does not include Sikkim.

- The capitals of Assam, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh are already connected through Broad Gauge rail network.
- The Ministry of Railways has created a new action plan to electrify 37,237 km of broad-gauge routes. This is 57.91% of total railway network in India.
- The Government of India has set target of 100% electrification of the railways in 10 years. It was announced in August 2019.
- Currently, there are two rail connectivity projects connecting Indian cities Jogbani and Jayanagar with Nepal cities Biratnagar and
Bardibas respectively. In Bangladesh there are two ongoing projects that connects Agartala with Akhuara and Hadibari with Chilhati.
- There are no ongoing railway projects with Myanmar and Bhutan.

### National Policy to speed up Gas Infrastructure

A “high-level committee” has been set up by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory board (PNGRB) to frame national policy on city gas distribution.

- The intention of the policy is to speed up development of infrastructure of piped natural gas.
- The committee formed will perform a detailed review of the issues in the development of piped gas network.
- The policy will also address issues like delay in getting approvals at state level.
- It will also identify Geographical Areas that are facing difficulties in witnessing significant progress as compared to the other regions.
- The number of Geographical Areas with good City Gas Distribution has increased from 78 in the end of 2017 to 229 in 2019 according to the Ministry of Petroleum.

### Centre extends ban on NDFB for 5 years

Centre has extended ban on National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) along with all its groups, factions and front organisations, by 5 more years.

- The National Democratic Front of Boroland is an armed separatist outfit which seeks to obtain a sovereign Boroland for the Bodo people.
- It is designated as a terrorist organisation by the Government of India.
- President: B. Saoraigwra
- Founded: 3 October 1986

### Indian scientists identify a protein that helps regulate blood sugar levels

Scientists at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad have demonstrated the role of a protein secretagogin (SCGN) in increasing insulin action in obesity-induced diabetes.

- SCGN works as a functional insulin-binding protein with therapeutic potential against diabetes.
- SCGN binds to insulin and protects it from various stresses, increases its stability and adds to its action.
- Diabetes and neurodegenerative disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease are often linked with each other. SCGN is found in lower quantities in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

### RCEP offer 'was not as much as our aspirations': Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
The RCEP negotiations were launched by ASEAN leaders and six other countries during the 21st ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh (Cambodia) in November 2012.

- The objective of launching RCEP negotiations was to achieve a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership agreement among the ASEAN member-states and their FTA partners.

India's first largest biotechnology conference
Global Bio-India Summit

India’s first largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate, - the Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019 concluded in New Delhi.

- The three-day event was organized by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, along with its Public Sector Undertaking, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- The associated partners for this event were Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE) and Invest India.
- Biotechnology is recognized as the sunrise sector- a key driver for contributing to India’s USD 5 Trillion economy target by 2025.

Union Tourism Minister and Chief Minister of Manipur jointly inaugurate 8th International Tourism Mart at Imphal

Minister of State (I/C) for Culture & Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh jointly inaugurated the 8th International Tourism Mart at Imphal, Manipur.

- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with the North Eastern States is organizing the “International Tourism Mart” (ITM) at Imphal, Manipur from 23 November to 25 November, 2019.
- This is the second time when Manipur is hosting the International Tourism Mart.
- India has jumped in World Travel and Tourism Index from 40th to 34th position in 2019.
- This is the 8th International Tourism Mart and an annual event organised in the North Eastern region with the objective of highlighting the tourism potential of the region in the domestic and international markets.
- The 8th International Tourism Mart, will put the spotlight on “Sustainable Tourism an engine for Economic Growth and Employment”.
- The International Tourism Marts are organised in the North Eastern States on rotation basis. Manipur is hosting this mart for the second time. The earlier editions of
this mart have been held in Guwahati, Tawang, Shillong, Gangtok, Agartala.

**Delhi Assembly to host 3-day Commonwealth Youth Parliament**

Delhi Assembly will host a three-day Commonwealth Youth Parliament.

- As many as 47 participants from 24 Commonwealth countries will participate in the event along with eleven participants from India.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will be the Chief Guest of the event.
- It is for the first time that an Indian Legislature is hosting the Commonwealth Youth Parliament.
- The event is being organized to enlighten the youth about legislative processes and encourage their participation in legislative procedures and decision making.

**UP govt launches immunisation campaign against Filaria**

Uttar Pradesh government is launching a massive immunisation campaign against the filariasis or Filaria from 25 November.

- Central government has set year 2021 as the deadline for complete eradication of filaria in country.
- Campaign will be launched by Health and Family Welfare Minister Jai Pratap Singh.
- District will be provided DEC tablet, Albendazole and ivermectin.

**National Tribal Craft Mela- 2019 being held in Bhubaneswar**

Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the 8th National Tribal Craft Mela at State Tribal Museum Complex in Bhubaneswar.

- As a part of Odisha Government’s ‘5Ts’ initiative, (which is aimed at achieving progress through Transparency, Teamwork, Technology, Time and Transformation) 45 Supplementary Readers prepared in 21 Tribal languages were released simultaneously by Chief Minister on the occasion of Tribal Mela.
- The National Tribal Crafts Mela is held annually with an aim to preserve, promote and popularize traditional tribal art and crafts and help the artisans to look for better opportunities to develop their skills through cross-cultural interactions for the commercial viability of their products.

**Manipur Sangai Festival 2019 being organised in Imphal**
The 2019 edition of Manipur Sangai Festival is being organised from 24-30 November in Imphal.

- Every year in November, Gateway of North-East region, Manipur celebrates the ‘Sangai Festival’, which was named after the State animal, Sangai, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.
- Manipur Sangai Festival was started in year 2010.
- The Manipur Sangai Festival 2018 was organized at different locations in Imphal and Bishnupur District.
- It is one of the largest Government-sponsored tourism fests. The Festival is all about unity in diversity and a true reflection of Manipur’s saga.

NSO survey on drinking water, hygiene, sanitation and housing condition

The NSO under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducted survey on drinking water, hygiene, sanitation and housing condition between the period July 2018 and December 2018.

- According to the survey one fourth of the households had no access to toilets.
- The survey says that around 42.9% of the households in rural areas and around 40.9% households in urban areas are still using hand pumps.
- About 80.7% in urban area and 58.2% in rural areas had drinking water facilities within the household premises.
- The survey reports that around 94.5% in rural and 97.4% in urban used improved water resources. Improved water resources include piped water, hand pump, tube well, protected spring, private tanker truck, rain water collection and bottled water.

CBDT inaugurates Web Portal for exchange of information on Income Tax

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has inaugurated the Web Portal for Exchange of Information on Income Tax which will consolidate all relevant Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) related information at one place.

- This portal will help in convenient access by public, financial institutions as well as departmental officers at large.
- The Web Portal would be a repository of policy and technical circulars, guidance, notifications issued by the CBDT.
- It would provide links to relevant circulars, guidance issued by regulatory authorities in India and other international bodies.

Madhya Pradesh: Sportspersons will get 5% reservation in government jobs
The state government of Madhya Pradesh has announced 5% reservation to national and international medalist's sportspersons in state government jobs.

- The announcement in this regard was made by Madhya Pradesh Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare Jitu Patwari while inaugurating the Regional Olympic Games at Kampoo sports complex in Gwalior.
- Every year, the Madhya Pradesh government provides government jobs to Vikram awardees. Vikram Award is the highest sports awards for players in state.
- Besides this national and international medallists have quota in state police department.

Constitution Day: 26 November

Constitution Day is being celebrated on 26 November across the country to mark the adopting of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on this day in 1949.

- It came into force on 26th January, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of Indian Republic.

- Constitution Day was first celebrated in 2015, when Narendra Modi Government decided to mark the day as a tribute to Dr B R Ambedkar who played an important role in its framing as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.
- The constituent assembly took two years, eleven months and eighteen days to accomplish the stupendous task of drafting the historic document.

Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced in Lok Sabha

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the Lok Sabha.

- The Bill provides domestic companies with a new option to pay tax at the rate of 22 per cent, provided they do not claim certain deductions under the IT Act.
- Currently, domestic companies with an annual turnover of up to 400 crore rupees pay income tax at the rate of 25 per cent.
- For other domestic companies, the tax rate is 30 per cent.
- The Bill also provides new domestic manufacturing companies with an option to pay income tax at the rate of 15 percent, provided they do not claim certain deductions.

Indian Railways sets up Institute of Financial Management in Hyderabad
The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) has been set up in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- The project was conceived and constructed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) at a cost of Rs 85 crore.
- This new entity is set up to impart professional training in management of railway finances.

**Guru Ghasidas National Park to become Chhattisgarh’s 4th tiger reserve**

Chhattisgarh government announced that the state is set to have Guru Ghasidas National Park in Kotiya district as its fourth ‘tiger reserve’.

- This decision was taken in 11th meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had approved to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park as a tiger reserve in 2014.
- At present there are three tiger reserves in state: Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur, Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband and Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bijapur district.

**PM Modi launches Fit India School grading system in schools across India**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Fit India School grading system in schools across the country. The grading will be in 3 categories.

- Ranking system: Schools can declare themselves as fit by visiting the Fit India portal and the rankings will be assigned after survey. Fit India School rankings are divided into 3 categories–
  - Fit India Schools, which is the first level of ranking
  - Fit India School three star (3 star)
  - Fit India School five star (5 star)

**National Child Labour Project**

The National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme. Under this Scheme the District Project Societies (DPS) are set up at the district level under the Chairmanship of the

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**Railways sets up Institute for Financial Management in Hyderabad**

Guru Ghasidas National Park to become Chhattisgarh’s 4th tiger reserve

Chhattisgarh to get 4th Tiger Reserve
Collector/District Magistrate for overseeing the implementation of the project.

- Under this Scheme, funds are provided directly to the District Project Societies who in turn engage and allocate the funds to NGOs/Voluntary Agencies/Civil Societies Organization etc. for running of Special Training Centers.
- Under this Scheme, the children in the age group of 9-14 years are withdrawn from work and put into NCLP Special Training Centers, where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, midday meal, stipend, health care etc.

India to host naval drill Milan 2020 in March

The Indian Navy will host military drill 'Milan 2020' in March which will witness the participation of several countries.

- MILAN stands for ‘Multilateral Naval Exercise’.
- 41 nations from South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe that share defense cooperation with India have been invited for the drill.
- "The government pursues cooperation initiatives with friendly foreign countries, including in Indian Ocean Region, through structured interactions like Staff Talks, Empowered Steering Group".

Hardeep Puri launched portal for subsidy scheme under PMAY

Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched CLSS Awas Portal through which people seeking to avail housing subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY)-Urban will be able to track their applications.

- At the launch of the Credit Link Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) Awas Yojana, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister said that grievances of beneficiaries will be addressed in a much comprehensive and organized manner.

Indian Army inducts Israel made Anti-Tank Guided Missiles Spike along LoC in J&K

The Indian Army has inducted Israel made Anti-Tank Guided Missiles Spike along the LoC in the northern command theatre in Jammu and Kashmir to bolster defence along the border with Pakistan.

- Known as the "fire and forget" missiles, Spike are portable by men and are powerful enough to destroy tanks and bust bunkers within four kilometers.
**Uttar Pradesh govt to set up state's 1st vulture conservation**

In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the Uttar Pradesh government will set up state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre in Farenda area of Maharajganj district.

- The population of vultures in the country which has come down from 40 million to 19,000 in a span of over three decades.
- States' first vulture conservation and breeding centre of its kind will be set up on the lines of Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore in Haryana, which is also the first in the country.
- The new centre would be set up in association with Bombay Natural History Society, a wildlife research organization.

**Madhya Pradesh's Devi Ahilya University gets A grade from NAAC**

The Indore-based Devi Ahilya University has added another feather in its cap by becoming Madhya Pradesh's first varsity to be accorded A grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

- The Centre of higher learning now became entitled to several other facilities.
- It may introduce courses recognized by the University Grants Commission without the latter's permission besides commencing open distance-learning courses.

**‘Child Rights and You’ Report on Crime against Children in India**

The Child Rights and You recently released a report “How Vulnerable are Children in India to crime?” The report was based on the analysis of National Crime Records Bureau for 2016-17.

- The report says that the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh topped the list of states for crimes against children.
- The highest increase in crimes between the years 2016 and 2017 was seen in Jharkhand.
- The Child labor in the country saw a substantial increase of 126%. The report says that in 2016 child labor was 204 and it increased to 462 in 2017.
- As far as Child Marriage is concerned there was an increase of 21.17%. The numbers were based on the cases registered under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006.

**National Milk Day**
India National Milk Day is observed every year on 26 November to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Varghese Kurian, the father of India’s White Revolution. However, World milk day is observed every year across the world on 1 June by the United Nations.

- The first National Milk Day was celebrated on 26 November 2014 after the initiative taken by Indian Dairy Association (IDA). In first National Milk Day various milk producers from 22 states participated.
- He was awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award (1963) and World Food Prize (1989), Padma Shri (1965), Padma Bhushan (1966) and Padma Vibhushan (1999). Due to the strenuous efforts of Dr. Verghese Kurien, India became the largest producer of milk in 1998, surpassing the US.

271 crores cleared by IMAC for Food Processing Scheme

The Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee chaired by Minister of Food Processing Shri Harsimrat Kaur has sanctioned Rs 271 crores for the CEFPPC scheme (Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities) scheme.

- The aim of the scheme is to create direct employment that will help in achieving India’s goal of doubling farmers' income by 2022. It expected that the project would create 9000 employment.
- It will also aid in implementing PM Krishi Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).
- PMKSY is being implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing.

UP: 47th All India Police Science Congress begins in Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Police in association with the Home Ministry and the Bureau of Police Research and Development is organizing the event at the police headquarters in Lucknow.

- It is second time since the inception of the Annual Mind Churning exercise in 1960 that Lucknow is organizing this event. The last time Lucknow was host for AIPSC was in 1997.

Lok Sabha passed The Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019

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The Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced in Lok Sabha by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Amit Shah, on November 25, 2019. The Bill amends the Special Protections Group Act, 1988.

- The Act provides for the constitution and regulation of the Special Protection Group (SPG) to provide security to the Prime Minister, former Prime Ministers, and their immediate family members.
- Under the Act, the SPG provides security to the Prime Minister and his immediate family members.
- It also provides security to former Prime Ministers and their immediate family members for a period of one year from the date on which they cease to hold the office.
- Beyond this period, the SPG security is provided based on the level of threat as decided by the central government.

Cabinet approves India-Saudi Arabia Agreement on Strategic Partnership Council

Union Cabinet headed Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Agreement signed by Prime Minister for establishment of Strategic Partnership Council between India and Saudi Arabia.

- The agreement was signed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on 29 October 2019 during former’s two-day visit to the Gulf Kingdom.
- Strategic Partnership Council Agreement will significantly boost strategic ties between India and Saudi Arabia and will open new avenues of partnership in strategic areas.
- The council will be headed by PM Modi and Crown Prince Mohammed and meet every 2 years. It will coordinate decisions regarding strategically important issues.

Lokpal Logo & Motto launched

The Chairman of Lokpal, Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose launched the logo of Lokpal, at an event held in New Delhi.

- The motto of Lokpal “मा गृधः कस्यचिद्दनम्” (Do not be greedy for anyone’s wealth) was also adopted.
- The Logo design of Prashant Mishra, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh was selected for adoption as Logo of Lokpal.
- The logo of Lokpal is based upon literal meaning of LOKPAL which means: LOK- meaning people and PAL- meaning caretaker, i.e. ‘caretaker of people’. The logo is in tricolor representing the national essence of LOKPAL and symbolizes how Lokpal protects and cares for people of India by establishing justice as per law.

HRD Ministry launches Kartavya Portal

Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ launched the kartavya.ugc.ac.in portal for holding monthly essay competitions for students.

- The portal was launched as part of yearlong ‘Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan’ being observed throughout the country.
The Department of Higher Education under HRD Ministry will be holding 11 rounds of National Essay Competitions during the year.

The topics of the essay will be based on one Fundamental Duty every month.

Global Exhibition on Services-2019 organised in Bengaluru

Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways inaugurated the Global Exhibition on Services (GES) 2019 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

- The year 2019 is the 5th edition of GES. The inaugural function was also attended by Chief Minister of Karnataka B. S. Yediyurappa.
- GES is an annual event established by Department of Commerce, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry in association with Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Global Diplomacy Index 2019

The 2019 Global Diplomacy Index was released by Sydney-based Lowy Institute. The index gives the latest statistics and marking about how the world’s diplomatic networks are expanding and, in certain cases, shrinking.

- The index ranked 61 countries across the world.
- China now has more diplomatic posts across the world than United States in 2019. China has overtaken United States with 276 embassies and consulates worldwide, which is 3 more than US (both countries have an equal number of embassies but China has 3 more consulates).
- India was ranked 12th among the 61 countries. As of 2019, India has 123 embassies and high commissions and 54 consulates globally.

United Nations Development Programme launches Accelerator Lab in India to work on tackling pollution

The project was launched in collaboration with the government’s Atal Innovation Mission and will look to solve issues through innovative solutions.

- Seeking to address some of the most pressing issues facing India, including air pollution, through innovation, the UNDP launched the country chapter of its Accelerator Lab here.
- The laboratory that will be housed in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office here has partnered with Indian government's Atal Innovation Mission to achieve the objectives.

Aditya Birla Finance becomes first company to list commercial papers on exchanges
Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. became the first company to list a commercial paper on the National Stock Exchange. The paper will mature in February next year.

- The move comes after the exchanges -- the BSE and the NSE -- came out with a framework for listing of commercial papers (CPs), in a bid to broaden investors' participation in such securities.
- ABFL is a well-diversified non-banking finance company (NBFC) with a long-term credit rating of AAA (stable) from both ICRA as well as India Ratings.
- Commercial papers can be issued for maturities between a minimum of 7 days and a maximum of up to one year from the date of issue. CP are usually issued at a discount from face value and reflects prevailing market interest rates.

RIL becomes first Indian company to hit Rs 10 lakh crore market cap

It became the first India Company to reach the coveted milestone.

- RIL was also the first company to reach Rs 8 lakh crore mark in August last year. It was also the first company to hit the $100 billion mark in market-cap in 2007, a feat it repeated last July.

Incidents of bribery in India reduced by 10% since last year: Survey

Incidents of bribery in the country have reduced by 10 per cent since last year, according to a survey carried out in 20 states.

- The 'India Corruption Survey 2019', which received 1, 90,000 responses from people in 248 districts, also stated that 51 per cent Indians paid bribe in the last 12 months.
- Transparency International India (TII) and LocalCircles conducted the survey.
- India's ranking in the Corruption Perception Index 2018, released by TII, has improved three places compared to last year and now, the country's standing is 78 among 180 nations.

NuGen Mobility Summit-2019 being held in Haryana

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated NuGen Mobility Summit-2019 at International Center of
Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Haryana.

- This three-day conference will be held from 27 to 29 November 2019.
- The conference is the largest automotive technology event in country so far.
- The event is being organized by ICAT on relevant topics of Alternate Fuel Systems and e-Mobility.
- It is first in a series of conference organized by ICAT.

1st International Conference on Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience

The 1st International Conference on ‘Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience – 2019’ was held in New Delhi.

- It was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, G. Kishan Reddy.
- The first of its kind conference was organized by National Institute of Disaster management (NIDM).

Govt. constitutes committee for reviewing draft of National Code for Good Governance in Sports

Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) has constituted a 13-member expert committee to review the Draft National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017.

- Members: The committee will be chaired by Retired SC Justice Mukundakam Sharma and member includes former Indian football team captain Baichung Bhutia, Pullela Gopichand, Anju Bobby George, Olympic medalist Gagan Narang, among others.
- Moreover, Joint Secretary of Sports will act as coordinator in committee.

ADB, India sign $451 million loan to strengthen Power Connectivity in Tamil Nadu

Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a $451 million loan for strengthening power connectivity between northern and southern parts of Chennai–Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) which is part of East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC).

- ECEC is India’s first coastal economic corridor.
- Component corridors of ECEC includes 4 Corridors, which will be completed in 3 Phases-
  - Phase 1 covers Visakhapatnam–Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) (it was approved by ADB board in October 2016), it lies largely in Andhra Pradesh
  - Phase 2 involves Chennai–Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu
  - Phase 3 supports Odisha Economic Corridor (OEC) and West Bengal Economic Corridor (WBEC).
Union Government is planning to set up a new rocket launch pad near Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu.

- At present, the Indian Space Research organisation (ISRO) has two launch pads at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDCC) in Sriharikotta, Andhra Pradesh.
- The new launch pad is intended to be used for future Indian rockets including Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mk III, Avatar Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV), Unified Modular Launch Vehicle (UMLV), Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), and even older ones like Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

Union Ministry of Shipping (MoS) has approved long pending demand of Government of Manipur for development of Loktak Inland Waterways Project in the north eastern state.

- The request for development of this project was made by L Susindro Meitei, Chairman of Loktak Development Authority and MLA Khurai in Manipur.
- Loktak Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Northeast. The lake is located at Moirang in Manipur.
- It is famous for phumdis floating over it which are formed naturally. Located on this phumdi, Keibul Lamjao National Park is the only floating national park in the world and is an integral part of Loktak Lake.

From December 1, FASTags will be mandatory for toll payment on National Highways.

- All 560-odd plazas under the control of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will collect toll without human intervention, and vehicles need not stop to pay toll.
- The device employs Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for payments directly from the prepaid or savings account linked to it.
- It is affixed on the windscreen, so the vehicle can drive through plazas without stopping.
- It is valid for five years, and can be recharged as and when required.
• The payment method is a part of the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) programme. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) collects the payments.

EU declares Climate Emergency

European Union (EU) has become the first multilateral bloc to declare climate emergency.

• A resolution in this regard was recently passed.
• The symbolic move is expected to pressurise countries to act ahead of the United Nations summit on climate change that starts on December 2 in Spain.
• The resolution will have more symbolic effect than practical impact, and is designed to pressure EU governments to adopt a commitment for all of the EU to reduce emissions to net zero.

‘YuWaah’- Generation Unlimited initiative Launched by UNICEF

It brings young people together with the private sector, governments, international and local organisations.

• The aim is to tackle the urgent challenge of investing in their learning and training so that they are prepared for the complex and fast-changing world of work and can be active and engaged citizens.

PM Modi announced 400-million-dollar line of credit to Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced Line of Credit of 400 million dollars to Sri Lanka to boost the island nation's development.

• India will also extend 50 million dollars Line of Credit to Sri Lanka to fight terrorism.
• Sri Lanka is not only in the interest of India but also in the interest of the entire Indian Ocean region.
• Sri Lankan police officers are receiving training on countering terrorism in prominent Indian institutions.

India successfully test fires Spike anti-tank missiles

In Madhya Pradesh, the Indian Army has successfully test fired two Spike long-range anti-tank missiles at Mhow.

• Spike is a fourth-generation missile which can engage any target with precision at ranges up to 4 kilo metres.
• The Spike long-range anti-tank missiles will bolster the Army's fire power capability.

India to set up 12 hi-tech parks in Bangladesh

India will set up 12 hi-tech parks in Bangladesh at a cost of $193 million.

• These hi-tech parks will provide training to 30,000 youth of Bangladesh as skilled IT professionals.
• Diversification of the product basket of Bangladesh will help reduce the gap by increasing exports to India.
• High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das inaugurated Swami Vivekananda Bhawan at Rangpur which houses a Computer Center, Charitable Medical Centre, Coaching centre and student’s home.

Points to remember

• Oxigen Services India Pvt. Ltd. is a FinTech company is one of the major payment solutions providers in India.
• Headquarters location: Gurugram
• Executive director: Sunil Kulkarni

RBI imposes Rs 5 lakh fine on Oxigen Services

The Reserve Bank has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on prepaid payment instrument Oxigen Services.

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RBI increases household income limits for borrowers of NBFCs and MFIs

Reserve Bank has increased the household income limits for borrowers of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) from 1 lakh to 1.25 lakh rupees.

• The move is aimed at strengthening credit to those at the bottom of the economic pyramid in rural areas.
• Similarly, the limit has been increased from 1.6 lakh for urban or semi-urban areas to 2 lakh rupees.

CCI nod for merger of BNP Paribas Mutual Fund and Bank of Baroda Mutual Fund

The Competition Commission of India has given nod for the merger of BNP Paribas Mutual Fund and Bank of Baroda Mutual Fund.
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of the BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund and the Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund, under the Competition Act, 2002.

- The strategic alliance would allow both companies to leverage each other's strengths to offer products specially designed for retail and institutional clients in India.
- Baroda Asset Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, while BNP Paribas Asset Management India is an entity of BNP Paribas Asset Management Asia.

CCI approves Adani's 23.5% stake-buy in Mumbai International Airport

CCI approved Adani Properties' acquisition of 23.5% stake in the country's second-busiest aerodrome Mumbai International Airport.

- Adani Properties has acquired the shares from Mauritius based Bid Services Division and ACSA Global Ltd.
- As per the combination notice filed with CCI, the transaction involves the acquisition of shares through two separate share purchase agreements.
- While Adani is buying 13.5% stake in Mumbai International Airport from Bid Services Division, the rest 10% has been acquired from ACSA.

WPI inflation eases to 0.16 per cent in October

Wholesale prices based inflation eased further to 0.16 per cent in October, as against 0.33 per cent in September.

- Government data showed subdued prices of non-food articles and fall in prices of manufactured items.
- Annual inflation, based on monthly wholesale price index (WPI), was at 5.54 per cent in October last year.
- However, retail inflation for the month hit a 16-month high of 4.62 per cent due to soaring prices of food articles, including fruits and vegetables.

SEBI doubles PMS investment size to Rs 50 lakh

Securities and Exchange Board of India has doubled the minimum investment limit for clients of Portfolio Management Services to Rs 50 lakh.

- Currently, the minimum ticket size for investing in PMS is Rs 25 lakh.
- The market regulator also increased the net worth requirement for PMS to Rs 5 crore from Rs 2 crore earlier, giving the existing
portfolio managers 36 months to meet the enhanced requirement.

- The regulator has set a deadline of 31 days for listed companies to disclose to the stock exchanges with respect to default.

**India's urban unemployment rate drops to 9.3% in Jan-Mar 2019: Govt data**

The urban unemployment rate in the country fell to 9.3 per cent during January-March 2019 from 9.8 per cent in April-June 2018, government data.

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released its Quarterly Bulletin for the January-March 2019 period, presenting estimates of labour force indicators, for urban areas.
- The data showed that unemployment rate in urban areas among males was estimated at 8.7 per cent during January-March 2019 as compared to 9 per cent during April-June 2018.
- For women, the UR was at 11.6 per cent during the reported period as against 12.8 per cent during April-June 2018.
- The overall labour force participation rate (LFPR) was estimated as 36 per cent in the urban areas during January-March 2019, as compared to 35.6 per cent during April-June 2018. The LFPR for men was estimated to be 56.2 per cent, while for women it was at 15 per cent in the urban areas during the January-March 2019 period.

**RBI raises concerns over bad loans from Mudra Yojana**

The Reserve Bank of India on November 27, 2019 raised concerns over increasing bad loans from the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana.

- RBI believes that there is an urgent need to monitor the loans sanctioned under Mudra Yojana.
- According to RBI, the percentage of MUDRA loans were at 2.52% in 2017-18, It has now raised to 2.89% in 2018-19. It also says that the number of loans being sanctioned under the scheme has increased greatly.
- In 2017 the loans provided under Shishu category were 83,892 and it increased to 1,39,652 in 2019. The loans provided under Kishore category were 51,063 in 2017 and increased to 99,868 in 2019.
- Also, RBI stated that out of 182 million MUDRA loans sanctioned, 3.63 million accounts were defaulted.

**Pavan Kapoor appointed as Ambassador to UAE**
Pavan Kapoor, a 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service officer took charge as the new Ambassador to UAE.

- Ambassador Kapoor replaced Navdeep Singh Suri, who retired last month.
- During his diplomatic career, Pavan Kapoor has served in different capacities at the Indian Missions in Moscow, Kyiv, London and Geneva.
- During his last posting, Mr Kapoor served as the Ambassador to Israel.
- He has an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad and also holds a Masters in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics.

Shri Sanjeev Nandan Sahai assumes charge as Secretary, Ministry of Power

Shri Sanjeev Nandan Sahai assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Power.

- Prior to this, he was serving as the Special Secretary in the Ministry of Power.
- Shri Sahai is a UT cadre IAS officer of 1986 batch. He has also served as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power from May 2018 to July 2019.
- Along with these Shri Sahai has held several other important positions in the Union as well as State Governments.

Satya Pal Malik takes oath as Goa Governor

New Governor of Goa, Satya Pal Malik took the oath of office.

- Chief Justice of Mumbai High Court, Pradeep Nandrajog administered him the oath in a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan at Dona Paula near Panaji.
- Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant and other state cabinet ministers were present on the occasion.
- Mr Malik has been Governor of Bihar with the additional charge of Governor of Odisha and Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP MLA Gian Chand Gupta elected speaker of Haryana Assembly

Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Panchkula, Gian Chand Gupta was unanimously elected as the Speaker of Haryana Assembly.

- The Panchkula MLA Gupta's name was proposed by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and seconded by Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala.
- Gupta defeated Congress's Chander Mohan Bishnoi in the Assembly elections.
- In the Assembly polls, BJP fell short by six seats to get a majority in the 90-member Haryana Assembly.
- Later, the party stitched an alliance with Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) which has 10 seats and managed to get the support of seven independent MLAs.

PS Sreedharan Pillai assumes office as Mizoram Governor

P.S Sreedharan Pillai has assumed the office of Governor of Mizoram.

- Mr Pillai took the oath of office in a swearing-in ceremony held at Raj Bhavan in Aizawl.
- The Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Ajay Lamba administered the oath of office to Mr Pillai.
- The President of India appointed Mr Pillai on 25th October as the new Governor of the state.

**Arvind Singh takes over as Chairman of Airports Authority of India**

Arvind Singh, IAS officer of 1988 batch, Maharashtra Cadre took over as the Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI).

- On his first day, Singh interacted with board members and senior officials at AAI's corporate headquarters, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Singh, in his previous assignment, was Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) in Maharashtra government.

**Vinaya Shetty elected as IODA's First Indian and Asian General Vice President**

Dr Vinaya Shetty, from Mumbai India, is the first Indian to be elected to the position of General Vice President (GVP), International Organisation Development Association (IODA) since its inception in 1986.

- Dr Vinaya has helped in change and transformation of numerous organisations across industries in India and has been contributing to facilitating IODA's efforts since 2009.
- IODA is a non-profit association, has members from 50 countries that are initiating and supporting organizational and societal change processes all over the world.
- IODA is a community as well as a platform for OD (Organisational Development) professionals to connect, share and exchange ideas.

**Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan re-elected as President of UAE**

The UAE's Supreme Council of the Union has re-elected his Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as its President for a fourth five-year term.

- President Sheikh Khalifa was first elected President of the UAE by the Supreme Council of the Union on 3rd November 2004.
- President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa accompanied the builder of the UAE renaissance, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, in the founding stage in the 70s and 80s of the last century.
- After the death of the Founding Father, he led the country and contributed to the prosperity of the UAE, and its prominence locally and globally.
Mohammad Imran appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to India

Mohammad Imran has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India.

- He is currently Bangladesh's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.
- He succeeds Syed Muazzem Ali.
- A career diplomat Muhammad Imran belongs to the 1986 batch of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Foreign Affairs cadre.
- He has served Bangladesh Missions in different capacities in Kolkata, Berlin, Bonn, Ottawa and Jeddah.

Manmohan Singh nominated to the parliamentary standing committee on finance

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu has nominated a former prime minister and senior Congress leader Manmohan Singh to the parliamentary standing committee on finance in place of party colleague Digvijaya Singh.

- Digvijaya Singh has now been nominated to the parliamentary standing committee on urban development by the chairman of the Upper House.

Manmohan Singh, who was the country’s finance minister between 1991 and 1996, was a member of the panel from September 2014 to May 2019 before his tenure in the Upper House ended in June this year.
- In August, he was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan.

Justice AP Sahi sworn-in as Chief Justice of Madras High Court

Justice AP Sahi was sworn-in as Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

- Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office to Justice Sahi.
- Justice Sahi replaces Justice VK Tahliramani, who quit on September 6.

Shiv Sena minister Arvind Sawant quits Modi government

Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant resigned as the Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises in Narendra Modi’s cabinet.
• This decision came after the fallout between Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiv Sena over the formation of Maharashtra government.
• President Ram Nath Kovind has accepted the resignation of Arvind Ganpat Sawant from the Union Council of Ministers.
• Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar has been assigned the additional charge of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

Justice Muhammad Raffiq takes oath as Chief Justice of Meghalaya HC

Justice Muhammad Raffiq took oath as Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.

• Meghalaya Governor Tathagata Roy administered the oath of office and secrecy at Raj Bhavan in Shillong.
• Mr Raffiq succeeds Ajay Kumar Mittal who is now the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
• He will be the eighth Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.

Nita Ambani becomes 1st Indian trustee to be elected to Board of New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art

Educationist, philanthropist and businesswoman Nita Ambani has been named an honorary trustee of The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

• She is the first Indian to be so honoured.
• In 2016, Forbes listed her as one of the 50 most powerful businesswomen in Asia.
• She is a member of the International Olympic Committee and is the first Indian woman to serve in that role.

Lt Col Jyoti Sharma appointed as Army's first female JAG officer to be deployed on foreign mission

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.
• Jyoti's main role would be to update the government of Seychelles officials on the defence and military act.
• In September, Wing Commander Anjali Singh joined Indian Embassy in Russia as India's first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the mission abroad.

Senior IAS officer Nilam Sawhney appointed Andhra Chief Secretary

Senior IAS officer Nilam Sawhney has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh.

• An order was issued by the General Administration Department appointing
Sawhney, a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, to the top post.

- Sawhney is the first woman Chief Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh.

Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi sworn in as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court

Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura.

- Governor Ramesh Bais administered the oath of office at old Raj Bhavan in Agartala.
- Justice Kureshi was appointed as the Chief Justice on November 8.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa sworn-in as new President of Sri Lanka

Gotabaya Rajapaksa sworn-in as new President of Sri Lanka at Anuradhapura.

- Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa and several MPs will be present on the occasion as Anuradhapura holds significance as a sacred city for Buddhism.

Previously, Sri Lanka's former Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa has won the Presidential election.

- He is the brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa.
- Gotabaya got 52.25 per cent of the total valid votes.

Justice Bobde sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of India

Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde took oath as the 47th Chief Justice of India.

- Justice Bobde succeeds CJI Ranjan Gogoi.
- Justice Bobde will have a tenure of over 17 months as the CJI and is due to retire on April 23, 2021.
- Justice Bobde was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court on April 12, 2013.
- He was part of the five-judge constitution bench which delivered the landmark Ayodhya verdict.

Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan takes oath as Chief Justice of Jharkhand HC

Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan took oath as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.
- He was administered the oath of office by Governor Draupadi Murmi in a simple ceremony at Raj Bhawan.
- Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan has been appointed as the 13th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court.
- The post was lying vacant since May this year after the former Chief Justice, Anirudh Bose was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.
- Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan was a judge in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Sarita Devi elected as a member of AIBA athletes commission

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

- Laishram Sarita Devi was inspired by Muhammad Ali's achievements and turned professional in boxing in the year 2000.
- She is DSP in Manipur Police.
- The election of the Athletes Commission members was organized during AIBA Men and Women World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia.
- Boxers from all over the world voted for new members - one per continent, except Europe which has two representatives.

Sri Lanka: Mahinda Rajapaksa was sworn in as new PM

In Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa has been sworn in as the new Prime minister.

- He was sworn in by President Gotabaya Rajapksa, his younger brother after Ranil Wickremesinghe resigned from his post.
- The changes followed the victory of Gotabaya Rajapksa at elections.
- Mahinda Rajapaksa served as two-term President from 2005 to 2015 and was barred from contesting Presidential elections because of the two-term limit.

Subhash Chandra resigned as Chairman of the Zee Entertainment Enterprises' board

Subhash Chandra resigned as Chairman of the Zee Entertainment Enterprises' board with immediate effect and will continue as non-executive director.

- Zee board appoints six independent directors; all the appointments will have to be approved by the shareholders.
- Subhash Chandra resigns to comply with rule mandating that Chairman can’t be related to MD & CEO.
Actor Rajinikanth will receive the Special Icon award at the Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India, IFFI in Goa.

- The award will be presented in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema, during the past several decades.
- The Life Time Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste will be conferred on French Actress Isabelle Hupert.

Venu Srinivasan, Chairman of TVS Motor Company and Sundaram Clayton, was conferred with the prestigious Deming Distinguished Service Award For Dissemination and Promotion Overseas.

- Srinivasan becomes the first industrialist from India to be bestowed this prestigious award for his contributions in the field of total quality management (TQM).
- The Deming Prize is the highest award for TQM in the world.

Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui will be honoured by Lesley Ho Asian Film Talent Award at the Singapore International Film Festival (SIFF) on November 23.

- He will be awarded for his Netflix's Emmy-nominated original series Sacred Games
- Sometime back, the actor was honoured by the Golden Dragon Award at the Cardiff International Film Festival for his excellence in cinema in the International market.

The ninth edition of the Dhaka Lit-fest started with a galaxy of writers and book lovers thronging the venue ground at the Bangla Academy.

- Over the three days of the festival 200 speakers, performers and thinkers will take part in discussions on diverse topics.
The special focus of this year's lit-fest is on Indigenous Languages as the UNESCO has marked 2019 as the year of Indigenous Language Protection.

On the first day of the event, West Bengal-based writer Abhishek Sarkar and Bangladeshi poet Rofiquzzaman Rony were given the Gemcon Young Literature Award and Gemcon Young Poetry Award.

Writer and translator Shanta Gokhale to receive Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award

The Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019 was conferred on writer, translator and film critic Shanta Gokhale.

- Poet K Satchidanandan was named the Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019.
- Gokhale, born in 1939 in the town of Dahanu in Maharashtra, recently published her memoir One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body.
- She received the Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2015.

Dr Debabhuson Borah gets Munin Barkotoki Literary Award

The prestigious Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 in Assam has been given to young writer-critic Dr Debabhuson Borah for his book on literary criticism titled 'Nirbochon'.

- The Munin Barkotoki Memorial Trust announced the annual Award instituted to encourage young and promising writers in Assamese.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000 along with with a citation and a plaque.
- The Munin Barkotoki Literary Awards for the years 2017 and 2018 will be given away at a function to be held here in February next.
- The award was named after the renowned writer, critic and journalist Munin Barkotoki.

India bags first position at BRICS Young Scientist forum

India has received the first prize at BRICS Young Scientist forum's conclave in Brazil.

- The fourth conclave was held in Brazil from 6-8 November.
- Ravi Prakash, who is a PhD scholar from Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Dairy Research Institute, has bagged the first position for inventing an affordable indigenously designed milk chilling unit for small to marginal rural dairy farmers.
- The first BRICS Young Scientist Conclave hosted by India in September 2016.
- South Africa hosted the third Conclave during June 2018 in Durban.

Tobacco Board gets Golden Leaf award in the Netherlands

The Tobacco Board of India was awarded the Golden Leaf award 2019 in the ‘Public Service Initiative’ category for its efforts in undertaking various ecological initiatives towards Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco cultivation in India.
Executive director K Sunitha received the award on behalf of the company at Tab Expo 2019 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The awards under this category are given to a company or institution which practices a public service programme or educational campaign, to ensure optimum utilisation of resources.

The Golden Leaf Awards was conceptualised to recognise professional excellence and dedication in the tobacco industry by Tobacco Reporter, an international magazine in 2006.

**FIFA names Arsene Wenger as global football development chief**

Veteran coach Arsene Wenger has been named FIFA’s Chief of global football development.

- The former Arsenal and Monaco coach would be responsible for the growth of the game for both men and women around the world and would also be the leading authority on technical matters, including potential changes to the sport's laws.
- It added that Wenger, 70, would also be tasked with coach education and aiding a programme designed to help former players enter management.
- Wenger made the Gunners one of the strongest sides in Europe, winning three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups and taking his team to the 2006 Champions League final.

**Robert De Niro to be conferred with SAG Life Achievement award**

Veteran actor Robert De Niro has been honoured with the SAG Life Achievement Award for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment.

- The actor, producer, and director will be given the prize at the upcoming Screen Actors Guild Awards, which are set to air on January 19 on TBS and TNT networks.
- De Niro is already the winner of a myriad of trophies, including two Oscars, a Golden Globe, a Kennedy Center Honor and the Cecil B. DeMille Award, among others.

**Rekha, Sridevi bag ANR National Awards**

Two of the greatest actresses of the film industry were felicitated at the (Akkineni Nageswara Rao) ANR National Award.

- Actress Rekha and the late Sridevi were awarded for their contributions to the Indian film fraternity.
- The annual award honours those who had created an ever-lasting impact on Indian cinema.
- The awards were presented by Telugu actor Chiranjeevi.
Ace Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia has been conferred the Indian Personality of the Year Award (Sports) at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 in Dubai.

- Also World powerlifting champion Mahant Gaurav Sharma was honoured with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award.
- Gaurav was recently conferred with the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award in London.

Virat Kohli bags PETA India's Person of the Year for 2019 award

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.

- Kohli has regularly vouched for improvement of conditions of animals and he also sent a letter on Peta India's behalf to officials for the release of Malti, an elephant used for rides at Amer Fort.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella tops Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list

Microsoft’s India-born Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella has occupied the top spot in Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list.

- The list also includes Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga and Arista head Jayshree Ullal.
- Fortune's annual Businessperson of the Year list features 20 business leaders "who tackled audacious goals, overcame impossible odds, found creative solutions".
- Banga is ranked 8th, while Ullal comes in at the 18th spot in the list for which Fortune looked at 10 financial factors ranging from a total return to shareholders to return on capital. Both Banga and Ullal are of Indian-origin.

Manoj Bajpayee bags best Actor Award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards for ‘Bhonsle’

Manoj Bajpayee has recently bagged the Best Performance by an Actor Award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards for his role in ‘Bhonsle.’
The acclaimed actor won against international actors like Wang Jingchun (China), Navid Mohammadzadeh and Mohsen Tanabandeh (Iran), and Eran Naim (Israel).

Ridham Janve won the Young Cinema Award for his directorial debut film The Gold-Laden Sheep and the Sacred Mountain.

Floating school project in Bangladesh wins Aga Khan Architecture Award

Bangladesh is a land of water. A large part of its landscape remains submerged under water during the monsoon months. When Razia Alam came back from England after retirement as teacher, she wanted to build a school for children which is spacious, modern and healthy for learning.

- She also wanted it to be built at a land which was under water for about six months of the year during monsoon period. She contacted the internationally renowned architect of Bangladesh Saif Ul Haque to design the school.
- He took up the project and came with a school which has won many prestigious awards including the Aga Khan award. It is a floating school named ‘The Arcadia Education Project’.

13th Asia Pacific Screen Awards

The 13th Asia Pacific Screen Awards which are Asia Pacific’s highest accolade in film were awarded in Brisbane, Australia.

- Awardees 2019
- Best Feature Film: ‘Parasite’, directed by South Korea’s Bong Joon-Ho
- Best Performance by an Actress: Max Eigenmann in ‘Verdict’
- Best Performance by an Actor: Manoj Bajpayee in ‘Bhonsle’
- The First edition of award was presented in 2007. Since then it is presented annually by UNESCO, FIAPF (International Federation of Film Producers Associations) and Brisbane City Council, Australia.

DRDO Chairman G Satheesh Reddy awarded honorary fellowship by Royal Aeronautical Society of UK

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman G Satheesh Reddy was awarded honorary fellowship by Royal Aeronautical Society
(RAeS) of United Kingdom (UK) during the Medals and Awards presentation ceremony in London.

- He is the first Indian recipient of the prestigious award in more than 100 years.
- It is one of the world’s highest distinctions for aerospace achievement awarded for only most exceptional contributions to the aerospace profession. It is considered as equivalent to Nobel Prize in the aerospace domain.
- The first Honorary Fellowship was awarded in year 1917.

**Particles’ wins the Golden Peacock Award at IFFI 2019**

Particles’ directed by Blaise Harrison and produced by Estelle Fialon has won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which concluded in Goa on November 28, 2019.

- The Golden Peacock Award carries a cash prize of Rs 40 lakhs to be shared equally between the Director and the Producer, Trophy and the citation.
- Seu Jorge gets Best Actor (Male) Award
- Usha Jadhav gets Best Actor (Female) Award

**Shiva Thapa and Pooja Rani clinched gold medals, while Ashish settled for a silver, as India ended with a decent haul of seven medals at the Olympic Test Event for Boxing in Tokyo, Japan.**

- The other four medals, all bronze were bagged by Nikhat Zareen, Simranjeet Kaur, Sumit Sangwan and Vahlimpuia in their respective weight categories.
- Four-time Asian medallist Thapa outpunched Kazakhstan's national champion and Asian bronze-winner Sanatali Toltayev 5-0 to claim the top honours in the 63-kilogram category.
- Former Asian Games bronze-medallist Pooja Rani edged past Australia's Caitlin Parker in 75-kilogram category to ensure that the Indian women's contingent also had gold in its kitty.

**Ravinder settles for silver at U-23 World Wrestling Championship**

At the Under-23 World Wrestling Championship in Budapest, Indian grappler Ravinder settled for a silver medal after going down to Kyrgyzstan's Ulukbek Zholdoshbekov in the final.

- He suffered a 3-5 loss to Ulukbek in 61-kilogram category. Ulukbek is the current Asian U23 champion.
• Ravinder led till the end of the first period but a strong comeback from Ulukbek ensured that the latter won the bout 5-3 by the superiority of play.
• Despite the loss, it was a creditable performance from Ravinder who had won gold at the South Asian Games in 2016 and also a bronze at the Cadet Asian Championships in 2014.
• This was India's first medal at the 2019 edition and overall fifth silver at the Championships.

MCC champion county match to be played in Sri Lanka next year

Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has announced that the next year's champion county match will be played in Sri Lanka.

• The match will see the MCC take on the winners of the County Championship (Essex) in a four-day class match.
• Former Sri Lanka skipper and current MCC president Kumar Sangakkara will lead the MCC lineup.
• These matches used to be played at the Lord's Cricket Ground until 2010, but since then these games have started to be played abroad.
• Earlier this year, Sangakkara became MCC's first overseas president.

South Africa defeat England to lift Rugby World Cup

South Africa lifted the Rugby World Cup a record-equalling third time.

• It won the cup after a convincing 32-12 victory over England.
• Twenty-two points by Handre Pollard and second-half tries from wingers Makazole Mapimpi and Cheslin Kolbe ensured a comfortable win for the Springboks at the International Stadium Yokohama in Japan.

Pooja Gehlot wins silver in UWW Under-23 World Championships

Pooja Gehlot (53kg) in wrestling claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's Haruna Okuno in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships in Budapest.

• Pooja lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash.
• She had entered the finals after beating Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in the semifinals of the tournament.
• Ravinder (61kg), had won India's first silver earlier this week.
Lakshya Sen wins SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament in Germany

India's Lakshya Sen has won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament at Saarbrücken in Germany.

- He defeated Sen Weng Hong Yang of China in an exciting final.
- World number 51 Lakshya took 59 minutes to overcome Weng in the summit clash.

Korea Open Badminton: Maisnam Meiraba Luwang wins boys' singles U-19 title

Maisnam Meiraba Luwang clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea.

- The top seed from Manipur needed just 36 minutes to brush aside the challenge of 15th seed Lee Hak Joo of Korea in a 21-10 21-13 win.
- Meanwhile, the eighth seed, Sathish Kumar Karunakaran, who had bowed out to Luwang 16-21, 22-24 in the semi-final claimed bronze in the same category.

- It is the 16-year-old Luwang's third international title this year following his triumphs at the Russian Junior White Nights 2019 and India Junior International 2019.

Shahbaz Nadeem helps India B lift Deodhar Trophy

Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem claimed four wickets as India B lifted the Deodhar Trophy with a comprehensive 51-run win over India C in the final in Ranchi.

- The Deodhar Trophy is a List A cricket competition in Indian domestic cricket.
- India C skipper Shubman Gill became the youngest captain to lead a side in the Deodhar Trophy final, surpassing Virat Kohli's 10-year-old record.
- He became the youngest-known captain to lead a side in the finals of Deodhar Trophy.

Rafael Nadal secures No 1 spot for the eighth time in his career

Rafael Nadal is back to the world No. 1 for the eighth time in his career in the ATP rankings released.
• The Spaniard goes up one place to overtake Novak Djokovic even though the Serb sealed his fifth Paris Masters title.
• Djokovic slips down the rankings because he loses the points that he won a year ago in London when Nadal was absent.

Djokovic dominates Denis Shapovalov to win fifth Paris Masters title

Novak Djokovic eased to a record-extending fifth Paris Masters title by brushing aside Canadian youngster Denis Shapovalov in final.

- The top seed claimed a dominant 6-3, 6-4 victory over his 20-year-old opponent.
- The 16-time Grand Slam champion has now won 34 Masters titles, moving to within one of Nadal at the top of the all-time list, and 77 on the ATP Tour in total.
- It was Djokovic's fifth trophy of the season after previous triumphs at Wimbledon and the US Open, as well as at the Madrid Open and in Tokyo.

Barty became first Australian to top WTA rankings

Ashleigh Barty finished the season in style by beating defending champion Elina Svitolina 6-4 6-3 to add the WTA Finals title.

- Barty, became the first Australian to top the WTA rankings at the end of the year since they were introduced in 1975.
- On her debut tournament, She also won her first Grand Slam title at the French Open this year.
- With this win, Barty rose to the No. 1 ranking in the game becoming the first Australian to hold the year-end top spot.

Deepak Kumar secures India's 10th Olympic quota in shooting

Deepak Kumar secured India's 10th Olympic quota in shooting while Manu Bhaker claimed the women's 10 metres air pistol gold medal in the 14th Asian Championship in Doha.

- Deepak gifted himself a bronze medal in men's 10 metres air rifle on the opening day of the championship.
- Deepak shot 227.8 in the eight-man final to finish third on the podium and add to India's quotas for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Later in the day, Bhaker shot 244.3 to win the top prize in her event.
- The Haryana sensation had already secured an Olympic quota at the Munich World Cup in May.
- Deepak is the second Indian shooter to earn an Olympic quota in the men's 10 metres air rifle event after Divyansh Singh Panwar, who secured it in April.
Rohit Sharma becomes 1st Indian male cricketer to play 100 T20I

Rohit Sharma became the 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, Gujarat.
- 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 runs.

Women's boxing icon Adams retires due to medical advice

Two-time Olympic champion Nicola Adams will retire because of fears about her sight, the Briton announced.

- The 37-year-old became the first-ever women's Olympic boxing champion at London 2012.
- Adams successfully defended her title in Rio.

Sandeep Chaudhary and Sumit set javelin records to win gold and silver respectively at World Para-Athletics

Sandeep Chaudhary and Sumit sets new world records, and won gold and silver respectively in ongoing World Para Athletics Championships, Dubai.

- Sandeep hurled the javelin to a distance of 66.18m to better his own world record of 65.80m in the F44 category, while Sumit sent the spear to a distance of 62.88m to clinch the silver and better his own F64 world record of 60.45m.
- The F44 category athletes have leg amputations or reduced function in one or both legs, and they compete without prothesis.
- The F64 category athletes have limb deficiency and leg length difference, and they compete with the prosthesis.

Tejaswini Sawant wins India's 12th Olympics 2020 quota in shooting
Former world champion and reigning Commonwealth Games champion Tejaswini Sawant bagged a Tokyo Olympics 2020 quota in shooting for India.

- She earned a ticket to her first Olympic games after coming fourth in the women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) final on day five of the ongoing 14th Asian Shooting Championship in Qatar.
- The score was way above her previous best score in qualification in this new longer format introduced only in this current Olympic cycle.

**Indian shooters secure unprecedented 15 quota places for Tokyo Olympics**

Angad Vir Singh Bajwa who secured gold and Mairaj Ahmad Khan winning silver added to India's rich Olympic quota haul with a sensational 1-2 finish in the men's skeet event at the 14th Asian Shooting Championship at Doha.

- Their medals ensured India secured an unprecedented 15 quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- This is India's best-ever Olympic quota haul, easily surpassing the 12 at the 2016 Rio Games and 11 in London in 2012.
- India won three quotas on the last day, including teenager Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar's bronze in men's 50m rifle 3 positions.

Deepak Chahar scripted history as he became the first Indian male to claim a hat-trick in Twenty20 Internationals (T20I) during the third T20I against Bangladesh in Nagpur.

- Ekta Bisht was the first Indian to take a hat-trick in T20Is in a women's match against Sri Lanka in 2012.
- Chahar also recorded the best bowling figures in T20 International cricket, his 6 for 7 in 3.2 overs bettering Sri Lankan Ajantha Mendis's figures of 6 for 8 against Zimbabwe in 2012.

**Shafali Verma becomes the youngest Indian to score international fifty**

Fifteen-year-old Shafali Verma became the youngest Indian cricketer to score a half-century in international cricket.

- Her 49-ball 73 in the first T20 International against West Indies surpassing Sachin Tendulkar’s 30-year-old record.
- Shafali achieved the feat at 15 years and 285 days, surpassing batting legend Tendulkar, who had notched up his maiden Test fifty at 16 years and 214 days.

**Saurabh Chaudhary wins a silver medal in Men's 10m air pistol event at Asian Championship**
Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship in Doha.

- World Cup and Asian Games gold-medallist shot 244.5 to finish second on the podium behind North Korea's Kim Song Guk, who won the top prize with a world record 246.5.
- With 583, both Chaudhary and Abhishek Verma had qualified for the finals in seventh and sixth place.

Javelin thrower Sundar Singh wins gold in World Para Athletics Championships

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

- With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.
- Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot.
- India now has two gold, two silver and a bronze in the Championships.

Star Spanish striker David Villa retires from football

Star striker David Villa, Spain's top goal-scorer, announced he was quitting professional football at the end of the season.

- The 37-year-old is currently playing for Vissel Kobe in Japan after a glittering career at international and club level that has included stints at Barcelona, Atletico Madrid and Valencia.
- Villa played in three World Cups and was a member of the Spanish side that lifted the trophy in 2010, and won the European Championships in 2008.
- He netted 59 times for Spain, a national record.

India set to host World Kabaddi cup 2019 in Punjab

The Punjab government will host the 2019 Kabaddi World Cup from December 1 to 9.

- This year’s tournament would be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
Nine teams - India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada, are expected to take part in the tournament.

63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship 2019 starts

The 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship Competitions 2019 begins in New Delhi.

- Several top shooters including Angad Bajwa, Mairaj Ahmad Khan, Kynan Chennai, Shreyasi Singh and Manavjit Singh Sandhu are expected to take part in the fortnight-long competition.
- The women's trap qualification will kick off the competition at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range.
- The women's trap has seen 71 entries across the senior and junior categories.

India record best-ever 9 medal haul at World Para Athletics Championship

India has recorded the best-ever nine medals haul at the World Para Athletics Championship in Dubai.

- With two gold, two silver and five bronze, India secured 13 qualifying spots at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

India finished in the 24th position in the nine-day competition

- Until this edition, London 2017 had been India's best-ever show where the para-athletes finished with five medals in the joint 34th place.
- China topped the medals tally with 59 medals including 25 gold.
- Brazil (39) and Great Britain (28) followed China. The USA ended fourth with 34 medals.

Harmeet Desai claims Indonesia Open TT Championship

Harmeet Desai defeated A. Amalraj in the final of the ITTF Challenge Indonesia Open table tennis championship.

- This is Harmeet's second International title of the year, after the Commonwealth championship in July in Cuttack.
- Desai and Amalraj teamed up in the men's doubles event and were equally impressive making it to the semi-finals.
- Playing against the talented pair of Man Ho Kwan and Siu Hang Lam of Hong Kong they lose to bow out of the tournament.

Indian women clinch five gold medals in Asian Youth Boxing Championship
Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Mongolia.

- All five women finalists, Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold for the country in a phenomenal sweep.
- Among the men, Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg) settled for the second place after going down in their respective summit clashes.
- India signed off with 12 medals in the event with bronze coming from Arundhati Choudhury (69kg), Komalpreet Kaur (81kg), Jasmine (57kg), Satender Singh (91kg) and Aman (91kg).

Shreyasi Singh crowned National Champion in Women's Trap

Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Shreyasi Singh won the women's Trap Gold at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship for shotgun events in New Delhi.

- Shreyasi representing Bihar shot 42 out of 50 birds to claim the crown, while Rajeshwari from Punjab managed 38 hits to settle for silver.
- Pragati Dubey of Madhya Pradesh won bronze with a finals score of 31.
- This was Shreyasi's fourth individual career National title but her first in Women's Trap.

India-Pakistan Davis Cup tie shifted to Kazakhstan capital Nur-Sultan from Islamabad

India will travel to Nur-Sultan to take on Pakistan in the upcoming Davis Cup tie.

- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has nominated the Kazakhstan capital to host the matches, ending days of uncertainty over the venue.
- The Davis cup tie will take place on 29th and 30th November in Nur-Sultan the capital of Kazakhstan.
- The tie was scheduled to be held in September but was pushed to November 29-30 after India expressed concerns about the safety of their players.
- The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men's tennis.

2020 Hockey Pro League: India's home matches to be played at Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar will host India's home matches during the 2020 Hockey Pro League.

- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) said the second edition of the Hockey Pro League will be played between 11th of January and 28th of June.
- Bhubaneswar has become a hockey hub in India and has been hosting a majority of
tournaments, the most recent being the Olympic qualifiers.
- The Pro League will feature 144 matches in the coming season.
- Australia's home matches will be played in Perth and Sydney, while England will be playing its share in London.
- The first match will feature the Netherlands and China on 11th of January at the Wujin Hockey Stadium in Changzhou.

**ISSF WC Final: Manu, Elavenil, Divyansh treat India to triple gold**

Manu Bhaker continued her gold rush this year by winning yet another gold in the women's 10m air pistol event, this time at the ISSF World Cup Final in Putian, China. Bhaker shot a score of 244.7 in the final in the process setting a new junior world record in the event.

- Fellow prodigy Elavenil Valarivan also capped an impressive 2019 by winning gold in the women's 10m air rifle event after shooting 250.8 in the final.
- Divyansh Singh Panwar also won gold in the men's 10m air rifle event after shooting a score of 250.1 in the final.
- This is 17-year-old Panwar's maiden World Cup Final win in just his first appearance at the tournament.

**India-Bangladesh first pink ball test at Eden Garden**

The first-ever pink-ball Test match between India and Bangladesh begin at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

- The second test of the two-match series against Bangladesh will also be a historic Day-night Test.
- The play will begin at 1 PM.
- Pink balls will be used in place of red balls for better visibility under lights.
- 11 Day-night Tests have been played so far and Australia is the most dominant team with 5 wins in 5 matches.

**ISSF World Cup: Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan, Divyansh Panwar win gold medals**

In Shooting, India's young shooters touched another sensational high with Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Panwar clinching gold medals in their events to give the country its best ever single-day show in the ISSF World Cup Finals in Putian, China.

- Manu Bhaker won gold with a junior world record in the women's 10 metres air pistol event.
Elavenil claimed the gold in the women's 10 metres air rifle competition.
Divyansh finished on top in the men's 10 metres air rifle competition.

India bag 28 medals including 13 gold in U-15 Asian Wrestling Championships

In wrestling, India concluded its campaign at the Under-15 Asian Championships with 28 medals, including 13 gold, 14 silver and a bronze.

- Led by 2019 Cadet World Championships bronze medalist Deepak Chahal, the freestyle grapplers captured four gold while one gold came in the Greco-Roman category.
- For the first time, India finished on top of the team rankings in freestyle category with 225 points.
- Kazakhstan finished second while Japan was third.

Lakshya Sen wins Scottish Open title

In badminton, India's Lakshya Sen has won the Scottish Open men's single title, defeating Brazilian Ygor Coelho to seal his fourth title in three months.

- The 18-year-old Indian started his year with a silver medal at the Polish Open International Challenge in March.
- After a series of disappointing exits, Sen went on to win the Belgian International in September, his first title of the year.
- Within a month, Lakshya won his first BWF Super 100 title at the Dutch Open, with the second one coming soon after, at the SaarLorLux Open in Germany.

Sangram Dahiya, Varsha Varman win double trap national titles

Haryana's Sangram Dahiya and Varsha Varman of Madhya Pradesh clinched gold at the 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship in New Delhi.

- In men's category, Sangram shot 142 out of 150 targets to leave behind former world champion Ankur Mittal.
- Varsha, in the women's category of 120 targets each, had 97 to her name to clinch the gold ahead of state-mate Manisha Keer.
- Both Sangram and Varsha also won the team gold for their respective States.

Asian Championships: Deepika strikes gold, Ankita wins silver in archery
Indian archers Deepika Kumari and Ankita Bhakat won the gold and silver medals respectively in the women's individual recurve event of the 21st Asian Championships in Bangkok.

- The Indian trio of Deepika, Ankita and Laishram Bombayala Devi competed under a neutral flag due to the current suspension of the Archery Association of India (AAI), which is in administrative turmoil right now.
- The Berlin stage of the 2020 World Cup is the last qualifying event in Archery.

Film producer Champak Jain passed away after suffering from a brain haemorrhage.

- He was the owner of Venus Records & Tapes and United 7.
- Jain was also a film producer, who was most famously known for backing Akshay Kumar-Saif Ali Khan's Main Khiladi Tu Anari and Shah Rukh Khan-Aishwarya Rai's Josh.

Former chief election commissioner TN Seshan passed away in Chennai.

- A 1955 batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, Seshan had led the Election Commission from 1990 to 1996.
- He held various key posts in the government including that of Defence Secretary and Cabinet Secretary.
- But he gained popularity only after he took over as the Chief Election Commissioner in 1990.
- He was the 10th Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- Some of his big achievements include implementation of the election process and the Model Code of Conduct, introduction of voter ID cards, enforcing limits on poll
expenses, and elimination of several malpractices like distribution of liquor, bribing voters, ban on wall writing, use of loudspeakers, use of religion in election speeches etc.

Maths wizard Vashishtha Narayan Singh passes away

Celebrated mathematics genius from Bihar, Vashishtha Narayan Singh passed away at the age of 77 in Patna.

- He was diagnosed with schizophrenia while still in the US after which he had returned to India in 1974.
- The 74-year-old is said to have challenged Einstein’s theory of relativity.
- Vashishtha Narayan Singh had taught at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.

Noted singer Cochin Azad passes away

Singer Azad Yusuf, popularly known as Cochin Azad, who was famous for his renditions of Mohammed Rafi songs, passed away.

- Kochi native Azad had been an integral part of Cochin-based Mehboob Memorial Orchestra (MMO) since 2005 and had sung Rafi’s songs at more than 1,000 stages in India and abroad.
- Known as a singer blessed with a voice strikingly similar to that of Rafi, Azad’s ability to sing Rafi’s song with perfection had earned him the moniker ‘Kerala Rafi’.

Cartoonist Sudhir Dhar Dies at 87

Renowned cartoonist Sudhir Dhar, whose works graced several newspapers in a career spanning 58 years.

- Dhar began his career with The Statesman in 1961 after which he moved to Hindustan Times.

Japan: Former PM Yasuhiro Nakasone dies at 101

In Japan, Yasuhiro Nakasone, one of the longest-reigning Prime Ministers and known for his
friendship with Ronald Reagan died at the age of 101.

- In 1983, he became the first Japanese Premier to officially visit South Korea, mending fences with a country that Japan had brutally colonized from 1910 to 1945.
- Nakasone, Prime Minister from 1982 to 1987, shared the world stage with Reagan and Margaret Thatcher while battling with bureaucrats over domestic reforms.

Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' in Guwahati.

- Releasing the book published by the Publication Division, Mr Gogoi termed it as the architecture of justice.
- Supreme Court published "Courts of India: Past to Present", a compilation of glimpses into the rich and complex history of the courts and judicial institutions of India, right from ancient times to the modern day in 2016.

November 2019 (English Quiz)

Q. Which of the following city is the host for 35th ASEAN Summit?

Cambodia
Bangkok
Kuala Lumpur
Manila
Jakarta

Q. After the signing of International Solar Alliance's (ISA) Framework Agreement by Eritrea, Saint Kittis & Nevis, the number of member of ISA stands at _______.

45
77
83
111
99
Q. Which of the following state has become the first state to enact a law on contract farming?
Uttar Pradesh
Karanataka
Assam
Tamil Nadu
Andhra Pradesh

Q. Which of the following Indian state will host its 1st Multilingual Writers’ Meet?
Nagaland
Arunachal Pradesh
Uttarakhand
Mizoram
Bihar

Q. Chhath festival is mainly dedicated to _______.
Lord Krishna
Sun
Lord Vishnu
Lord Ram
None of these

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as India’s Ambassador to UAE?
Rajat Singh
Ajeet Pal
Pavan Kapoor
Sudarshan Namdev
Rohit Das

Boxing
Badminton
None of these

Q. Who among the following has won a silver medal at U-23 World Wrestling Championship?
Ravinder
Sandeep Tomar
Ravi Dhaiya
Rahul Chaudhary
None of these

Q. Recently, Shiva Thapa won a gold medal in Tokyo, Japan. He is associated with which of the following sports?
Shooting
Wrestling

Q. Recently, Gurudas Dasgupta passed away. He was a famous _______.
Politician
Writer
Painter
Cricketer
Journalist

Q. 'Dharma Guardian' is a joint military exercise between India and _______.
France
Sri Lanka
Japan
Nepal
Bangladesh

Q. Which of the following country has decided not to host COP25 summits amid social unrest?
Argentina
Chile
Bolivia
Colombia
Germany
Q. Who among the following will represent India in the meeting of Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO in Tashkent, Uzbekistan?
Narendra Modi
Amit Shah
Rajnath Singh
Smriti Irani
Nirmala Sitharaman

Q. Recently, EPCA has announced a state of Public Health Emergency. EPAC stands for _______.
Energy Preservation and Control Authority
Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority
Environment Processing (Prevention and Control) Authority
Environment Protection Control Authority
None of these

Q. What is the number of State Assembly seats in Jharkhand?
81
63
74
35
53

Q. Which of the following state celebrated its Formation Day on 1 November?
Karnataka
Kerala
Punjab
Haryana
All of these

Q. Chavang Kut festival is celebrated in _______.
Jammu and Kashmir
North-Eastern states
Jharkhand
Goa
Tamil Nadu

Q. Who among the following has assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Power?
Rajeev Trivedi
Ajay Bhushan
Sanjeev Nandan Sahai
Rajeev Kumar Nigam
Rajat Dubey

Q. Which of the following country will host the champion county match of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?
Bangladesh
India
Sri Lanka
Australia
South Africa

Q. Recently, Champak Jain passed away. He was a/an _______.
Writer
Painter
Yog Guru
Film Producer
Tabla Player

Q. Who among the following is the author of the book ‘The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra’?
Arupjyoti Saikia
Ashwin Sanghi
Anita Desai
Aravind Adiga
Kiran Desai

**Q.** Which of the following city will host COP 25 in December 2019?
Barcelona
Paris
Amsterdam

**Madrid**
Oslo

**Q.** UNESCO designates which of the following city as a member of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of Gastronomy?
Hyderabad
Mumbai
New Delhi
Chandigarh
Varanasi

**Q.** In November 2019, Which of the following country has signed 3 MoUs in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education with India?
Uzbekistan
Indonesia
France
China
Germany

**Q.** Which of the following city is the host for Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue - SCOJtEx-2019?
Mumbai
Beijing

**Lahore**
Moscow

**New Delhi**

**Q.** Which of the following country is not a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization?

**Japan**

India
Kyrgyzstan
Pakistan
Uzbekistan

**Q.** Nirbhaya Fund was announced in the year ______ to support the initiatives of the government and the NGOs working towards the safety of women.
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016

**Q.** After the creation of two UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, The number of states in India stands at ______ and UTs at ______.
29, 9
28,7
29,7

**28,9**
27,9

**Q.** Who among the following will receive Special Icon award at the Golden Jubilee of International Film Festival of India, IFFI in Goa?
Amitabh Bachchan
Rajinikanth
**Chiranjeevi**  
**Akshay Kumar**  
**Shahrukh Khan**

**Q. Which of the following country has won Rugby World Cup 2019?**
- Indonesia
- South Africa
- England
- Laos
- France

**Q. Pooja Gehlot has recently won a silver medal in Budapest. She is associated with which of the following sports?**
- Boxing
- Wrestling
- Badminton
- Weightlifting
- None of these

**Q. Dustlik-2019 is a joint military exercise between India and ______.**
- Vietnam
- Uzbekistan
- Thailand
- Sri Lanka
- Japan

**Q. Who among the following attended the 16th ASEAN-India Summit in Bangkok, Thailand?**
- Nirmala Sitharaman
- Amit Shah
- Rajnath Singh
- Narendra Modi
- None of these

**Q. National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders has been inaugurated at _______.**
- Kolkata
- Ranchi
- Hyderabad
- New Delhi
- Pune

**Q. Which of the following region bagged the first position as the overall winner under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat category at ‘Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan - Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Parv’?**
- New Delhi
- Pune
- Kolkata
- Mumbai
- None of these

**Q. National Waterway 2 (NW-2) is located on which of the following river?**
- Ganga
- Teesta
- Yamuna
- Brahmaputra
- None of these

**Q. Which of the following statement is not true with reference to Odd-Even Scheme in Delhi?**
- The 12-day scheme will continue till 15th of this month.
- Privately owned CNG vehicles will not be exempted this time.
- The scheme will be applicable from 9 AM to 9 PM.
- If anyone violates the odd-even rule, a fine of Rs 4,000 would be charged.
Q. Which of the following city will host the 5th India International Science Festival?

Kolkata
Ranchi
Hyderabad
New Delhi
Pune

Q. In November 2019, Who among the following took oath as the new governor of Goa?

Lalji Tandon
Draupadi Murmu
Lalji Tandon
Satya Pal Malik
Jagdish Mukhi

Q. Who among the following won the SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament in Germany?

Lakshya Sen
Syed Modi
Chetan Anand
Parupalli Kashyap
Prannoy Kumar

Q. Who among the following has won the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open Badminton International Challenge 2019 in Miryang, Korea?

Nikhil Kanetkar
Maisnam Meiraba Luwang
Deepankar Bhattacharya
Manu Attri
B. Sumeeth Reddy

Q. The second phase of the biggest US- Bangladesh Navy exercise named 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)- 2019' started at ______.

Dhaka
Barisal
San Diego
Chattogram

Q. In November 2019, India has decided not to join the which of the following organisation after it failed to address New Delhi’s outstanding issues and concerns?

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
None of these

Q. Which of the following city will host 19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation?

New Delhi
Moscow
Pune
St Petersburg
Kazan

Q. Finance Minister has launched an app named as ______ that will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports?

TEJAS
Q. In November 2019, Which of the following city will host 15-day Aadi Mahotsav, National Tribal festival?

- Chennai
- Pune
- New Delhi
- Kolkata
- Hyderabad

Q. Who among the following has been elected as speaker of Haryana Assembly?

- Gian Chand Gupta
- Dinesh Kaushik
- Karan Dev Kamboj
- Mahipal Dhanda
- Kavita Jain

Q. Who among the following has become the youngest-known captain to lead a side in the finals of Deodhar Trophy?

- Rahul Chahar
- Prithvi Shaw
- Shubman Gill
- Nitish Rana
- Ishan Kishan

Q. According to the recent ATP ranking released by in November 2019, Who among the following has secured No 1 spot for the eighth time in his career?

- Andy Murray
- Roger Federer
- Rafael Nadal
- Daniil Medvedev
- Novak Djokovic

Q. Who among the following has won the Paris Masters title 2019?

- Novak Djokovic
- Roger Federer
- Rafael Nadal
- Daniil Medvedev
- None of these

Q. Who among the following has become the first Australian to top the WTA rankings at the end of the year?

- Astra Sharma
- Ashleigh Barty
- Alison Riske
- Naomi Osaka
- Simona Halep

Q. Which of the following country will become the world’s first country to make it compulsory for schoolchildren to study climate change?

- USA
- Germany
- Italy
- France
- Canada

Q. The Ministry of Tourism is participating in the three-day-long World Travel Market (WTM). Which of the following city is the host of WTM 2019?

- Jakarta
- Bangkok
- London
Q. Who among the following will attend 15th meeting of Governing Council of SACEP in Dhaka?
Nirmala Sitharaman
Amit Shah
Narendra Modi

Prakash Javadekar
Rajnath Singh

Q. Which of the following country will host the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) annual meeting in January 2020?
Germany
France
Canada
Switzerland
Austria

Q. Who among the following has released the fifth edition of Wastelands Atlas - 2019?
Ram Vilas Paswan
Thawar Chand Gehlot

Narendra Singh Tomar
Radha Mohan Singh
Ravi Shankar Prasad

Q. Which of the following city will host ‘Rising Himachal 2019: Global Investors’ summit?
Dharamshala
Kangra
Shimla
McLeod Ganj
Dalhousie

Q. Recently, Saudi Aramco has will launch an initial public offering (IPO). Aramco is an ______ company?
Information Technology
Oil-producing
Automobile manufacturing
Social Networking
Real estate

Q. Recently, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has announced the launch of SkillsBuild platform in collaboration with _______.
Google
TCS
IBM
Wipro
Facebook

Q. In November 2019, Who among the following has taken the oath as the governor of Mizoram?
Bandaru Dattatreya
Vajubhai Vala
Tathagata Roy

PS Sreedharan Pillai
Ganeshi Lal

Q. Recently, Deepak Kumar has secured India’s Olympic quota. He is associated with which of the following sports?
Shot put
Wrestling

Shooting
4 × 400 metres relay
None of these
Q. In November, Which of the following country has banned the Islamist outfit 'Allahr Dol' saying that it poses a threat to public safety and security?

Sri Lanka  
Myanmar  
Indonesia  
**Bangladesh**  
Pakistan  

Q. The headquarters of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is located in _______.

Indonesia  
Sri Lanka  
**Mauritius**  
Australia  
Laos  

Q. Which of the following movie will be the opening film at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) this year?

**Despite the Fog**  
The Intouchables  
The Artist  
A Prophet  
None of these  

Q. Which of the following city will host 11th edition of Bal Sangam organised by the National School of Drama?

Indore  
**New Delhi**  
Pune  
Mumbai  
Kolkata  

Q. Which of the following city will host the two-day BIMSTEC Port (Bay of Bengal initiative multi-sector technical and economic cooperation) Conclave?

Chennai  
**Vishakapatnam**  
Puri  
Kolkata  
Mumbai  

Q. Which of the following has organisation has recently conducted a training and rescue workshop named as ReSAREX-2019?

Indian Navy  
Indian Army  
Indian Airforce  
**Indian Coast Guard**  
Border Security Force  

Q. Who among the following took over as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India?

Rahul Joshi  
Amit Pal  
Arvind Singh  
Akash Deep Chaudhary  
None of these  

Q. Who among the following has been elected as the first Indian and Asian General Vice President of International Organisation Development Association (IODA)?

Ankita Chaudhary  
Om Singh  
Vinaya Shetty  
Amit Kumar
Q. Recently, Venu Srinivasan was conferred with the prestigious Deming Distinguished Service Award for total quality management (TQM). He is the chairman of which of the following motor company?

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.
Hero MotoCorp Ltd.
TVS Motor Company Ltd.
Bajaj Auto Ltd.
Eicher Motors Ltd.

Q. Who among the following will be honoured by Lesley Ho Asian Film Talent Award at the Singapore International Film Festival (SIFF)?

Farhan Akhtar
Irrfan Khan
Nawazuddin Siddiqui
Saif Ali Khan
Radhika Apte

Q. Recently, IMD has announced that the Cyclone Bulbul will turn into a very severe cyclonic storm.

Cyclone Bulbul is an reborn form of cyclone _______.

Jerry
Patty
Matmo
Erin
Fiona

Q. Which of the following city is the host for 11th BRICS Summit?

Sanya
Durban
Brasilia

Q. Which of the following country has topped Georgetown University’s Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS) index?

Switzerland
Norway
Germany
Iceland
Austria

Q. ‘Samudra Shakti’ is a joint Naval Bilateral Maritime Exercise between India and ________.

Indonesia
Vietnam
Sri Lanka
Bangladesh
UAE

Q. Which of the following insurance company has launched the industry’s first mobile app ‘Farmitra’ catering to the specific needs of farmers?

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
ICICI Lombard
New India Assurance
IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited
TATA AIG
Q. Recently, the Reserve Bank has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on prepaid payment instrument Oxigen Services. Oxigen Services is headquartered in _______.
Hyderabad
Pune
Mumbai
**Gurugram**
Noida
Q. Recently, Who among the following has been elected as the President of UAE?
Sultan bin Zayed bin Khalifa Al Nahyan
Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
**Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**
Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Q. Who among the following has won the Gemcon Young Literature Award at the Dhaka Literature fest 2019?
Raman Das
Abhishek Sarkar
Ankur Tagore
Mohit Singh
None of these
Q. Who among the following has become the 1st Indian male cricketer to play 100 T20I?
Shikhar Dhawan
Rohit Sharma
Virat Kohli
M S Dhoni
None of these
Q. India has recently build Mathadhis building of Shree Budhanilkantha Narayan Temple. This temple is located in _______.
Sri Lanka
China
Bhutan
**Nepal**
Indonesia
Q. 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) will be held at _______.
New Delhi
**Kolkata**
Chennai
Agra
Lucknow
Q. Which of the following movies will be screened for differently-abled persons at IFFI 2019?
Lage Raho Munna Bhai
M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story
Questao De Confusao
Lagaan
**1,2 and 3**
Q. DIN System of Central Board of Indirect Taxes (CBIC) will come into existence. I in DIN stands for _______.
Indian
International
**Identification**
Image
None of these
Q. Meenakshi temple pilgrims will be offered free laddu as Prashad. This temple is located in which of the following Indian state?
Karnataka
Andhra Pradesh
Tamil Nadu
Kerala
Telangana
T. Which of the following country is the focus country for the 5th Kolkata International Film Festival?
Russia
China
Japan
Germany
France
Q. In November 2019, Which of the following bank has launched 'mobile ATMs' in Karnataka?
Karnataka Gramin Bank
Corporation Bank
Syndicate Bank
Vysya Bank
None of these
Q. Who among the following has been named for the Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019?
Arun Khopkar
Mahesh Elkunchwar
Shanta Gokhale
Arun Khopkar
Mahesh Elkunchwar
Shanta Gokhale
Q. Recently, Nicola Adams has announced retirement. She was associated with which of the following sports?
Boxing
Badminton
Football
Swimming
Shooting
Q. Shree Budhanilkantha Nanyan Temple is dedicated to lord _______.
Sun
Vishnu
Brahma
Shiv
None of these
Q. Who among the following claims victory in the Prime Minister election of Mauritius?
Nando Bodha
Pravind Jugnauth
Joko Widodo
Roshi Bhadain
Anil Gayan
Q. What is the capital of Mauritius?
Maputo
Nairobi
Port Louis
Accra
Rabat
Q. In November 2019, The Export-Import (Exim) Bank has provided a $30 million line of credit to which of the following African country for the potable water project in the country?
Q. Which of the following statement is not correct regarding The Ram mandir Verdict of the Supreme Court?

- The disputed site has been given to the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas and the centre has been asked to build trust for the construction of the temple.
- Suitable land of 5 acres to be handed over to Sunni Waqf board at a prominent place for building the mosque.
- SC gave one-third of disputed land to the Nirmohi Akhara Centre to frame scheme within 3 months and set up a trust for construction of a temple.
- All are correct

Q. Which of the following city is the host for Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan 2019?

- New Delhi
- Kolkata
- Chennai
- Pune
- Varanasi

Q. According to the recent Maternal Mortality Ratio released by the Registrar General of India, MMR of India for the year 2015-17 stands at _______.

- 171 per lakh live births
- 132 per lakh live births
- **122 per lakh live births**
- 111 per lakh live births

Q. Reserve Bank has increased the household income limits for borrowers of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) from 1 lakh to _______.

- **1.25 lakh rupees**
- 1.50 lakh rupees
- 1.75 lakh rupees
- 2 lakh rupees
- None of these

Q. Which of the following city is the host for World Para Athletics Championships 2019?

- London
- Moscow
- Berlin
- Paris
- Dubai

Q. Recently, Tejaswini Sawant won India's 2020 Olympics quota in which of the following sports?

- Shooting
- Boxing
- Wrestling
- Javelin Throw
- None of these

Q. Who among the following has inaugurated Kartarpur Corridor and Integrated Check Post?

- Amit Shah
- Narendra Modi
- Nitin Gadkari
- Rajnath Singh
- Ram Vilas Paswan
Q. What is the theme of 2019 BRICS summit?

Economic Growth for an Innovative Future
BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for inclusive growth
BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future
BRICS: Achieving Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs
None of these

Q. National Education Day is observed every year on

09 November
10 November
11 November
12 November
13 November

Q. Which of the following city will host the fifth edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019?

Bengaluru
New Delhi
Chennai
Kolkata
Agra

Q. Who among the following will be the Chief Guest at the ‘Def-Connect’ that is being organised to showcase the accomplishments of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative?

Akhtar Hossain Bhuiyan
Amit Shah
Rajnath Singh

Q. Environment Ministry has given environment clearance to Indian Oil Corporation Limited to set up a new 2G Ethanol plant in which of the following district of Haryana?

Rohtak
Jind
Panipat

Q. Recently, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa has secured a quota for Tokyo Olympics. He is associated with which of the following sports?

Boxing
Shooting
Wrestling
Long Jump
Javelin throw

Q. Who among the following has become the first Indian male to claim a hat-trick in T20I?

Deepak Chahar
Kuldeep Yadav
Umesh Yadav
Siddarth Kaul
Jasprit Bumrah

Q. Who among the following was the first Indian to take a hat-trick in T20Is?

Mansi Joshi
Poonam Yadav
Deepti Sharma
Ekta Bisht
Anuja Patil

Q. Former chief election commissioner TN Seshan passed away. He was known for which of the following reforms in Indian elections?
Introduction of voter ID cards
Enforcing limits on poll expenses
Ban on Bribing voters
Ban on the use of loudspeakers

All of These


Gujarati
Assamese
Tamil
Telugu
Malyalam

Q. Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed every year on ________.

9 November
10 November
11 November
12 November
13 November

Q. Who among the following is leading the Indian delegation at the BRICS trade ministers meeting?

Nitin Gadkari
Piyush Goyal
Nirmala Sitharaman
Ram Vilas Paswan
Prakash Javadekar

Q. The world is celebrating the birth anniversary of first Sikh guru and founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev. He was born in the year ________.

1466
1469
1568
1566
1468

Q. The world’s first CNG port terminal will be built at ________.

Udipi
Kanyakumari
Bhavnagar
Chennai
Tuticorin

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the Bangladesh High Commissioner to India?

Ahmed Sofa
Mohammad Imran
Salman Alam
Irfan Khan
Zahid Hasan

Q. In November 2019, Who among the following has been nominated to the parliamentary standing committee on finance in place of Digvijaya Singh?

Manmohan Singh
Ambika Soni
Ghulam Nabi Azad
Shashi Tharoor
Subramanian Swamy

Q. In November 2019, Justice AP Sahi has been sworn-in as Chief Justice of which of the following High Court?

Madras High Court
Calcutta High Court
Karnataka High Court
Bombay High Court
Q. Who among the following has become the youngest Indian to score international fifty breaking 30 years record of Sachin Tendulkar?
Pooja Vastrakar
Deepti Sharma
**Shafali Verma**
Priya Punia
Taniya Bhatia

Q. Recently, Saurabh Chaudhary wins a silver medal at Asian Championship. He is associated with which of the following sports?
Badminton
Boxing
**Shooting**
Wrestling
None of these

Q. Recently, Evo Morales arrived in Mexico to take up political asylum. He is the former president of which of the following country?
Peru
Bolivia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Argentina

Q. Which of the following country will host the 19th SCO Heads of Government Council in 2020?
Russia
India
Kazakhstan
Tajikistan
China

Q. Which of the following city is the host for 58th Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) Annual Conference?
Bengaluru
Chennai
New Delhi
Kolkata
Pune

Q. 'TIGER TRIUMPH' is a joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise between India and which of the following?
France
Russia
Japan
USA
Indonesia

**Answer**

- Shafali Verma
- Shooting
- India
- Bengaluru
- Indonesia
Q. What is the theme for the 39th edition of India International Trade Fair 2019 that is being organised in New Delhi?
New Phase of Indian Agriculture
Ease of Doing Business
Tourism, an important factor of development
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
None of these

Q. Recently, President's rule has been imposed in Maharashtra. Who among the following is the current governor of Maharashtra?
Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Jagdish Mukhi
Acharya Devvrat
Lalji Tandon
Kalraj Mishra

Q. The festival 'Bali Yatra' was inaugurated in Cuttack. This festival is mainly organised in the bank of ________ river.
Mahanadi
Son
Krishna
Subarnarekha
Kosi

Q. Who among the following will head the Economic Advisory Council set up in Haryana?
Ram Bilas Sharma
Om Prakash Dhankar
Manohar Lal Khattar
Anil Vij
Krishan Lal Panwar

Q. Recently, Dr Debabhuson Borah gets Munin Barkotoki Literary Award. Munin Barkotoki Award has been instituted to encourage young and promising writers in which of the following language?
Assamese
Dogri
Gujarati
Hindi
Tamil

Q. World Diabetes Day is observed every year on ________.
12 November
13 November
14 November
15 November
16 November

Q. Children's Day is India is observed every year on 14 November to mark the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of independent India Jawaharlal Nehru. He was born in the year ________.
1844
1880
1891
1899
1889

Q. Who among the following was the first activist to raised the issue of CJI's office falling within Right to Information Act ambit?
Rohit Shankar
S C Agrawal
Ashok Pal
Q. Recently, Joint Field Training Exercise (FTX)-2019 ‘Exercise Dustlik-2019’ concludes. It was a joint military exercise between India and ________.

Uzbekistan
Japan
Russia
Sri Lanka
France

Q. Which of the following country has bagged the first position at BRICS Young Scientist forum?

Brazil
Russia
India
China
South Africa

Q. In November 2019, Which of the following city will host the International Conference on Yoga for Heart care?
Pune
Agra
Mysuru
Gwalior
Nagpur

Q. In November 2019, Which of the following State/UT will organise the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship)?
Jammu and Kashmir
Assam
Arunachal Pradesh

Q. Uttar Pradesh government has launched a dedicated app for the sugarcane farmers in the state named as ________.
e-Ganna
e-Mitra
Kisna Mitra
Sahej Ganna
Surakshit

Q. In November 2019, Justice Muhammad Raffiq took oath as the Chief Justice of which of the following High Court?
Madras High Court
Meghalaya High Court
Gujarat High Court
Madhya Pradesh High Court
Jharkhand High Court

Q. Who among the following has become the 1st Indian trustee to be elected to Board of New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art?
Priyanka Chopra
Aishwarya Rai
Nita Ambani
Azim Premji
Ajay Piramal

Q. According to Trace Bribery Matrix, Which of the following country has the highest business bribery risk among South Asian countries?
Bhutan
Nepal
India

India
**Bangladesh**

Pakistan

**Q.** What is India’s rank on the Trace Bribery Matrix index that reflects bribery risk among countries?

78th

23rd

57th

111th

132nd

**Q.** Who among the following will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2020?

- Paulo Guedes
- Michel Temer
- Jair Bolsonaro
- Angela Merkel
- Boris Johnson

**Paulo Guedes**

Michel Temer

Jair Bolsonaro

Angela Merkel

Boris Johnson

**Q.** At BRICS Business Council, PM Modi urges the council to prepare a roadmap to achieve the target of ________ trade between the member countries by 2020.

- USD 100 billion
- USD 200 billion
- USD 500 billion
- USD 750 billion
- USD 1000 billion

**Q.** Which of the following ministry has announced to prepare a framework for a national plan for States and Union Territories along with NITI Aayog?

- Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Ministry of External Affairs
- Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Ministry of Home Affairs

**Ministry of Home Affairs**

**Q.** Recently, Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Sisseri River Bridge in which of the following Indian state?

- Nagaland
- Assam
- Manipur
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Meghalaya

**Arunachal Pradesh**

Meghalaya

**Q.** West Bengal has celebrates "Rosogolla Dibas" on ______ to mark the second anniversary of winning the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- 12 November
- 14 November
- 13 November
- 11 November
- 10 November

**Q.** Which of the following organisation was awarded the Golden Leaf award 2019 in the ‘Public Service Initiative’?

- Tobacco Board of India
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- Spices Board of India
- Coffee Board of India
- None of these

**Tobacco Board of India**

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

Spices Board of India

Coffee Board of India

None of these

**Q.** Who among the following has been named as the FIFA's Chief of global football development?

- Alex Ferguson
- Arsene Wenger
- Jürgen Klopp
- Laurent Koscielny
- Unai Emery

**Arsene Wenger**

Jürgen Klopp

Laurent Koscielny

Unai Emery
**Q.** Recently, Vashishtha Narayan Singh passed away. He was a famous _______.

**Mathematician**

Golf Player

Poet

Journalist

Hockey Player

**Q.** Which of the following Indian state is organising Sand Week from November 14 to 21?

- Jharkhand
- Uttar Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh
- Maharashtra
- Tamil Nadu

**Andhra Pradesh**

**Q.** In November 2019, the Gujarat government has announced _______ relief package for distressed farmers.

- Rs 300 crore
- Rs 400 crore
- Rs 500 crore
- Rs 700 crore
- Rs 900 crore

**Q.** Which of the following Indian state has organised Brahmaputra Pushkaram?

- Sikkim
- Arunachal Pradesh
- West Bengal
- Nagaland

**Assam**

**Q.** In November 2019, Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of the BNP Paribas (BNPP) with _______.

- Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund
- ICICI Prudential Equity & Debt Fund
- L&T Midcap Fund
- HDFC Mid-Cap Opportunities Fund
- HDFC Small Cap Fund

**Q.** In November 2019, Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 23.5% stake by _______ in Mumbai International Airport.

- Aditya Birla Group
- Adani Properties
- Reliance Properties
- Tata Group
- None of these

**Q.** Who among the following has been appointed as Army's first female JAG officer to be deployed on the foreign mission?

- Lt Col Ragini Jaiswal
- Lt Col Jyoti Sharma
- Lt Col Aanchal Chaudhary
- Lt Col Diksha Verma
- None of these

**Q.** Who among the following has become the first woman Chief Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh?

- Sarita Aggarwal
- Nilam Sawhney
- Aparna Desh Pandey
- Ranjani Singh
- None of these

**Q.** Recently, Robert De Niro has been honoured with the SAG Life Achievement Award. He is an renowned _______.

- Mathematician
- Golf Player
- Poet
- Journalist
- Hockey Player
Q. Recently, David Villa has announced his retirement. He was associated with which of the following sports?

- Hockey
- Football
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Badminton

Q. Which of the following Indian state will host the World Kabaddi cup 2019?

- Odisha
- Punjab
- Jharkhand
- Tamil Nadu
- Andhra Pradesh

Q. National Press Day is observed every year on ______.

- 13 November
- 14 November
- 15 November
- 16 November
- 17 November

Q. Recently India has successfully conducted the first night trial of Agni-II. It can carry a payload of ______ over a distance ______ km.

- 300 kg, 500 km
- 500 kg, 700 km
- 500 kg, 1000 km
- 1000 kg, 2000 km
- 5000 kg, 5000 km

Q. Which of the following organisation has set up an Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) unit to counter the growing menace of child porn?

- Central Bureau of Investigation
- Intelligence Bureau
- National Investigation Agency
- Delhi Police
- Uttar Pradesh Police

Q. Who among the following has inaugurated the National Tribal Festival ‘Aadi Mahotsav’ in New Delhi?

- Amit Shah
- Rajnath Singh
- Narendra Modi
- Nirmala Sitharaman
- Smriti Irani

Q. Recently, the National Mission ‘NISHTHA’ has been launched in J&K. ‘T’ in ‘NISHTHA’ stands for ______.

- Tribal
- Teacher
- Technology
- Tree
- Trend

Q. Which of the following city topped the quality of tap water ranking of samples of drinking water taken from the capitals of 20 states?

- Guwahati
Q. In November 2019, Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi has been sworn in as Chief Justice of ______.

Chhattisgarh High Court
Gujarat High Court
Tripura High Court
Himachal Pradesh High Court
Assam High Court

Q. Wholesale prices based inflation stands at ______ in October 2019.

0.69%

0.16%

1.46%

1.15%

0.67%

Q. Which of the following city is the host for 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship 2019?

Chennai
New Delhi

Q. India won a total of at ______ medals at the World Para Athletics Championship 2019.

5
7
9
11

Q. In November 2019, Who among the following has been sworn-in as new President of Sri Lanka?
Q. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde took oath as the _______ Chief Justice of India.
43th
45th
47th
49th
51st

Q. Dr Ravi Ranjan took oath as Chief Justice of _______ High court.
Gujarat High Court
Jharkhand High Court
Bihar High Court
Tripura High Court
Assam High Court

Q. Who among the following Indian has been elected as members of AIBA Athletes Commission?
Sarita Devi
Pinki Jangra
Manju Rani
Pooja Rani
Mary Kom

Q. Who among the following has won the men’s title at the ITTF Challenge Indonesia Open table tennis championship?
Harmeet Desai
Sharath Kamal
Soumyajit Ghosh

Sathiyan Gnanasekaran
None of these

Q. Indian women have won a total of _______ gold medals in Asian Youth Boxing Championship.
3
5
6
7
8

Q. World Toilet Day is observed every year on _______.
16 November
17 November
18 November
19 November
20 November

Q. Which of the following organisation has released the report ‘Health Systems for a New India: Building Blocks-Potential Pathways to Reforms’ that aims to transform the healthcare system in India?
NITI Aayog
National Development Council
National Integration Council
Ministry of AYUSH
None of these

Q. Ministry of Women and Child Development has collaborated with which of the following organisation for the ‘Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh’?
PATH
The Giving Pledge
**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**
Michael & Susan Dell Foundation
The Global Fund

**Q.** Which of the following company has launched a special winter-grade diesel for UT of Ladakh?

**Indian Oil Corporation Ltd**
Bharat Petroleum
Hindustan Petroleum
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
Reliance Petroleum

**Q.** Who among the following has inaugurated the SARAS India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi?
Thawar Chand Gehlot
Ravi Shankar Prasad
Rajnath Singh

**Narendra Singh Tomar**
Radha Mohan Singh

**Q.** In November 2019, Which of the following state has launched a virtual classroom project to overcome the shortage of teachers?
Himachal Pradesh
Sikkim

**Uttarakhand**
Assam
Telangana

**Q.** In November 2019, Which of the following state government has decided to create a new Department of 'Foreign Cooperation'?
Jharkhand

**Haryana**
Telangana

**Uttar Pradesh**
Bihar

**Q.** Who among the following has recently won Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR) National Award?
Rekha
Sridevi
Amitabh Bacchan

**A and B**
A, B and C

**Q.** Who among the following has been honoured with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019?
Hima Das
P. V. Sindhu

**Gaurav Sharma**
Dutee Chand
Milka Singh

**Q.** Who among the following has won the women's Trap Gold at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship for shotgun events in New Delhi?
Rahi Sarnobat
Shreyasi Singh
Varsha Varman
Heena Sidhu
None of these

**Q.** World Children's Day is observed every year on _______.
17 November
18 November
19 November
20 November
21 November
Q. According to the ‘Road Accidents in India, 2018’ report released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, What is the number of lives claimed in the road accidents in India?
2,73,846
1,51,417
1,00,482
88,381
2,99,234

13 April 1918
19 April 1913

13 April 1919
13 April 1920

Q. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended an amount of _______ for conducting Census 2021.
Rs. 2742.38 crore
Rs. 5267.89 crore
Rs. 8754.23 crore
Rs. 3787.39 crore
Rs. 1115.41 crore

Q. From March 2020, The IRCTC will operate and manage luxury train named as _______.
Golden Chariot
Palace on Wheels
Royal Rajasthan on Wheels
The Deccan Odyssey
None of these

Q. Which of the following bank has signed a 91 million US dollar loan to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel Irrigation Systems and river basin management plans in the Krishna river?
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Asian Development Bank

Rajnikanth
Akshay Kumar
Aamir Khan

Q. In November 2019, Which of the following city is the hosted the 2nd edition of South Asia Safety Summit?
Chennai
Dhaka
New Delhi

Sri Jayawardeneura Kotte
Kathmandu

Q. Davis Cup is associated with which of the following sports?
Badminton
Tennis
Cricket
Football
Basketball

Q. India's home matches for 2020 Hockey Pro League will take place in _______.
  Hyderabad
  Bhubaneswar
  Agra
  Lucknow
  Chennai

Q. World Television Day is observed every year on _______.
  18 November
  19 November
  20 November
  21 November
  22 November
  01 December

Q. Which of the following city is the host for Global Bio-India Summit 2019?
  New Delhi
  Kolkata
  Pune
  Agra
  Gwalior

Q. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated a closed sugar mill ‘Munderwa Sugar Mill’ in which of the following city of UP?
  Gorakhpur
  Varanasi
  Basti
  Sultanpur
  Auraiya

Q. Which of the following state will start ‘Arundhati Gold Scheme’ by January 2020?
  Madhya Pradesh
  Assam
  Jharkhand
  Telangana
  Andhra Pradesh

Q. The government has approved the sale of its stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs. Which one of the following is not one of them?
  Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
  Shipping Corporation of India
  Bharat Dynamics
  Container Corporation of India
  Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited
Q. In November 2019, RBI has superseded the board of which of the following organisation to initiate insolvency proceedings?
India Infoline
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited
Reliance Capital
Indiabulls Housing Finance
Piramal Group

Q. Who among the following has been named as the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019'?
Akshay Kumar
Kapil Sharma
PV Sindhu
Sachin Tendulkar

Virat Kohli

Q. Who among the following has topped the Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list?
Bjorn Gulden
Jamie Dimon
Julie Sweet
Satya Nadella

Daniel Zhang

Q. World Philosophy Day is observed on _________ every year.
3rd Thursday of November
3rd Sunday of November
2nd Saturday of November
3rd Saturday of November
2nd Friday of November

Q. Which of the following is the Country of Focus at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019?
Japan
Canada
Russia
Bangladesh
Indonesia

Q. In November 2019, Which of the following city is hosting the three-day Global Buddhist Congregation?
- Indore
- Nagpur
- Gaya
- Patna
- **Aurangabad**

Q. Securities and Exchange Board of India has increased the investment limit for clients of PMS to Rs 50 lakh. P in PMS stands for ________.
- People
- Personal
- **Portfolio**
- Prime
- Periodic

Q. Who among the following has been sworn in as the new Prime minister of Sri Lanka?
- Mahinda Rajapaksa
- Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Maithripala Sirisena
- Ranasinghe Premadasa
- None of these

Q. Who among the following has won gold medal ISSF World Cup Final in Putian, China?
- Manu Bhaker
- Elavenil Valarivan
- Divyansh Singh Panwar
- A and B
- **A, B and C**

Q. India is playing its first-ever day-night test match at _____ against Bangladesh.
- Wankhede Stadium
- Barabati Stadium
- **Eden Gardens**
- Arun Jaitley Stadium
- Greenfield International Stadium

Q. India will buy MK-45 naval guns from which of the following country?
- US
- France
- China
- Russia
- Israel

Q. Which of the following country has ranked as the most affected country on Global Terrorism Index 2019?
- Syria
- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Turkey
- Pakistan

Q. What is the name given to NASA’s First Electric Plane?
- Maxwell
- Trahan
- Dexter
- Icon
- None of these

Q. The Union environment ministry has decided to declare the habitats of _______ as conservation reserves.
- Red Panda
- **Great Indian Bustard**
Pink-Headed Duck
Bengal Florican
None of these
Q. Which of the following organisation host first counter-terrorism cooperation exercise for 'Quad' countries?
Intelligence Bureau
National Investigation Agency
Border Security Force
Central Bureau of Investigation
Central Industrial Security Force
Q. Which of the following city is the host for 4-day 'Destination North East'?
Agra
Hyderabad
Patna
Varanasi
New Delhi
Q. In November 2019, Which of the following state has allowed to work night shifts at factories?
Jharkhand
Assam
Telangana
Karnataka
Andhra Pradesh
Q. Which of the following city has topped the new global prosperity index?
Vienna
Berlin
Zurich
Amsterdam
Prague
Q. Who among the following will become the first woman pilot of Indian Navy?
Shakshi Jaiswal
Rachna Mishra
Shivangi
Ankita Nair
Pratibha Das
Q. Manoj Bajpayee bags the Best Actor Award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards for ________.
Missing
The Family Man
Bhonsle
Satyameva Jayate
Aiyaary
Q. Recently Government of India has planned to link the capitals of North Eastern States with rail connectivity. Which state is not included in this project?
Assam
Tripura
Arunachal Pradesh
Sikkim
Meghalaya
Q. Which country topped in WHO study on physical activity?
India
Bangladesh
Philippines
Myanmar
None of these
Q. Which of the following players won the gold medal in ISSF World Cup held in China?
Manu Bhaker
Elavenil Valarivan
Divyansh Panwar
All of the above
None of these

Q. Recently Central Government has extended ban on National Democratic Front of Bodoland for 5 years. It was established in which year?
1982
1989
1986
1995
1988

Q. Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology is located in which city?
New Delhi
Hyderabad
Bhopal
Dehradun
Mumbai

Q. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is related to which Institution?
ASEAN
SAARC
BIMSTEC
BRICS
None of these

Q. What is the urban unemployment rate in the country during January-March 2019?
9.3%
8.6%
7.5%

6.9%
8.9%

Q. India's first largest biotechnology conference Global Bio-India Summit was recently held in which city?
New Delhi
Kolkata
Jodhpur
Lucknow
Chennai

Q. Which of the following city is the venue of the 8th International Tourism Mart?
Imphal
Kohima
Itanagar
Shilong
None of these

Q. N. Biren Singh is the chief minister of which state?
Nagaland
Manipur
Mizoram
Meghalaya
None of these

Q. Sangai Festival 2019 being organized in which city?
Imphal
Kohima
Dispur
Kolkata
Mumbai
| Q. Which of the following city is the venue of National Tribal Craft Mela- 2019? | Bangladesh |
| New Delhi | India |
| Bhubaneswar | Vietnam |
| Raipur | Sri Lanka |
| Hyderabad | Q. Which assembly is hosting a 3-day Commonwealth Youth Parliament first time in India? |
| Agra | Delhi |
| Q. Which of the following has won the Scottish Open title, 2019? | Uttar Pradesh |
| Lakshya Sen | Gujarat |
| P V Sindhu | Rajasthan |
| P Kashyap | Jharkhand |
| Saina Nehwal | Q. Which country topped in U-15 Asian Wrestling Championships, 2019? |
| None of these | Bangladesh |
| India | Japan |
| Q. Which country topped in U-15 Asian Wrestling Championships, 2019? | Kazakhstan |
| Bangladesh | Sri Lanka |
| Q. Which state government has launched a massive immunization campaign against the Filaria on 25 November? | Uttar Pradesh |
| Uttarakhand | Madhya Pradesh |
| Q. Which state government has launched a massive immunization campaign against the Filaria on 25 November? | Kerala |
| Madhya Pradesh | Jharkhand |
| Rajasthan | Uttar Pradesh |
| Bihar | Madhya Pradesh |
| Gujarat | Goa |
| Q. Which country's floating school project has won Aga Khan Architecture Award, 2019? | Q. Sangai Festival has been named after which of the following? |
| Japan | Deer |
Q. Constitution Day is observed on which date?
22 November
24 November
26 November
20 November
18 November

Q. Who introduced Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in Lok Sabha, recently?
Nirmala Sitharaman
Hardip Singh Puri
Narendra Singh Tomar
Radha Mohan Singh
Ravi Shankar Prasad

Q. Which city is the venue of the 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship?
Kolkata
New Delhi
Agra
Bhopal
Mumbai

Q. Indian Railways to set up Institute of Financial Management in which city?
Hyderabad
Mumbai
Vadodara
Surat
Chennai

Q. Guru Ghasidas National Park to become which state’s 4th tiger reserve?
Chhattisgarh
Madhya Pradesh
Gujarat
Maharashtra
Odisha

Q. Who launched Fit India School grading system in schools across India?
Amit Shah
Narendra Modi
Ramesh Pokhriyal
Prakash Javdekar
Om Birla

Q. Which of the following holds the position of chairman for overseeing the implementation of the National Child Labour Project at district level?
Labour Commissioner
District Magistrate
Commissioner of Police
Senior Superintendent of Police
None of the above

Q. Recently Subhash Chandra resigned as Chairman of which company's board?
Zee Entertainment Enterprises
YES Bank
Star India
Sony Pictures Network
Jio Network

Q. Which country to host naval drill Milan 2020 in March?
India
Sri Lanka
Indonesia
Malaysia
Pakistan

Q. Which of the following launched Credit Link Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) Awas portal for subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana scheme?

Hardip Singh Puri
Suresh Prabhu
Piyush Goel
Satya Pal Singh
S Jaishankar

Q. Which of the following state have topped the 'Child Rights and You' Report on Crime against Children in India?

Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
Rajasthan and Gujarat
Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

Haryana and Kerala

Q. Which state government has launched the “Water 4 Change” initiative for water management?

Kerala
Uttarakhand
Tamil Nadu
Odisha
Uttar Pradesh

Q. The Water Technology and Environment Control (WATEC) conference was held in which country, recently?

Israel
Mexico
Canada
Vietnam
Malaysia

Q. Recently, Sudhir Dhar passed away. He was a -

Politician
Cartoonist
Bollywood Director
Commentator
Writer

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare
Ministry of Food Processing
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Ministry of Finance

Q. Which of the following actor was awarded as 'Best Performance Actor' at 13th Asia Pacific Screen Awards?

Ranbir Singh
Manoj Bajpayee
Max Eigenmann
Kristoffer King
Ayushmaan Khurana

Q. National Milk Day is observed on which date?

01 June
26 November
25 December
24 October
22 November

Q. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sampada Yojana is being implemented by which ministry?

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare

Ministry of Food Processing

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Q. Recently Indian Army has inducted Anti-Tank Guided Missiles Spike along LoC in J&K. It was made in which country?

**Israel**
Russia
France
USA
Japan

Q. Uttar Pradesh government to set up state's 1st vulture conservation in which district?

Mathura
Bareilly
Kanpur
**Maharajganj**
Agra

Q. Which of the following has first university of Madhya Pradesh to be accorded 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

Barkatullah University
Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya
**Devi Ahilya University**
Jiwaji University
Vikram University

Q. Recently which country has passed a law in support of Hong Kong protesters?

USA
Japan
India
Germany
Russia

Q. 47th All India Police Science Congress is being organized in which city?

**Lucknow**
Hyderabad
New Delhi
Jaipur
Agra

Q. Special Protections Group Act was enacted in which year?

1980
1984
1988
1996
2000

Q. The Logo design of Prashant Mishra was selected for Lokpal Logo. Prashant Mishra belongs to which state?

Bihar
**Uttar Pradesh**
Jharkhand
Rajasthan
Haryana

Q. Recently which ministry launched "Kartavya" Portal?

**Ministry of Human Resource Development**
Ministry of Home Affairs
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of AYUSH
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Q. Where is the headquarters of Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA)?

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Q. Which of the following has been awarded with honorary fellowship by Royal Aeronautical Society of UK?
Sanjay Mitra
V. K. Saraswat
G. Satheesh Reddy
A. S. Kiran Kumar
Sharad Kumar

Q. Global Exhibition on Services-2019 was organized in which city?
Bengaluru
Nagpur
Kanpur
Kochi
New Delhi

Q. Gotabaya Rajapaksa is -
President of Sri Lanka
Prime Minister of Maldives

President of Sri Lanka
Prime Minister of Bangladesh
Prime Minister of Japan

Q. How many institutions has been declared as institutions of national importance in National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill?
6
8
4

10
12

Q. Which of the following university got first rank in QS World University Asia Rankings, 2019?
National University of Singapore
Singapore Management University
Nanyang Technological University
Tsinghua University
Peking University

Q. Which of the following has won the Golden Peacock Award at IFFI 2019?
Particles
Article 15
The Water
Jallikattu
Gully Boy

Q. What is the rank of India in Global Diplomacy Index 2019?
6th
12th
24th
30th
20th

Q. In which city United Nations Development Programme launched Accelerator Lab in to work on tackling pollution?
Bangalore
New Delhi
Hyderabad
Jaipur
Bhopal
Q. Which of the following has become first company to list commercial papers on National Stock Exchange?

**Aditya Birla Finance**
Reliance Industries Limited
Tata Group
Bharti Airtel
Larsen and Tubro

Q. Which of the following has become first Indian company to hit Rs 10 lakh crore market capitalization?

**Reliance Industries Limited**
ITC Limited
Wipro
Infosys
Tata Group

Q. Which company has become first Indian company to hit Rs 10 lakh crore market capitalization?

**Reliance Industries Limited**

Q. Incidents of bribery in India has been reduced by what percent since last year according to 'India Corruption Survey 2019'?

10%
20%
30%
40%
25%

Q. NuGen Mobility Summit-2019 was held in which state?

**Haryana**
Gujarat
Maharashtra

Q. The 1st International Conference on ‘Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience – 2019’ was held in which city?

New Delhi
Bangalore
Nasik
Coimbatore
Mathura

Q. Deepika Kumari is associated with which sports?

Archery
Hockey
Cricket

Q. Recently Government has constituted committee for reviewing draft of National Code for Good Governance in Sports. Who will head this committee?

Mukundakam Sharma
Gagan Narang
Saurabh Shukla

Q. With which Institute India has signed $451 million loan to strengthen Power Connectivity in Tamil Nadu?

Asian Development Bank
World Bank
International Monetary Fund
New Development Bank
IBRD
Q. Which of the following is/are the component of East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC)?

Visakhapatnam–Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)
Chennai–Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC)
Odisha Economic Corridor (OEC)
West Bengal Economic Corridor (WBEC)

All of the above

Q. Recently Union Government has proposed to set up a new rocket launch pad in which state?

Maharashtra
Tamil Nadu
Andhra Pradesh
Goa
Kerala

Q. Shipping Ministry has approved Loktak Inland Waterways Project. It is located in which state?

Mizoram
Manipur
Meghalaya
Nagaland
Assam

Q. From December 1, FASTags will be mandatory for toll payment on National Highways. It is valid for how many years?

5 years
10 years
8 years
12 years
15 Years

Q. YuWaah’- Generation Unlimited initiative Launch by which body?

UNICEF
UNESCO
UNCTAD
World Bank
IMF

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced 400-million-dollar line of credit to which country?

Sri Lanka
Maldives
Indonesia
Malaysia
Russia

Q. India successfully test fires Spike anti-tank missiles in Madhya Pradesh. Spike is a –

Second generation missile
Sixth generation missile
Eighth generation missile
Third Generation Missile

Q. The Exercise Mitra Shakthi – VII will commence in which city?

Indore
Jaisalmer
Pune
Gwalior
Agra

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