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National

Money in Swiss banks: India ranked 74

i. According to the **Swiss National Bank (SNB)**, India has moved down one place to **74th rank** in terms of **money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks**.

ii. **U.K.** has retained its **top position**.

iii. India was ranked 73rd last year, after jumping from its 88th rank a year ago.



Maharashtra ranks first in NITI Aayog's AMFFR Index

i. **Maharashtra** achieves **first rank** in **NITI Aayog** launched "**Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)**".

ii. The index ranks states based on the degree of reforms they have undertaken in agricultural marketing.

iii. **AMFFRI** has a score that can have **minimum value "0"** implying **no reforms** and **maximum value "100"** implying **complete reforms** in the selected areas.



Do You Know-

- **NITI Aayog CEO:** Amitabh Kant; **Vice Chairman:** Rajiv Kumar.

India's first Design Development Centre launched in Gujarat

i. **India's first** Design Development Center '**Fashionova**' was launched in the **Textile city Surat**.

ii. The centre will promote the city in the field of the fashion design sector.

iii. It will also fulfill the business needs from co-working space, technicians, expert advises to cognitive workshops and exposure to the industry.



Do You Know-

- **Gujarat CM:** Vijay Rupani; **Governor:** Om Prakash Kohli; **Capital:** Gandhinagar.

Longest electrified railway tunnel in India commissioned

i. The **South Central Railway** has commissioned the **longest electrified tunnel of India**.

ii. The tunnel which is between **Cherlopalli and Rapuru stations** is **6.6 km long**, is built at a total cost of **₹460 crore**.

iii. The horse shoe shaped tunnel is of **6.5 metres height** with **ballastless track** and **LED lighting** provided at **10 metre intervals** inside.



India ranked 86th in the Henley Passport Index 2019

i. The **Henley Passport Index 2019** have ranked the **Indian passport on the 86th position** with a **mobility score of 58**.

ii. The score points out that Indian passport holders can access 58 countries around the world without a prior visa. **Japan and Singapore** holds the **top spot with a score of 189**.

iii. The index includes **199 passports** and **227 travel destinations** including micro-states and territories.

Army Chief releases Kargil Tribute Song

i. **Army Chief General Bipin Rawat** has released a **Kargil Tribute Song** to honour, salute and pay homage to the **Kargil martyrs and war veterans**.

ii. The song has been **composed** by eminent Hindi lyricist **Sammer Anjaan** and **sung by Shatadru Kabir**.

iii. The song was released as part of the celebration of the **20th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas** to be celebrated on **26th of July**.



Tata Steel Kalinganagar joins WEF's Global Lighthouse Network

- i. **Tata Steel Kalinganagar** has been included in **World Economic Forum's Global Lighthouse Network**. TSK in **Odisha's Jajpur** district is the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant to be included in the WEF's Lighthouse Network.
- ii. Global Lighthouse Network is a community of manufacturers showing leadership in applying Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to drive financial and operational impact.



First 'Aadhaar Seva Kendra' in Delhi and Vijayawada

- i. **Unique Identification Authority of India** has opened its **first 'Aadhaar Seva Kendra'** in **Delhi and Vijayawada**.
- ii. The Aadhaar card issuing authority has an **ambitious plan to set up 114 such centres** by the year end.
- iii. These centres will provide the **facility to apply for a new Aadhaar card or update the existing ones**. These centres are similar to Passport Seva Kendras run by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Do You Know-

- **CEO of UIDAI:** Ajay Bhushan Pandey; **Founded:** 12 July, 2016.

Connaught Place 9th most expensive office location in the world

- i. According to property consultant CBRE, **New Delhi's Connaught Place (CP)** is the **9th most expensive** office location in the world. **Hong Kong's Central district** retained the **top spot** as the world's most expensive market for prime office rents.
- ii. Mumbai's **Bandra Kurla Complex** and **Nariman Point CBD** slipped to 27th and 40th position. Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey, **CBRE tracks the cost of leasing prime office space globally**.



IPS officer Aparna Kumar completes Seven Summit challenge

- i. **Aparna Kumar** becomes **first IPS officer** to complete **Seven Summit challenge** by scaling **Mt Denali**.
- ii. Mt Denali is the **tallest mountain in North America**.

"News bulletin" launched in National Museum of Indian Cinema

- i. A **News bulletin** of the **National Museum of Indian Cinema**, brought out by the **Films Division**, was launched.
- ii. This bulletin will give them a physical document to cherish and to get relevant information.



Do You Know-

- **National Museum of Indian Cinema:** Mumbai (Maharashtra)

Indian beaches in the race to crest the 'Blue Flag' challenge

- i. **Union Environment Ministry** has selected **12 beaches in India** to vie for a **'Blue Flag' certification**, an international recognition conferred on beaches that meet certain criteria of cleanliness and environmental propriety.
- ii. These beaches are at **Shivrajpur (Gujarat)**, **Bhogave (Maharashtra)**, **Ghoghla (Diu)**, **Miramar (Goa)**, **Kasarkod and Padubidri (Karnataka)**, **Kappad (Kerala)**, **Eden (Puducherry)**, **Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu)**, **Rushikonda (Andhra Pradesh)**, **Golden (Odisha)**, and **Radhanagar (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)**.



Do You Know-

- **Union Environment Minister:** Prakash Javadekar.

Bimal Jalan panel report on surplus RBI reserves 'finalised'

- i. **Bimal Jalan** led six-member panel on **Economic Capital Framework (ECF)**, **formed by RBI** has finalised its **report on surplus RBI reserves**.



ii. The panel has recommended that **surplus reserves held by the central bank** should be **transferred to the government** in tranches over three to five years.

Do You Know-

- **RBI Governor:** Shaktikant Das; **Headquarters:** Mumbai; **Founded:** 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

"Kargil: Untold stories from the War" Book released

i. "Kargil: Untold stories from the War", the book published by **Penguin Random House**, is authored by **Rachna Bisht Rawat**.

ii. On the **20th anniversary of the Kargil War**, a new book will revisit the freezing battle grounds of the 1999 conflict through untold stories of its bravest soldiers.

RIL's becomes top-ranked Indian company in Fortune Global list

i. **Reliance Industries Ltd** has jumped **42 places** to become the **highest-ranking Indian firm** on the **Fortune Global 500 list**.

ii. Reliance Industries replace **Indian Oil Corporation**. RIL's present ranking in the list **106** and IOC's ranking in the list **117**.

Do You Know-

- **Founder of Reliance Industries Ltd:** Dhirubhai Ambani.
- **CEO of Reliance Industries Ltd:** Mukesh Ambani.



Lt Gn. Ranbir Singh releases a book on Fire and Fury Warriors

i. The coffee table book titled 'Fire and Fury Corps - Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice', was released by **Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh**.

ii. This book showcases the courage and bravery of the Fire and Fury Warriors and portrays the rich heritage and ethos of the Indian Army.

Do You Know-

- **Chief of the Army Staff:** General Bipin Rawat.



PM Modi releases book on former PM Chandra Shekhar

i. **PM Narendra Modi** releases book "**Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics**" is written by **Deputy Chairman** in the Rajya Sabha, **Harivansh and Ravi Dutt Bajpai** in **New Delhi**.

ii. Prime Minister also announced a **museum** for all former Prime Ministers of India, and invited their families to share aspects of their lives.

Chandrayaan-2, India's second moon mission launched

i. **Indian Space Research Organisation** launched **Chandrayaan 2** from **Satish Dhawan Space Center** at **Sriharikota**.

ii. It was launched by **GSLV MkIII-M1 Vehicle** at 14:43 hours IST. The **lander-Vikram** will land **near South Pole** of the moon on **Sep 7, 2019**.

iii. **Chandrayaan 2** is **India's 2nd moon mission**.

Do You Know-

- **ISRO Director:** K. Sivan; **Headquarters:** Bengaluru; **Established in:** 1969.
- **Chandrayaan-1** was launched by **ISRO** on **October 22, 2008** from **Sriharikota**



SC Garg led panel's report on legality of cryptocurrencies and blockchain

i. "**Inter-Ministerial Committee**" on **legality of cryptocurrencies** and **blockchain** has submitted its report to the **Finance Ministry**. The Committee recommends that:

- All **private cryptocurrencies**, except any cryptocurrency issued by the state, be **banned in India**.
- It has also drafted a law, the '**Banning of Cryptocurrency & Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2019**', which mandates a fine and imprisonment of up to 10 years for offences.

ii. The committee was set up under the **Chairmanship of Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg** in 2017.

Do You Know-

- **Governor of RBI:** Shaktikant Das; **Headquarters:** Mumbai, **Founded:** 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

GoM on sexual harassment at workplace reconstituted

i. GoI has reconstituted the **Group of Ministers (GoM)** looking after the issues of **how to prevent sexual harassment** at workplace and strengthen legal frameworks. The GoM will be lead by **Home Minister Amit Shah**.

ii. The other members of the reconstituted GoM are: **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**, **HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'**, and **Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani**.

Do You Know-

- **Union Minister of Home Affairs:** Amit Shah.

Andhra Pradesh first state to reserve 75% private jobs for locals

i. **Andhra Pradesh** has become the **first state in the country** to reserve jobs for locals. The Andhra Pradesh Assembly passed the Andhra Pradesh Employment of Local Candidates in **Industries/Factories Act, 2019**.

ii. **Industries/Factories Act, 2019** reserves **75% private jobs** across all categories in **industrial units, factories, joint ventures** as well as the project that are in **public-private partnership (PPP) mode**.

Do You Know-

- **CM of Andhra Pradesh:** Y S Jaganmohan Reddy.
- **Governor of Andhra Pradesh:** Biswabhusan Harichandan.

India's first dragon blood-oozing tree

i. Researchers discover **Dracaena cambodiana**, a dragon tree species in the **Dongka Sarpo area of West Karbi Anglong district in Assam**.

ii. This is for the **first time that a dragon tree species** has been reported from **India**. Dragon tree species whose sap turns **bright red after coming in contact with air**.



Do You Know-

- **Capital of Assam:** Dispur; **CM of Assam:** Sarbananda Sonowal; **Governor of Assam:** Jagdish Mukhi.

Lucknow to host DefExpo 2020

i. **Lucknow** will host the **11th biennial edition of DefExpo** from February 5 to 8, 2020.

ii. The **focus of the Expo** will be on "**Digital transformation of defence**".

iii. The main **theme of DefExpo India-2020** will be "**India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub**".

Do You Know-

- **Defence Minister of India:** Rajnath Singh.

Cabinet approves setting up of NMC

i. The Union Cabinet has approved **National Medical Commission Bill, 2019**. The bill provides for setting up of a **National Medical Commission** in place of **Medical Council of India** and **repeal the Indian Medical Council Act 1956**.

ii. The features of the bill include, the Common final year **MBBS Exams** will be know as **National Exit Test(NEXT)** which would serve as **Licentiate Exam**, for entrance to **Post Graduate medical course** and as **screening test of foreign medical graduates**.



Do You Know-

- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare:** Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

Ebix acquires Yatra Online in \$337.8 million

- i. US company, **Ebix** has announced the acquisition of travel portal **Yatra Online** for **\$337.8 million**.
- ii. Now, Yatra has become the part of Ebix's EbixCash travel portfolio, forming India's one of the **"largest and most profitable"** travel services companies.
- iii. Yatra will continue to serve customers under its brand, alongside EbixCash's two other travel brands 'Via' and 'Mercury'.
- iv. Ebix is a provider of on-demand software and e-commerce services.

Do You Know-

- **CEO of Yatra Online:** Dhruv Shringi; **CEO of Ebix:** Robin Raina.

Uttarakhand to host first ever Himalayan states conclave

- i. **Uttarakhand** will host the **first ever Himalayan states** conclave here on **July 28** where the prime focus will be on **sustainable development**.
- ii. The conclave will host the Chief Ministers of the Himalayan states - **Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram and Nagaland**, along with administrators and specialists.



Do You Know-

- **CM of Uttarakhand:** Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- **Governor of Uttarakhand:** Baby Rani Maurya.
- **Capital of Uttarakhand:** Dehradun.

IIT Kharagpur team develops app CARE4U

- i. **'CARE4U'** the **android-based app** which will connect the caregiver to the **elderly person**.
- ii. The app has been built by an interdisciplinary team of the institute of **IIT Kharagpur**.
- iii. This app will inform the caregiver when the elderly person falls down with the exact location.

RBI names Kanungo to run monetary policy portfolio

- i. **Reserve Bank of India** has assigned deputy governor **B.P. Kanungo** to run the **monetary policy portfolio and forecasting department**. After the exit of **Viral Acharya**, Kanungo has become the **6th member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee**.
- ii. Now, all the three deputy governors **N S Vishwanathan, B P Kanungo and M K Jain** have been made responsible for 12 departments each.

Do You Know-

- **Governor of RBI:** Shaktikant Das; **Headquarters:** Mumbai; **Founded:** 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

"Operation Thirst" launched by RPF

- i. RPF launched **"Operation Thirst"** to crack down selling of **unauthorised Packaged Drinking Water** in the railway premises. During the operation, 1371 persons were arrested for selling of packaged drinking water of unauthorised brands.

Do You Know-

- **Union Minister for Railways:** Piyush Goyal.

2nd formal discussion on holy Gurdwara of Kartarpur Sahib

- i. **2nd formal discussion** on holy Gurdwara of **Kartarpur Sahib** between **India and Pakistan** was held in **Wagah**.
- ii. **Agreements made** in the discussion were:

- Pakistan agreed to allow visa-free travel for the Indian passport holders and Overseas Citizenship of India card holders seven days a week.
- 5,000 pilgrims will be allowed to visit the Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara per day throughout the year.
- The pilgrims will be allowed to travel as individuals or in groups and also on foot.



Do You Know-

- **Pakistan Capital:** Islamabad; **PM:** Imran Khan; **President:** Arif Alvi.

Film Divisions to launch documentary film club in Mumbai

- Film Divisions** will launch documentary film club “**KSHITIJ**” in **Mumbai**. The club will be launched by Films Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, in association with Indian Documentary Producer’s Association (IDPA).
- The acclaimed documentary film “**Secret Life of Frogs**” by Ajay & Vijay Bedi will bescreened as the inaugural film.



The 2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index

- UN Development Programme (UNDP)** has released the **2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index**. Highlights of the reports are:



1. **India’s MPI value** reduced from **0.283 in 2005-06** to **0.123 in 2015-16**.
2. **India has lifted 271 million people** out of poverty **between 2006 and 2016**, recording the fastest reductions in the multidimensional poverty index.
3. **India and Cambodia** has reduced their **MPI values** the fastest among the 10 selected countries for which changes over time were analysed.
4. Gains for India according to the report:
 - deprivation in nutrition from 44.3% in 2005-06 to 21.2% in 2015-16.
 - child mortality dropped from 4.5% to 2.2%.
 - people deprived of cooking fuel reduced from 52.9% to 26.2%.
 - deprivation in sanitation from 50.4% to 24.6%.
 - people deprived of drinking water reduced from 16.6% to 6.2%.

Do You Know-

- **Administrator of UNDP:** Achim Steiner.

Kalyani JV gets missile kits order

- A joint venture of a **Kalyani group firm** headed by **Baba Kalyani(georgian)** and **Israel’s Rafael Advanced Systems** has secured a **\$100 million** contract for manufacturing **1,000 Barak-8 MRSAM missile kits**.
- Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems** will manufacture the kits at its production facility near **Hyderabad** and supply them to **Bharat Dynamics** for further integration. The product will be used by the **Indian Army** and the **Air Force**.

Do You Know-

- **Capital of Israel:** Jerusalem; **Currency of Israel :** Israeli New Shekel.

IFFI's Golden Jubilee Edition to be celebrated in Goa

- The **Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India**, will be held from **20th Nov till 28th November 2019** in **Panaji, Goa**.
- President of Oscar Academy **John Bailey** and other eminent cinematographers and producers have been invited for the event. **Russia** will be **IFFI** partner in this edition.



Do You Know-

- **Minister for Information and Broadcasting:** Prakash Javadekar.

First printing press heritage gallery opened by Railway's

- The **Western Railway General Stores Depot (GSD)** has become the **first in Indian Railways** to opened a **heritage gallery of the printing and allied machines** used in the **Western Railway Printing Press** since (1948) at **Mahalaxmi in Mumbai**.



Do You Know-

- **Union Railway Minister:** Piyush Goyal.
- **Headquarter of Western Railway:** Churchgate (Mumbai).

Kaiga Atomic Energy station sets a World record

i. **Kaiga Atomic Energy station (Karnataka)** sets a World Record in **continuous operation of 962 days** by **Unit-1 of Kaiga Generating Station (KGS-1)** among nuclear power plants of all technologies.

ii. **KGS-1 (220 MW)** in an indigenous **Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR)** fuelled by domestic fuel which started commercial operation on **November 16, 2000**.



Gujarat tops in rooftop solar installation across the country

i. **Gujarat** ranks on top in the installation of **rooftop solar projects** with an **installed capacity of 261.97 megawatts**.

ii. Total rooftop solar installation in **India** currently stands at **1,700.54 MW**.

iii. Gujarat is followed by **Maharashtra** and **Tamil Nadu** with **198.52 MW** and **151.62 MW**.



Do You Know-

- **CM of Gujarat :** Vijay Rupani; **Governor of Gujarat:** Acharya Dev Vrat.
- **Capital of Gujarat:** Gandhinagar.

Team India gets a new sponsor

i. The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has announced that Bengaluru-based **education and learning app Byju's**, which is owned by **Think and Learn Private Limited**, has replaced **Oppo India** as the **official Team India sponsor**.

5th Dharma-Dhamma conference was held in Rajgir

i. The **5th international Dharma-Dhamma conference** was inaugurated by **Union Minister of State Kiren Rijiju**.

ii. The aim of the conference is to address people **about the terror, violence and global warming prevalent in the world**.

iii. The conference will also address the subjects of **Sat-Chit-Ananda and Nirvana** which are the pivotal topics of **Buddhism**.



Do You Know-

- **Chief Minister of Bihar:** Nitish Kumar; **Governor of Bihar:** Phagu Chuhan.

Odisha Rasagola gets Geographical Indications Tag

i. The **rasagola**, a popular **dessert of Odisha**, has received the **geographical indication tag** from the **Registrar of Geographical Indication**.

ii. The **GI number 612** has been registered in favour of the **Odisha Small Industries Corporation Limited**.

iii. Historical records submitted say the **'Odisha Rasagola'** is associated with **world famous Puri Jagannath Temple**.



Do You Know-

- **CM of Odisha:** Naveen Patnaik; **Governor of Odisha:** Ganeshi Lal.

Birth anniversary of Premchand being celebrated

i. The birth anniversary of a **great novelist** and celebrated storyteller **Munshi Premchand** is celebrated on **31 July** every year.

ii. He was **born on 31st July 1880** in **Lamhi Village** near **Varanasi**.

iii. Premchand's stories confront the truth of this society underlining the importance of **truth, justice and loyalty**.



iv. His renowned stories includes 'Kafan', 'Namak Ka Daroga', 'Panch Parmeshwar', 'Poos Ki Raat' are timeless and ever relevant.

'Pink coaches' introduced by the Northeast frontier railway

i. Indian Railways '**Northeast Frontier Railway zone**' has started a unique initiative to earmark a special portion of the **SLR coach with pink colour**.

ii. This is done to **specially help the women** passengers with **better safety and security**.

iii. **8 trains in Rangiya division** of the **Northeast Frontier Railway** have begun operations with some **pink coaches**.

Do You Know-

- **Headquarter of Northeast Frontier Railway zone:** Maligaon, Guwahati.

India signs deal to acquire R-27 Missiles from Russia

i. **India** has signed a deal worth around **Rs 1,500 crore** to acquire **R-27 air-to-air missiles from Russia** to be equipped on the **Su-30MKI combat aircraft**.

ii. The R-27 missile is a **medium-to-long-range** air-to-air missile for **MiG and Sukhoi series of fighter jets**.



International

Iraq's Babylon listed as World Heritage Site by UNESCO

- i. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has listed Iraq's Babylon as a World Heritage Site.
- ii. Babylon is developed as a walled city of mudbrick temples and towers, constituting the Tower of Babel, and the Ishtar Gate.
- iii. The city was the centre of the ancient Babylonian empire more than 4,000 years ago.

Do You Know-

- **Headquarters of UNESCO:** Paris, France; **Director General:** Audrey Azoulay.



France to impose green tax on plane tickets from 2020

- i. France will impose green tax up to €18 on plane tickets from 2020. The move aims to fund less-polluting transportation projects.
- ii. A similar tax was introduced in Sweden in April 2018, which imposed an added charge of up to €40 on every ticket in a bid to lessen the impact of air travel on the climate.



Do You Know-

- **President of France:** Emmanuel Macron; **Capital:** Paris; **Currency:** Euro, CFP Franc

New Zealand bans single-use plastic shopping bags

- i. New Zealand has officially banned single-use plastic shopping bags. Under the new rules, thin plastic single-use shopping bags can no longer be supplied, but reusable carriers are allowed.
- ii. Companies that break the ban will face heavy penalties, including fines of up to 100,000 New Zealand dollars.



Do You Know-

- **New Zealand Capital:** Wellington, **Currency:** New Zealand dollar.

USA designates Baloch Liberation Army as terror group

- i. The Department of State of USA has designated the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and Hizballah operative Husain Ali Hazzima as Specially Designated Global Terrorists.
- ii. The USA has also blamed the organizations for the attacks on Chinese assets amid an ongoing civil war like situation in Pakistan's biggest province Balochistan.



Sharjah issues 1st permanent residency visa to Lalu Samuel

- i. Sharjah's first Golden Card visa was issued to an Indian expat businessman Lalu Samuel.
- ii. The move is a part of the permanent residency system tailored for investors.
- iii. The Golden Card is a 10-year long-term visa eligible for investors and entrepreneurs to engage them in the renaissance and development of the UAE.
- iv. Lalu Samuel is a Chairman and Managing Director of Kingston Holdings and Chairman of Sharjah Industry Business Group.



Do You Know-

- **Capital of UAE:** Abu Dhabi; **Currency:** Dirham.

U.S. Senate passes provision to give India NATO ally-like status

- i. The U.S. Senate has passed a legislative provision National Defense Authorisation Act for India.



ii. The act will bring India at par with America's NATO allies which **will increase U.S.-India defence cooperation in the Indian Ocean** in the areas of humanitarian assistance, counter terrorism, counter-piracy and maritime security.

iii. The act has been passed for the **fiscal year 2020**.

Do You Know-

- **President of USA:** Donald Trump; **Capital:** Washington, D.C

France celebrates 14th July as its "National day"

i. The **French government** marked the national day on **July 14th**. The day is also known as Bastille Day. This is the **230th anniversary** of the storming of the Bastille prison which took place in Paris on **14 July 1789**.

ii. Armed forces from France and allied countries will march, drive, ride and fly over the central Champs Elysee.

Do You Know-

- **President of France:** Emmanuel Macron; **Capital of France:** Paris.
- **Currency of France:** Euro, CFP Franc.



First Global Conference for Media Freedom in London

i. The first Global Conference for Media Freedom co-hosted by the UK and Canada in London.

ii. A three members Indian media delegation, including **Prasar Bharati Chairman A.Surya Prakash, Rajya Sabha MP and journalist Swapan Dasgupta, and journalist and political analyst Kanchan Gupta**, have attended the first Global Conference for Media Freedom.

Do You Know-

- **World Press Freedom Index 2019:** Rank of India 140th out of 180.

19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting in London

i. The 19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting was held in London. External Affairs Minister conveyed India's stand at the meet.

Do You Know-

- **External Affairs Minister of India:** S. Jaishankar.
- **UK Capital:** London; **Currency:** Pound sterling.



'Robot umpires' debut in U.S. baseball league

i. The Independent Atlantic League became the first American professional baseball league to let a computer call balls and strikes. The umpires have the ability to override the computer, which considers a pitch a strike when the ball bounces and then crosses the zone.

Do You Know-

- **National game of USA:** Baseball.

Ukraine inaugurates world's largest Metal Dome

i. Ukraine has inaugurated the **world's largest movable metal dome** encasing the destroyed reactor at the infamous **Chernobyl plant**. It is a **108-meter** high dome which weighs **36,000 tonnes**.

Do You Know-

- **Capital of Ukraine:** Kyiv; **Currency of Ukraine:** Ukrainian Hryvnia.



North Korea revises constitution

i. **North Korea** has revised its constitution to make **Kim Jong Un as official head of state**, a promotion that could help normalise the isolated country's diplomatic relations with the rest of the world.

ii. Earlier Kim ruled as a **chairman of state Affairs Commission**. The previous constitution stated that the chairman of SAC served as a **Supreme Leader**.

Do You Know-

- **North Korea Capital:** Pyongyang; **Currency:** North Korean won.

Taylor Swift Topped 100 highest-paid Forbes Celebrity list

i. Singer Taylor Swift has topped the **Forbes' Celebrity 100 list** and emerged as the **highest-paid celebrity** with her 2019 estimated earnings of over **USD 185 million**.

ii. Taylor Swift replaced **Kylie Jenner**. Jenner is now 2nd in the list.

iii. India's **Akshay kumar** is placed **33rd** in the list.



Isha Kanth bags ICJ internship programme

i. Indian girl, Isha Kanth is one of the two persons in the world to have bagged an **internship programme** at the **International Court of Justice**.

ii. She has earlier worked in rural Bihar spreading awareness on the right to education and women empowerment among children belonging to the marginalised sections.



Do You Know-

- **Headquarters:** The Hague (Netherlands); **Established:** June 1945.
- **President:** Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia).

U.S. celebrates 50 years of the Apollo 11 mission

i. U.S. celebrates the **Apollo 11 mission's 50th year anniversary**. In the celebrations, new statues of **Astronaut Neil Armstrong** were unveiled and an education centre was dedicated to him in Ohio, US.



Do You Know-

- **Present Administrator of NASA :** James Frederick Bridenstine.
- **HQ of NASA:** Washington, D.C.

U.S. sets \$5 bn fine for Facebook

i. U.S.'s **Federal Trade Commission** have approved a **\$5 billion penalty** to be levied on **Facebook**.

ii. The penalty have been approved to **settle a probe** into the **social network's privacy and data protection lapses**. It would be the **largest penalty ever** imposed by the FTC for privacy violations.

Do You Know-

- **Facebook Headquarters:** California, US; **CEO:** Mark Zuckerberg.
- **US President:** Donald Trump; **Capital:** Washington, D.C; **Currency:** US Dollar.

Palau Becomes 76th Country to Join ISA

i. Palau, an archipelago of over **500 islands** in **Oceania**, became the **76th signatory country** to join the **International Solar Alliance**.

ii. The International Solar Alliance is a group of **121 solar resource-rich countries** with **headquarters in Gurugram, India**.

iii. The organisation aims to deploy over **1,000 gigawatts of solar energy** and **mobilise more than USD 1,000 billion** into solar power by **2030**, according to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



Do You Know-

- **Capital of Palau:** Ngerulmud; **Currency of Palau:** U.S. Dollar.

Pakistan to send its first man to space in 2022

i. Pakistan announced that it will send its **first astronaut to space** in **2022**.

ii. It will be using close ally **China's satellite launching facilities** to execute the mission.

Do You Know-

- **Pakistan Capital:** Islamabad; **PM:** Imran Khan; **President:** Arif Alvi.

Apple acquires Intel's smartphone modem business for \$1bn

- Apple** has announced the acquisition of **chip-maker Intel's smartphone modem business for \$1 billion.**
- This agreement enables to **focus on developing technology for the 5G network** while retaining critical intellectual property and modem technology.
- Intel had been working on a chipset for the iPhone maker, with the chip expected to be part of **iPhones by 2020.**



Do You Know-

- **Present CEO of Apple:** Tim Cook.

43rd session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO

- 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO** was held in **Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan** from 30 June to 10 July 2019.
- In the meeting, **UNESCO named 29 new World Heritage sites for 2019 including Jaipur city.**

Do You Know-

- **Director General of UNESCO:** Audrey Azoulay; **Headquarters:** Paris, France.

NASA to send "first woman and next man" on Moon in 2024

- U.S. space agency **NASA** prepares to send **"first woman and next man" on Moon** as part of its ambitious **Artemis programme in 2024.**
- NASA has marked the **50th anniversary** of the historic first Moon landing.

Do You Know-

- **Headquarters of NASA:** Washington DC USA; **Founded:** 29 July 1958.
- **Administrator of NASA:** Jim Bridenstine.

Plastic-like Jute material developed in Bangladesh

- Scientists in **Bangladesh** have developed a method to **convert Jute fibre into low cost bio-degradable cellulose sheets** named **"Sonali".**
- The Eco-friendly jute poly bags made up of Sonali can be used in **garments and food packaging work** and they are **not harmful for human health.**

Non Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting held in Venezuela

- The **Non Aligned movement ministerial meeting** was held in **Caracas, Venezuela.**
- The ministerial meeting brought together **120 member nations** as well as **7 observer countries, 10 multilateral international organisations** including the United Nations (UN), and **14 specially invited nations.**
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin** represented India in the meeting.



China launches first private rocket capable of carrying satellites

- Beijing-based startup "Interstellar Glory Space Technology"** also known as **iSpace** successfully launched the **china's first commercial rocket.**
- The **20 m (66-foot)** rocket designed by iSpace named **Hyperbola-1** reached an altitude of **300 kilometres (186 miles).**
- The rocket is capable of carrying satellites into orbit.



Defence

Indo-French Joint Air Exercise Garuda-VI Begins

- The **Indian and French Air Force** has started **Garuda VI** exercise at Mont de Marsan in France.
- The exercise is scheduled to take place from **1 July to July 12, 2019, in France.**
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent comprises of 120 air-warriors and four Sukhoi 30 MKI along with an IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft.

Do You Know-

- Air Chief Marshal **BS Dhanoa** is the present **Chief of the Air Staff of IAF.**



AFSPA extended in Nagaland till december end

- Ministry of Home Affairs** have extended **The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)** for **another six months** in Nagaland.
- The Act is **implemented** with effect from **June 30** and will be in force **till December end.**

Do You Know-

- Union Home Minister of India:** Amit Shah.



DRDO successfully tested Nag missiles in Pokhran

- DRDO** successfully tested **Nag missiles** in **Pokhran ranges.** The system includes a **third generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile**, the NAG, along with the **Missile Carrier Vehicle (NAMICA).**
- The Nag Missile has **top attack capabilities** that can effectively engage and destroy all known enemy tanks.

Do You Know-

- DRDO Chairman:** G Satheesh Reddy, **Established:** 1958, **Headquarters:** New Delhi.



Indian Navy commissions fifth Dornier Aircraft Squadron

- The **Indian Navy** commissioned its new **Dornier Aircraft Squadron** in **Chennai.** This is Indian Navy's **5th Dornier Aircraft squadron.**
- The Dornier squadron under **Eastern Naval Command** would strengthen Indian Navy's efforts in maintaining **constant surveillance** and **safe guarding maritime interests** in the eastern seaboard of India.

Do You Know-

- Chief of the Naval Staff:** Admiral Karambir Singh.



India to launch first-ever space war exercise 'IndSpaceEx'

- The Indian armed forces are all set to conduct the country's **first-ever simulated space warfare exercise "IndSpaceEx".**
- This exercise will lead to an assessment of the "imminent threats" in the expanse beyond earth and the drafting of a joint space doctrine for futuristic battles. **Ministry of Defence** will organize exercise with all three forces together.

Do You Know-

- Minister of Defence:** Raj Nath Singh.



India, China to carry out major military exercise 'Hand in Hand'

- India and China** will carry out a major **military exercise** called '**Hand-in-Hand**' in December, 2019.
- The exercise will take place at **Umroi, Meghalaya.** It will be based on **counter-terrorism, humanitarian assistance** and **disaster relief operations.**



Appointments or Resign/Retired

Arun Kumar appointed as DGCA chief

i. Arun Kumar has been appointed as the **Director General** of aviation regulator **Directorate General of Civil Aviation**. He will replace BS Bhullar.

Do You Know-

- **HQ of DGCA:** New Delhi; **Established in:** Jan 1978.



Rahul Dravid appointed NCA's Head of Cricket

i. BCCI has formally appointed **Rahul Dravid** as the **National Cricket Academy's Head of Cricket**.
ii. Dravid will **oversee all cricket related activities** at NCA and will be involved in **mentoring, coaching, training and motivating** players, coaches and support staff at the NCA.

Ursula von der Leyen elected as next EU president

i. **European Commission** has elected **Ursula von der Leyen** as its new **president**.
ii. She will **replace Jean Claude Juncker**. She has become the first woman to be elected to lead the EU's executive arm.

Do You Know-

- **Headquarters of European Commission:** Brussels, Belgium.



Kyriakos Mitsotakis becomes Greece's new PM

i. **Kyriakos Mitsotakis** was sworn in as the **prime minister of Greece**.
ii. Mitsotakis is the son of former prime minister Constantine Mitsotakis, one of the country's longest serving parliamentarians.

Do You Know-

- **Capital of Greece:** Athens, **Currency:** Euro.



K. Natarajan has sworn in as the 23rd chief of ICG

i. **K. Natarajan** took over as the **Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**. He has become the **23rd chief of India's coastal security force**. He took over from Rajendra Singh.

P.K. Purwar appointed as the CMD of BSNL

i. The **GoI** has appointed **MTNL CMD P.K. Purwar** as the **Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.** He has been appointed for a period of three months starting July 1.
ii. He will **replace Anupam Shrivastava** as the CMD of BSNL.

Do You Know-

- **Union Minister of Communications and Electronics & Information Technology:** Ravi Shankar Prasad.



MN Rao appointed DG of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard

i. The Central government appointed **M Nageswar Rao**, as the **Director General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard**. Rao will replace former **CBI Chief Alok Verma**.

LinkedIn appoints Ashutosh Gupta as country manager for India

i. **LinkedIn** has appointed **Ashutosh Gupta** as the new country manager for India operations. Gupta will replace **Mahesh Narayanan**, who was the country manager for India for period from January-June 2019.

Do You Know-

- **LinkedIn's CEO:** Jeff Weiner; **HQ:** California, United States.



Vikas Swarup appointed as Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs

i. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **Shri Vikas Swarup, High Commissioner in Ottawa** as **Secretary (Consular, Passport, Visa and Overseas Indian affairs)** in the **Ministry of External Affairs** with effect from **01.08.2019**.

Do You Know-

- **Capital of Canada:** Ottawa; **Currency of Canada:** Canadian dollar.
- **Minister of External Affairs:** Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.



India's Anshula Kant is World Bank MD and CFO

i. The World Bank Group announced that Anshula Kant, an Indian national, has been appointed Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Kant will be the first woman CFO of the Bank.

Do You Know-

- Headquarter of World Bank: Washington DC (USA).
- Established in: 1944; President: David Malpass.

Kalraj Mishra appointed Himachal Pradesh Governor

i. President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed **Kalraj Mishra** as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

ii. **Acharya Devvrat** has been transferred from **Himachal Pradesh** and appointed as the governor of **Gujarat**.

Do You Know-

- **CM of Gujarat :** Vijay Rupani; **CM of Himachal Pradesh:** Jai Ram Thakur.



Chandrakant Kavlekar to be the new Deputy CM of Goa

i. **Chandrakant Kavlekar** to be the new **Deputy Chief Minister** of **Goa**. He will replace **Vijai Sardesai** as the deputy chief minister of Goa.

Do You Know-

- **Chief Minister of Goa:** Pramod Sawant; **Governor:** Mridula Sinha.

Cong's Adhir appointed as PAC chairman

i. The leader of the **Congress party in Lok Sabha**, **Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury** was appointed as the **Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)**.

ii. The PAC has **15 members from Lok Sabha** and **seven from Rajya Sabha**.

iii. The term of office of members of the committee does not exceed **one year at a time**.

Do You Know-

- **Present Lok Sabha Speaker:** Om Prakash Birla.



Ehsan Mani named chief of ICC committee

i. **Pakistan Cricket Board's chairman Ehsan Mani** has been appointed as the **head of the ICC's influential Finance and Commercial Affairs committee**.

ii. The F&CA assists the ICC in discharging its responsibilities in relation to all **financial and commercial matters**.

Do You Know-

- **Chairman of ICC :** Shashank Manohar; **Headquarter of ICC:** Dubai, UAE.

Priti Patel appointed as Britain's Home Secretary

i. **Priti Patel** has been appointed as **Britain's Home Secretary** in the newly-unveiled **Boris Johnson Cabinet**.

ii. She has become the **Britain's first Indian-origin Home Secretary**.



Ajay Bhalla appointed as Home Secretary

- i. Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been appointed **Officer on Special Duty (OSD)** to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- ii. Bhalla will take over as Home Secretary from incumbent **Rajive Gauba**. Bhalla is currently serving as **Power Secretary**.

Do You Know-

- **Union Minister of Home Affairs:** Amit Shah.

Mark Esper appointed as Pentagon chief

- i. The **U.S. Senate** confirmed former soldier **Mark Esper** as **Secretary of Defence**, filling America's longest-ever **Pentagon leadership** vacuum as Washington faces mounting tensions with **Iran**.

Do You Know-

- **President of USA:** Donald Trump; **Capital of the USA:** Washington DC.



Ajay Bhadoo appointed as Joint Secretary to the President

- i. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of **Ajay Bhadoo** as **Joint Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind**.
- ii. Bhadoo, a **Gujarat batch IAS officer** is currently serving as the **Vadodara Municipal Commissioner**.

BS Yeddyurappa to take oath as karnataka CM

- i. **BS Yeddyurappa**, 3-time **chief minister of Karnataka**, will once again take the oath as **Karnataka CM** as the **Bharatiya Janata Party** has **staked the claim** for government formation three days after **HD Kumaraswamy's** government failed to prove majority.



Coca cola appoints Sarvita Sethi in M&A role

- i. Global beverages major **Coco-Cola** announced top level changes in its **india and southwest asia unit** with the appointment of **Sarvita Sethi** as **Vice president, M&A and New Ventures** and **Harsh Bhutani** as **Vice-president finance(CFO)**.

Do You Know-

- **CocaCola President and COO:** Brian Smith.
- **Cocacola HQ:** Atlanta, Georgia, United States.



Christine Lagarde resigns as IMF chief

- i. **International Monetary Fund** chief **Christine Lagarde** has submitted her resignation as **IMF chief**. She had served as the IMF chief since 2011.
- ii. **David Lipton** will remain the **IMF Acting Managing Director in the interim period**.
- iii. **Christine Lagarde** was the **first woman to head the IMF**.



New governors appointed to 6 Indian States

- i. **President Ram Nath Kovind** has transferred 2 Governors and made 4 new appointments **across 6 States**.

New appointments are as follows:

- **Madhya Pradesh:** **Lalji Tandon** will replace **Anandiben Patel**.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** **Anandiben Patel** will replace **Ram Naik**.
- **West Bengal:** **Jagdeep Dhankhar** will replace **Keshari Nath Tripathi**.
- **Bihar:** **Phagu Chuhan** will replace **Lalji Tandon**.
- **Nagaland:** **R.N. Ravi** will replace **P.B. Acharya**.
- **Tripura:** **Ramesh Bais** will replace **Kaptan Singh Solanki**.



M.M. Naravane to be next Vice-Chief of Army Staff

- i. Lieutenant-General M.M. Naravane, has been appointed as the next **Vice-Chief of the Army Staff**. He will replace **Lt. Gen. D. Anbu**.
- ii. He is currently serving as **General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Army Command**.

Do You Know-

- **Chief of the Army Staff:** General Bipin Rawat.



IFS officer Vivek Kumar appointed private secretary to PM

- i. Indian Foreign Service officer **Vivek Kumar** was appointed as **private secretary** to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ii. The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**, headed by the **prime minister**, cleared the new assignment for Kumar, who is currently working as **Director in the Prime Minister's Office**.

President appoints Governors for Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh

- i. President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed **Anusuiya Uikey** as Governor of Chhattisgarh.
- ii. **Biswa Bhusan Harichandan** has been named as Governor of Andhra Pradesh.

Do You Know-

- **CM of Chhattisgarh:** Bhupesh Baghel; **CM of Andhra Pradesh:** Nara Chandrababu Naidu.



Justice AK Sikri appointed as judge in SICC

- i. Former Supreme Court judge, **Justice AK Sikri**, has been appointed as an **international judge** of the **Singapore International Commercial court (SICC)**.
- ii. The **President of the Republic of Singapore** has made the appointment of Justice Sikri. It currently has **16 international judges** as part of its panel.
- iii. The SICC is a division of the **Singapore high court** and **part of the Supreme Court** of that country, designed to deal with transnational commercial disputes.

Do You Know-

- **Capital of Singapore:** Pulau Ujong; **Currency of Singapore:** Singapore dollar.
- **President of Singapore:** Halimah Yacob.



Boris Johnson announced as Britain's next prime minister

- i. **Boris Johnson** will replace **Theresa May** as **Britain's next Prime Minister**.
- ii. Boris Johnson, who was the face of the 2016 Brexit referendum, **won the votes of 92,153 members** of the **Conservative party**. Queen Elizabeth will formally appoint Johnson before he will enter Downing Street.

RAW officer appointed as new BSF Director General

- i. **IPS officer V.K. Johri** has been appointed as the next **Director General (DG)** of the country's **largest border guarding force, Border Security Force (BSF)**.
- ii. He is presently serving as the **Special Secretary in the external intelligence agency RAW**, under the Cabinet Secretariat.
- iii. The order has been issued by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** that is headed by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

Do You Know-

- **BSF Established in :** 1 December 1965; **Headquarters of BSF:** New Delhi.

Girish Bapat appointed as chairman of estimates committee

- i. **Girish Bapat** has been appointed the chairman of the "Estimates Committee" of the parliament.
- ii. **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** made the appointment.
- iii. Estimates committee is one of the three financial standing committees of the parliament apart from the **public accounts committee and committee on public undertakings**.



Rajiv Kumar appointed Finance Secretary

- i. **Rajiv Kumar**, Secretary Financial Services in the **Ministry of Finance**, was designated as **Finance Secretary**.
- ii. **Rajiv Kumar** will replace **Subhash Chandra Garg** was shunted out of the Ministry and posted as Secretary, **Ministry of Power**.



Do You Know-

- **Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman.**

Lt Gen Paramjit Singh to be new DGMO of Army

- i. **Lt Gen Paramjit Singh**, who has vast experience in counter-terror operations, will be the next **Director General of Military Operations (DGMO)** of the **Indian Army**.
- ii. **Lt Gen Singh**, currently serving as **General Officer Commanding of the Army's Nagrota-based XVI Corps**, will take over as the new DGMO on October, succeeding **Lt Gen Anil Chauhan**.



Kapil Dev led CAC to pick Team India's head coach

- i. **Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC)** led by **World Cup-winning former captain Kapil Dev** entrusted with the responsibility of **selecting India's new coach**.
- ii. Apart from **Kapil**, former women's captain **Shantha Rangaswamy** and former men's coach **Anshuman Gaekwad** have also in the panel.

Honours/ Awards

Ajay Banga, Azim Premji to receive excellence awards from USISPF

- i. The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum has announced that Mastercard CEO and President Ajay Banga and Wipro Chairman Azim Premji will receive the 2019 Global Excellence Awards.
- ii. This is the Second Annual Leadership Summit of USISPF.
- iii. They have been honored with the awards for their significant contribution to strengthening economic ties between the US and India.



NALCO to get President's award for excellent CSR

- i. National Aluminium Company Limited has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility fund in social development.
- ii. NALCO started a scheme "Aliali Jhia" in 2015 to promote the education of Girls of BPL families. NALCO is an Odisha based Navaratna Company.



Do You Know-

- Chairman cum Managing Director of NALCO: T.K. Chand.

'Gully Boy' wins NETPAC award in Bucheon film festival

- i. Filmmaker Zoya Akhtar's directorial 'Gully Boy' has won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (NETPAC) Award at the 23rd Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) in South Korea.

Do You Know-

- Capital of South Korea: Seoul; Currency of South Korean: South Korea won.

Sports Journalists Federation of India 2019 Awards

Sports Journalists Federation of India 2019 Awards:

- SJFI Medal (Highest Honour): Prakash Padukone (Badminton).
- Sportsperson of the Year Award: Pankaj Advani (Billiards and Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling).
- Emerging Talent of the Year Award: Saurabh Choudhary (Shooting).
- Team of the Year Award: Vidarbha Cricket Team.



'Best Innovation Award' won by NEFR

- i. Northeast Frontier Railway has won the 'Best Innovation Award' for unique strategy adopted to keep wild elephants away from train tracks.
- ii. The cash prize awarded of Rs 3 lakh. The NEFR, in a bid to tackle the problem, came up with 'Plan Bee' in 2017.

Do You Know-

- Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.

India Football Federation's AIFF Awards announced

The full list of AIFF awards:

- Best Grassroots Development Programme: Jammu & Kashmir Football Association.
- Best Referee: R. Venkatesh (Tamil Nadu).
- Women's Footballer of the Year: Ashalata Devi.
- Men's Footballer of the Year: Sunil Chhetri.



Keshav Dutt, Prasun Banerjee to be honoured with Mohun Bagan Ratna

i. Mohan Bagan club to confer awards in Various Disciplines. The Awardees are:

- **Mohan Bagan Ratan:** Keshav Dutt (Hockey).
- **Mohan Bagan Ratan:** Captain Prasun Banerjee (Football).
- **Club felicitates Indian Peacer:** Mohammed Shami (Cricket).
- **Lifetime Achievement award:** Ashok Chatterjee (Football).
- **Best Football Player for the season 2018-19:** Arijit Bagui (Football).

ii. On **July 29** Mohun Bagan Club celebrates the '**Mohun Bagan Day**'.

iii. Dutt will be the **first sportsperson** from **outside the football fraternity** to be bestowed with the **Ratna**. This is also the **first time** that there will be **2 Mohun Bagan Ratna recipients**.

Do You Know-

- **Mohun Bagan Club Established in:** 1889.
- **President of Mohun Bagan Club:** Mr. Gitanath Ganguly.

'Nagarkirtan' wins big at SAARC film fest

i. Director **Kaushik Ganguly's** Bengali film '**Nagarkirtan**', has won **4 awards** in **SAARC film festival**. The movie was honoured with '**Best Feature Film**', '**Best Director**', '**Best Actor**' and '**Best Original Score**' awards.

ii. Two other Indian films have won awards at the fest, '**Na Bole Wo Haram**', a **20-minute** film by debutant director **Nitish Patankar**, bagged the '**Best Short Film**' award, while '**Walking With the Wind**' by **Praveen Morchhale** received the **Special Jury award** for direction and story.



Sharath Kamal voted IOC Sportsperson of the Year

i. **Sharath Kamal** was voted the **Sportsperson of the Year** in the annual **Indian Oil Sports Conclave**.

ii. The other nominees were cricketer **Cheteshwar Pujara**, Grandmaster **B Adhiban**, hockey player **Simranjeet Singh** and table tennis player **Manika Batra**.

iii. **Sharath Kamal** is a professional table tennis player from **Tamil Nadu, India**.



6 firms honoured with CSR Journal Excellence Awards

i. **3rd Edition** of the **CSR Journal Excellence Awards** honoured **6 firms** for the **best practices in Corporate Social Responsibility**.

ii. The theme of the event was '**India First**'. The winners of the awards are:

- **Tata Power** won in the category "Education & Skill Training".
- **ReNew Power** won in the category "Women Empowerment & Child Welfare".
- **YES Bank Ltd.** won in the category "Health & Sanitation".
- **Mahindra & Mahindra** won in the category "Environment".
- **Hindustan Zinc** won in the category "Agriculture & Rural Development".
- **Aditya Birla Capital Ltd.** won in the category "Sports".



Sudarsan Pattnaik wins Peoples Choice Award in the U.S.

i. **Padma Awardee Sudarsan Pattnaik** has won the **People's Choice Award** at a **prestigious sand sculpting festival** in the **U.S.**

ii. **Pattnaik** was participating in the **2019 Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival** in **Boston, Massachusetts**.

iii. He won the **People's Choice Award** for his sand sculpture '**Stop Plastic Pollution, Save Our Ocean**'.

'Indian Woman of Influence Award' received by Priya Priyadarshini Jain

i. Eminent fashionista, social entrepreneur and philanthropist **Priya Priyadarshini Jain** has been felicitated with the **prestigious 'Indian Woman of Influence'** award at the **House of Lords, the United Kingdom Parliament, London**.

ii. Priyadarshini Jain for it also marked the **grand launch of coffee table book on '50 most influential Indian women worldwide'** featuring her as one of the **most prominent personalities from India.**

Vidisha Baliyan was crowned the Miss Deaf World 2019 title

i. **Vidisha Baliyan**, a 21 year old girl from **Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar city**, was crowned the **Miss Deaf World 2019 title.**

ii. The **international beauty pageant** was held in **Mbombela, South Africa.**

iii. She is a **former international tennis player** who represented India in the **Deaflympics** and also won a **silver medal.**



Sports

Magnus Carlsen won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title

- i. **Magnus Carlsen** won the **2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour** title. He scored 8 points.
- ii. **Wesley So** finished second with 7 points. India's Viswanathan Anand ended up with 4.5 points and finished 11th.

Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championships

- i. **4 gold medals** for **India** in **Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championships**.

- ii. Following is the list of winners in the different categories:

- **Mirabai Chanu** wins **gold** in the senior women's 49 kg event.
- **Jhilli Dalabehra** wins **gold** in the senior women's 45 kg event.
- **Soroikhaibam Bindyarani Devi** wins **gold** while **Matsa Santoshi** wins the **silver** medal in the senior women's 55kg event.
- **Rishikanta Singh** grabbed the **gold** in the senior men's 55kg event.



Vinesh, Divya wins gold at Wrestling Grand Prix of Spain

- i. Wrestler **Vinesh Phogat** has won a **gold medal** in the **53kg** category, while **Divya Kakran** has won the **gold medal** in the **68kg** category at the **Grand Prix of Spain**.
- ii. **Pooja Dhanda** (57kg) has won a silver after losing the title clash to **Russia's Veronika Chumikova**.



Do You Know-

- **Capital of Spain:** Madrid; **Currency of Spain:** Euro.

Dutee Chand wins gold in Summer University Games

- i. **Dutee Chand** from Odisha has won the gold medal in the **women's 100 metre sprint** at the **30th Summer University Games in Naples, Italy**.
- ii. This is the first time an Indian has won a 100-metre gold at this global event.



Hima bags gold in Poznan Athletics Grand Prix

- i. **Hima Das**, the under-20 World champion has won the **gold medal** in **women's 200m** in the **Poznan Athletics Grand Prix**.
- ii. Poznan Athletics Grand Prix is taking place in Poznan, Poland.

Indian Pro Boxer Wins WBC Asia Title

- i. Indian pro boxer **Vaibhav Yadav** has become the **WBC Asia Silver Welterweight Champion**. He defeated Thailand's Fahpetch Singmanassak in the title bout held in Pattaya, Thailand.
- ii. The fight was conducted by the Asian Boxing Council and approved by the World Boxing Council (WBC).



Do You Know-

- **Thailand Capital:** Bangkok, **Currency:** Baht.

Ambati Rayudu retires from international cricket

- i. Indian batsman **Ambati Rayudu** has announced his retirement from **international cricket**.
- ii. He has played 55 ODIs for India, scoring 1694 runs at an average of 47.05 with three hundreds and 10 half-centuries.

India loses to Pakistan in the IBSF Snooker World Cup finals

- i. The **Indian team** lost to **Pakistan** in the **final of the IBSF Snooker World Cup** in Doha. India lost the summit clash by 1-3.
- ii. **Pankaj Advani** and **Laxman Rawat** represented the Indian team in the world cup.



Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix

- i. Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** won the **Austrian Grand Prix** for the second year in a row while champion Mercedes lost for the first time in this season.

21st Commonwealth Table Tennis C'ship to be hosted in Odisha

- i. **Odisha** will host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in **Cuttack**, from **July 17 to 22**.
- ii. The tournament has received entries from 14 associations, consisting of **India, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, England, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, Australia, Cyprus, South Africa, Nigeria, Pakistan**.



Do You Know-

- **CM of Odisha:** Naveen Patnaik; **Governor of Odisha:** Ganeshi Lal.

U.S. wins FIFA Women's World Cup 2019

- i. **United States** wins **FIFA Women's World Cup 2019** held in **Lyon, France**.
- ii. They **defeated the Netherlands** with a score of 2-0. This is the **4th world cup title** for the **US's women football team**.

Rohit Sharma records maximum hundreds in the single World Cup

- i. **Rohit Sharma** has set a world record of maximum hundreds in the **single World Cup**.
- ii. He has become the **first batsman** in the world to score **five hundreds** in a single World Cup and break the record of **Former Sri Lankan skipper Kumar Sangakkara**.
- iii. He has also equalled **Sachin Tendulkar's record** of the total number of World Cup hundreds.



Do You Know-

- **Venue of ICC World Cup 2019 :** England and Wales.

4 Gold medals for India in Kutno Athletics Meet

Indian athletes have won **4 gold medals** in the **Kutno Athletics Meet** held in **Poland**.

Following is the list of winners in the different categories:

- **Hima Das** won the **gold** while **V.K. Vismaya** bagged the **silver** in the **women's 200m race**.
- **Muhammed Anas** won the **gold** in **men's 200 m race**.
- **M P Jabir** won the **gold** while **Jithin Paul** bagged the **bronze medal** in the **men's 400m hurdles**.
- **P Saritaben** (**gold**), **Sonia Baishya** (**silver**) and **R Vithya** (**bronze**) won the **women's 400 m race**.



Canada Open Badminton: Li Shi Feng won the men's singles title

- i. **Li Shi Feng** has won the men's singles title of **Canada Open Badminton**. He **defeated India's Parupalli Kashyap** in the title clash.

Hima Das returns to 400m run, grabs 5th gold

- i. Indian sprinter **Hima Das** extended her sensational run by claiming her **fifth gold of the month** as she

returned to her pet **400m competition** with a season-best time of **52.09 seconds** in **Nove Mesto, Czech Republic**.

ii. She is fondly called the '**Dhing Express**'.

Copa America 2019: Brazil wins Title on home soil

i. **Ten-man Brazil** held on to win the **Copa America** on home soil despite **Gabriel Jesus's dismissal** with a 3-1 victory over **Peru**.

ii. Jesus scored the decisive goal after a penalty from Peru captain Paolo Guerrero canceled out Everton's opener for hosts **Brazil at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium**.

iii. A last-minute penalty from substitute Richarlison sealed a win for Brazil which handed the South American giants their ninth Copa triumph and **first since 2007**.



Indian Men & Women's teams win Commonwealth Table Tennis title

i. **India** has made a record by **winning gold** in both **men's and women's category** of the **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship** taking place in **Odisha**.

ii. The **Indian men's team** won the final match **defeating England 3-2**.

iii. The **Indian women's team** defeated **England 3-0** in final match to **won the gold** for the **first time in the history of the commonwealth games**.



India's mixed relay silver at Asiad set to be upgraded to gold

i. **India** is in line to get the **Asian Games gold in 4x400 mixed relay event** held in **Jakarta 2018**, as **Kemi Adekoya** of **Bahrain** was handed a 4 year ban by the **Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU)** for failing a **dope test**.

ii. India's mixed relay team of **Muhammed Anas, Hima Das, Arokia Rajiv** and **M. R. Poovamma** had won the **silver** in the event at the **Asian Games 2018**.

iii. **Kemi Adekoya** had also won the **400m hurdles gold** at the **Asian Games** with **India's Anu Raghavan** finishing fourth. Hence, **Anu Raghavan** is in line for the **bronze medal**.



Do You Know-

- **19th Asian Games** are to be held in **Hangzhou, China (2022)**.

ICC suspends Zimbabwe Cricket

i. **International Cricket Council** has **suspended Zimbabwe** for failing to ensure there is no government interference in its running of the sport.

ii. ICC funding has been withdrawn and the country will be barred from participating at ICC events. **Zimbabwe's Test status was suspended by the ICC in June 2004**.



Do You Know-

- **ICC Chairman:** Shashank Manohar; **ICC of Headquarter:** Dubai, UAE.
- The **13th edition of ICC Cricket World Cup** will be held in **India** from **February 9 to March 26, 2023**.

P T Usha nominated for IAAF Veteran Pin

i. Former Olympic track and field athlete **P T Usha** has been nominated for the **International Association of Athletics Federations Veteran Pin** for her '**long and meritorious service to the cause of World Athletics**'.

ii. She will receive the pin during the opening ceremony of the **52nd IAAF Congress in Doha**.



Do You Know-

- **IAAF CEO:** Jon Ridgeon.

Sachin Tendulkar 6th Indian to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- International Cricket Council** has inducted **India's batting icon Sachin Tendulkar**, South African pace legend **Allan Donald** and two-times World Cup-winning Australian woman cricketer **Cathryn Fitzpatrick** into the ICC's Hall of Fame.
- Other Indians on the list are **Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid.**
- Sachin Tendulkar** has **34,357 runs** across formats and is the **only batsman to have 100 internationals hundreds under his belt.**



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Amir Khan wins WBC international welterweight title

- Olympic silver medallist **Amir Khan** clinched the **WBC international welterweight title**. He knocked out Australian Billy Dib in the fourth round of his bout in the inaugural **Super Boxing League** held in **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.**
- He is a **British professional boxer** who was also the **Britain's youngest boxer** to win a silver medal in the lightweight division at the 2004 Olympics at the age of 17.



India will host ISSF World Cup 2020

- International Shooting Sport Federation** approved India's application to host the ISSF World Cup stages.
- World Cup will be held in **New Delhi** from **March 15 to 26 ,2020.** The last edition of ISSF World Cup was held in **Munich, Germany.**



Do You Know-

- **President of ISSF:** Vladimir Lisin.

Adam Peaty breaks 57 seconds barrier & 100m breaststroke world record

- The **Britain swimmer Adam Peaty** has break the **world record** in the **men's 100 metre breaststroke** at the **World Championships** in Gwangju, **South Korea.**
- He smashed the previous record of **57.10 seconds** that was set by him at last year's **European Championships**, after winning the **semi finals** in **56.88 seconds.**
- Adam Peaty** has now swum the event **1.4 seconds faster** than anyone else in history.



First Indian boxer to win gold at President's Cup

- Shiva Thapa** became **India's first gold-medallist** at the **President's Cup boxing tournament** after getting a walkover in the finals in **Astana, Kazakhstan.**
- Making his international debut in the newly-introduced **Olympic category of 63kg.**
- Thapa was to fight Kazakhstan's **Zakir Safiullin** in the summit clash.



Do You Know-

- **PM of Kazakhstan :** Askar Mamin; **Capital of Kazakhstan:** Nur-Sultan.
- **Currency of Kazakhstan:** Kazakhstani Tenge.

Indian bodybuilder Ravinder Malik clinches Mr South Asia title

i. Indian bodybuilder **Ravinder Kumar Malik** has clinched **Mr. South Asia** title. He has crowned the overall champion at **12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship** in **Kathmandu**.

ii. Malik, the winner of **80 kg** category, **Afghanistan** won team championship by securing a **top position** with 535 points. Host **Nepal** finished second with 445 points, while **India** remained third with 380 points.



Japan's Akane Yamaguchi wins Indonesia Open

i. Japan's **Akane Yamaguchi** wins **Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000** tournament held in **Jakarta, Indonesia**.

ii. She defeated **India's P.V. Sindhu** in the title clash by 21-15, 21-16.

Manny Pacquiao wins WBA welterweight title

i. Filipino legend **Manny Pacquiao** claimed the **WBA welterweight championship** after scoring a split-decision win against **Keith Thurman**.

ii. He ended the American **Keith Thurman's** undefeated run at the **MGM Grand**, where two judges had the fight 115-112 in favour of the 40-year-old Pacquiao.

Shane Lowry wins British Open

i. Irishman **Shane Lowry** wins **British Open** to claim his first major golfing title at **Royal Portrush**.

ii. He became the 2nd player from the Republic of Ireland, after **Padraig Harrington** in 2007 and 2008, to lift the **Claret Jug**.



Kristof Milak breaks the Phelps record in 200m butterfly stroke

i. **Kristof Milak** shattered **Michael Phelps'** long-standing world record in the **200 metres butterfly** at the **World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju**.

ii. **Hungarian teenager Milak** won the final in **1:50.73**, breaking the previous record of **1:51.51**, set by **Phelps** in 2009.

Hima Das wins gold in "Tabor Athletics"

i. Star Indian sprinter **Hima Das** clinched gold in a **200m** race in **23.25** seconds creditable timing in the **Tabor Athletics Meet** in **Czech Republic**.

Do You Know-

- **President of Czech Republic:** Miloš Zeman.
- **Capital of Czech Republic:** Prague; **Currency of Czech Republic:** Czech koruna.



BCCI approves Indian Cricketers Association

i. The **BCCI** has approved the **Indian Cricketers Association (ICA)**.

ii. The **ICA** is not affiliated to **Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA)** and is only open to **former men and women cricketers**.

iii. Former India cricketers **Kapil Dev**, **Ajit Agarkar** and **Shantha Rangaswamy** are the directors at **ICA**.

Do You Know-

- **BCCI President:** C.K. Khanna; **Headquarter of BCCI:** Mumbai.



Virat Kohli maintains number one spot in ICC Test Rankings

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

1. **Men's Team Rankings:**



- **India** topped the **Test Team Rankings**.
- **England** topped the **One Day International Team Rankings**.
- **Pakistan** topped the **T20 International Team Rankings**.

2. Men's Batting Rankings:

- **Virat Kohli (India)** topped the **Test Batting Rankings**.
- **Virat Kohli (India)** topped the **ODI Batting Rankings**.
- **Babar Azam (Pakistan)** topped the **T20I Batting Rankings**.

3. Men's Bowling Rankings:

- **Pat Cummins (Australia)** topped the **Test Bowling Rankings**.
- **Jasprit Bumrah (India)** topped the **ODI Bowling Rankings**.
- **Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)** topped the **T20I Bowling Rankings**.

4. Men's All-Rounder Rankings:

- **Jason Holder (West Indies)** topped the **Test All-Rounder Rankings**.
- **Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)** topped the **ODI All-Rounder Rankings**.
- **Glenn Maxwell (Australia)** topped the **T20I All-Rounder Rankings**.

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Lewis Hamilton wins sixth British Grand Prix.

i. **Lewis Hamilton** made a thrilling victory in the **Silverstone circuit** to win his **sixth British Grand Prix**, his **seventh victory in ten races** in 2019 and the **80th win** of his career.

Vinesh Phogat wins gold at Yasar Dogu International

- India wrestler Vinesh Phogat** has won her second consecutive gold in 53kg, at **Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul**.
- Phogat beat her Russian opponent **Ekaterina Poleshchuk** in the final match to bag the gold medal.

Do You Know-

- **President of Wrestling federation of India:** Brijbhushan Sharan Singh.



England scripts history, claims maiden ICC World Cup title 2019

- England** lifted the **ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy 2019** at the **Lord's cricket stadium in London**.
- England** defeated **New Zealand** with more number of boundaries in the **Super Overthriller** in the **grand finale** of **ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy 2019**.

- **Player of the tournament:** Kane Williamson (New Zealand).
- **Player of the Match Award:** Ben Stokes (England).
- **Highest run scorer of the tournament:** Rohit Sharma (India).
- **Highest wicket taker of the tournament:** Mitchell Starc (Australia).



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Dressel breaks the Phelps record in 100m butterfly stroke

- American star **Caeleb Dressel** destroyed **Michael Phelps's World record** in the **100 metres butterfly** at the **World Aquatics Championships 2019** in **Gwangju (South Korea)**.
- Caeleb Dressel** take **49.50 seconds** in the semi-final event and breaking the old record of **49.82 seconds** set by **Michael Phelps**.

The Championships, Wimbledon 2019

i. The **Championships, Wimbledon**, commonly known as **Wimbledon** is the oldest tennis tournament in the world. It has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London, since 1877 and is played on outdoor grass courts. The Championships, Wimbledon (2019) was the 133rd edition of the tournament.

ii. Here is the Complete List of Winners of the Wimbledon 2019 (with their Respective Countries):

Sl. No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	Men's Singles	N. Djokovic (Serbia)	R. Federer (Switzerland)
2.	Women's Singles	S. Halep (Romania)	Serena Williams (USA)



Chandigarh gets BCCI affiliation

i. Chandigarh received affiliation from the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** after nearly four decades.

ii. After getting BCCI affiliation, **Chandigarh Cricket Association-Punjab** had recently decided to merge with **Union Territory Cricket Association**, thus paving way for the Union Territory to be recognised as a separate entity.

Do You Know-

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Max Verstappen wins German Grand Prix

i. Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** wins **German Grand Prix** held in Hockenheim, **Germany**.

ii. He defeated second placed **Sebastian Vettel** of **Ferrari**. Daniil Kvyat of Toro Rosso grabbed the 3rd position.

Egan Bernal claims Colombia's 1st Tour de France title

i. **Egan Bernal** became the **1st Colombian** to win the **Tour de France** which finished in **Paris, France**.

ii. He beat the **defending champion Geraint Thomas** of **Britain** by 1 minute 11 seconds.

iii. The 22 year old Bernal has also become the **youngest rider to win the race in 110 years**.

iv. The **Tour de France** is an annual **men's multiple stage bicycle race**.



Prithvi Shaw suspended by BCCI for doping violation

i. **Prithvi Shaw** has been suspended by **Board of Control for Cricket in India** for 8 months for a **doping violation**.

ii. Shaw was charged with the commission of an **Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV)** under the **BCCI Anti-Doping Rules**.

ICC launched the World Test Championship

i. The **International Cricket Council** has launched the inaugural **World Test Championship** thus setting the stage for a long tournament in red-ball cricket to determine the World Test Champion.

ii. It can also be inferred as the '**World Cup**' of **red-ball cricket**. Some important facts about the tournament:

- The **top 9 Test teams** will compete in the **2-year long tournament**.
- Each team will play **three home** and **three away** series.
- The **top 2 teams** at the end will compete in the **ICC World Test Championship Final** in the **UK in June 2021**.

Collin Morikawa wins the US PGA title

i. American **Collin Morikawa** has won the **US PGA** title at the **Barracuda Championship**.

This was his **1st win in the US PGA title**.

ii. It is the only US tour event that **uses the Modified Stableford scoring system**.

iii. US's **Troy Merritt** finished as the **runner up** of the event.



Dalilah Muhammad shatters 400m hurdles World record

i. Olympic champion **Dalilah Muhammad** shattered one of the longest standing records in women's athletics with a superb display to clinch victory in the **400m hurdles at US Championships**.

ii. Dalilah Muhammad took more than a tenth of a second off a record that had stood for **16 years**, clocking **52.20 seconds** to beat Russian **Yuliya Pechonkina's** previous mark of **52.34 seconds**.



Obituaries

Professional motorcycle racer, Carlin Dunne passes away

- i. Professional motorcycle racer, **Carlin Dunne** passes away.
- ii. He unfortunately suffered a fatal crash during Ducati Streetfighter V4 prototype run at Pikes Peak Hill Climb. He was also known as “**The King of the Mountain**”.



US auto industry legend Lee Iacocca passes away

- i. Automobile industry legend from USA **Lee Iacocca** passed away.
- ii. He was **known for creating the iconic Ford Mustang** and saving Chrysler from bankruptcy.

Veteran industrialist BK Birla passes away

- i. **Birla Group patriarch** and an ace of the Indian industry **Basant Kumar Birla** passed away in Mumbai.
- ii. He was the chairman of Century Textiles and Industries and was active in business since the age of 15.



Bangladesh ex-dictator H.M. Ershad passes away

- i. **Bangladesh's former military dictator H.M. Ershad** passed away. He became the president of Bangladesh in December 1983 and ruled the country till 1990.

Do You Know-

- **Bangladesh Capital:** Dhaka, **Currency:** Taka, **Prime Minister:** Sheikh Hasina.

Former Chinese premier Li Peng passes away

- i. **Former Chinese premier and chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, Li Peng** passed away. He was also known as the "**Butcher of Beijing**" for his role in the Tiananmen Square crackdown.

Do You Know-

- **China Capital:** Beijing; **Currency:** Renminbi.



Australian tennis champion Peter McNamara passes away

- i. **Australian tennis champion Peter McNamara** passed away.
- ii. McNamara won 5 singles titles and 19 doubles titles. He also won Wimbledon twice in 1980 and 1982.

3-time Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit passes away

- i. **Three-time Delhi Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Shiela Dixit** passed away in New Delhi. **She served as Delhi's chief minister for 15 years.** She was the senior most Congress leader in its Delhi unit.

Do You Know-

- **Chief Minister of Delhi:** Arvind Kejriwal.



Computer genius Fernando Corbató passes away

- i. **American computer scientist Fernando Corbato** passed away.
- ii. He worked in **1960s** on **Computer Time Sharing System** which allowed multiple users in different locations to access a single computer simultaneously through telephone lines which paved the way for the **personal computer** and the **computer passwords**.
- iii. **Fernando Corbato** was a professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



1971 war hero Lt Gen Gharaya passes away

- i. Retired Lt Gen Joginder Singh Gharaya (georgian) who was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra in the 1971 Indo-Pak war and Kirti Chakra in the 1947 Hyderabad operations, passed away.
- ii. Lt Gen Joginder Singh Gharaya was commissioned into the Frontier Force Regiment in 1945 and commanded a brigade in the Jessore Sector on the eastern front during the 1971 war.



Tunisia's first democratically elected president Essebsi passes away

- i. Tunisia's President Beji Caid Essebsi, the first democratically elected leader of the North African country passed away. He was the world's oldest sitting president.
- ii. Beji Caid Essebsi rose to prominence in 2011 after the uprising that ended the 23-year rule of former ruler Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.



Boxing legend 'Sweet Pea' Whitaker passes away

- i. Former Olympic boxing gold medallist and four weight World champion "Pernell Whitaker" passed away.
- ii. He won world titles at lightweight, light welterweight, welterweight and light middleweight.
- iii. He enjoyed a successful professional career after winning gold as a lightweight at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.



LJP MP Ram Chandra Paswan passes away

- i. Lok Janshakti Party MP from Bihar's Samastipur Ram Chandra Paswan passed away.
- ii. He was the younger brother of Union minister and LJP chief Ram Vilas Paswan.
- iii. Ramchandra, a four-time MP was first elected to the Lok Sabha in 1999 from Bihar's Rosera (SC) constituency.



Former RBI Deputy Governor Subir Gokarn passes away

- i. Former RBI Deputy Governor and Noted economist Subir Vithal Gokarn passed away.
- ii. He had the distinction of being the youngest RBI Governor at the time.
- iii. Gokarn was also Chief Economist of Standard & Poor's Asia-Pacific and Chief Economist of CRISIL.
- iv. He was appointed as Executive Director on the board of the IMF in 2015.

Former Union Minister S. Jaipal Reddy passes away

- i. Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader S. Jaipal Reddy passed away.
- ii. Reddy was Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Union Minister for Urban Development, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas before finally holding the subject of science technology.

Former CM of Meghalaya Donkumar Roy passes away

- i. Meghalaya Assembly Speaker and former Meghalaya Chief Minister Donkumar Roy passed away.
- ii. He was head of the United Democratic Party (UDP).

Important Days with theme

2nd anniversary of GST to be celebrated today as "GST Day"

i. India will celebrate **1st July** as the "**Goods & Services Tax DAY**". This year, it is the **second anniversary** of the implementation of historic tax reform of Goods & Services Tax.

ii. The introduction of GST in the Indian economy has **replaced a multi-layered, complex indirect tax structure** with a **simple, transparent and technology-driven tax regime**.

Do You Know-

- **GST was launched on 1st July 2017 in New Delhi.**
- **Chairperson of GST Council:** Union Finance Minister of India.



National Doctors' Day: 1 July

i. India observe **1st July** as the **National Doctors' Day**. The day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of physicians to individual lives and communities.

ii. National Doctor's Day is also celebrated to honour the legendary physician **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**.

iii. Dr Roy was honoured with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961.



International Day of Parliamentarism: 30 June

i. The **United Nations** observe **30 June** as the **International Day of Parliamentarism**. This day celebrates parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day to day lives of people around the world.

ii. This day also acknowledges the formation of the **Inter Parliamentary Union**, the global organization of parliaments which was **established in 1889**.

Do You Know-

- **United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.** It was founded on **24 October 1945**.
- **Mr Antonio Guterres** is the Secretary General of the United Nations.



World Population Day: 11 July

i. The **United Nations** observes 11 July every year as **World Population Day**. This year's World Population Day calls for global attention to the unfinished business of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

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Nelson Mandela International Day: 18 July

i. The **United Nations** observes **18 July** every year as **Nelson Mandela International Day**.

ii. The day acknowledges the Nelson Mandela's contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world. Nelson Mandela Day is an **occasion for all to take action and inspire change**.

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World Day for International Justice: 17th July

- World Day for International Justice** is observed all around the world on **17th July**.
- The aim of the day is to **promote international criminal justice and as a way of supporting the work of the ICC**.
- It came about when 120 states adopted a **statute in Rome**. It was known as the **Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**, All the countries that agreed to adopt the statute were accepting the jurisdiction of the ICC.



Do You Know-

- **International Criminal Court HQ:** The Hague, Netherlands.

National Broadcasting day: 23 July

- India** celebrates **23 July** every year as the “**National Broadcasting day**”. On this day in 1927, the first ever radio broadcast in the country went on the air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company.
- On 8th of June, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service became **All India Radio**. Currently, **AIR** is one of the **largest public broadcasting organisations** in the world.



CBDT celebrates Aaykar Diwas 2019

- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** celebrating the **159th Income Tax Day (Aaykar Diwas)** on **24th July**.
- On **24th July, 1860** that **Income Tax** was introduced for the **first time in India** by **Sir James Wilson**.



Central Board of Direct Taxes
(CBDT)

Do You Know-

- **Chairman of CBDT:** Pramod Chandra Mody.

World Hepatitis Day: 28 July

- World Health Organization** observe **28 July** every year as “**World Hepatitis Day**” to step up national and international efforts on hepatitis.
- The date of 28 July was chosen because it is the **birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg**, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.
- The **theme** for 2019 is “**Invest in eliminating hepatitis**”.
- The **host country** for World Hepatitis Day 2019 is **Pakistan**.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: 30 July

- United Nations** observes **30 July** every year as **World Day Against Trafficking**. In 2013, the General Assembly designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons to **raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking** and for the **promotion and protection of their rights**.
- On the **2019 World Day** UNODC is focusing on highlighting the importance of Government action with a tagline:
- Human Trafficking: call your government to action**

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