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### Financial One Liner Current Affairs June 2019

- Max Life Insurance Company Limited, one of the country's leading life insurance companies, launched customizable 'Max Life Smart Term Plan'. It will offer customers the flexibility to customize their own protection solution through the selection from a wide range of benefits and features.
- Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has signed a bancassurance agreement with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Ltd to provide Tata AIG's suite of P&C (Property and Casualty (insurance) products to its customers.
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- Canara Bank has issued new rules for its customers regarding cash deposits and withdrawals effective from July 1, 2019. The customers of the bank can deposit cash in Savings bank account up to Rs 50,000 for free only thrice a month and the fourth transaction will be charged.
- Kochi based Federal Bank announced that it has raised Rs 300 crore through Basel-III compliant bonds for improving their risk management techniques and to address the growing risks.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its frequently asked questions (FAQ) section stated that the data related to payment transactions must be stored in systems of the country and if any information is processed abroad, it should be deleted from their systems and brought back to India
- The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) relaxed the leverage ratio (LR) for banks in a bid to help them expand their lending activities. The leverage ratio (LR) reduced to 4% for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs) and 3.5% for other banks with effective from October 1, 2019.
- The Government of India, State Government of Kerala and World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$250 million (Rs 1,725 crore) for the Kerala Resilient Programme.

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- The Government of India, Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank signed a \$ 250 Million Loan Agreement for Phase II of Rajasthan State Highways Development Project.
- Forex Reserves Of India Increased To A Record High Of \$426.42 Billion
- The World Bank and the Government of India signed a loan agreement of \$400 Million for the Program Towards Elimination of Tuberculosis(TB), which kills approximately half a million people in India every year.
- The World Bank, Government of India and State Government of Andhra Pradesh signed a loan agreement worth of \$328 million with the World Bank (WB) for improving health services of Andhra Pradesh.
- The Reserve Bank of India set an average base rate of 9.18% for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) to be charged from their customers. It will be charged for the quarter beginning July 1, 2019.
- India's Largest Cryptocurrency Exchange, Koinex (Mumbai) Terminating Its Digital Asset Trading Services And Other Crypto-Related Operations Citing Regulatory Uncertainty And Disruption.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a regulatory framework for setting up of financial benchmark administrator (FBA) for administering 'significant benchmarks' in the markets for financial instruments.
- Rbi Recommends Commercial Banks To Adopt Education Loan Scheme.
- Loan up to Rs 10 lakh for study in India and upto Rs 20 lakh for study abroad.
- Collateral free loans upto Rs 7.5 Lakh under the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loans (CGFSEL).
- No Margin for a loan up to Rs 7.50 Lakh.
- Repayment period of 15 years.
- MobiKwik, a mobile payments service provider, partnered with health insurer Max Bupa to launch "shampoo-sachet" concept in the insurance sector. It will offer mini medical insurance products with premiums as low as Rs 20.
- A multinational software firm based in the United States, Oracle has introduced a new tool that will help small & mid-sized banks to tackle fraud.
- The Reserve Bank released the report of the expert committee under former SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) chairman U K Sinha on measures for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the number of wilful defaulters in nationalized banks has risen 60% in five years to March 2019.
- The Government of India, the State Government of Uttarakhand and the World Bank signed a tripartite Loan Agreement of \$31.58 million (about Rs 221 crore) for Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project.
- The Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has launched a Complaint Management System (CMS) for lodging complaints against banks and NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) on its website. The online portal aims at improving customer experience in timely redressal of grievances.
- To provide basic urban services to the people and help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in Jharkhand, the World Bank approved a \$147 million loan agreement to the state.
- Automobile manufacturer in India, Maruti Suzuki signed 'Preferred Financier' MoU(Memorandum of understanding) with public sector Bank, Bank of Baroda (BOB) to improve credit for dealership inventory financing.

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- Indian multinational conglomerate, L&T Finance, a subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, launched 'Sabse Khaas Loan' for two-wheeler customers. Borrowers can choose 3 different EMI periods– 6, 12 and 18 months with the interest rates between 7.99 percent and 8.99 percent.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved \$350 million loan to rehabilitate and upgrade two state highways and 23 major district roads totaling about 850 kilometers in Chhattisgarh. It will improve the connectivity and access to basic services and livelihood opportunities in the state.
- International rating agency Fitch Ratings certified long-term Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) to six banks namely State Bank of India(SBI), Bank of Baroda(BOB), Punjab National Bank(PNB), Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank and Bank of India(BOI) with 'BBB-' a stable outlook. The rating of IDBI Bank's long-term IDR was certified at 'BB+'.
- The Government has fixed the price of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs)-Series I for 2019-20 at Rs 3,196 per gram with settlement date June 11, 2019. They will be opened for subscription from June 03 to June 07, 2019
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that bank frauds have been reached to Rs 71,500 crore in 2018-19 with over 6,800 cases. In 2017-18, 5,916 cases were reported by banks which involved Rs 41,167.03 crore.
- Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) launched a dedicated center in Bengaluru to provide hassle free services to small business owners and startups
- A non-banking financial institution L&T Finance Services Ltd. (Larsen & Toubro Financial Services) recently launched “Digital Sakhi”, an educational program aimed at financial inclusion of rural women in Villupuram District, Tamilnadu.
- The Reserve bank of India (RBI) formed panel led by Nandan Nilekani has recommended to rope in local retailers and business correspondents to act as cash points in semi-urban centers. These will act as the primary source of cash in semi-urban centers and will replace ATMs (Automated Teller Machines).
- The Government of India, Tamil Nadu, and the World Bank signed a \$287 million loan agreement for the state's Health System Reform Programme in New Delhi. It is aimed to improve the quality of health care, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and fill equity gaps in reproductive and child health services.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) amended its norms on banks' exposure to large borrowers with a view to reduce the concentration of risk and align them with the global norms.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed 5-member panel led by Nandan Nilekani recommended measures like 24x7 Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) facility, duty-free import of Point-of-sales(POS) machines and elimination of all charges in order to promote digital payments in India
- Ashok Leyland, Hinduja Group flagship firm, partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank to provide vehicle loans to the customers of Ashok Leyland. The financing partnership agreement was signed for 3 years.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed the charges levied on Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) transactions to boost digital payments.
- RBI raised the Retail Inflation Forecast marginally to 3-3.1% for the first half of the current fiscal due to a rise in food prices mainly vegetables.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a report on “Benchmarking India's Payment Systems”. It provides a comparative position of the payment ecosystem in India. RBI had undertaken an exercise of benchmarking India's Payment's system compared to the payment systems of advanced economies, Asian economies and the BRICS nations
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in Mumbai on June 6, 2019. The three-day policy review meeting by the six members of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) was headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das with the members Dr Chetan Ghate, Dr Pami Dua, Dr Ravindra H.

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Dholakia, Dr Michael Debabrata Patra, Dr Viral V Acharya. In a rare 6-0 majority, Repo rate was reduced by 25 bps under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) to 5.75 percent for third time in a row.

- According to a new report “Benchmarking India’s Payment Systems”, released by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) stated that the share of e-Money in India’s payment systems raise to 21.5 percent in 2017 from 0.8 percent in 2012.
- Tata Mutual Fund launched the side-pocketing (segregated portfolio) option to set aside its troubled investment in Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL). They were created for 3 schemes namely Tata Corporate Bond Fund, Tata Medium Term Fund, and Tata Treasury Advantage Fund.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced to set up a foreign exchange trading platform for retail participants. This is to create a market infrastructure that ensures fair and transparent pricing for users of foreign exchange like Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) exporters & importers and individuals.
- Yes Bank has conducted the first e-auction of forest produce in Dhanora Mahasangh in Maharashtra under its Tech for Change initiative where the bank work with the government and corporate to create technology-based solutions which have a social impact. It is a joint effort of Yes Bank with its fintech partner, Sparsh Technologies.
- Fincare Small Finance Bank and Kookmin Bank have been included in the second schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Both banks can now broad-base its lines of funding and liquidity facilities.
- Indian financial services company Bajaj Finserv inked partnership with Motherhood hospitals, a national network of women & child hospital to provide Lifecare finance facility. Through this partnership, patients at all motherhood hospitals can avail Life Care Finance (LCF) from Bajaj Finserv that converts their medical bills into an EMI loan without interest.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new NPA guidelines “Prudential framework for resolution of stressed assets” to deal with bad loans, as the previous circular that was issued by RBI on Feb 12, 2019 rejected by Supreme Court. The new framework will replace all the previous models.
- As per the data of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Foreign Exchange (Forex) Reserves of India increased by \$1.875 billion to \$421.867 billion in the week ending May 31, 2019. In the previous week, the forex reserves rose by \$1.99 billion to \$ 419.99 billion.
- State Bank of India (SBI) announced to introduce repo-linked home loan product from July 1, 2019. It has become the first bank to offer this facility. It means any changes in the key interest rate by the central bank would be passed on directly to the customers.
- Paytm Payments Bank with 501.16 crore digital transactions for the financial year 2019-20 is ahead of major banks including HDFC Bank, Industrial Credit, and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank and Punjab National Bank (PNB) in digital transaction target set by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- Reserve Bank of India has penalized Kotak Mahindra Bank with Rs. 2 crores for not furnishing details about the shareholding of its promoter and its plans for complying with stake dilution norms. RBI has mandated the bank to reduce its promoter shareholding to 20 percent by December 31, 2018, and to 15 percent by March 2022.
- Max Life Insurance Company launched a unique proprietary tool named 'My Protection Quotient' (MyPQ) to ensure financial protection in the country. It had earlier launched 'India Protection Quotient' survey in association with Kantar IMRB to understand where India stands with regards to life and term insurance ownership.



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- Nation's apex bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has relaxed the regulations for Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Accounts aka "no-frills" accounts as a part of the financial inclusion drive. BSBD holders will get certain minimum facilities, free of charge.
- Sashakt Committee headed by Punjab National Bank non-executive Chairman Sunil Mehta has stated that the new guidelines of RBI regarding the mandation of Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) framework is a right move to resolve non-performing assets (NPAs or bad loans).
- The Indian government has extended the financial aid of 1.6 billion Nepalese rupees to Nepal for the rebuilding of houses in Nuwakot and Gorkha districts, which were damaged in the devastating earthquake in 2015. The cheque for the same was handed over by India's ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri to Finance Secretary of Nepal Rajan Khanal.
- As per the Crisil report, the overall non-performing assets (NPAs) stock has declined at a great pace to 9.3% in March 2019 in comparison to the 11.5% in March 2018. This decline is more than the RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) estimate.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted 6-member committee headed by VG Kannan, Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to review ATM pricing. It will review the existing interchange fee and pricing structures to reduce prices for customers on Automated Teller Machines (ATM) transactions with a broader objective to improve rural penetration of teller machines
- The Reserve Bank of India slapped a monetary penalty Rs. 11.25 lakh each on Private sector lender 'Yes Bank' and Online Wallet Service, 'ZipCash Card Services' for violating PPI (prepaid payment instrument) norms pertaining to issuance and operation of PPIs.
- Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank and Max Bupa, a Standalone Health Insurer (SAHI) signed a Bancassurance corporate agency agreement. For the first time, IDBI Bank became an on-boarded corporate agent for Max Bupa under open architecture.
- The central bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified that Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will provide Line of Credit (LoC) worth \$245 million to Ghana and Mozambique for agricultural and railway projects.
- ZestMoney, a Bengaluru based digital lending startup, in partnership with Digit Insurance announced to offer EMI (Equated Monthly Installment) insurance to the company's five million customers. The aim of the partnership is to relieve its customers of debt in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) and ECL Finance, the flagship non-banking financial company of Edelweiss Group, signed an agreement to form a strategic partnership to explore co-lending opportunities. They will provide timely delivery of credit to customers at a significantly lower cost.
- FundzBazar, an online mutual fund investment platform launched by Prudent, has initiated 'Selfiewala KYC' feature for the first-time mutual fund investors. This feature allows the investors to carry out the IPV (In-Person Verification) by uploading a video and a selfie which in turn speeds up the KYC process and saves time.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) hiked the Third Party (TP) motor insurance premium for small and medium private cars by 12-12.5% for 2019-20. The rates are applicable from June 16, 2019.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked the banks to grout Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) to a wall, pillar, or floor by September 30, 2019 in order to mitigate risks in ATM operations and increase security. Exceptions were given to the ATMs installed in high secured premises.

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- The central bank of the country, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data revealed that 53,334 fraud cases worth Rs. 2.05 lakh crore hit the banks in India in the last 11 fiscal years i.e, between 2008-09 and 2018-19.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued stricter norms for rating agencies to enhance standards. This move comes after a series of defaults at Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL & FS) in 2018.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a project submitted by the Urban Development Department (UDD) of Tripura amounting to Rs. 1650 crore for overall infrastructure development of seven districts headquarter towns of Tripura.
- The Reserve Bank of India in its report "Payment and Settlement: The Plumbing in the Architecture of India's Financial System", stated that the digital transactions till March 2019 witnessed tremendous growth and they will rise by four times from Rs 2,069 crore in December 2018 to Rs 8,707 crore in December 2021. In 2018-19, total digital transactions in volume terms recorded a growth rate of 58.8%.
- The Board of Directors (BoD) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank under the chairmanship of the bank's Interim Chairman and Managing Director (MD) R.S. Chhibber decided to bring the bank under Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2009 and the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines with effect from June 17, 2019.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train 15,000 state and district personnel and Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitras to provide the delivery of health services under Ayushman Bharat Scheme over a period of one year. It is aimed at capacity building of health personnel at state.
- The 8 member panel on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January 2019, headed by the former Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman U K Sinha submitted its report to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das suggested doubling collateral-free loans for MSMEs to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh.
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- The United States (US) overtook China to become India's largest goods trading partner in 2018-19. Trade surplus of India with the US declined to \$16.8 billion from \$21.2 billion for 2017-18.
- DBS Bank in its report on the Indian economy revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the fiscal year 2020 to 6.8% year-on-year (YoY) from 7% due to headwinds for exports amidst challenging trade outlook.

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- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) framed a working group headed by NSE Clearing Ltd to review the current framework of margins in the futures and options segment.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) gave its approval to Skylark Drones and Throttle Aerospace Systems (TAS) of Bengaluru to launch its drones as they are compliant with the NP-NT (No permission – No take-off) protocol under the “Digital Sky” regulatory framework for drones, which came into effect on December 1, 2018.
- The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), has got its international recognition for its accreditation programme for personnel certification bodies. It was held in Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) Annual Meetings 2019 in Singapore.
- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog organized the first meeting with manufacturers and start-up Electric Vehicle (EV) makers, during which NITI Aayog planned for the transition of three-wheelers by 2023 and two-wheelers with an engine capacity less than 150 cc (Cubic Centimeter) by 2025 to full Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) signed 2 Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) on ‘Railway Station Redevelopment’ for the renovation of 22 railway stations.
- In order to bring transparency in the road-freight marketplace, an Indian technology company based in Gurgaon, Rivigo which owns 3,000 trucks 5,000 drivers launched the National Freight Index (NFI) which will provide unrestricted access of live freight rates for different lanes and vehicles across the country. Logistics account for nearly 14% of India’s GDP.
- National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and PowerGrid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to set up a Joint Venture (JV) the National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL).
- Tech Mahindra, an information technology firm, entered into a multi-year contract with Airbus for cabin and cargo design engineering. The contract is aimed to capitalise on the specialised skills and competencies in growing cabin engineering business over the next few years.
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has estimated that the focus of the government to improve logistics, ease of doing business and modern trade infrastructure will boost exports of the country from current \$535 billion to \$1 trillion in the next 3 years.
- According to a report, “Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2018” by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India leads in producing solar power at lowest cost globally and is far ahead of other nations in low average production costs.
- According to the survey, “The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18” by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), there are huge variations among the states in terms of the unemployment rate. The overall unemployment rate pegs at 6.1%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated that India’s Current Account Deficit (CAD) increased to \$57.2 billion or 2.1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in FY19 as against 1.8% of 2018 which stood at \$48.7 billion. It was the highest in 6 years on due to higher trade deficit caused by high crude oil imports.
- India’s leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Sundaram Finance Ltd (SFL) has announced that it set to acquire the stakes held by BNP Paribas in their two joint venture (JV) companies for a total of around Rs 1,000 Cr.
- Indian economy lost its spot as the world's fastest-growing economy to China. As per Reuters survey, it registered 6.3% annual growth in the January-March quarter, its slowest pace in six quarters. China recorded a growth of 6.4% in the March Quarter.
- Government has met the fiscal deficit target of 3.4% for the Financial Year 2018-19. The fiscal deficit stood at 3.39% against the estimated rate of 3.4%. The data was released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

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- Horticulture production registered a rise to 314.87 million tonne in 2018-19 which was 1.01% higher than horticulture production in 2017-18. In the previous year, the output was 311.71 million tonnes. The crop year in India is from July-June.
- India's top oil and gas producer, ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) has become India's most profitable Public sector undertaking after surpassing Indian Oil Corp (IOC) while Reliance has been India's most profitable company for the fourth year in a row with its net profit of Rs 39,588 crore in FY19.
- According to a study by think-tank Global Financial Integrity (GFI), India lost \$13 billion in revenue collections due to trade misinvoicing in 2016. It amounted to 5.5% of total revenue collections. The study estimated that the value of the trade gap for misinvoiced goods equaled to \$74 billion or 12% of the country's total trade of \$617 billion in 2016.
- According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) grew at 36.5% amounting to \$9.15 billion in 2018-19. Services sector comprises of finance, banking, insurance, outsourcing, R&D, courier, tech testing and analysis. In 2017-18, FDI of the service sector was \$6.7 billion.
- World Bank in its semiannual report "Global Economic Prospect (GEP)" slashed global forecast for 2019 to 2.6% as compared to 2.9% in January this year. World Bank in its report "Global Economic Prospects report" retained India's growth forecast at 7.5% for the next two Fiscal years, FY2019 and FY20 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) as it also cuts the global economic expansion by 0.3%.
- The National Airports body Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed technical assistance agreement with American multinational corporate, Boeing to jointly develop a 10-year roadmap which will improve flexible use of airspace, enhance communication, surveillance and help to maintain efficient aircraft operations.
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) signed an agreement to form a Joint Venture (JV) in New Delhi for laying the world's longest Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline ie 2757 Km from Kandla, Gujarat to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- US President Donald Trump signed a proclamation to withdraw Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) scheme on \$5.6 billion exports from India, effective from June 5, 2019.
- The Goods And Services tax collection for May 2019 is Rs 1,00,289 crore, however, this is lesser than Rs 1,13,865 crore collected in April, an all-time high since the rollout of GST in July 2017. This is the third consecutive time for GST to cross Rs 1 Lakh. The revenue in May 2019 is 2.21% greater than the monthly average of GST revenue in fiscal 2018-19.
- Delhi Metro became India's the first ever project to receive power from a waste-to-energy plant. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched a new Index to measure fiscal performance titled 'Fiscal Performance Index' (FPI). It uses multiple indicators to assess the quality of budgets presented by the Centre and state governments. FPI has been constructed using the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Human Development Index methodology.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) inked Rs 300-crore deal with the Israeli government to buy more than 100 SPICE bombs (Balakot bombs). The bombs were used to attack the Madrasa of Jaish-e-Mohammed in Balakot, Pakistan, on February 26, 2019.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for automatic data exchange in order to tackle the rising instances of fraud.
- According to American multinational banking firm, Goldman Sachs, India's economic growth is estimated to rise to 7.2 percent in 2019-20.



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- According to a recent survey by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Business confidence index (BCI) of India Inc slipped 9.1 percent in the fourth quarter Q4 of the financial year 2018-19. Meanwhile, the Political Confidence Index (PCI) of businesses has increased by 12.1% on a quarterly basis in Q4.
- Facebook launched its first interactive Game Show “Confetti” in India. It was first launched in the United States. It will challenge participants to answer pop culture trivia questions for a chance to win Rs 3 lakh as cash prize every day.
- India’s first Type Approval Certificate (TAC) for Bharat Stage – VI (BS-VI) norms for the two-wheeler segment has been released by International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT). BS – VI norms are the latest emission norms notified by the Government of India, which have to be followed by the automotive manufacturers to sell their vehicles in India.
- Imports from Pakistan to India declined by 92% in March 2019 to \$2.84 million due to the imposition of 200% customs duties on all products after Pulwama terror attack. India had hiked the customs duty to 200% on all goods imported from Pakistan including cotton, fresh fruits, cement, petroleum products and mineral ore on February 16, 2019.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) released a discussion paper for informant mechanism related to insider trading. The proposed amendments to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 will provide absolute confidentiality with appropriate safeguards.
- The highest decision-making body of the Department of Telecom (DoT), Digital Communications Commission (DCC) approved to levy penalties on Bharti Airtel Ltd and Vodafone Idea Ltd for denial of interconnection to Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd when it had entered the market in 2016.
- Fitch reduced India’s growth forecast for the current fiscal year (FY20) from 6.8% to 6.6% due to the slow down of manufacturing and agriculture sectors over the past years.
- Indian Railways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RailTel Enterprises Limited (REL), a wholly-owned subsidiary company of RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, to upgrade its signalling system on 4 busiest sections.
- According to the report released by the Fisheries Department, India is the second largest fish producing country in the world after China as it accounts for 6.3 percent of the global fish production. It also states that the fisheries sector registers a 7 percent growth rate, sustaining 14.5 million fishermen.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) stated that Bangladesh emerged as the fastest growing economy among the 45 countries of the Asia-Pacific region. Higher public sector investment, stronger consumption demand, revival in exports, improved power supply and higher growth in private sector credit were the key factors of the high growth performance of Bangladesh.
- Global internet body, The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and India's National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a joint collaboration on research and engagement activities that will foster innovation in Internet identifier technologies.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed the stock exchanges with Commodity Derivative Segment (CDS) to introduce futures on commodity indices. This will facilitate mutual fund and institutional participation in commodity exchanges.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) framed a working group headed by NSE Clearing Ltd to review the current framework of margins in the futures and options segment. It will submit its recommendations to the Secondary Market Advisory Committee.
- DBS Bank in its report on the Indian economy revised India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the fiscal year 2020 to 6.8% year-on-year (YoY) from 7% due to headwinds for exports amidst challenging trade outlook. Inflation rate was estimated at 3.8% for FY20 against 3.4% of FY19.

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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- India has opened its first specialized hydrotherapy treatment centre for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments. It is situated in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- The 20th meeting on Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi. This was chaired under the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The 35th Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council Meeting was held in New Delhi. It was chaired by the Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
- The first phase of the world's largest multi-stage, multi-purpose scheme Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) worth Rs 80,000 crore was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Telangana Chandrashekar Rao at Medigadda in Jayashankar-Bhupalpally district near the borders with Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh
- The Indian Air Force mission to bomb a terrorist hideout in Pakistan's Balakot was codenamed 'Operation Bandar' (Monkey), while Indian Army had taken up massive defensive measures in case Pakistan retaliated which was codenamed as "Operation Zafran".
- Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha stated that under Adarsh Station Scheme (ASS), of the 1,253 stations which were identified for development, 1,103 railway stations were developed.
- Minister of State for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the Central Command Centre for Air Traffic Flow Management (C-ATFM) at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi to ensure higher standards of safety.
- Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, a young entrepreneur from surat launched an initiative to change Udhana railway station in Gujarat into India's first green and clean railway station like Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus.
- **Mr. Yury Trutnev**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District along with his delegation visited India from 15-19 June 2019. The delegation included senior officials from the Russian Ministry for Far East Development, Far East Investment and Export Agency, representatives of Russian regions, industry representatives and academia.
- The group stressed the Government on improving the functioning of the public sector banks and accelerating the pace of exports and employment generation.
- Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Health, and Family Welfare Minister stated that the Government has developed an ambitious National Strategic Plan to end Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025.
- The State Government of Odisha released a Flood Hazard Atlas for efficient management of flood in the state. It was released by the Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik.
- The Central Public Works Department (CPWD), which comes under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), constituted a seven-member core group chaired by Additional Director General (training & research) M K Sharma to prepare a roadmap for implementation of a five-year "vision document" (STVD) as directed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog released the Second Edition of "Healthy States, Progressive India" Report. It ranked States and Union territories (UTs) innovatively on their year-on-year incremental change in health outcomes and their overall performance.
- The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar announced that central Government has decided to use digital technology in rural India to double farmers' income by the year 2022.

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- Japan gifted Imphal Peace Museum to Manipur to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War, at Maibam Lokpa Ching popularly known as Red Hill (about 20 km southwest of Imphal).
- Integrated Scheme for School Education ‘Samagra Shiksha’ was launched by the Department of School Education and Literacy which comes under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, effective from the academic year 2018-19.
- The Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, a religious pilgrimage atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) will get a dedicated in-house disaster response force by September 2020.
- The report on Food & Nutrition Security (FNS) Analysis of India developed by UN (United Nations) World Food Programme in partnership with Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) stated that 31.4% of Indian children under five years will still be stunted by 2022.
- Central Government has formed a committee for coordination among the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and the state governments after a tug of war between the two ministries.
- South Korean Ambassador to India Bong-kil Shin launched a collaborative initiative between South Korea and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) named ‘Jaipur Foot Korea’. An agreement was also signed by the Korean Ambassador with BMVSS to provide assistance in prosthetic limbs sector.
- The Kalu police station in Bikaner district of Rajasthan was ranked the best police station in the country. It was awarded the first rank for its performance in crime prevention, investigation and disposal of cases, crime detection, community policing and maintenance of law and order, women help desk facility, drinking water facility and WiFi.
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad announced that around 2.22 crore villagers were given Digital Education under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA).
- Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri announced that 81,03,196 houses were approved under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme. 47,57,987 houses are at stages of construction and 26,07,913 houses were completed or occupied.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that a Standing Group of Secretaries (GoS) has been constituted for ensuring inter-ministerial coordination on resolving issues related to e-commerce.
- The 7th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Brunei Darussalam was held in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East) and Brunei side was led by Hajah Siti Norishan Haji Abdul Ghafor, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Government.
- A four-day event of 23rd Sindhu Darshan Festival 2019 celebrated at Sindhu Ghat Shey in Jammu and Kashmir’s Leh from 24 to 27 June 2019.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the bill to fine people with Rs 10,000 for blocking ambulances. The rule is the part of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill.
- Government formed a 18-member working group headed by Ramesh Chand, member of NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog, to revise current series of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with base year 2011-12 and come up with a new Producer Price Index (PPI).
- A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between Ministry of Shipping and IIT (Indian Institute of Technology), Kharagpur to set up Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime Technology (CICMT) at IIT Kharagpur. CICMT is the first of its kind centre in India with the focus on indigenisation of ship designing, building, and testing.
- “Go Tribal Campaign” by Tribes India was launched by Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Smt. Renuka Singh in the presence of Shri R.C. Meena, Chairman, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED),

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Shri Deepak Khandekar, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Shri Pravir Krishna, Managing Director, TRIFED in New Delhi.

- An eight-day event of the 32nd edition of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress has started in Hyderabad, Telangana. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Telangana government have jointly hosted the event which is being held for the first time in South Asia.
- The Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) released a five-year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) to transform higher education with the help of more than 50 initiatives.
- Union Minister Smriti Irani of Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry stated that based on the information received from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the Department of Food and Public Distribution, central Government approved the centrally sponsored pilot scheme on fortification of rice and its distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS).
- The Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology (Meity) Will Put Forward The Proposal Of National Mission On Natural Language Translation With An Outlay Rs 450 Crore For Next 3 Years Before The Union Cabinet.
- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in a national conference, exhibition and awards ceremony 'Innovative Water Solutions' in New Delhi announced that the flow of raw sewage into the Ganga river will be fully stopped by 2022.
- 2-day Meeting of Expert Working Group on Paris Pact Initiative on Illicit Financial Flows deriving from the trafficking of Opiates originating in Afghanistan was organised in New Delhi from June 27-28, 2019.
- Centre Constituted A 3-Member Panel To Resolve Differences Between Solar And Wind Power Players
- The two sides of India and China have agreed to come to mutually acceptable, reasonable and fair solutions to their thorny boundary issues.
- Electronics and IT Minister, Ravi Shankar Prasad stated that all gram panchayats(GPs) in the country will be connected with the high-speed broadband under BharatNet project by March 2020.
- The Union ministry of commerce had constituted a high-level advisory group headed by economist Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council on Foreign trade policy for ways to boost India's share and importance in global merchandise and services trade.
- As per the draft regulation issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority(FSSAI) (Labelling and Display regulation) of India Packaged food companies will be required to label high fat, sugar and salt content levels on the front side of the package with "red-color-coding".
- According to the sample Registration system (SRS), India's infant mortality rate declined by 9 positions from 42 in 2012 to 33 in 2017. Madhya Pradesh and Assam had the worst IMR of 47 and 44 respectively while Kerala and Tamil Nadu recorded the lowest IMR of 10 and 16 respectively.
- According to a survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) between July 2017 and June 2018 covering 4.3 lakh people revealed that the unemployment rate was about 6.1% in 2017-18, highest in 45 year since 1972-73.
- A recent study based on the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) data, India has 20.6 health workers per 10,000 people. This is less than the World health Organization's (WHO) minimum overreach of 22.8 per 10,000 people. ural areas with 71% of India's population have only 36% of health workers
- The K. Kasturirangan Committee has submitted the 484-pages draft report of National Education Policy to the new Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal. The report on the National Education Policy has been put on the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)'s website for suggestions from the public till June 30.



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- The Cabinet, first since the outcome of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, approved a new initiative to control Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis to support livestock rearing farmers. The FMD and Brucellosis is a common threat among livestock like cow-bulls, buffaloes, sheeps, goats, pigs etc. The Cabinet sanctioned Rs 13,343 crores for the implantation of the initiative.
- The newly formed Union Cabinet has given its consent for the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana ((PM-KISAN) to all eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding. Earlier, it was applicable to farmers having two hectares of land.
- Cabinet meeting chaired by PM Modi has approved to give monthly pension of Rs 3,000 to small traders, businessmen, and shopkeepers after they attain the age of 60 years and turnover below Rs 1.5 crore.
- Elephanta festival, a two day festival of art and culture organized by Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) held on Elephanta-Gharapuri (island), Mumbai to promote tourism and culture in Maharashtra.
- As a Curtain Raiser for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 which is celebrated on June 21, a two-day Yoga Mahotsava was inaugurated by Shri Rajeev Kumar, Vice-Chairman of Niti Ayog at New Delhi.
- The ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India announced that fee for SC/ST candidates who join vocational training under Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) have been waived off.
- 6th India-China Bilateral Dialogue on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation was held in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Secretary (Disarmament & International Security Affairs) and the Chinese delegation was led by Ambassador Fu Cong, Director General, Department of Arms Control of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) organized a two-day National Workshop for Population Research Centers (PRC) in New Delhi. It focused on the various features of the flagship schemes of the Health Ministry for simultaneous supervision.
- A committee headed by Dr. Kasturirangan submitted draft national education policy 2019 to Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Minister of State for HRD, Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre in New Delhi to rename Minister of Human Resource Development to Minister of education.
- The Haryana High court (HC) declared the entire animal kingdom, including avian and aquatic, as a legal entity having rights of a living person.
- The Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the Marshall Islands for the Exchange of Information with respect to taxes was signed on 18th March, 2016 at Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan held a high level meeting to review the status of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP) in New Delhi.
- Under the Transaction of Business Rules, the Central Government has reconstituted eight key Cabinet Committees. These include -Appointments Committee, Committees on Accommodation, Economic Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs, Political Affairs, Security, Investment and Growth and Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), reviewed the status of Nipah Virus Disease (NVD) in Kerala along with Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW) and the Ministry officials. As of now, 15 people are under observation in the state.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of government's policy think tank, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formed a committee to work on modalities and methodology on the implementation of the next revision of pension to over 25 lakh ex-servicemen and widows under One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme.

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- To review the existing marketing structure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in India, the Central Government constituted a five-member committee headed by economist Kirit Parikh.
- The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, think tank of the government, has proposed that only Electric Vehicles (EVs) should be sold after 2030.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has formed a panel to look into the needs for further norms to restrict the use of plastic packaging of food products. This was formed after a plea to seek a ban on the plastic packaging of food products.
- A two-day 4th Subordinate Officers Conclave 2019 organized by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was inaugurated by Rajendra Singh, Director General (DG) of ICG at ICG Headquarters in New Delhi. DG Rajendra Singh conferred 'Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak' to Navik Vinod.
- Union housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League (SS 2020) in New Delhi. It will be a cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India on a quarterly basis.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani inaugurated the new Dinosaur Museum-cum-Park at Raiyoli village in Balasinor town of Mahisagar district. This is the first such park in the country and also the world's third park which exhibits remains of various dinosaurs and fossil records.
- 15th Finance Commission headed by the Chairman Shri N.K. Singh held meeting with the representatives of Autonomous Development Councils (ADCs) of Meghalaya as part of its visit to the State.
- To recognise the contributions made by media in spreading awareness about Yoga and for promotion and commemoration of International Yoga Day which is held every year on June 21, The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) headed by the Minister Prakash Javadekar instituted a new award called Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) from year 2019.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India empowered district magistrates in all States and Union Territories to set up Foreigners Tribunals (FTs).
- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has declared Chaukhandi Stupa as a protected area "Monument of national importance".
- Government of India announced that it will join hands with Portugal to set up maritime museum near ancient Harappans civilization at Lothal in Gujarat. It will be a similar model of the museum which is at Lisbon, Portugal administered by the Portuguese Navy.
- Annual festival of Kheer Bhawani Mela on Zeasht Ashtami was celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees assembled and prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal district in J&K.
- Amasebailu in Kundapura Taluk of Udupi district has been named as the Karnataka's first solar-powered Gram Panchayat. The allocation of fund between the Centre and State Government in the ratio of 30: 20, and the rest is given by the Panchayat and charitable organizations.
- Bancha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh became the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves. There was no use for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders as all 75 houses relied on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs.
- Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on June 7, 2019, to attract investments.
- Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) entered into a Tripartite Agreement with French National Railways (SNCF) and French Development Agency (AFD).
- The minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced that central Government committed to provide clean drinking water to all citizens by 2024, which is one of the poll promises given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Government of Japan has decided to invest an amount of 205.784 billion Yen, nearly Rs 13,000 crore in several ongoing as well as new infrastructure projects in the North-East Region.

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- Central India got its First Sikh Museum in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The museum Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Museum is located at Gurudwara Gurusingh Sabha in Guru Nanak Nagar.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved to set up the Defence Space Research Agency (DSRA), a new agency which will develop sophisticated weapon systems and technologies.
- Government reduced the Employees State Insurance (ESI) contribution rate to 4% from 6.5%. This will benefit 36 million workers and 1.28 million employers and will lead to an estimated annual saving of around Rs 5,000 crore for firms
- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare announced that farmers in the country are expected to contribute Rs 100 per month under the Pradhan Mantri (PM) Kisan Pension Yojana. It seeks to provide a minimum monthly pension of Rs 3,000 on the attainment of 60 years of age.
- Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) joined hands with Cisco and Accenture, private sector companies, to skill the youth for digital economy through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- The two-day event of Maritime Information Sharing Workshop 2019 (MISW 2019) hosted by the Indian Navy under the aegis of the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) held in Gurugram, Haryana on June 12, 2019.
- Central Government has permitted to set up e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam. It is a quasi-judicial authority which assesses the question of the authenticity of a person's citizenship.
- The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, think tank of the government, has proposed that only Electric Vehicles (EVs) should be sold after 2030.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) co-hosted the 12th Capacity Building workshop in cooperation with the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre (ISC) in New Delhi.
- To address the issues of land degradation and desertification, for the first time, India will host the 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019.
- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal announced that World Food India (WFI) 2019, a biennial event, will be held at Vigyan Bhawan and Rajpath Lawns in New Delhi
- The 10th edition of Regional Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) summit, 2019 was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari addressed this meeting
- Lucknow constructed its first plastic waste road. The Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) has started using plastic waste to construct roads as a pilot project.
- A two-day event of Namaste Thailand Film Festival 2019 concluded its third edition at Select Citywalk in New Delhi
- To review the existing marketing structure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in India, the Central Government constituted a five-member committee headed by economist Kirit Parikh.
- India is hosting the Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP) from 17th to 21st June 2019 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The 2nd Meeting of India-Italy Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi. It was co-chaired by Mr. Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary (Counter Terrorism), Ministry of External Affairs and Mr Diego Brasioli, Principal Director for Security, Disarmament and non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy.
- Border Security Force (BSF) of India and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) signed a Joint Record of Discussion at the 48th Director General (DG)-level talks which concluded in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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- The fifth meeting of the Governing Council of The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog was held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formed a committee to work on modalities and methodology on the implementation of the next revision of pension to over 25 lakh ex-servicemen and widows under One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme

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- Knight Frank in its “Active Capital” 2019 Report, assigned India with the 20th rank among the top capital importing countries, globally. In terms of outbound cross-border investments, it was ranked 30th.
- As per the Ericsson Mobility Report of June 2019 edition, India’s data usage per smartphone was the highest in the world at 9.8 Giga Byte (GB) per month up to December 31, 2018. It is set to double to 18 GB by 2024.
- India Navy launched “Operation Sankalp” in the Gulf of Oman. It is to recheck Indian flagged vessels operating through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime incidents in the region.
- The third Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019 was held in Paris, France. The meeting was co-chaired by Henri Verdier, French Ambassador for Digital Affairs, and Upender Singh Rawat, Joint Secretary in charge of e-Governance, Information Technology and Cyber Diplomacy at the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Country’s first iron ore mine was discovered at Isabpur village in Dinajpur of Bangladesh. The discovery was done by the Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB).
- Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get full membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). With this, the number of permanent members in the group accounted to 39.
- According to the report by World Health Organization (WHO), Four countries from Asia includes China, Iran, Malaysia and Timor-Leste and one country from Central America, El Salvador had malaria-free cases in 2018 and the report confirms that world is on a track to reach malaria elimination by 2020.
- Mexico became the first country which approves to replace 25 year old trade deal North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) .The new trade deal is named as United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).
- The United Arab Emirates’ Central Bank in Abu Dhabi announced that it’s Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) launched a new reporting platform ‘goAML’ (global operations Anti-Money Laundering). It is developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to curb organised financial crimes.
- The Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi issued a notice stating that Nepalese nationals must have a visa if they are entering India from Pakistan, China, Hong Kong, and Macau. This was done to increase security in the country.
- The Group of Asia-Pacific at the United Nations unanimously endorsed India’s candidature for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree to extend the ban on food imports like meats, dairy products, fruits and vegetables from the European Union (EU) till December 31, 2020.
- Saudi Arabia increased India’s Haj quota by 30,000 which was the third hike in 3 years. It was increased from 1,70,000 to 200,000. With this, more Indians will get a chance to visit annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, a city in Hejazi region of Saudi Arabia.
- As per Mercer’s 25th Annual Cost of Living Survey which was conducted in March 2019, Mumbai was considered as India’s most expensive city.
- As a part of the Western Fleet Overseas Deployment programme, Indian Navy Ship(INS), Tarkash reached Alexandria in Egypt for three days visit.



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- India, US, Japan, and Australia came together to support ASEAN-led architecture mechanism for a rule-based order to promote free, open, prosperous and inclusive indo-pacific region in a meeting held at Bangkok, Thailand. This move is to counter China's military expansion into the Indo-pacific region.
- Puerto Williams in Chile has become the southernmost city in the world after getting its status upgraded to city category. Previously, the southernmost city was Ushuaia in Argentina.
- Indians were ranked 2nd among Bleisure Travelers across 31 countries as per the study of
- Booking.com. In 2018, 72% Indian travelers extended their business trips. Bleisure is a new trend which means business and leisure trips.
- According to a new immigration rule in US, the visa applicants are now required to provide social media details dated back to five years from the application date, to enhance the screening process of the applicants and ensure national security.
- The fourth Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) meeting was recently held in Bangkok, Thailand. It is an informal strategic dialogue between the group of four countries - the United States, India, Japan, and Australia. It was attended by senior officials of QUAD member countries.
- 14th Islamic Summit organized by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit was held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. It was hosted by Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.
- India was ranked 95th among 129 countries in new SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Gender Equality Index with 56.2 scores.
- The recent study "Traffic Index 2018", analysis of the current status of traffic mobility was conducted. According to the findings, Mumbai is the most traffic-congested city among 403 cities in 56 countries with a congestion level of 65 percent, while New Delhi ranked fourth with congestion of 58 percent.
- According to the 3rd End of Childhood Index, a part of Changing Lives in Our Lifetime – Global Childhood Report 2019, India was ranked 113 in 176 countries on the wellbeing of children with 769 score out of 1000.
- French President, Emmanuel Macron has invited Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to attend the 45th session of the G7 Summit in Biarritz in France as a special invitee.
- India has been designated as the guest country in the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair), in Mexico.
- The Legislative Assembly of El Salvador has recognized forests as living entities on the World Environment Day (5th June 2019). Its citizens will now be required to preserve forests and respect them as more than just property.
- Institute for Economics and Peace released the report, 'Global peace index 2019' stated that India ranked 141 among 163 countries on the Global Peace Index. Iceland topped the list while Afghanistan is the least peaceful country in the world.
- The 16th Edition of Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2019 was held in Siem Reap province, Cambodia from June 12 to June 14, 2019.
- According to the report on internet trends released by the venture capitalist, Mary Meeker stated that India ranks second by witnessing 12% world internet users (close to 455 million).
- After the first-ever in-depth analysis of child grooms, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) study revealed that an estimated 115 million boys and men around the world were married as children. Of which 1 in 5 children (23 million) was married off before the age of 15.
- The G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy was held on June 8 and 9, 2019 in Tsukuba city, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Bhutan from 7th to 8th June, 2019. This was his first two-day trip after assuming charge of the Ministry of External Affairs.

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- According to recently released research in the journal “PLOS ONE”, stated that Climate change is adversely affecting the global production of crops such as wheat and rice.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Republic of Maldives on June 8-9, 2019 at the invitation of Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives to strengthen the bilateral ties, reflecting the importance India attached to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.
- The 2nd Global Disability Summit was held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from June 6 to June 8, 2019.
- To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Embassy organized the ‘Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace’, in Saudi Arabia.
- As a part of setting the stage for 2019 G20 Summit, to be held in Osaka, Japan, from 28-29 June 2019, a G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet was held in Fukuoka, Japan on 8-9 June.
- Sri Lanka's state-run Srilankan Airlines has been named the world's most punctual airline by flight data analysis company Flightstats.com. An extraordinary 90.5 percent of SriLankan Airlines' flights were on time according to an analysis by Flightstats.
- Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent, and the Grenadines, Tunisia, and Vietnam are elected to United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as Non-permanent Members for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2020
- Russia has launched its first tourist train service passing through Russia's Arctic region. It begins a journey from Saint Petersburg station to Norway with 91 passengers aboard.
- The African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council has announced that it has suspended Sudan's participation in all AU activities until the productive establishment of Civilian Government in the country.
- The Cabinet of United Arab Emirates (UAE) adopted a 12-year strategy 'National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031' during its meeting at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi. It will be chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.
- The Venezuelan government announced that it will issue new banknotes due to rickety hyperinflation which eroded the currency's value. The central bank of Venezuela will release new Banknotes of 10,000, 20,000 and 50,000 bolivar denominations.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit 2019. India And Kyrgyzstan signed 15 Agreements. Also, India granted 200 million dollar line of credit to Kyrgyzstan.
- 2019 Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) will be held in Bucheon City, South Korea from June 27 to July 7, 2019. This is the 23rd edition of the film festival. This film festival is known as a Mecca of the film culture.
- According to the 26th edition of the UN (United Nations) population estimates and projection report, 'The World Population Prospects 2019: Highlights' published by the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs states that India is going to surpass China as the world's most populous country by 2027.
- The 5th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Summit 2019 was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 14-15 June 2019. The theme of the 5th Summit was "Shared Vision for a Secure and More Prosperous CICA Region".
- Facebook confirmed that it will launch a blockchain-powered stable-coin 'Libra' in 2020 through the release of white paper. It will be a form of digital money backed by a reserve of assets.
- India extended \$15 million grant to Niger to organize the African Union (AU) Summit scheduled from 7-8 July, 2019 in Niamey, Niger.
- In the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2020, The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay) emerged as India's best institution. For the past three years, it has been securing the top position among Indian institutes.

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- The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a global campaign "AdoptAWaRe, Handle antibiotics with care" urging governments to adopt a tool named "AWaRe" (Access, Watch, and Reserve), to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), adverse events and costs. It is developed by the WHO Essential Medicines List.
- Riva Ganguly Das, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh visited the construction of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge 1 (Feni Bridge/ Maitree Setu) and land port in Ramgarh Upazila of Khagrachhari, Bangladesh.
- The 12th session of Conference of States Parties to the Convention to Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) 2019 held at the UN (United Nations) headquarters, New York. Mrs Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment participated in the conference.
- In order to combat greenhouse gas emissions, Ireland Government decided to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030 as part of a major strategy to protect the environment. This is one of 180 measures the Irish government published in the 'Climate Action Plan'.
- According to the recently released UNHCR's (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) annual Global Trends report, almost 70.8 million people are forcibly displaced in 2018, the most since World War II and doubled the number of 20 years ago.
- G20 (Group of 20) Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth for the year 2019 was held at Karuizawa Prince Hotel (Karuizawa Town, Nagano), Japan on June 15-16, 2019.
- India Navy launched "Operation Sankalp" in the Gulf of Oman. It is to recheck Indian flagged vessels operating through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime incidents in the region.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- World famous handcrafted footwear, Kolhapuri chappal gets a Geographic Indication (GI) tag from The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Mark.
- An Indian engineer, Nitesh Kumar Jangir, from Bangalore has won the Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award 2019 in the "People" category in London, UK (United Kingdom) for the creation low-cost neonatal breathing device named "Saans" for saving the lives of newborn babies
- To mark 'India Day' in the Houses of Parliament in London, United Kingdom (UK), Sajid Javid, Home Secretary of UK, released the '100 most Influential in UK-India Relations: Celebrating Women' list.
- In the 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival, Director Bijukumar Damodaran has received the Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award for the film, Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun).
- Rachna Khaira of The Tribune News Service won RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year 2019'. The award was bestowed for her expose on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and its Aadhaar data cache in 2018.
- A well-known educationist, pediatrician and author, Dr Gaurav Nigam was conferred with the 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019' by Lyonpo Ugyen Dorji, Minister for Labour and Human Resources of Bhutan at the Asian Leadership Summit held at Thimphu, Bhutan. The event was organized by Global Leaders Foundation.
- Prakash Javadekar, Information & Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry, Government of India signed the agreement with Bangladesh and South Korea for DD (Doordarshan) India, an Indian English News and Current Affairs Channel which is to be telecasted in those countries. This exchange is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Act East policy.
- The Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan was conferred with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Tobacco Control Award for 2019 in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.

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- Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became the first IAF woman pilot to become completely operational by day on Hawk advanced jet aircraft. She landed the grueling 4 aircraft combat sortie at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal.
- Former president of India, Pratibha Patil was honored with the highest civilian award of Mexico termed "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle). She becomes the second Indian after the late President S. Radhakrishnan granted this honour.
- Veteran actress Sheela was conferred with Kerala's highest J C Daniel award for her contribution to Malayalam cinema at the Kerala state film award function at Nisagandhi auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram.
- As per Forbes Magazine, Jay-Z, whose real name is Sean Carter, was named as World's 1st Billionaire Rapper. The 49 years older rapper, husband of the singer Beyonce, has a wealth of \$1bn (£800m).
- In an event organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to celebrate World Environment Day 2019, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, presented the awards to the winners of Ganga Quest 2019, a month-long online quiz organized for awareness and knowledge dissemination about river Ganga.
- US Novelist Tayari Jones received Women's Prize for Fiction worth \$40,000 for her novel An American Marriage.
- Singer Rihanna of age 31 is named as the world's richest female according to the Forbes magazine with an estimated fortune of \$600 million. She overtook Madonna and Beyonce who topped the list previously. She is from Barbados.
- According to the study on "Environmental impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission on Water, Soil, and Food" by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation shows Swachh Bharat has reduced groundwater contamination.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and partners announced the winners of the 10th Equator Prize 2019. It recognized 22 local and indigenous communities from across the world.
- The report on achievements of environment management of Indian Railways, "Environmental Sustainability Annual Report 2018-19", stated that best-performing Production Unit in the field of the environment was awarded to Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Karnataka. Ministry of Railway observed World Environment Day on June 6.
- American multinational technology company, Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai (46) and NASDAQ's (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) President Adena Friedman (50) were chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019.
- Ex-President of United States of America (USA), Jimmy Carter (94) has won the inaugural George H. W. Bush Award. He was awarded in recognition of his contributions to relations between the U.S. and China.
- Swedish teenage activist Greta Thunberg (16), has won the Amnesty International's, "Ambassador of Conscience award" for fighting against the peril of global warming. She is known for initiating a movement, "Fridays for Future", a climate movement that formed in November 2018.
- The automobile Giant Mahindra Group won the Gold Award in South Africa. It clinches the top spot among 29 vehicle brands for the award.
- According to the report, "BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brand ranking 2019", compiled by WPP research agency Kantar states that American multinational technology company, Amazon has overtaken Apple and Google to become the world's most valuable brand at \$315.5 billion. The brand value of Amazon grew 52% between 2018 and 2019.
- Seven Indian-origin Australians have been honoured for their outstanding contributions in the field of medicine, music, education and finance in Australia.
- A 22-year-old civil engineer, Zonel Sougajam from Imphal east of Manipur was recognized by the social media giant "Facebook" for discovering and reporting a WhatsApp bug that violated the privacy of a user.



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- Noted English Fiction writer Amitav Ghosh (63) received the country's highest literary honour 54th Jnanpith Award in New Delhi.
- In a list of the 'world's 2,000 largest public companies', compiled by Forbes magazine, Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries leads the list of 57 Indian companies (71st rank globally).
- Indian actress Priyanka Chopra was selected for "Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award" by United Nations International Children's Fund's (UNICEF) American chapter for her contribution to social causes and for being a voice for children's education.
- According to the report "Brand Trust Report, 2019", by Trust Research Advisory (TRA), Dell tops the list as the most trusted brand for 2019 in India. It is followed by automobile brand Jeep, and LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India).
- Chinese President Xi Jinping was conferred with Kyrgyzstan's Highest National Award, "Manas Order of the First Degree" in Kyrgyzstan for developing the Kyrgyzstan-China comprehensive strategic partnership.
- National Geographic Society scientists and researchers announced that they installed the world's highest operating automated weather stations on Mount Everest, including five other automated stations on other parts of the mountain.
- Nia Tony, an eight-year-old Indian girl was honoured during the 22nd edition of the Emirates Recycling Awards in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) for her role in keeping the environment clean by collecting paper wastes.
- Social activist Makarand Tiloo was conferred with 'Save Water Hero Award'. He received this award for his efforts to raise awareness about water conservation in the city.
- Sahitya Akademi, which is announced annually, has selected 22 writers for the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2019 and 23 writers for Yuva Puraskar 2019.
- A 20-year-old model, Suman Rao, a resident of Rajsamand, Rajasthan was crowned Miss India 2019. The ceremony was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF), a Non-governmental organizations (NGO) based on Bangalore that runs school lunch programme across India has been awarded the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) "World Service Global Champion Award" for the mid-day meal project.
- Twenty-nine journalists from print and electronic media were honoured with 44th Matri Shree Media Awards for the year 2019 for their contribution towards journalism. The award ceremony was held in New Delhi.
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) will honour Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar with 'Distinguished Alumni Award'. This was decided by the Executive Council of JNU
- In the Second Edition of the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) list of India's top 10 states which have the maximum number of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified green buildings, Maharashtra bagged the top slot with 334 LEED-certified green buildings.
- Microsoft owned GitHub announced that it has acquired US (United States)-based start-up Pull Panda, a firm that creates code review tools for the platform for an undisclosed sum. Pull Panda previously offered its products include Pull Reminders, Pull Analytics, and Pull Assigner as a subscription model.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed merger of the Indiabulls Housing Finance with Lakshmi Vilas Bank. In April 2018, the board of Lakshmi Vilas Bank had announced its merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance in a share-swap deal.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS

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<b>SHEFALI JUNEJA</b>	OF REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA IN THE COUNCIL OF ICAO
<b>GENERAL MOHAMED OULD GHAZOUANI</b>	PRESIDENT OF MAURITIANA
<b>MAURITANIA</b>	HEAD FAO
<b>VIRAL ACHARYA</b>	RESIGNS AS RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR
<b>PANKAJ RAZDAN</b>	CEO OF ADITYA BIRLA SUN LIFE INSURANCE QUILTS
<b>ABHINAV BINDRA</b>	TO SORT AAI TROUBLE
<b>AMITABH KANT</b>	NITI AAYOG CEO GETS A 2-YEAR EXTENSION
<b>AMIT AGARWAL</b>	CHAIRMAN OF INTERNET AND MOBILE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
<b>SAMANT KUMAR GOEL</b>	CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS WING(RAW)
<b>ARVIND KUMAR</b>	THE CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
<b>AMISH TRIPATHI</b>	THE DIRECTOR OF NEHRU CENTRE IN LONDON
<b>SHARAD KUMAR SARAF</b>	NEW PRESIDENT OF FIEO (Federation of Indian Export Organisations)
<b>SARADA KUMAR HOTA</b>	NATIONAL HOUSING BANK (NHB) MANAGING DIRECTOR
<b>AJAY SINGH</b>	CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)
<b>SHAH RUKH KHAN</b>	BRAND AMBASSADOR OF "V-NOURISH"
<b>SACHIN BANSAL</b>	UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANKS INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR
<b>ARUN KUMAR</b>	DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA)
<b>SANJAY MITRA</b>	DEFENCE SECRETARY-3YEAR EXTENSION
<b>ANTON ADITYA SUBOWO</b>	PRESIDENT OF BADMINTON ASIA
<b>AJIT DOVAL</b>	NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER-CABINET RANK
<b>RAKESH MAKHIJA</b>	CHAIRMAN OF AXIS BANK
<b>NAYIB BUKELE</b>	PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR
<b>MRUTYUNJAY MOHAPATRA</b>	DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT (IMD)
<b>PJS PANNU</b>	DEPUTY CHIEF OF INTEGRATED DEFENCE STAFF (OPERATION)
<b>ARUN KUMAR SAHU</b>	HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO THE

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	REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
<b>RAJIV MEHRISHI</b>	EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF WHO
<b>GIANNI INFANTINO</b>	RE-ELECTED AS FIFA PRESIDENT
<b>TIJJANI MUHAMMAD-BANDE</b>	UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) PRESIDENT
<b>S S CHAHAR</b>	BSF ACADEMY HEAD
<b>P JAYADEVAN</b>	IOCL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR TAMIL NADU AND PUDUCHERRY
<b>TAPAN RAY</b>	MD OF GIFT CITY
<b>V.S. KAUMUDI</b>	DIRECTOR GENERAL (ADG LEVEL) OF BUREAU OF POLICE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (BPR&D)
<b>VIRENDRA KUMAR</b>	THE PRO-TEM SPEAKER OF 17TH LOK SABHA
<b>THAWARCHAND GEHLOT</b>	LEADER OF RAJYA SABHA
<b>KASSYM-JOMART TOKAYEV</b>	KAZAKHSTAN'S PRESIDENT
<b>SHARAD KUMAR</b>	CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSIONER
<b>DINESH K TRIPATHI</b>	COMMANDANT OF INDIAN NAVAL ACADEMY
<b>R K CHIBBER</b>	INTERIM CHIEF OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK
<b>MANPREET VOHRA</b>	AS INDIA'S NEXT HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BELIZE
<b>ROMILA THAPAR</b>	MEMBER OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
<b>N GOPALASWAMI</b>	BCCI'S ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR AGM
<b>PRAYUTH CHAN-OCHA</b>	PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND
<b>ABHISHEK SINGH</b>	CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER-BHARAT PE
<b>PADMAJA</b>	INDIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TUVALU
<b>RABI MISHRA</b>	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RBI
<b>RAVINDER SINGH DHILLON</b>	DIRECTOR (PROJECTS) IN POWER FINANCE CORPORATION LTD
<b>DEBENDRANATH SARANGI</b>	PRESIDENT OF SQUASH RACKETS FEDERATION OF INDIA
<b>ZUZANA CAPUTOVA</b>	FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF SLOVAKIA
<b>INGER ANDERSEN</b>	UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME'S (UNEP) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
<b>YERRY FERNANDO MINA GONZÁLEZ</b>	HERO MOTOCORP LTD AMBASSADOR

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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- In Assam, a team of Scientists from CSIR-NEIST( Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-North East Institute of Science and Technology) have developed a chemical process that turns 'dirty' coal into biomedical 'Carbon Quantum Dots (CQDs)' which helps in detection of cancer cells.
- Japanese researchers from Hiroshima University have developed a new type of cooling vest for sports athletes which helps them to compete safely in sweltering summer conditions.
- Hemant Pandey, a senior scientist from Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), developed 'Lukoskin', an herbal drug to treat leucoderma (also called 'vitiligo'), a condition in which white patches develop on the skin.
- The US (United States) space agency, NASA's ( National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Curiosity rover has discovered the high amounts of methane gas on Mars that indicates life on the red planet.
- Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX) launched a hefty rocket with 24 payload military and scientific research satellites with a deep space atomic clock, solar sail, clean and green rocket fuel, and even human ashes, including an astronaut.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Astrobee Robot "Bumble" became the first Astrobee robot to fly under its own power in space.
- India scrapped \$500 million arms deal with Israel for the purchase of Spike anti-tank missiles from defence contractor Rafael Advanced Defense Systems.
- American Space Agency, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronauts tested a prototype Lunar Evacuation System Assembly (LESA) designed by European Space Agency (ESA).
- India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II, a surface-to-surface missile, from a test range off the Odisha coast. Prithvi is the first missile developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
- BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), a power distribution company, launched energy-saving behavioral app 'Susthome'.
- Ahead of International yoga day celebrated on June 21, the ministry of AYUSH has launched yoga locator - an app to locate yoga events and centers providing training and instructor within the users range.
- The indian institute of technology (iit) madras has launched a data platform of 'integrated database on infrastructure projects' (idip) to improve the efficiency of government Infrastructure Development.
- International Space Station (ISS) have successfully carried out 217th spacewalk by two Russian space agency Roscosmos' cosmonauts for support, maintenance and upgrade.
- Army commissioned "Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS)", an air quality monitor, at Fort William Military Station, Kolkata, as a part of 'Go Green' initiative. It monitors air pollution on a real-time basis.
- Indian Navy has deployed its P-8 India(P-8I) long-range maritime surveillance aircraft for anti-piracy sorties from Salalah in Oman to patrol the Gulf of Aden and other piracy prone areas.
- The anti-ship version of Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was test-fired from Complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha.
- Mount Sinabung volcano has been erupted spreading a column of ash at 7 km high in the island of Sumatra in western Indonesia. It erupted in 2010 for the first time and 2013 in a second time. Mt. Sinabung is among 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia.
- Scientists from Delhi University and the Wildlife Institute of India along with researchers from Indonesia and the US found a new species of 'paddy frog' from Northeast India, primarily Cachar district of Assam.



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- Researchers from the University of Utah or Utah Natural History Museum, the University of Kansas, the University of the Philippines, and Louisiana State University have discovered two new species of the tweezer-beaked hopping rats or 'shrew-rats on mountains in the Philippines' island of Luzon.
- Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have published the details about documented 596 new species of flora and fauna from India in Plant Discoveries 2018 and Animal Discoveries 2018.
- A web mapping service, Google map launched three India-First features targeted at Public transport users to access public transport easily.
- For the first time, China's National Space Administration (CNSA) successfully launched "Long March 11 rocket", a rocket to space from a ship at sea.
- Army launched an online platform, Retired Officers Digital Records Archive (RODRA) with an aim to have a better connection with armed forces veteran officers and family pensioners.
- An experimental Ebola drug 'remdesivir' is found to cure Nipah virus also according to the new study published in Science Translational Medicine from National Institutes of Health scientists and colleagues.
- India successfully launched new Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) off the coast of Odisha. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had carried out the trials from Dr Abdul Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal.
- For the first time, Researchers at Ohio State University have created high-resolution maps of points around the globe where groundwater meets the oceans.
- On the event of Student Visa Day (June 12, 2019), an event that celebrates higher education ties between India and the United States, the American Embassy has launched an app named "Education USA" to help Indian students who wish to study in the US (United States) Universities.
- The Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) K Sivan announced that India will have its own Space station by 2030
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Spitzer Space Telescope will be shut down on January 30, 2020, after 16 years of exploring the cosmos in infrared light. This was announced by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).
- Sri Lanka successfully launched its first satellite 'Ravana-1' into orbit from the International Space Station (ISS) along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal.
- In Assam, a team of Scientists from CSIR-NEIST( Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-North East Institute of Science and Technology) have developed a chemical process that turns 'dirty' coal into biomedical 'Carbon Quantum Dots (CQDs)' which helps in detection of cancer cells.
- Japanese researchers from Hiroshima University have developed a new type of cooling vest for sports athletes which helps them to compete safely in sweltering summer conditions.

### SPORTS

- A non-governmental sports organization based in Lausanne, Switzerland, IOC (International Olympic Committee) lifted its sanctions imposed on Indian Olympic Association (IOA) hosting international sports events.
- Indian Gymnast, Pranati Nayak aged 23 won bronze medal in vault event at the 8th edition of Senior Asian Artistic Championships in Buyant Ukhaa Sport Palace, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. She hails from West Bengal, India.
- Indian multinational information technology service, HCL Technologies (Hindustan Computers Limited, HCL) has signed a multi-year deal with Cricket Australia (CA), the administrative body of Australian Cricket, which is India's third largest sports deal.

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- In the finals of the St Peters Youth Centre Open Hockey Tournament for 2019 held in Mumbai, teams of Central Railway (Women) and Union Bank of India (Men) emerged as champions.
- India's junior Boxing women's team was won best team trophy in 5th Black Forest Cup held in Villingen, Schwenningen, Germany. The team won 7 medals, including 5 gold.
- In the final round of voting at the 134th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, Switzerland, Italy's Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo won the right to host the 2026 Winter Olympics, defeating Sweden's capital Stockholm.
- The former England opening batsman, Marcus Trescothick, aged 43, announced retirement from professional cricket. He will retire after the current county season ends which is Trescothick's 27th season.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended the Olympic status from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and took over the responsibilities of the qualifying and final tournaments for the 2020 Tokyo Games. In May 2019, IOC members had voted to support the executive board's recommendation to suspend AIBA's Olympic status.
- West Indies batsman Chris Gayle, aged 39, will retire from international cricket after the home Test series against India in August-September 2019.
- 22-year-old Girish A. Koushik of Mysore, Karnataka became India's 63rd Grandmaster (GM) at the 37th Balaton International Chess Festival in Hungary
- Sofia Kenin (20) of the United States won the Mallorca Open Title 2019 against Belinda Bencic of Switzerland with 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-4 points in the finals.
- Fernando Torres, former Liverpool, Chelsea & Spain striker aged 35 retired from football. He hails from Fuenlabrada, Spain.
- India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani won the 35th men's Asian snooker championship in Doha, Qatar. He defeated Thai's Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon.
- The 26-member squad of Indian women's Rugby team created a historic first international 15s rugby match win at Southern Plains Sports Field in Manila, Philippines.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) inaugurated its 145 million Swiss francs (\$145 million) new headquarters named Olympic House in a ceremony held at the lakeside grounds of Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was inaugurated on the 125th anniversary of the Olympic Games.
- Five-time Formula one (F1) world champion, Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes won the French Grand Prix 2019 held in Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet, France with 187 points.
- Indian Women's Hockey team won the FIH ( Fédération Internationale de Hockey) Women's Series Finals Hiroshima 2019 after defeating the host Japan by 3-1 in the finals held at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium, Japan.
- The 20-time Grand Slam champion, Roger Federer (37) of Switzerland defeated David Goffin (Belgium) to win the 27th edition of the Halle Open 2019 (also known as Noventi Open 2019) at the Gerry Weber Stadion in Halle, Germany
- Chelsea produced their best to win the UEFA Europa League 2019 by beating Arsenal 4-1 at the Baku Olympic Stadium, Azerbaijan. It is their fifth major UEFA European competition final.
- At the Under-20 Eurasian Athletics Championships held at Almaty, Kazakhstan, Indian juniors bagged 5 gold and 3 silver medals. The national teams from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, India and Tajikistan participated in a 2-day event held on May 29-30, 2019.
- Liverpool football team has beaten Tottenham Hotspur by 2-0 to claim 2018-19 UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Champions League for the sixth time in Madrid, Spain.

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- Delhi based tennis player Sidharth Rawat defeated Japan's Rio Noguchi with 7-5, 6-0 scores to secure his maiden title in \$25,000 International Tennis Federation(ITF) men's Futures Tennis Tournament held in Nonthaburi, Thailand.
- Mexican-American professional boxer Andres Ponce Ruiz Jr. becomes heavyweight champion after beating his opponent British professional boxer, Anthony Joshua at Madison Square Garden, New York. The win made Andres Ruiz the first Mexican heavyweight champion of the world.
- Indian Junior Women Hockey team clinched Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title by beating Ireland 1-0 in the final. The match was held at Dublin, Ireland.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) of United Kingdom won 2019 Canadian Grand Prix officially named as the Formula 1 Pirelli Grand Prix du Canada 2019. It was held in Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Indian cricket team all-rounder, Yuvraj Singh has announced retirement from all forms of cricket. He played 40 test matches, 304 ODI's and 58 T20I's. He hails from Chandigarh. He is an awardee of 2012 Arjuna Award and 2014 Padma Shri Award.
- The international governing body for the sport of athletics, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is to change its name as World Athletics.
- Indian billiards player Sourav Kothari won the 2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship, held in the Reventon Classic, in Melbourne, Australia. He defeated Tyson Crinis of Australia to win the title.
- Young cricketer of India, Jemimah Rodrigues has become the third Indian woman cricket player to feature in Kia Super League (KSL) after Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur.
- Former World No 1, Malaysia's badminton player, Lee Chong Wei aged 36 announced retirement after 19 years of a successful career.
- As per the latest list released by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) World Rankings, Indian football team remains at a 101st position and Belgium continued to top in the list.
- The South American Football Federation, CONMEBOL has invited Australia and Qatar to take part in 2020 COPA America. The 2020 Copa America will be held jointly by Colombia and Argentina.
- Indian professional footballer Sunil Chhetri has been named most capped football player. He surpassed the former Indian captain Bhaichung Bhutia's 107 international matches as he has played 108 matches for India.
- Asian Football Confederation (AFC), confirmed that China will host the 2023 Asia Cup. This will be the second time China is hosting the quadrennial continental tournament, after the 2004 edition. China ranked 74th in the FIFA's rankings and is qualified for the World Cup in 2002.
- The 24th edition of ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) World Tour Hong Kong Open was held from 6th to 9th June 2019 at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong
- Peter Gilchrist of Singapore defeated India's Sourav Kothari (Kolkata) to win the 2019 Pacific International Billiards Championship at the Yarraville Club in Melbourne, Australia.
- Indian professional squash player, Joshna Chinappa won the national squash title for the record 17th time at the 76th Senior National Squash Championship, 2019 held in Pune, Maharashtra. Chinappa overcame her Tamilnadu rival, Sunayna Kuruvilla.
- In the FIH (Federation Internationale de Hockey) Men's Series Finals hockey tournament 2019, India thrashed South Africa with 5-1 in a summit clash at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The goals were scored in the 2nd, 11th, 25th, 36th and 50th minutes.
- Nihal Sarin, a 14-year-old Indian Chess Grandmaster has secured a win at the 2019 Asian Continental Chess Championship in Xingtai, China in the blitz event

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- The 33rd Federation Cup Basketball Championship for Men and Women for the year 2019 was held at the Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- American professional golfer Gary Woodland (35) has won the 119th United States (US) open 2019 held at the at Pebble Beach Golf Links, California. He secured his first major career title after defeating two-time defending champion Brooks Koepka(US).
- According to recently released “Women’s Tennis Association (WTA)” and “Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)” rankings, Naomi Osaka (Japan) and Novak Djokovic( Serbia) continued as world number ones.
- Asian champion PU Chitra (Palakkeezhil Unnikrishnan Chithra) of India won a gold medal in women’s 1500m at Folksam Grand Prix 2019 held in Sollentuna, Sweden.

## OBITUARIES

NAME	ROLE AND DESIGNATION
THANJAVOOR RAMAMOORTHY	VETERAN MRIDANGAM EXPONENT
MOHAMMED BAJI	FREEDOM FIGHTER
SHYAM SUNDAR MITRA	BENGAL CRICKETER
G VIJAYA NIRMALA	VETERAN TELUGU ACTOR-FILM MAKER
JHARNA DHARA CHOWDHURY	HUMANITARIAN ACTIVIST, SOCIAL ACTIVIST
SWAMI SATYAMITRANAND GIRI MAHARAJ	RENOWNED SEER
MOHAN RANADE	FREEDOM FIGHTER
BRIJ MOHAN KHAITAN	VETERAN INDUSTRIALIST
RUMA GUHA THAKURTA	BENGALI SINGER-ACTRESS
DINYAR CONTRACTOR	ACTOR AND PADMA SHRI AWARDEE
LENNART JOHANSSON	FOOTBALL ARCHITECT
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### STATE NEWS

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) of Mumbai signed an agreement with the state Government of Telangana to offer a mode of payment options like UPI (Unified Payments Interface ) Collect Request, RuPay Debit and Credit Cards to the users of the 'MeeSeva' portal of the Telangana Government.
- Rajasthan government will provide unemployment allowance up to Rs 3,500 per month to the unemployed youths having graduation or equivalent degree in the state. They will get the benefit of the Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana.
- Maharashtra Government Announced Scheme For Smokeless Kitchens 'Chullah-Free And Smoke-Free Maharashtra'
- Tamil Nadu Government appointed K Shanmugam as Chief Secretary (CS) of Tamil Nadu succeeding Dr. Girija Vaidyanathan. JK Tripathy was appointed as the Director General of Police (DGP) succeeding TK Rajendran.
- Om Prakash Dhankar, Haryana agriculture, and farmers' welfare minister launched 'Krishi kiosk' for farmers at Panchkula, Haryana.
- West Bengal Government launched a crop insurance scheme, Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB) for the 2019 'Kharif' season to protect farmers from losses due to natural disasters and provide a steady income in case of unstable market prices.
- Justice Prasanta Kumar Saikia (Retired) was sworn in as the Chairperson of the Lokayukta in Arunachal Pradesh.
- President of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Rajasthan unit Madan Lal Saini, aged 75, passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. He was diagnosed with infection in lungs.
- Judge of Telangana High Court, Justice V Ramasubramanian sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. He succeeded Chief Justice Surya Kant.
- Acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, Raghvendra Singh Chauhan sworn-in as the second Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in Hyderabad.
- Punjab has announced that it is going to ban online food delivery without hygiene ratings.
- Telangana Formation Day is observed annually on June 2 to mark the official formation of the state after its bifurcation from Andhra Pradesh in 2014.
- Assam govt has increased the parent's annual income limit of students eligible for fee waiver scheme up to post graduation level from Rs 1 Lakh to Rs 2 Lakh.

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- Bihar cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar sanctioned Rs 384 crore for old age pension scheme under the Chief Minister Old Age Pension Scheme for financial year 2019-20.
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued 'Red-colour' warning for Delhi-NCR with as the temperature had reached 46.8 degree Celsius, the highest since May 2013.
- Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal has announced free rides in Delhi metro and Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) for women to ensure safety and make transport with higher fare affordable.
- The government of Chhattisgarh has appointment Sathish Chandra Verma as it's new Advocate General (AG) with immediate effect succeeding Kanak Tiwari.
- Deputy Speaker of Puducherry Assembly V.P Sivakolundhu has been unanimously elected as speaker of Puducherry assembly after congress's V Vaithilingam stepped down from the post.
- Ajeya Kallam Appointed As Principal Advisor To Andhra Pradesh Cm Ys Jaganmohan Reddy
- Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare the 550th Guru Nanak Prakash Purab as National Tolerance Day cited the Sikhism founder's message of love and compassion
- Justice Prashant Kumar, judge of Jharkhand High Court, is appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court
- The Cabinet of Madhya Pradesh (MP) State Government passed the resolution to increase the reservation quota for OBC (Other Backward Class) from the current 14 percent to 27 Percent. The resolution will be taken in the monsoon session of the state assembly.
- The Haryana government Cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, relaxed the state job recruitment rules in Group B posts such as teachers and educational supervisors and Group C, D posts.
- Uttarakhand minister Prakash Pant passed away at the age of 58 in the US where he was taking treatment for cancer. He is from Pithoragarh
- Haryana government has issued an order to withdraw Economically Backward Persons in General Caste Category (EBPG) reservation since Economically Weaker Sections reservation (EWS) came into effect
- Pazhavila Ramesan, Poet and lyricist passed away at the age of 83 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- In Mizoram, Green Mizoram Day was celebrated throughout the state on June 11, 2019.
- The State Government of Bihar launched Mukhyamantri Vriddha Pension Yojna for poor people above 60 years of age Poor people above the age of 60 years will get Rs 400 per month and those people above the age of 80 years will get Rs. 500 per month.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister(CM) Jagan Mohan Reddy appointed 5 Deputy CMs in a full 25-member Cabinet, one each from Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Minority and Kapu communities. The 5 Deputy CMs are Pamula Pushpa Sreevani, Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose, Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas, L Narayana Swamy and Amzath Basha.
- Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, sworn in as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. His oath of ceremony is administered by lieutenant governor of Delhi, Anil Baijal.
- RV Janakiraman, a former Chief Minister of the union territory of Puducherry and leader of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) passed away in Puducherry
- Renowned Tamil playwright and comedy actor Mohan Rangachari, popularly known as 'Crazy'

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- The Goa cabinet chaired by the Chief minister Pramod Sawant approved the amendment of 10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections of a general category in education and employment
- Mekathoti Sucharitha Appointed As The Home Minister Of Andhra Pradesh
- The new cabinet meeting chaired by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has approved some key decisions including hike of old age pension from 2,000 to Rs 2,250 and approves salaries of Aasha workers (health workers in rural areas) from Rs.3,000 to Rs.10,000 per month and also increased the salary of community health workers under the Tribal Welfare Department from current Rs 400 to Rs 4,000 a month.
- The state government of Karnataka launched “Pink Sarathi vehicles” for women safety.
- Assam Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary launched the Assam State Transport Corporation's (ASTC) Chalo app for Guwahati. It will help the travellers to know about the live arrival time of their bus.
- Bihar Cabinet led by the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar approved the proposal seeking provisions to punish children who abandon their elderly parents. They could face jail time over charges of abandonment. The state cabinet also sanctioned Rs 11.68 crore for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of a multi-purpose 130-MW Dagmara hydel power project in Supaul district.
- In Bihar, 160 children have lost their lives due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and heat wave.
- The Himachal Pradesh Government made it mandatory for trekkers to carry a GPS device to tackle any exigency.
- Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu announced that the State Government is set to launch its flagship universal health insurance scheme named “Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana (SSBY)” with effect from July 1, 2019.

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

- Yoga guru Baba Ramdev has penned an Autobiography titled ‘My Life, My Mission’,
- Vinit Goenka Pens New Book Titled “Data Sovereignty – The Pursuit Of Supremacy”
- Veteran Actor Anupam Kher Pens An Auto-Biography “Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly”
- Meenakshi Lekhi, a women politician(MP of Bharatiya Janata Party and spokesperson) has written her debut novel titled ‘The New Delhi Conspiracy’.
- Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar authored a book named as “A Prime Minister to Remember- Memories of a Military Chief” released